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**THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**  
Gifts to the Endowment Fund will be invested with sound principles of conservation, regular income at a reasonable rate, in investments that do good for the Kingdom of God.  
  
Have you remembered the church in your will?

**Treasurer's Report**  
Income for May's Operating Budget:  
\$14,329.56  
Expenses for Operating Budget:  
\$11,891.90  
gain: \$2437.66

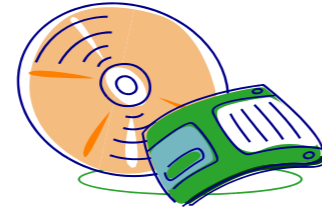
The Bishop, with advice from the Cabinet, has offered Pastor Mee a new charge and she has accepted the call to pastor at churches in Fayette and Elgin. Her last Sunday to preach here at Sharon was June 22nd. Please pray for Pastor Mee that she will have a safe, smooth move; that she will be used by God to increase the faith in her new congregations; and that God will use her to bring new souls to faith in Jesus Christ.  
We at Sharon wish God's richest blessings on Pastor Mee in her new charge.  
Dale Usher, Lay Leader and member of SPRC



If an emergency arises, please contact the office @ 364-3688  
or Dale Usher @ 357-0044  
Thank you.

**Sharon Religious Arts Ministries (RAM)**

Be sure and sign up to provide summer music on the bulletin board.



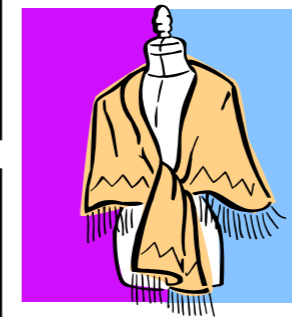
**A Sound System Request:**

If you have a CD/DVD that needs to be used in a service, please notify the sound person before that Sunday. Some of the new formats do not work with our system, and there is no time to check this out if you bring them right before worship. Thank you.

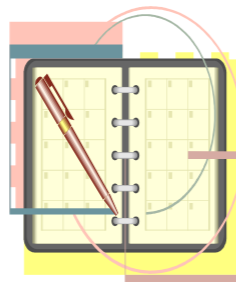
Contact person: Dale Usher

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**

1 prayer shawl and 1 prayer scarf have been given away since the last newsletter.



Dear Pastor Mee and Karen,  
Our nephew, Sgt. Major Glass was truly touched by your gift of a comfort/prayer shawl. His wife said she'd enjoy it also.  
Thanks for your time and thoughtfulness. Russ and Marilyn Price



**Notes from the Office Manager**

- Please keep the office up to date on your address, email and phone numbers.
- **The scheduling of the use of Fellowship Hall, the Sharon Room, or the sanctuary, needs to be done through the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts.**
- Articles for the bulletin need to be submitted by Thursday morning and articles for the newsletter, especially group activities, need to be submitted by the 20th of the month.
- Committee chairpersons and leaders of groups - please check the mail boxes outside the church office once a week for important information.
- If you have an article for the bulletin board, please put it in the office.
- Office hours in July will be varied.
- Thank you!!!

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**July 6: Independence Sunday**

**July 13:**

**July 20: Vacation Bible School begins at 5:30pm**

**July 27: Vacation Bible School Sunday**



### July Scriptures from the Lectionary

July 6: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72;  
Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 13: Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25; Romans 8: 1-11  
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 20: Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Romans 8: 12-25;  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 27: Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b; Romans 8: 26-39  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52



In our prayers this past month:

Jeff Astor - son of Jim Astor & brother of Jan McMann;  
Dolores Usher; Kathy Hornocker's mother; David Hornocker,  
Kathy Hornocker; Harry Odeen; Bob Burns;  
Helen & Bob Burns' granddaughter Sarah; Julie Gareau's sister.

the family of Thelma Duball who passed away  
Steve Tomash and family in the loss of his mother  
Don Speer and family in the loss of his wife, Nadine  
the family of Shirley Knight who passed away

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



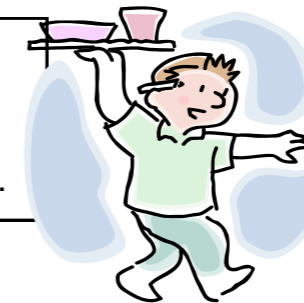
### Recent projects:

### Ongoing projects:

Sharon Food Pantry for members and constituents: The church has shelves stocked with food items in the back hallway near the Sunday School rooms. If you are struggling financially, please use this resource.

#### Green Square Meals

Don't forget to sign up to help serve at the Green Square Meal site. Sharon Church helps on the 1st/5th Thursday of every month.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS;  
Vacation Bible School  
July 20 - 24.  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
children ages preschool - 6th grade  
(grade they are going into)

#### Church Council Minutes

Did you know that the church council minutes can be found on our website? outside the church office? and right next to the newsletters in the hallway? Check it out!!



**SMALL GROUP  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**FIC - Friends in Christ**

Ages 50 and beyond.  
no meetings until the fall

**Chat 'n Chew**

Meets Monday, July 14  
8:30am  
Tommy's Restaurant  
anyone is invited to come

**InBetweeners**

Ages college to 50  
no meetings until the fall

**Sarah Circle:**

no meetings in  
June, July or August

**Knit Wits**

July 16 - 11:00am  
Metro Grill SW  
Everyone is welcome

**Mini-Youth**

for grades 3-6  
no meetings until the fall

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

is taking the summer off

**Sunday School for children  
and adults:**

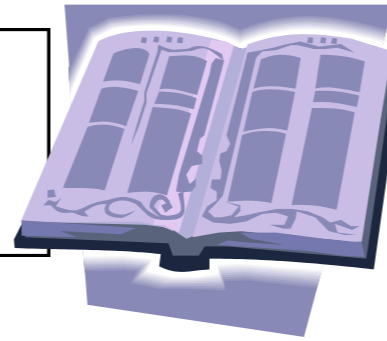
no sessions until the fall

**Youth Group**

grades 7-12  
no meetings until the fall

**Women's Bible Study**

Meets every Monday  
@ 9:30am  
in the kitchen



**Bible Study**

Meets every Wednesday  
@7:00pm  
in the Sharon Room

## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT NEWS

### Urban Farm Summer Camps - June and August.

This summer Matthew 25 will be offering 2 Urban Farm Summer Camps for students who have completed third, fourth or fifth grades. You are invited to come explore local foods and spend a week at an urban farm right in Cedar Rapids! Hands-on activities will allow participants to dive in, get their hands dirty, and have fun while learning about where food comes from. Activities will include art on the farm, learning about healthy soils, field trips and cooking farm-fresh foods that participants harvest themselves. The week-long day camps will run Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. The first session will be held June 16-20 and the second session is August 11-15. Cost of the camp is \$160, which includes activities, field trip transportation, a camp T-shirt, and daily snacks. For more information, contact Matthew 25 at 362-2214 or email [-cultivate@hub25.oth](mailto:-cultivate@hub25.oth).

Visit <http://www.hub25.org/programs/cultivate-hope/farm-summer-camp/> to find complete details and download the registration form.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

All 13 HyVee locations in Cedar Rapids and Marion are supporting the Ecumenical Community Center in its mission of sharing ministries and service with the surrounding neighborhood!

You can purchase a coupon booklet for \$10 from staff at 601 2nd Ave SE any time between 10am and 4pm, Monday-Friday. This coupon book has hundred of dollars worth of savings on items you would normally buy at HyVee. In fact, if your family buys at least \$100 of groceries, you immediately get your \$10 taken off the bill. It is truly a win-win-win situation. Buy many books as they are good all year long! See you at HyVee!



### Flood the Run

Join in a family-friendly water themed 2.6 mile run/walk in the Ellis Park area on August 9th at 8am. to register or get more information go to:

[www.crfloodtherun.com](http://www.crfloodtherun.com)

All proceeds will be split between Matthew 25 and The Salvation Army.

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<b>July Helpers</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Hymn Leader</b>	<b>Sound System</b>	<b>Laptop</b>	<b>Cleaning Crew</b>
6	Nancy Ellison Cecil Ellison Rona Gilbert	Marcy Usher	Zach Wagner	Duane Usher	Phyllis Daugherty	Evenson, Pasker Chyma
13	Phyllis Daugherty Doris Leonard Nancy Nelson	Gloria Jahnel	Tim Ruppert	Dale Usher	Cecil Ellison	Dale Usher
20	Kathy Patterson Sandy Tomash Marcy Usher	Toni Overton	Kathleen Weiss	Bill Jahnel	David Hornocker	Tomash
27	Joan Foster Paul Newman Duane Usher	Tami Flockhart	John Wagner	Dale Usher	Doris Leonard	Duane Usher