

## Be a Church of the Cross MVP

Our summer church life and capital campaign events continue!

Having the CWS back in Omaha is one sign that life is returning to normal. Being in our church building for worship and activities makes us feel the same way here at PCOC. Each week, more folks are returning for worship. We hope to see YOU soon, too. At PCOC, everyone is an MVP!

This summer, we've been having fun with a baseball-themed series of church life celebrations. The next event in our lineup — Outfielder Day — is happening on July 11! Join us for a morning filled with worship & fun with your church family.



You'll also hear updates about the capital campaign. These summer events are purposefully planned for outside, so you can worship and play in the space that will become our planned building expansion. We'll have activities set up throughout the new perimeter to help you visualize the size of the addition. When it is built, this new space will be a center of activity uniting worship, education, and fellowship. You can find details about the expansion in the enclosed campaign newsletter. Please join us to have some fun and get the feel for this amazing space on July 11.

## Outfielder Day Lineup on July 11

- Outdoor worship at 10 a.m.—Please bring your lawn chairs, and our seating arrangement will shift for this service to make the best of the shade that morning.
- The Pancake Man — a PCOC favorite — will be tossing pancakes to our eager young outfielders and serving them on plates for the rest of the crowd. We'll have seating both inside and outside.
- Clowns, balloon animals, & face painting will be a crowd pleaser for the kids.
- Baseball catcher toss game, cornhole, and other lawn games will be a hit for all ages.
- You'll have another chance to have your photo taken at home plate.



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## A Hummer of a Summer

Last Sunday, the Summer Youth Festival singers shared, “Come By Here” as part of their musical offerings. A beautiful arrangement of the old familiar, “Kum Ba Yah,” we were all moved by its simplicity and beauty. Several folks mentioned to me afterwards how this anthem spoke to their hearts. It spoke to mine, too.

More than anything else, this is what we want to occur in our lives – to sense God’s closeness, both in good times and hard times. This is part of what we are remembering together each Sunday, as more and more of us venture back for in-person worship. For 21 Sundays now since February 7, the body of Christ at PCOC has been re-membering – literally, the parts are coming back together as each week somebody new has returned for the first time. Yet, we are not all back yet. Many still join us online, especially families with small children, until the time is right for them. That is fine. But we miss you and cannot wait to be all re-connected again!

Meanwhile, summer is happening – high school mission trips, junior high trips, young adult mission trips, VBS, even our annual Garage Sale – are joyfully reuniting our youth. I hope we will never take for granted the simple joy of being together – and the way God grows our faith in the simple acts of fellowship and service.

Our three outdoor worship services are being planned – once a month in June, July, & August. Special food is planned after each outdoor service, with the popular Pancake Man scheduled to toss pancakes to all outfielders on Outfielder Day, July 11.

These outdoor services are also meant to get us walking into the spaces of the proposed Building Expansion. Although COVID has delayed “our” schedule by about a year, the campaign continues right on time in God’s plan. We are nearing 2/3 of the way there in pledges, and to finish, we will need everybody’s pledges, large and small.

Please, go out and walk in the proposed new areas. Read the detailed information again. View the new videos where church members are “walking” in the new spaces. Imagine yourself in this new area, re-connecting each week with the body of Christ that gathers at PCOC.

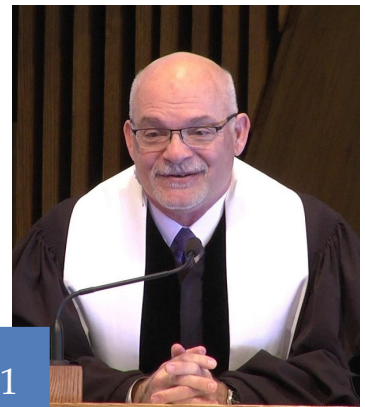
As those who first built our church back in the late 1950’s were doing, I also ask you to imagine those who are not here yet – those who will come after you, who will follow in your footsteps. Our church is indebted to leaders like Bryce and Catherine Crawford and Lou and Faythe Harrison, whose photos you can see in Fellowship Hall as ground was first broken in this location some 60+ years ago. They were thinking of folks like us, although we weren’t yet here. They were constructing a new church building not just for themselves, but for us.

We need their same mentality. Can you envision the future? Can you imagine who will inhabit our hallways in the next generations? Can you imagine the ministry of PCOC going strong for another 60 years?

Welcome to our busy summer - it’s a great time to be part of PCOC!

Your pastor  
and friend,

*Marshall Ziemann*



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### Session Update

At its June meeting, the Session authorized the Capital Campaign Committee to take the next step of beginning the search for a “Construction Manager At-Risk,” a necessary step in determining the actual building costs of the project. This does not yet lock us into doing anything, but we will need this information to make a final decision in late August-September.

## A Church Family: Caring for Our People

As I have come to know you in the past couple years, I have learned that many of you are in caregiver roles. I am awed at your willingness to be present with your loved ones and humbled by the strength you show in caring for them. These roles vary from housing an aging parent, to nursing an injured spouse, to nurturing a handicapped child. Whatever the circumstances, we sometimes are overwhelmed with this new role that we were not prepared to take. For many caregivers, the world of busy-ness seems to whirl around them while they watch it from the sidelines. It is hard, and it even includes church. It is a time when our circumstances require us to withdraw even from our church activities.

What we don't often realize is that our role as caregivers is part of God's call in our lives. While we often think about service in terms of mission projects committees, or service as an elder or deacon, we forget that care-related roles are part of our call. But what about the care receiver? It might make sense why the role of care giver is part of God's call on our lives, but not necessarily, the care receiver. Yet, as part of our human experience, sometimes accepting the care of others is really all that God is asking of us. Both of these roles are hard, and in both cases, we are rarely prepared for this role.

It is a huge change of pace from being a "doer" and then finding ourselves unable to "do." The connections made through clubs, and eating out, and gym membership all shut down as we are stuck at home. It is hard to accept that being a care recipient is itself a role. The care recipient role is especially isolating for many of our loved ones who have moved into Omaha to receive care from family. Now, not only do they feel limited in their ability to participate in the community, but they feel removed from their communities.

In both of these cases, the church can fill this void and help both parties come to accept God's presence

in their lives and help them live into in these roles. Here are a few ideas to help you stay connected:

For Caregivers:

1. Know that you are not alone. If you find yourself in a caregiving role, let the church know so we can provide support for you in terms of a ministerial care, a Cross Care Connections provider, or a deacon contact.
2. Find ways to be involved in the ministry of the church that can be life giving for you. Get involved with the prayer team, an online Bible Study, or even in a role to reach out to members via the phone.
3. Help your care receiver get connected with the church. Is the care receiver a member of the church? If not, encourage them to join so they can be incorporated into the full fellowship of the church.
4. If your care receiver is not able to communicate, let us know how we can help through our caregiving ministries. Would a prayer shawl be comforting? Would it be helpful to have us send a caregiver to read?

For Care Receivers:

1. If you are not a member of the church, come and join us so that you are fully part of our local church.
2. If you are homebound, make sure that you can access the online service.
3. Let your facility know what church you belong to and encourage them to reach out to us in times of need.
4. Help us get you in touch with a Cross Care Connections provider. This person can call on you regularly and help you feel connected.
5. If your caregiver is not part of our church, make sure to tell them that you want to receive the mailing and deacon gifts.

Grace and peace,

**Christine**



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If you or a loved one are facing a situation where you need spiritual or emotional support, contact Pastor Christine for more information about our Cross Care Connections program. You may also complete the online form on our website to request a Cross Care Connections provider.



# Choir Festival and New Vesper Schedule

## What a Week We Had!



Twenty-three singers in grades 8-12 representing nine middle and high schools came together June 21 – 27 for a week filled with singing, fun, friendship, and outreach. We spent ten hours in rehearsals in preparation for our Outreach Tour. This year, we sang for the residents of Pacific Springs Village, Elk Ridge Village, and Hillcrest Country Estates. We played drums with Omaha Street Percussion, picnicked at Walnut Creek Recreation Area, and had ice cream cones at Runza. The week ended by being part of the worship service on June 27.

The singers went home with a renewed joy for singing, several newly-made friendships, and anticipation for next year's festival.



THANK YOU for supporting this special week for these young singers.

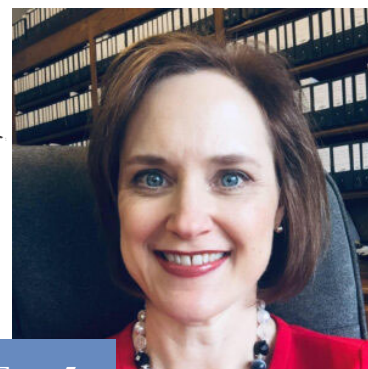
## Vesper Concerts Announces the 2021-22 Season!

The 2021-22 season has more variety than ever. The season begins with an outstanding guitar duo at our annual outdoor concert in September and wraps up in May with a rare and ancient stringed instrument, the baryton. In between, experience a sacred jazz band and vocalist, original compositions for marimba and vibraphone, an Omaha-grown classical violinist, a young vocal jazz ensemble, and the return of the Sybarite5 string quintet.



You can find more details at [www.vesperconcerts.org](http://www.vesperconcerts.org). Be sure to sign up for our email newsletter so you receive important updates and announcements.

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**Organist:** Dana Sloan, M.M.

**Worship & Music Committee Moderator:**  
Mike Shannon



## Senior High Mission Trip

Bright and early on Sunday, June 13, 20 high school youth and 5 adults jumped into 3 vans and headed out on our first mission trip in two years. It took us 11 hours to make it to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. As soon as we stepped out of the vans, the heat and humidity hit us in the face. During our stay, temperatures were in the low 90's with about 60% humidity. It was sunny every day. We sweat a lot!

We were very productive and worked on lots of projects while at Ferncliff. One of my favorite jobs was working in the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). Ferncliff receives boxes of hygiene and school kits and various supplies, so our job was to go through the boxes to see what was inside and then weigh and sort the materials. We processed 2,037 pounds of donations! We also assembled 550 hygiene kits!



Ferncliff is home to a ministry that helps nonprofits and churches improve their facilities and reduce costs so they can focus more on their mission. It's called Sharing the Goods. Through it, organizations can acquire products at discounts of about 85%. Part of our work in the DAC warehouse involved moving heavy furniture and sorting bedframes for this outreach. We also opened lots of boxes of Amazon returns and put the items in the correct place inside the warehouse. Working in the DAC involved a lot of teamwork; it was nice to see our group working together to make such an impact.

Another fun job was helping with the daily farmstead chores. Ferncliff has a couple of mini donkeys, some chickens, and a few goats. We were able to feed and water the animals and clean the stalls. The goats needed to be moved to another area with more browse, so we constructed a new goat browse, which involved sinking t-posts into the ground and attaching hog wire to them. Then we lured the goats with food to their

new home. Inside the new goat browse, we constructed a suspended slingshot range. We spray painted metal objects and used string to hang them between the trees.

We spent a lot of time working at the Garden of Re-use, the Greenhouse and the Garden of Eatin'. We worked on site prep by weeding, laying landscape fabric, and putting up new fencing. We harvested cucumbers and learned how to make pickles. We hung new shade tarps on the Ed Shed and learned about worms and their importance in gardens. Worm juice anyone?

There was some excitement on our trip too – a snake and an Urgent Care visit – luckily, they were not related! While working on trail maintenance (we completed over 3.5 miles), we came across a baby Copperhead snake! The maintenance supervisor saved the day by beheading the venomous snake. Thank goodness no one was hurt! And do you know that chiggers can cause such a bad reaction that you'd need to go to Urgent Care for treatment? Well, now we know!

We did make time to have some fun and learn a little too. We started our fun day with a Meal of Simplicity. This is not your normal meal. The only thing we had for lunch was rice, beans, corn, and bread. We learned about hunger and food insecurity. Some of our stomachs were grumbling after an hour or so. After lunch we headed towards Central High School to learn more about desegregation and The Little Rock Nine. It was impactful. After the tour, we headed to the skating rink – ice and roller – where we had a blast!

We traveled a total of 1,400 miles during this trip. We laughed, we learned, we served. It was great! Thanks to the youth leaders and trip chaperones for their commitment to our youth and to the congregation for your continued support!

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**CE Committee Moderator:** Josh Versaw

**Youth Leaders:** JHF — Carla & Jon Fritz, Julie Evers, & Nickie Johnson; SHF — Dawn & Brad Gibson, Holly Baddley, & Ethan Bennett



## The View from My Office — July 2021

### Capital Campaign Updates!

First of all, thank you to each member and family who has taken the time to respond with a gift to the Capital Campaign effort for the new expansion and renovation of Fellowship Hall.

Together, we are learning the value of having a Welcome Center right at our church’s new front door, and the expanded parking will be a welcomed addition.



This newly proposed building expansion is so much more than doors, windows, and bricks. The Welcome Center will offer our congregation new room to welcome other members and guests into Christ’s fold.

The newly proposed area will become a hub on Sunday morning. Members and guests will be able to plug into programs, classes, and the mission activities of our church.

Yes, there will be coffee and snacks available as we meet together. Visiting and communicating with our church family is an important and valued tradition at Church of the Cross.

Many of us enjoyed a beautiful morning together in June Praising God at outdoor worship, Picnicking on the East Lawn with our church family, placing Pinwheels on the perimeter of the proposed addition, creating Pennants for your family, and finally, taking a Picture in the batters’ box.

If you gathered with us at worship that morning, you most likely remember Lauren Ballou pronouncing the five-P’s and the fun actions that accompanied each word beginning with P. Lauren added a 6<sup>th</sup> P that morning and reminded each of us that we

all need to Pledge to make this vision a reality.

### EVERYONE’S GIFT IS VALUABLE TO OUR SUCCESS FOR THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

I encourage you to pick up your Bible to read and contemplate **Ephesians 2:22**

*In Christ you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.*

I look forward to hearing from each member as we support the future of Church of the Cross.

Let’s Build God’s House Together!

### Current Building Updates.

B&G has a busy summer lined up for improvements to our property.

It is time to:

- Blacktop parking lots repaired, sealed and then all lots striped.
- Four new windows for the kitchen that should open and close properly have been ordered and installation should take place this week.
- Ten new light fixtures to brighten up our north entrance to help keep everyone safe. Installation should be the second week of July.
- Many new plants and shrubs have been added to our landscaped areas and new grass planted where many trees were removed last fall.

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Business  
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**Finance Committee Moderator:**  
Ken Kluck

**Building and Grounds Committee Moderator:**  
John Stalnaker



## Member Life Events



A Loss  
in the  
Church  
Family

William 'Bill' Ferrand passed away on June 15.

Brooks Arthur Trapp, son of Kate Bauer and Joe Trapp, born on June 8, 2021. Grandparents are Darold and Mimi Bauer.



Rex Thomas Thorson, son of Brian and Elizabeth Thorson, born on June 19. Grandparents are Don and Teresa Thorson.

### Reminder

Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized.  
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### Prayer Team

Contact Julie Buehler  
or  
Judy Arms

- 1 Kristin Jacobi, Larry Will
- 2 Jane Burch, Dawn Gibson,  
Max Justice, Emily Justice
- 3 Lois Decker
- 4 Korbin Stalnaker, Ada  
Stalnaker, Amy Boesen,  
Julie Evers, Lila Dittman
- 6 Joan Gayle Chapin, Bonny  
Boettcher, Rock Sumner
- 7 Barbara Spielman
- 8 David Hopp
- 9 Silas Boesen
- 10 Kathy Klein, Bob Nicas,  
Jack Nicas, Camille Hinz,  
Jim Ussery
- 11 Janet Harley, Lisa Lewis
- 13 Justin Kalkwarf, Carolyn  
Crenson
- 14 Matthew Bennett, Barbara  
Jaeger, Jody Watt, Roland  
Fortner
- 15 Clara Stalnaker, Caitlyn  
Ticknor
- 16 Jon Boomgaarden, Randy  
Hindman
- 17 Karon Frenk, Beth Kaiser
- 18 Cindy Rieke, Sando Mensah



- 19 Jean Engelmann, Wanda  
Utecht
- 20 Traci Harrison, Elijah Pfueger,  
Ron Fehr
- 21 Doug Reid, Ed Sykora, Jr.,  
Pat Pariset
- 22 David Bennett, Ken Nisley,  
Luke Justice
- 23 Dawn Zimmerman
- 24 Marietta Morhardt, LeRoy  
Swedlund, Scott Lewis
- 25 Carolyn Hansen, Haidyn  
Spielman
- 26 Tanya Mitzel, Joslyn Bailey
- 27 Irene Burson, James Fuller
- 28 Wendi Harkness, Danielle  
Obregon, Jane Olson
- 29 Amy Miller, Amanda  
Stalnaker, John Bennett,  
Beth Maxwell
- 30 Donna Mau, Charles Spann,  
Sue Garcia, Carol Barnes
- 31 Charlotte Thorson, Jeanette  
Searson

Active Minds will  
not meet in July

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### 49ers

Judy Sundberg  
Donna Turner

### Friday Night Gourmet

Curt Field &  
Laurie Lambert

### Presbyterian Women

Diane Kratz

### Presbyterian Men

Jon Boomgaarden

### PCOC Book Group

June Fettig

### Music & Movement

Betty Baddley

### Tai Chi

Paula Allen

### Active Minds

Earlene Uhrig

**Membership Committee Moderator:**  
Nancy Utman

**Congregational Life Committee Moderators:**  
Susan Price/Kristin Jacobi



## Millennial Mission Outreach

Woo Hoo! We are celebrating our successful Millennial Mission Outreach team as they have just returned from local outreach in Fremont and Omaha. We spent a few days handing out water bottles at Sierra Francis House, helping with on-going flood relief at King’s Lake, building a Habitat for Humanity home in Fremont, and cleaning the Omaha Street School.



We, of course, launched out of our beloved Calvin Crest and spent a little evening time playing Gaga ball and eating s’mores.

Thank you to the congregation for your support of their mission project to Siena Francis House. We collected over 100 bottles/travel cups, and the millennial mission group handed them out filled with ice cold water at Siena Francis House on their first afternoon of mission



“I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink . . .”  
from Matthew 25:35

## Hosting PDA Work Teams Again

Among the many great thing about PCOC activities opening up again is that we are once again able to provide sleeping quarters for volunteer work teams from other churches. Since the historic floods of 2019 in Nebraska and Iowa, Church of the Cross has served as an approved host site for PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) volunteer work teams from around the country.

By March, 2020, we had hosted 8 teams, and were already booked for the rest of the 2020 season. Of course, with the pandemic, that all changed; teams had to cancel their trips and we closed our church building. Sadly, the recovery work slowed down and much remains to be done in these communities. Now, thankfully, work teams are coming back, determined to get the job done.

In June, we hosted our first 2021 team of volunteers: a group of 18 men, women, and youth from Joplin, Missouri, who stayed in our church for a week while doing construction and repairs in King Lake. Below is an excerpt from a note sent by the leader of the Joplin work team after their stay with us:

*I have been on more than 30 mission trips and have been hosted by all types of churches. You all have been the best hosts we have ever had. Following a disaster, towns do not recover well without an outpouring of support from volunteers, and volunteers work best when they have a place to sleep, eat, and get clean. We had a great trip, which was made even greater by the hospitality you and the people of PCOC extended us. The welcoming committee, the beds, the linens, sheets, and the food on Wednesday were all certainly appreciated by my entire crew. Thanks to all the hard work that made our stay what it was. Please extend our thanks to your committee and congregation.*

THANK YOU to all who have donated time, money, and supplies, to make this service of hospitality a reality for our church. If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers who will handle the various hosting jobs for the other work teams scheduled to visit this year, please contact Sheri Sessions or the church office. Many hands make light work!





## It's Time to Play Ball!

**ALLPLAY** Miracle Baseball League — a special non-competitive baseball league for people with special needs — plans a late summer-fall session beginning on August 4-September 25. Over 475 players registered in 2019, and they are hoping for that many this year. It is open to players ages 3-60+. If you know of someone, please go to <http://www.ALLPLAY.org> to register. It is free to all players. All the fun benefits are listed when you register.

Volunteers are needed every game. You can be a buddy, umpire, help in the concession stand, or be the announcer for the games. These are just a few of the many opportunities. It is easy to register on their web site under Game Day Activities. Each session is a two-hour commitment. (if you need assistance signing up contact Sandi Stuckey). You must be vaccinated to volunteer.

Saturday August 14 is our Volunteer Day at the park which is located at the Seymour Smith Park at 6802 Harrison Street. Hope to see you there!



## PANTRY SUNDAY

IS JULY 18

*Most needed items listed below!*



<p><b>Food Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cereal</li> <li>Pasta</li> <li>Canned Soup</li> <li>Canned Vegetables</li> <li>Canned Fruit</li> <li>Canned Meat</li> <li>Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>Peanut Butter</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hygiene Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby Diapers (most needed size 4-6)</li> <li>Baby Wipes</li> <li>Full-Size Shampoo</li> <li>Full-Size Body Wash</li> <li>Toilet Paper</li> <li>Toothpaste</li> </ul>
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Drop your items off inside Circle Drive doors of the church anytime!



**Mission Committee Moderator:**  
Karen Metzger

## School Supplies Needed for OPS Mission Partners

The Mission Committee is asking church members to donate school supplies to benefit four OPS elementary schools supported with our mission work: Walnut Hill, Bancroft, Sherman, and King. School supplies will be collected Sunday, June 27 - Friday, August 13.




With the children back to in-person learning, backpacks will be in high demand. Last year PCOC set a goal of 80 backpacks and collected 118 – great job! Each school received 5-6 sacks full of various supplies and 30 backpacks. This project is a huge success every year because of your generosity. For



**Siena Francis House**  
Servers Needed  
July 11, 2021  
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Keith Allen to sign up.

**Did you know?** PCOC helps the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) with the Meals on Wheels program. Our volunteers deliver daily lunches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are able to deliver meals, please contact Wally Stern.





## Deacons Taking Care of Our Congregation

- Prayer Shawls
- Prayer Stones
- Peacemaker Newborn Quilts
- Home Meals
- Funeral Luncheons,
- Advent Dinner
- Coffee Fellowship
- Senior Brunch
- Halloween & Valentines for College Age Kids
- Easter Outreach
- Neighborhood Connections and Care

These are just a few of the things your PCOC Deacons are doing every day to help take care of each of us. As you return to church in person, be sure to check out the updated Deacon Bulletin Board. It is on your left at the bottom or the walkway as you walk from the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall. You will see a photo from one of our monthly Zoom meetings, which is how we've carried on our work for the last year plus of COVID. In addition to meeting limitations, we have had to adjust many of our other activities due to Pandemic limitations.

- \* Neighborhood groups haven't been able to connect in person but have sent email messages
- \* Funeral luncheons have not been allowed for more than a year
- \* Home meals could not be prepared and delivered by congregational volunteers
- \* In-person visits to hospitals and care facilities

During this difficult time, however, the Deacons also launched a new program, providing prayer stones to people dealing with challenges or health issues.

Deacon Doug Larson shares his amazing talent for rock polishing by supplying us with dozens of beautiful prayer stones. Pictured is an example of the stones and a card describing the biblical basis for prayer stones and the reminder they may provide throughout a day.



Stones and rocks are mentioned many times in the Bible - from Moses striking the rock for water to Paul referring to Jesus as the spiritual rock of the church. Today stones are often understood as a symbol of stability, strength, and endurance. They can also help us to pray.

Drop this stone in your pocket or bag or somewhere in your room. When you see or feel it, offer a quick prayer for yourself or someone else.

Please reach out to one of your Deacons if you would like a prayer stone or let us know if you have a need we could assist you with.  
Thank you.

Kathy Moore, Deacon Class of 2021

### Deacons

#### Moderator

Anna Sumner

#### Vice Moderator

Pam Swenson

#### Secretary

Kim Banat

#### Treasurer

Tammy Holdren

#### Funeral Meals

Pam Swenson

#### Home Meals Coordinator

Kathy Moore

#### Prayer Shawls Information

Tammie Will

#### PieceMakers

Karen Morey

Debbie McMullen



## Fall Usher Teams

Believe it or not, the fall season is only a few months away bringing Nebraska Football again!! It's also going to be returning us to services at 9 and 11:10 and thus the reason for my note to **YOU!!** The past 16 months have been a challenge for everyone, and we're all trying to get back into a sense of "normalcy". A number of our usher team members are planning on continuing once the fall arrives, but we're losing many as well and will need to replace them.

Bottom line: During the course of a month we have 40 ushers (5 per service times 4 weeks). Will you be willing to assist committing one Sunday per month? If so or looking for additional information, please send an email to myself or Jayne Frederickson. *Many thanks and looking forward to hearing from you ...!!*



Mike Shannon

Grant and Claudine Myers, summer visitors, would



**PCOC Book Group  
Annual Planning Session  
Wednesday, July 21  
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.**

Join us on Zoom or in the lower level Gathering Space (for folks who have been vaccinated and are ready to meet in person).. Park in the north lot and enter thru the doors under the canopy.

You may suggest up to 3 books for the group to consider. Please provide: 1) Title, 2) Author, 3) Brief synopsis, 4) Fiction or Non-fiction 5) Approximate number of pages (if possible). From the suggested books, 11 books will be chosen for our next reading list. It is always fun to learn about the wide variety of suggestions.

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If you have a church website update, need a Zoom meeting invite, or have another communications need, please call or email. You can also find Gayle in the church office on Tuesday mornings.

like to thank everyone for the cards sent to Grant



while in Rehab. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the friends and loved ones who sent good thoughts and prayers as Lauryn, my granddaughter, continues to recover from her accident. A special thank for Pastor Christine for the beautiful prayer shawl and for her continued comfort. God bless you!

*Sara Pickens and family*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage Sale July 31 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



- Make donations! We want your gently used items (in sellable condition) from clothing, to furniture, toys, sports equipment, household goods, children and baby items or anything else you think we can sell and make money! *Please no broken or dirty items.*
- **We cannot accept mattresses, tires, tube tv's, liquids. We have to pay to dispose of these items, so please do not bring them to church.**
- Donate hangers, boxes and plastic bags.
- Volunteer to help! Pick a day and time to help with sorting, organizing, and pricing. The work will begin July 19 and go until July 30, from 11:30 – 1:30 and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Heather to sign up!
- Come to the garage sale and buy something on Saturday, July 31!

**July 18 is Garage Sale Drop Off Day.** You may drop off your donations at the north entrance before and after worship. Youth will be outside waiting to take your donations from your car. If you have large items and need our help getting them to church, please let Heather know.

You may drop off your donations on your own anytime during Church Office Hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Sundays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please place items towards the back of **Room 3** (in downstairs children's wing), on the tables, and leave a clear pathway to the Emergency Exit and classroom door. Please do not leave your donations in the hallway.

June 6



Picnic

Fun on Pennant Sunday!



Pennants



Pinwheels

Pictures



Next Cross Currents Deadline is: the third Friday of the month — JULY 16, 2021  
For Cross Currents communication requests/ inquiries and general church information, contact Julie in the church office.