

New England Messenger

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June 2022



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June Birthdays

*Wishing you a very special day filled
with God's blessings!*

June 8	Alina Surber
June 14	Tim Stamm
June 15	Tony Bernbeck
June 17	Michael Eberly
June 20	Isaac Daniel
June 29	Cora Surber
June 30	McKenzie Daniel

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let Rev. Linda know so that she can add the name to her list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



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for this month:
Lola Denney**

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July Newsletter Deadline: 6/22/22

Calendar

Because of Confirmation class, during the month of June, Pastor Linda's office hours will generally be Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Please call ahead to make sure she is in the office, if you need to visit with her. It's also important to call ahead, if needing to use the pantry. Food will be boxed for you. Thank you!

Office – (402) 439-2175

Pastor Linda – (402) 910-4009

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| June 5 | 8:30 am Casual Worship Service
using Music Videos with <u>Communion</u>
9:30 am Trustees' Meeting
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
with <u>Communion</u> |
| June 6 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 8 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class
4:00 pm Chapel at Stanton HC |
| June 12 | 8:30 am Casual Worship Service
using music videos
9:30 am Diaconate Meeting
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service |
| June 13 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 15 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 18 | Fellowship Hall being used |
| June 19 | FATHER'S DAY
8:30 am Casual Worship Service
using Music Videos
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
Noon – Bible School meeting |
| June 20 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 22 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 26 | 8:30 am Casual Worship Service
using Music Videos
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
Service |
| June 27 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class |
| June 29 | 9:00 am – noon Confirmation Class
4:00 pm Chapel at Stanton HC |

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

Oh, the lazy days of summer are upon us again. School is out and vacation plans are being finalized. The sights and sounds of longer days and warmer weather are everywhere. What a great time of the year! I'm writing on the patio while Franklin is chasing just about anything that moves. Embracing the joy of each new day is definitely a wonderful way to spend a summer day or two.

The first Sunday of this upcoming month we celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the early church. Red will be the color of the day and hopefully a color worn by many. Scriptures appointed for the day will remind us of the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's the day that God's words of truth were understood by all believers. It's a day for us to STOP and truly appreciate God's power and presence in our lives. We're to be FIRED up for our Christian living.

The season of Pentecost reminds us of change, just as on the first day of Pentecost so long ago when God changed many people's lives. The season of Pentecost is also a lifestyle. Every day we're to remember that we are this generation's Christians, strengthened by God's Spirit to be God's people and witnesses in the world. We are empowered to proclaim the good news of the salvation in Jesus Christ. We are empowered to find opportunities to help others in the world. We are empowered to live like being a Christian is truly important and definitely special. We are empowered to live like WE matter to God.

If we find ourselves wondering what comes next in our Christian living during this summer season of Pentecost, it's much like the green season of summer. The green growth outdoors continues and we marvel at the plants and produce from the land. Through the stories of our faith and the stories of Jesus' life among all people, we have this long season of growth in our own lives. It's a time to use all of our senses and become aware of all that God has created so wonderfully well!

One of my favorite songs that so perfectly promotes the theme of Pentecost is, "Pass It On."

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.*

I invite each one of us not only to be fired up with the red of Pentecost Sunday but to also live and grow during the green season that follows. The same Spirit that breathed life into God's people so long ago is the same Spirit that is breathed onto us and the same Spirit that breathes flames into our hearts with the exact message that Jesus gave to his disciples: "You will now be my witnesses."

Summer officially arrives this month and all of the activities of the season are beginning. Safe travels and God's blessings be with each of you, as you are here and there, out and around. Remember that the Holy Spirit travels with you wherever you may be. Happy season of Pentecost!

God's blessings be with each one of you!
Pastor Linda

Blessings

Prayer Requests This Week

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail –

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Church website at stantonnecucc.org.



MOBILE FOOD TRUCK & FOOD PANTRY

Anyone living in the Stanton County area is welcome to use the pantry housed at our church if they are in need of food. Hours are generally 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays or other times, if arranged with Pastor Linda. At this time, it's necessary that people call the church or Pastor Linda and boxes or bags will be filled and handed out to the recipients. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this outreach ministry.



NEWSLETTER REMINDER

If you would prefer NOT to get a paper copy of the monthly newsletter and would prefer to get a copy sent to your email, please call the church office and let us know. Thank you.

Thank you to all who contribute to the Dime at a Time for the Veteran's jar!

\$150 was taken to the Vet's Home from your generosity!

Worship Restrictions Continue

Because we want to protect **everyone** who gathers for worship, we will continue to follow certain restrictions for gathering. The offering plate will continue to be at the back of the sanctuary and communion will be served using pre-filled cups.

PLEASE REMEMBER You are invited to **attend as you feel comfortable**.

Rev. Linda will continue posting her sermons on the church website – stantonnecucc.org and on her Facebook page – Linda Mohr.

TECHNOLOGY SCREEN

June 5	Tami Barth
June 12	Barb Hansen
June 19	Jack Best
June 26	need a volunteer

GREETERS

We are no longer calling ahead to schedule greeters. Volunteers are welcome as they arrive on Sunday mornings.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at **402-649-8993**. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
April 24	51	\$761.00
May 1	40	\$1906.00
May 8	44	\$1799.00
May 15	34	\$718.00
May 22	41	\$731.00

TRUSTEES MEETING

May 8, 2022 at 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order and lead in prayer by Rev. Linda Mohr. Members present were Robert Chilcoat, Janet Roenfeldt, Howard Schuetz, Joyce Goshorn, Robert Schellpeper, and Pastor Linda. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter. Pastors report: Donations of \$1200.00 were made to the Food pantry by the Stanton Community Club and the Boy Scouts collection of canned foods. Confirmation class this year will be held this summer with 30 hours of study conducted in June and July. Letters will be sent to possible attendees with the schedule and requirements. Treasurers Report was given by Janet Roenfeldt. Motion to accept was made by Howard and second by Joyce Goshorn. Motion carried. Unfinished business: A phone call to clean the gutters was mad but nothing has been done yet. Bob C. will contact him. The motion was made to regretfully accept the resignation of Rev. Linda Mohr. Seconded, motion carried. A letter to accept will be composed by Bob Chilcoat and Barb Hansen. The next meeting will be June 5 at 9:30 am. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Bob Schellpeper, recorder



A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

As you may be noticing, the front parking lot is reaching the point that it will need to be replaced.

No work will be done until funds for the project are secured. Donations, ear-marked for that purpose, are always welcome and appreciated.

Diaconate Meeting May 1, 2022 9:30 AM

Aattendance: Tami Barth, Bill Johnson, Donnie Eberly, Barbara Hansen. Trustees: Bob Chilcoat, Bob Schellpeper, Moderator John Mandl, Church Secretary Lynn Schellpeper. SueAnn Ashker by telephone for vote.

Meeting call to order: Tami at 9:30.

Opening prayer: by Pastor Linda

Minutes of previous meeting

*April minutes – (Bill, Barb) approved as presented.

Carried

Pastor's Report

Handout – Weekly Sunday School worship, Worship (Communion on April 3), posting worship service to FaceBook and to Website, private baptism, Living Waters Clergy Installation; zoom conference meetings, Nebraska conference meetings, Living waters Covenantal Learning group, and Living Waters Church and Council meeting; visitations; office hours; pantry distribution; Chapel at SHC; Lenten services; Diaconate and Trustee meetings; and hospital visitation.

Youth Reports

Sunday School – ended last week. Kids planted flowers and had fun at their last session until fall.

Bible School – week of July 18-22, 2022, 5-7 pm. If anyone wants to help please let Pastor Linda or Lynette know. We think expense for Bible School has been covered, but anyone wanting to donate please check with Lynette.

Unfinished Business

Pastor's Linda's absence on May 15 for her Granddaughter's graduation: Tami, screen, Bill scripture, Jack will do other parts with Pastor Linda will have the sermon and children's moment on the screen. Updated Telephone List – tabled

New Business

Vote on Pastor Linda's Resignation letter: (Bill, Donnie) accepted with very great regret, with Sue Ann by telephone. Carried

Possible Confirmation Class: Proposed to have a four week program this June. Students would meet Monday and Wednesday mornings for three hours.

Their community service would be stocking sorting the food pantry and doing at-home , documented activities. Required to attend and assist with Bible School July 18-22 from 5 to 7. Church attendance at least once during the months of June and July until confirmation on July 24 and notes taken each of the Sundays whether in person or viewing the service on FaceBook or listening on the Website. Pastor Linda will teach this Confirmation. Consensus of those in attendance to agree to this timeline for Confirmation 4th of July community activities: There will be a parade; the Church should be represented. Tabled to next meeting.

A letter to accept Pastor Linda's resignation with deep regret is being prepared by Diaconate and Trustees.

The Diaconate has called a special meeting of the Diaconate May 22 , at 9:00, to organize a search committee and the steps involved to call a new minister. Next meeting – June 12, 2022 9:30

Secretary, *Barbara Hansen*

Liturgists

June 5 – John Mandl
June 12 – Bob Chilcoat
June 19 – Lois Kingsley
June 26 – Jim Dorsey

WORK GROUP FOR June and July

Davidson, Scott & Jeanette CoChair
Schellpeper, Bob & Lynn CoChair
Ashker, Rory & SueAnn
Bernbeck, Tony & Davanna
Dahlkoetter, Phyllis
Dahlkoetter, Todd & Shelley
Dorsey, Jim & Barbara
Goshorn, Joyce
Poeschl, Paul
Poeschl, Ted & Kim
Reese, Lawrence
Remm, Jane
Roefeldt, Janet
Rolf, Steph & Jerett
Schuetz, Howard & Julia
Tejkl, Loren & Marceline
Throener, Judy



HONORARY

Chilcoat, Shirley

Vacation
Bible
School

This year VBS is at our church. It will be in the evenings July 18-22 from 5pm to 7pm. More information will be coming soon.

The way to have a better tomorrow is to start working on it today.

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASS

Because Pastor Linda will be leaving the church at the end of July, there was a request to lead a Confirmation class prior to that, uncertain when a new pastor might be in place.

The decision to have a class that would meet all of the requirements for Confirmation was addressed at the Diaconate meeting held on May 1, 2022. Statistics from the previous classes were reviewed before a decision was made. A summer Confirmation class proposal was approved that would allow all of the requirements met in other classes to be addressed. This would include a four-week study on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to noon each week during June, allowing time for make-up days in July. This course will be offered to all entering the 5th grade in the fall or older.

The act of confirming the young people will be during the 10:30 service on July 24, 2022.

Thank you for keeping this program and the young people involved in your prayers.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – April 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER (with no Moderator elected at the annual meeting, the Trustee's Chairperson will lead the meeting until a Moderator is elected) Bob Chilcoat called the meeting to order at 9:00

OPENING PRAYER by Pastor Linda
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING (in April 2022 Newsletter and a handout) were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – questions, additions and/or comments – each report should be accepted or corrected by voice or written vote. Pastor's Report – hand out concerning the Tri-conference; do have in place two associate conference ministers. Bridget leaving end of April with the Interim Executive Conference Minister will start August 1.

Two administrative assistants who are very good are full time. Sara Rentzel- Jones is doing search and call for all states.

Pastor Linda's written report shows her leading traditional Sunday worship and special occasion

service, casual evening worship services; served communion on the first Sunday of the month and to shut-ins as requested; visitation to hospitals, nursing homes, and shut-ins; attended committee meetings of the church body; weekly office time ; officiated at 4 funerals; continued counseling and distributing food, vouchers and other resources; Attended by Zoom Living Water Cluster meetings, Covenantal Learning Group meetings, Council meetings and Church and Ministry meetings; attended annual Pastor's retreat, participated in various Webinar classes as provided by the Tri-Conference and Pension Board insurance; participated in a class on Pastoral Care during Lenten season; continues to keep the website updated and so much more.

Tree of caring supplies for pantry need to be checked for expiration date before

taking to Pantry. Need to stay with the official list of items from the grocery store

Board of Christian Education – Lynette Mandl – Superintendent and two teachers Sue Ann Ashker and Katelyn Ashker. Resume in fall in September. July 18-22 VBS 5-7. Asking for help

Trustees – Bob Chilcoat—relative quiet, gutters need to be clean when wind goes down; sprinkler system needs to be turned on; discussion about parking lot – any donations are welcome as this is a big project.

Giving started out beginning of year but is slowing now – remind people to support their church

Diaconate – Tami Barth – trying to balance restrictions; assisted with Easter service Food from the food pantry is being boxed and put by the door to keep everyone as safety issue

Looking at parade float July 4

Church Clerk – Jack Best absent, but Pastor Linda reported Funerals for two members, and three nonmembers, three members leaving the church

Treasurer – Janet Roenfeldt – no report

Financial Secretary –Karen Beyke – hand-out – shows giving slowing down some

Music Committee – JoAnne Schellpeper – no report

Technology Committee – Barbara Hansen – can record services live due to Jack's connections with FaceBook people. Also, working on smart tv to computer link instead of using the projector as the projector is getting old.

Church Service Committee –Lorena Bernbeck reported the drapes have been cleaned about \$165, staybacks for drapes \$165 and need to be replaced as one is broken, paid for tissue and paper towels plus

payments to organist, courtesy and for kitchen supplies

Memorial Committee – Louise Eberly --- two memorials to go for technology,

Scholarships – Barbara Hansen – Maryssa Myers is not accepting scholarship at this time. There will not be a senior breakfast this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Updates around the building – use of the social hall – policy of using church fellowship hall by members at no charge, but many do give a donation.

Nonmembers have been paying to use the church and the hall has been cleaned up well. Do we need to change our policy?

NEW BUSINESS

Need to appoint a Moderator for the church – (Tami, Lorena) accept John Mandl's offer for one more year. Carried

Tabled until next council meeting – Diaconate member to replace Tim Benson.

Pastor Linda presented her letter of resignation to the Governing Boards and

Members of the New England Congregational United Church of Christ effective July 31.

Next Meeting will be July 24, 2022

Groups Meeting

Quarterly meeting was April 7 at 1:30 pm

All but Group 4 was represented. Barb Hansen called the meeting to order. Pastor Linda led us in prayer. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence: Thank you from Norfolk Rescue, Stanton Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Stanton Food Pantry for our donations of \$100.00 each and Stanton Health Center for Thanksgiving dinners delivered to them. Thank you from the Quinn family for lunch and a monetary donation. Treasurer Lorena Bernbeck gave the monthly report and moved to accept as read.

Drapes between the sanctuary and social hall have been cleaned. New business: Our church has been asked to provide 4 salads for the Fire and Rescue Fish Fry to be held Friday before Easter. Lorena Bernbeck, Lynn Schellpeper, Barb Hansen and Jack Best will furnish.

Easter Breakfast will be served after Sunrise service by Group #2. Will not be Graduation Breakfast.

Donna Best, Recorder

