

# Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

## **Shut In of the Month**

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## **Update from the Session**

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the July 19 stated meeting:

1. The April, May, and July Diaconate minutes were reviewed and received as information. The June financial report was reviewed and received as information.
2. The June 21 stated Session minutes were approved.
3. Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation.
4. The draft of the letter that will be sent to inactive members was reviewed and approved.
5. Responsibilities for funerals at the church were discussed. A list of duties was referred to the Diaconate for their review and implementation.
6. The use of the Heidelberg Catechism as the Affirmation of Faith in the worship service was approved.
7. The Vets with a Mission was approved to use the Church Parking Lot on Oct. 4 for a meeting at the DeWalt House.
8. The next stated Session meeting will be August 16 at 8:00 pm.



## **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. If you would like to be included on the e-mail list, please let her know. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or [lisasenn1309@gmail.com](mailto:lisasenn1309@gmail.com). It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

## **Prayer Request**

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer.

## **Worship Schedule**

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

Wednesday  
6:30 pm -  
Bible Study/Prayer  
6:30 pm -  
Youth Group

## **FINANCIAL DATA - 2017**

Budget Receipts	\$ 95,034.93
Budget Needs	\$ 95,209.50

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

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

### **Manna House — Peanut Butter and Jelly**

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

Our food needs are greater during the summer months since our children are out of school. Thanks to all who have donated food or made a monetary donation.

“...the Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’” Acts 20:35

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR**

Can you believe it? Another school year is ready to start and so will our backpack program. This year we will be sponsoring 10 children and need your help to be able to pack the bags.



Food items needed are individual size bags and cans of the following: grits, cereal, milk, Pop Tarts, Beanee Weanees, Spam, soup, mac and cheese, spaghetti, ravioli, tuna or chicken kits, Ramen noodles, peanut butter crackers, Cheez It, cookies, trail mix, fruit chewies, applesauce, fruit cups, pudding cups, and juice.

The items can be placed in the Backpack Room next to the nursery at any time in the next few weeks. We plan to begin the program around the last of August. Any monetary donations will be appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to help pack the bags; a sign up sheet is on the board in the Backpack room.



*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 1** at 10:00 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Exodus 20:1-21 (The Ten Commandments) will be the Bible Study for the month. After the meeting, the Circle will clean the Kitchen and order lunch. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Women's Ministries would like to invite the congregation to our annual Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27 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 Liaison to Women's Ministries. We want to honor these Servants of the Lord by faithfully praying for them as well as helping to raise 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 be 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 Shebert, Peach, and last year Pineapple/Coconut. You just never know what flavors might appear.

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### *Be Holy, for I Am Holy*

I am fairly confident that the experience of many Christians who desire to read through the Bible sequentially from *Genesis* to *Revelation* comes to a disappointing end when they get to the book of *Leviticus*. The pace, details, and background of *Leviticus* catch many readers unprepared after reading the narratives of *Genesis* and *Exodus*. Consequently, what started off as a noble and beneficial discipline ends in disenchantment and frustration. Moreover, many readers are left with a host of questions about the relevance and purpose of *Leviticus* for the Christian today. What value, if any, do all the laws and statutes about sacrifices and cleanliness have for the Christian anymore? Why was God so particular about how the Israelites related to Him and the surrounding nations? What benefit is there today for Christians in reading and studying this portion of God's Word?

It is my prayer and aim to answer not only these but other questions over the next several months as I preach through *Leviticus* in our worship services. As formidable, and possibly questionable, a task as it may appear, I am excited and honored to minister this portion of God's Word to you, trusting the promises of *Isaiah* 55:10–11, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Here, I want to whet your appetite to the spiritual nourishment that this portion of the bread of life can be for us.

As Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote in *2 Timothy* 3:16–17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The "all Scripture" that Paul had in mind in particular was the Old Testament. Furthermore, *Leviticus* is one of the first five books of the Old Testament that comprise the Torah, the foundation of the Hebrew Bible. Therefore, what Paul, and ultimately God, declares about *Leviticus* is true for us, namely, that it is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." In fact, I am trusting that we will indeed be "complete, equipped for every good work" as we mine the depths of *Leviticus* to see its relevance for our lives today. Not only will we be more informed, but I pray that we will be better equipped to serve the Lord and one another.

The most common obstacle that sabotage Christians from capturing the beauty and benefits of *Leviticus* is its historical context. Living as twenty-first century Christians, most of us struggle to understand and assimilate the culture and practices that permeate the setting of *Leviticus*. Furthermore, as we consider the redeeming work of Christ, the issue of continuity between the Old and New Testaments plays a vital role in capturing the progressive nature of God's unfolding revelation throughout redemptive history. The key to unlocking the mystery to this labyrinth is to keep in mind that God, the one who has revealed all of Scripture, is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forevermore, and that the person and work of Christ is the central theme and message of the Bible. If we hold to these two foundational pillars, we can by the grace and help of the Holy Spirit navigate ourselves through many of the challenging passages of *Leviticus* to reach our journey's end of seeing the glory of Christ in this Word.

My prayer for all us through this series is that we will gain a much grander and awe-inspiring view of our God, who in His infinite wisdom and grace has fulfilled salvation for His people in Christ. By studying *Leviticus* as a preparatory blueprint of the salvation that Christ embodied in his ministry, we can see by faith the many applications that it offers to us today. May God bless us richly as we commit ourselves to drinking deeply from the fountain of His Word!

By His grace,  
Pastor Seth

If you are interested - we would like for you to have...

**NIV Bibles**—these were taken from our pews and replaced with our current ESV Bibles. Those that remain, after a reasonable period of time, will be given to the Manna House ministry.

**Old Maps**—we have framed and plan on framing some of the maps but have quite a few that will not be used.

**Hand fans**—we are planning to keep some for our History room but have plenty available.

You can find these items on the table in the “Backpack” room which is next to the nursery.

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

## Flowers for August

6 - Communion

13 - Dottie Price & Carolyn Fulmer

20 - Kristy Jennings

27 - Julia Rikard

## Nursery for August

6 - Merri Avery & Junah Winters

13 - Joanna Bedenbaugh

20 - Shannon & Wren Winters

27 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Abigail Yi

## Ushers for August

6 - Gene Wicker, Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, David Jennings

13 - Doug Wicker, Lee Winters, Keith Avery, Caleb Jennings

20 - Mark Faulkenberry, Don Ringer, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi

27 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Robbie Kopp, Benjamin Jennings