

Ames First United Methodist Church



July 2026 Newsletter

Words from Rev. Amanda Gordon

In her book, *No Cure for Being Human*, Professor Kate Bowler of Duke Divinity School addresses the finiteness of life after she went through her own journey with a cancer diagnosis. In the appendix she writes, “Things people say, ‘Make a bucket list.’ A more complicated truth, ‘A life is never finished. Even when it’s over.’”

You may have already heard me share this quote at one of our recent funerals. We have said, “Goodbye, for now,” to several wonderful members of our church family since mid-April. Many of us are also grieving the death of those dear to us—family, friends, and pets. (Our bunny, Noodle, crossed the rainbow bridge unexpectedly in June and we miss him very much.) Yet the lives of those we love will continue to inspire and impact us. We grieve those we love, and they are forever a part of us.

I invite you to think for a moment about the differences between a life focused on marking off a bucket list and a life that’s never finished. Buckets lists are fun. In fact, in July, I am going with three friends to mark off something on the bucket list of our friend, Nancy: riding in a hot air balloon. But, the legacy of Nancy’s life won’t be that she rode in a hot air balloon or went ziplining or went to Hawaii (two other things on her list). Her legacy will be all the children she kept in her home over the years, all the parents she assisted in raising their kids, all the meals and kindness shown as she is the type of person to show up for others; her legacy will be the downtown homeless ministry she assists with every Tuesday and the ways she serves and advocates whenever she can. All the things she does for others is what will continue to live on. The bucket list stuff is often about what we do for ourselves. A life that’s never finished even when it’s over speaks to a life that has an impact on other’s lives.

For Jesus, being a disciple was never only about the individual disciple; it was about that disciple serving and sharing with others and then helping make other disciples. I give thanks for the lives of those in our congregation who gave of themselves while on earth. May we who remain be reminded that life is short, yet by God's grace, we can do great good with the time we have!

Blessings for a FANTASTIC July!

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**Miracle Sunday Final Tally from
Ames First United Methodist
Church:\$2,669.00**

**We far exceeded the Bishop's
Challenge of \$1,000! Thank you
for your generosity, Ames First,
and for impacting the next
generation of pastors in our
worldwide church!**

Faithful Stewardship Through the Summer Months

As we reach the midpoint of the year, summer brings a welcome change of pace. Families travel, schedules shift, and many of us step away from our regular routines for rest, recreation, and time with loved ones. These are good gifts from God, and we are grateful for the opportunities summer provides to refresh our bodies and spirits.

At the same time, the ministry of the church continues every week. Worship is offered, prayers are lifted, children and youth are nurtured, outreach continues, facilities are cared for, and staff and volunteers remain committed to serving faithfully. Even when attendance naturally varies during the summer months, our shared mission does not take a vacation.

Stewardship Is More Than a Season

Financial stewardship is one of the ways we respond to God's generosity. Scripture reminds us that all we have is entrusted to us by God, and our giving becomes an act of worship, gratitude, and trust. Stewardship is not simply about meeting a budget; it is about participating in God's work through the life of the church.

During the summer, faithful and consistent giving helps provide stability for ongoing ministry. It allows our church to plan wisely, support programs already in motion, respond to needs as they arise, and enter the fall season with strength and confidence.

Simple Ways to Stay Faithful This Summer

Pray for our church's ministry. Ask God to guide our leaders, strengthen our volunteers, and bless the people served through our congregation.

Give consistently, even when traveling. If you will be away, consider giving before you leave or using the church's regular online or automated giving options.

Remember the impact of your gifts. Every contribution supports worship, discipleship, outreach, pastoral care, missions, and the day-to-day needs that make ministry possible.

Encourage one another. Stewardship grows in a community of gratitude, trust, and shared commitment.

Christmas in July. See info on p. 5!

A Word of Gratitude

Thank you for the many ways you give of your time, talents, prayers, service, and financial resources. Your generosity is a blessing to our church family and to the wider community we are called to love and serve. A special shout out to 20 church members who have already met or exceeded their 2026 stewardship commitment.

As we move through the rest of the summer, may we continue to be faithful stewards of what God has placed in our hands. Together, our steady generosity helps keep ministry strong, our mission clear, and our hearts focused on the One who provides for every need.

Kevin Hinders, Stewardship Chair



Appointment News

Pastor appointments were fixed at the conclusion of the Iowa Annual Conference on June 14. Pastor Amanda Gordon begins her 5th year as our Senior Pastor on July 1. Pastor Nikki Ross Bishop begins her 9th year as our Associate Pastor on July 1. For the upcoming year, Pastor Nikki's time will once again be divided between Ames First (50%) and Colo and Collins (50%). This marks the beginning of her 6th year with Colo and Collins. A familiar pastor will be assisting Pastor Nikki at Colo and Collins beginning July 1: Pastor Fred Lewis! Pastor Fred will retain retirement status while serving a less-than-full-time appointment.

Annual Conference Report

Greetings, Ames First UMC. I am Ron Folkwein and I was blessed to have been one of two Lay Delegates representing you at the 2026 Iowa UMC Annual Conference. I, along with Jackie Delay, were your Laity Representatives. There were at least a half dozen other members representing different organizations of Ames First. We were well represented.

We were seated at round tables, in the stands (it was a converted hockey rink), or in rows of chairs. My first impression was the colorful decorations on the stage, the 30' high curtains, and the front of the stage. It was very colorful and I came to find out that most of the items were handmade, painted, and designed by members of the conference. Items in the middle, the focal point, were changed daily. And each item was part of the theme of the Conference, including a Baptismal Font. Yes, there was a baptism.

I was very impressed with the diversity of the leaders of the Iowa Conference. Different nationalities, from different countries, different accents, different age groups, and different sexual preferences. The Iowa Conference of The UMC is a fully accepting and welcoming church. It is full of life, energy, ideas, faith, compassion, grace, and acceptance. We heard two very powerful and challenging sermons from our Bishop, Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai. She challenged us to be a part of beloved communities and to SHINE. An acronym outlining a five-part posture for the church: S-Shift the narrative from decline to vitality, H-Hear God's call to build beloved community, I-Inspire deeper discipleship, N-Notice where God is already at work; and E-Empower lay and clergy leaders to LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY, and LEAD COURAGEOUSLY. The Bishop is an excellent preacher and leader, who also enjoys having fun. We also heard moving speeches from different boards and organizations. And were treated to a soccer style presentation by the different organizations. You had to be there.

Kelsey Legore led in Spirited centering, prayer, and collective singing. We sang several protest songs which she leads groups in at Immigrant Holding Centers. We were also led by a band made up of different nationalities, colors, country of origin, but all very musically gifted. The director was Rev. Dr. Muñoz from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. The band represented many churches and were very gifted and talented.

There are so many other things to share, but I want to recognize one last group before I end. The Volunteer Youth Group, the Diakonos. The name emphasizes the action of serving rather than one's status. As Jesus said, in order to be first, they must become the servant. They set up, delivered messages, led in cheering, worked behind the scenes tirelessly and basically doing the "grunt work". They also put together an hilarious skit mocking many things at Conference.

I could go on and on about resolutions and voting for these, and also voting for Clergy and Lay Representatives to General and Jurisdictional Conference and Alternates. It took Clergy 8, yes 8 ballots to elect their representatives, It took Laity, wait for this ONE, yes One ballot. I have much more to say but not enough space. If you are interested in hearing more you can reach me at 602-370-3208, or email: ronfolkwein@gmail.com. Thank you for the privilege. Peace be with you.



From Jackie Delay: As a first time Annual Conference attendee, it's a bit overwhelming and difficult to describe the experience! The theme this year perhaps summarizes it best: "Connected in Vision: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously!" There were abundant examples of those principles as we sang and worshipped together, discussed and voted on church issues, and learned about the many ways our church is working for good in the world.

We appreciated the importance of leadership as we remembered the pastors who had passed in the last year, including our own Larry Vallery. And, we celebrated leadership during the Welcoming Service, during which Pastor Nikki's transfer of membership from the Illinois Great Rivers to the Iowa Conference was officially recognized!

The Exhibit Hall and Celebration of Ministries highlighted various ministries such as Midwest Mission, Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, Global Ministries, and Self-Help International. United Women in Faith also had a lunch time presentation by Sol Varisco "Preserving Nature One Day at a Time." Varisco embraced John Wesley's belief that "The whole world is my parish," and urges us to ask: "How do our life-styles impact God's creation?" Annual Conference provided many example of how we can seek to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously. And, Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai's inspiring words during the Conference give me great hope for the renewal and growth of our church!!

If you'd like to hear more about my experience at Annual Conference, please reach out to me at jstockdaledelay@yahoo.com or 515-291-1447.



A few of Jackie's picture from Annual Conference



2026 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED AT THE 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Katherine E. Crozier
Full Deacon from Illinois
Great Rivers Conference



Olympia J. Marcos Muller
Full Elder from Philippines
Central Conference



Nicole M. Ross Bishop
Full Deacon from Illinois
Great Rivers Conference



IOWA CONFERENCE
The United Methodist Church

Pastor Nikki is now officially a clergy member of the Iowa Annual Conference of The UMC!



Reminder! You can access the Sunday morning livestream (10 am) and previous streams on our YouTube page www.youtube.com/@amesfirstumc. Need help getting

the livestream set up on your device...we have "FAITH" -- Friendly, Accessible, Informed Technology Helpers.

Whether it's troubleshooting or some basic instruction, we'll do our best to resolve your technology irritations. Remember: this is a FREE service provided by church volunteers! You can find (this kind of) FAITH via email (amesfirstumcfaith@gmail.com) or phone (515-329-5182). (Text messages work too!) And if you have technology and people skills to share -- we're always looking for more Helpers!

Access Our Church Engagement Software (Realm can actually be your friend!)

The Member Care Committee reminds us that Realm is a useful tool in maintaining church engagement and connection. Realm is the online database for which each person can create an individual login for access to personalized details and connection with Ames First UMC, including:

contact information (you can update your own details if you move or make other changes)

- giving data (you don't have to wait for your quarterly statements)
- groups (information, documents, communications, and rosters)
- privacy settings (opting in/out of the online directory, messages, etc.)

Realm can be accessed on the Church website (<https://www.amesfirstumc.org>) by direct link at <https://onrealm.org/fumcames> (QR code is below).

Kristin Hinders is always happy to help you create your personalized login, get started, or answer questions. You can reach her at kris@amesfirstumc.org.



July Missions Moment

Missions and Outreach

Please consider signing up to help serve lunch at Ames Romero House the first Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2:00. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the entry way at church.

FUMC Missions and Outreach Committee Approvals
January-June 2026

LOCAL

\$500 – Food at First, 4/14/26

\$500 – Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, 4/14/26

\$500 – ACCESS Assault Care Center Extending Safety and Support, 6/9/26

\$500 – The Bridge Home, 6/9/26

IOWA CONFERENCE UMC

\$500 – Women at the Well #305, 6/9/26

NATIONAL

\$500 – UMCOR US Disaster Response Advance #901670, 4/14/26

INTERNATIONAL

\$1,200 - Temba Nkomozepi Missionary Support Advance #3022400, 2/10/26

\$1,200 – Douglas Williams Missionary Support Advance #3022122, 2/10/26

\$500 – UMCOR International Disaster Response Advance #982450, 4/14/26

The funds used for the above donations are from church members. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to FUMC and put Missions in the memo line. We received thank you notes from Food at First and Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice for the donations approved by the Missions Committee in April. The following thank you notes are posted on the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your donations to the Food at First, ACCESS, and Ames Romero House tubs in the entryway. Donations for the Families Forward Bidwell Pantry in Des Moines can be placed in the Bidwell Closet at FUMC which is sponsored by our United Women in Faith. Stop in the office for directions to the closet. Please put your donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear or blankets in bags or boxes. UWFaith volunteers Lana and Gary Hood reported: "We have taken several trips to Des Moines this year to deliver things to Bidwell. Our car has been filled to the brim with things that they were so grateful to receive. We went twice last month alone! It looks like a lot of people have been emptying their closets. We know that many people in need have been helped by the generosity of people from our church."

Thanks to these folks who volunteered to serve at Food at First on May 28: Dean Swyter, Charli Hanway, Steve Gehlsesn, Paul Attema, Darlys Orth, Susan Zawacky, and Pastor Amanda Gordon.



Thanks to these folks for helping with the sleeping mats for Midwest Misson on June 10: Ruth DeBoer, Cathy Webb, Karen Whyms, and Charli Hanway.



MICA

Thank you for your food and supply donations for your neighbors in need! 87 lbs of goods were delivered on June 16, and our church total for 2026 is now 1,782 lbs! Your on-going support is appreciated! Items especially requested at this time are crackers, canned fruit, and cereal (currently well-stocked with Cheerios but other varieties are needed). Thank you!

If you'd like more information about United Women in Faith or upcoming events, contact Jackie DeLay at jstockdaledelay@yahoo.com

We have 20 people for Appalachia Service Project this year!!

We will again be going on ASP, making homes warmer, safer, and dryer for the people of Appalachia. We are so excited for our mission trip July 11th through July 18th! We want to thank everyone that has helped support our trip so far! Please keep us all in prayer. We can't wait to share about ASP when we return!

Midwest Mission Update

"It takes a village"..... we didn't have enough to have the Midwest Mission trailer come this month so we teamed up with our friends at Collegiate UMC. Midwest Mission brought their big truck on the way from picking up fire equipment in Hubbard. Thanks to those who brought in the things we added to this load and thanks to Steve Hanlin for coming to help load the items from both churches!

If you missed this load, don't worry! We're still collecting those things like bikes, sewing machines, wheel chairs, walkers and other medical equipment to be sent "around the world and around the corner." If you have questions or need help getting items to the church, please contact Carol Miller (515-290-3843).



A winter shelter for those
needing a warm bed to sleep
during cold weather.

TRIVIA Fundraiser



HELD AT

SPARK BY HILTON

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AUGUST 8, 2026



6:00 PM

CASH BAR &
LIGHT APPETIZERS



7:00 PM

LIVE AUCTION



TRIVIA

TO FOLLOW



TO PURCHASE A TABLE:

ameswarming.place



RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY!

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SEATS UP TO
8 GUESTS
PER TABLE



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FOOD TO EACH TABLE!**

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BEST FOOD TABLE!



**PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3
TRIVIA WINNERS!**

Great prizes for
our top three teams!



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
PURCHASING ESSENTIAL
SUPPLIES FOR THE AMES
WARMING PLACE NEXT WINTER.



YOU'RE HELPING PROVIDE
WARMTH, SAFETY, AND DIGNITY
TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.



ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT

Thank you for supporting our community!

Please note that the church is not planning this fundraiser, but we wanted to share the information in hopes that some of you may want to attend and support The Warming Place!

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

This month, we continue to share testimony from participants from our 2025-2026 Disciple Bible Study. We will recognize this past year's class during worship on August 15 & 16. This will also be the weekend that sign up will begin for Disciple I and II to start in September!

From Peggy McConnell: "What I found to be the most meaningful aspects of Disciple Bible study was learning about all the connections between the Old and New Testaments. The class also helped me set aside a special time to read and study the Bible each day."

From Emily Huisinga: "What I found to be the most meaningful aspect of Disciple Bible Study was getting to dive deeper into God's Word while also getting to know other members of the congregation. I'm still relatively new to the church, and with a full-time job don't have as much time to be involved in things. It was very nice to get to see people on a weekly basis for a few months!

Something very helpful that Disciple Bible Study taught me was different ways to think about and study my Bible. I had read many of these stories before, but a lot of it had been over longer periods of time or a lot more spaced out. This gave me a broader perspective of how the stories within the books and across the books all tied together.

Even though it seems like a long commitment, I would encourage others to take a Disciple Bible Study because it gives you a great chance to dive into God's word and discuss it with other people. Sometimes reading and digesting the Bible can be difficult on your own and doing it with other people can help you understand things or give you an entirely new perspective on things.

I give thanks for the opportunity to be part of this past year's Disciple Bible Study group because it helped me gain some new habits for Bible reading and form some new relationships in the congregation 😊"

From Diana Claus: "I give thanks for the opportunity to be part of this past year's Disciple Bible Study group because it helped me establish a daily routine for reading the Bible. I was introduced to new material found in the Bible, and the conversations stimulated deeper exploration into fundamental questions about life and how to serve others."



Margaret Smalling Memorial Scholarship

(Applications Due by August 15)

The Margaret Smalling Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 by her family, Jack and their four sons, with memorial contributions after Margaret's passing. The endowment is able to give three \$500 scholarships with the money available.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student needs to be a member of Ames First United Methodist Church, be a full-time student (12 hours or more) and have completed one year in college.

Applications may be picked up at the church office and must be **submitted by August 15th** to be considered for the upcoming year. The winners will be announced in church in late August or early September, depending on the family's availability.



United
Women
in Faith

UWFaith Guest Day

You are invited! UWFaith Guest Day is July 11 at 9:30 (Fellowship Hall). Please join us and learn more about Romero House from David Thielen, Executive Director of Romero House. There will also be a program, fellowship, light refreshments and coffee. Everyone welcome--bring a friend!

July 18 is UWFaith's Mission u, 8 am-4 pm at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The topic is "Experiencing Emmanuel". Register now at Iowa Conference Mission u 2026. If you'd like more information about United Women in Faith or these upcoming events, contact Jackie DeLay at jstockdaledelay@yahoo.com



Quarterly Update

Join us to learn about what is happening in and around Ames First UMC!

We will also gather for lunch following the presentation!

August 16
After
Worship

Tell all your friends!



OUR BUILDING WILL BE OPEN DURING THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE. WE WILL OFFER AIR CONDITIONING, WATER, RESTROOMS, A SENSORY FRIENDLY PLACE TO WATCH THE PARADE AND MORE! DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 10:45AM THROUGH 20 MINUTES AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARADE.

AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Back to School Blessing will be August 23 at the 10:00am service. We will also be collecting supplies for school kits so be on the look out for those summer deals as they pop up. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time this summer! See the shopping list here.

- 3 Notebooks (1 Subject Spiral 8"x 10 1/2")
- 1 Ruler (12" Long with Metric)
- 6 pencils (Unsharpened)
- 1 pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser (2" or Larger)
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- 1 Handmade One-Handled Bag

The pattern for the one-handled school bags is also available in the office for those who want to get a jump start on making some bags!



Youth News!

Be sure to follow us on instagram @amesfirstumcyouth. We share about events and other fun things happening with and for our youth!

Confirmation

To all of our incoming 7th & 8th graders and up, please contact Nicole Smith (Nicole@amesfirstumc.org) if you need information about the upcoming Confirmation year that will officially begin August 21! We want to make sure any youth interested in the confirmation class have the information they need to get going with this class during the 2026-2027 school year.

And - if you already have the information, make sure you have your mentor by August 8! Let Nicole know if you need help finding a mentor.



Vacation Bible School Thank You!

A HUGE Thank You to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a great week for all! Thank you to all of our Crew Leaders who volunteered their time and talents to guide the campers through the week as they learned to find their strength in God! And thank you to all who gave donations to help all of our activities run smoothly. Thank you to all for your prayers!



We are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery off and on throughout the summer. We would love to build a pool of volunteers who can sit and snuggle and care for a little baby - with the possibility of an additional child or two being present if there are summer visitors looking to use the nursery. Having a large pool of volunteers means you may only be needed 1-2 times all summer. There will be at least one adult and one additional person (can be a high school youth) staffing the nursery. Anyone interested will go through our Safe Sanctuary training if they have not already done so. The worship service audio is "piped in" to the nursery so you can still hear the service! Please contact Nicole Smith (Nicole@amesfirstumc.org) if you are interested!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults meet once a month for a meal, and small groups gather at other times for Bible study. This group nurtures faith in ways that are not stressful, but fit each person's comfort level. This is an opportunity to share life's blessings and struggles with one another, work on a central faith together, and look for ways to make a difference in this world. Please contact AFUMCYA@gmail.com if you would like to join or would like more information.

SUMMER ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Friends in Faith 6:00pm Second and fourth Sundays

We use the Serendipity Bible as a starting point, but you can use any Bible you have. We open with Joys and Concerns. There will be an opening question. Then we will read a passage and consider questions from the Serendipity Bible and have discussion. We close with a prayer as close to 7:00 as possible. If you happen to have something YOU would like to talk about some Sunday, feel free to bring it up for discussion. **Conference Room or Zoom**

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Weekly Study 6:00am Wednesdays

We read the Bible passage for the upcoming Sunday service and discuss how these scriptures relate to us and our lives. All are welcome. **Panera**

From Our Friends at Ames UCC

The 2026 Theologian-in-Residence registration is now open!!

The 2026 Theologian-in-Residence program will feature Dr. Meghan Sullivan (Wilsey Family Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University) and take place from Thursday, October 15th to Sunday, October 18th. The theme of the program will be "Remaining Human in the Age of AI." To view more information, go to <https://www.amesucc.org/theologian-in-residence-20261.html>

You can register by going to the church website (www.amesucc.org) and click on the "Register Now" link at the top of the page!

Softball Schedule

All games are played in South River Valley Park located at 725 E. 13th Street in Ames.

Tournament games will be held on July 7, 14, and 21! Stay tuned for details.



Registration Now Open for the 2026 #WeAreUMC RAGBRAI Team!

Have you wanted to ride in RAGBRAI, but didn't have a team? Are you interested in seeing how RAGBRAI can be a spiritual practice? Join United Methodists from across the nation for a week of faith, friendship, and hospitality as we ride RAGBRAI — the world's oldest and largest bike tour across Iowa, July 18–25, 2026. This ministry-on-wheels isn't just a ride — it's a fresh expression of church with daily devotions, prayer, meaningful conversations, and support along the route. All riders and support crew are welcome, but space is limited, so reserve your spot early! Learn more here:

www.iaumc.org/WeAreUMC-RAGBRAI



Attendance

	5:30	10:00	Online	Total
5/2&3	29	122	68	219
5/9&10	22	112	67	203
5/16&17	16	109	60	185
5/23&24	14	Pentecost	in the Park	
5/31&31	21	134	65	220

May Utilities

**Great thanks to all who donated towards the
Utilities in May! You make our days bright.**

Glenys Anderson, Keith & Jean Bailey, Donna Banker,
Carol Deppe, William & Jane Edwards,
Steve & Sherry Gehlsen, Amanda & Adam Gordon,
Jennifer Groat, Steve & Mary Beth Hanlin, Jeanette Judd,
David Jurgens, Steven & Jean McBreen,
Jim & Carol Miller, Loren Mortvedt, Joan Peterson,
Pete & Sally Peterson, Betty Sailsbury,
Marty & Julie Sankey, Zella Studer, Joel & Aileen Sullivan,
Ted & Joanne Tedesco, Joanne Van Dyke,
Neil & Barb Van Slyke, Lee & Cathy Webb,
Bruce & Connie Wight

Greeters

July 5—TBD (8:45 Door); Karen Kerper (9:30 Door);
Steve Hanlin (9:30 Sanctuary)
July 12—Diana Schwendinger (8:45 Door); Ellen Johnsen
(9:30 Door); Diana Schwendinger (9:30 Sanctuary)
July 19—TBD (8:45 Door); Cathy Webb (9:30 Door);
Kris Hinders (9:30 Sanctuary)
July 26—Karen Kerper (8:45 Door); Nancy Tamashunas
(9:30 Door); Karen Kerper (9:30 Sanctuary)

If you are interested in being a greeter, please email
Paige Brincks at nickpaigebrincks@gmail.com.

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