

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

## Shut In of the Month

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## Prayer Request

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday's  
9:45 am -  
Sunday School  
10:55 am -  
Morning Worship

Wednesday's  
6:30 pm -  
Prayer meeting  
6:30 pm -  
Youth Group

## FINANCIAL DATA - 2016

Budget Receipts	\$ 100,145.75
Budget Needs	\$ 80,813.90

## Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at its July 27, 2016 stated meeting:

The May financial report was reviewed and received as information.

The June Session minutes were approved.

Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation. Jimmy and Beth Folk have joined Lebanon United Methodist Church and will be removed from the roll.

Committee chairmen gave their reports. CE: The Church Library is officially open. Missions: Catherine Johnson, Executive Director of LifeBridge, will present the Missions Report on August 17.

The next session meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder.

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

## Manna House - Canned Fruit, Peas, Corn, Tomatoes

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Our box is empty! Please help us fill it by donating cans of fruit, peas, corn or tomatoes. We are feeding more people this year than ever before and supplies are low.

**Our Church will be working Manna House the week of August 15-19. We are still in need of volunteers! It only takes an hour. Please consider volunteering for one day.**

"...the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" Acts 20:35



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

### Flowers for August

7 - Communion Flowers

14 - Dottie Price & Carolyn Fulmer

21 - Julia Rikard

28 - Norman Bunn

### Nursery for August

7 - Kristy Jennings & Noah Yi

14 - Allison Yi & Rachel Faulkenberry

21 - TBA & Junah Winters

28 - Joanna Bedenbaugh & Caleb Yi

### Ushers for August

7 - Lee Winters, George Farris, Lee Ringer, Noah Yi

14 - Cecil McRacken, Doug Wicker, Lee Ringer, Noah Yi

21 - Don Ringer, Gene Wicker, Lee Ringer, Noah Yi

28 - Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, Lee Ringer, Noah Yi



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the ESV Bible that you gave to me for graduation. I've enjoyed using it. I especially like its color and size. It was thoughtful of you to think of me with this nice gift.

Sincerely,  
Caleb Yi

### Prayer Chain

If you have a special prayer request please call or e-mail Lisa Senn and she will send it out via e-mail to all members. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or e-mail [lisasenn@earthlink.net](mailto:lisasenn@earthlink.net). It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.



## Making All Things New

We are all by nature, for better or for worse, creatures of habit. Once we get settled into a routine, it is difficult and annoying for us to make even the slightest of adjustments. That is especially true when we have been doing something for a sustained period of time. We all have certain habits that we try to maintain as long as we can help it.

Consequently, we rarely embrace change in our lives with open arms and at best without some resistance. I would like to give us the benefit of the doubt and think that our resistance is mainly motivated by our desires to imitate God (right?!), who is immutable-unchangeable, always the same, but unfortunately our reluctance to change is usually associated with some selfish or personal preferences. For most of us, change means making uncomfortable adjustments or accepting new conditions that are not readily appreciated.

This struggle is experienced in every sphere of life, especially in our sanctification. In fact, the work that God is doing in our lives to conform us more and more to the image of Christ is a life long process of change. The Holy Spirit is renewing us from the “old man” to the newness of life in Christ. We are by faith progressively being transformed to share in Christ-likeness. As we know, some of the old habits that we must relinquish are met with great resistance. Changing old ways of thinking, doing, and speaking is arduous and can become a daily battle. Our old self is quite stubborn when it comes to yielding to Christ’s lordship. Nevertheless, it is a victory that has been claimed by God for us in Christ (**Rom 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**).

This supernatural process is described in Scripture as an “already, but not yet” condition (**2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**). We are becoming who we are in Christ and before God. Our confidence is in the powerful witness that grace has overcome sin, that life has triumphed over death, and that light has engulfed the darkness.

This process of change is not only applicable to our individual lives but also our lives as God’s people. In fact, our sanctification is never complete until we reach our maturity in the body of Christ. When God calls us to Himself, we are not only united to Him by faith but we are also united to each other, fellow Christians, in the Church. It is in the life of the local church as we interact and engage in one another’s life that Christ-likeness is truly being worked out in us. As we deepen our relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ, we are confronted with changes that must be addressed in our lives. How much easier and simpler it would be just to keep to ourselves and not ever have to face those possibilities.

Unfortunately, that is the practice that many Christians take in their church membership. They commit only an hour or two each week, if that much, to a local congregation and wonder why they see so little spiritual change taking place in their lives. Private devotions and personal prayers are indeed means of grace, but they are not substitutes for partaking in the corporate life of the church. The Christian life was never intended to be lived on an island. Spiritual isolation and privatization will eventually lead to a wilderness of wandering.

On the other hand, what God offers to us in the church is a spiritual feast. He intends to feed the flock (plural, not “sheep” singular) within the context of the body. God wants our church membership to be more than just a formal registration on a roll. He desires that we grow together as a faith-based family. This is the newness of life that Christ offers us in Him. It is the dynamic witness that is missing in a lost and lonely world. So as we confront the uncertain future with a host of challenges, renew your commitment to Christ and to one another by developing your relationship with your fellow members outside the walls of this church. Discover how God can transform your life through a meaningful friendship with some of your church family members.

By His grace,  
Pastor Seth



Our Library is finished and ready for you. There are some really great books available. There are study books, inspirational books, commentaries, different versions of the Bible, early 1900's ARP journals, children's books and more. If you decide to check out a book please record the book and your name on the sheets provided on the shelf at the window.

In cleaning the Library we found some old VHS tapes that may interest someone. They are free and you make take as many as you like. The box is in the room beside the nursery.

We are looking for a person to become our official "Librarian" and if you are interested please contact George Farris for more information.



## JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Women's Ministries would like to invite the congregation to our annual Jubilee Birthday Celebration. This will be an Ice Cream Social held on Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This event is held yearly to honor our two Birthday Ladies. Rebecca Carson missionary to Germany and Sheila Osborne our Short-term Mission Coordinator and Liason to Women's Ministries. We want to honor these Servants of the Lord by faithfully praying for them as well as faithfully raising the support they need as they uniquely represent the women of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. A basket for donations will available.

Churns of ice cream are needed!!! Please contact Julia if you can make a churn. In the past we have had lots of flavors....Lemon, Banana, Cherry, Chocolate, Vanilla, Orange Sherbet, Peach and hopefully this year will be no different.

Please mark your calendar and join us for a fun time!!!!





**Our theme Scripture for 2016 is Joshua 1:9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”***

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Our desire is that all women in the ARP Church will: Know Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 2** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The group is asked to continue reading Joshua. After the meeting the group will have "Kitchen Cleaning" and will order lunch. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Dr. Mary Baker for further information.

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Prayer and Fellowship Thursday evenings  
7-9 pm

Church Conference Room (for the summer months)

The Ladies are currently studying the **Minor Prophets**.

Very informal study time using only the Bible and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to delve deeper into our understanding of God's Word.

Do as little or as much reading or study of the passages as you feel led.

An e-mail will be sent out every Thursday morning to give you up to date details. If interested in receiving the e-mail please contact either

Shannon Winter at [mtn.winters@yahoo.com](mailto:mtn.winters@yahoo.com) 803-940-1596 OR

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**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!**

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We're on the web

[NewberryARP.org](http://NewberryARP.org)

*Education is a progressive discovery  
of our own ignorance.*

~Will Durant

Please be in prayer for our children, teachers, and administrators  
as they begin a new school year on Monday, August 15, 2016.

## **Newberry ARP Youth of the Month**

Each month our newsletter will feature a brief bio of one of our youth. This month our featured youth is Junah Winters, 15 years old. Here are some things to know about Junah:

**Q: What grade are you in?**

A: Rising 10th grader

**Q: Where do you go to school?**

A: I am homeschooled

**Q: What are some of your hobbies?**

A: Air soft

**Q: What extracurricular activities are you involved in?**

A: JV Baseball at Whitmire

**Q: What are your plans after high school?**

A: College

**Q: Do you have a book or movie?**

A: My favorite book is *The Final Storm* by Jeff Shaara

**Q: Do you have a favorite Bible verse?**

A: Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."





