

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 in July:

1. The June Financial Report and the Diaconate minutes were received as information. The June Session minutes were approved.
2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared, discussed, and prayed for.
3. A **review** of the church's financial record was conducted by an outside source.
4. A **Fellowship Meal** following the service is scheduled for Aug. 7. The **Jubilee Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for Aug. 21, 5 pm.
5. The **Newberry Community Bible Study** taught by Rev. Yi will be hosted on a weekly basis in the Fellowship Hall from Noon to 1 pm starting Aug. 18.
6. The August stated Session meeting is scheduled for the 16th.

If you have any questions, please speak with an elder.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or call **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth**, and it will be distributed via email.

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Fellowship Meal

On Sunday, August 7, following the worship service, we will share a fellowship meal. The church will provide all the items for cold-cut sandwiches and drinks. Members are invited to bring a variety of salads or a dessert.

Prayer List

Mark McGuffee, James Hill, Vernetha Renwick, Richard Lominick, Dottie Price, Lillian Price, Jean Williamson, Lizzy McCoy

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:25 am

Cong. Assembly

(2nd & 4th

Sundays)

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm

Handbell Practice

6:10 pm

Family Feast

FINANCIAL DATA as of July 24, 2022

Receipts \$116,303.14
Budget Needs \$101,791.20

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Disciples of Christ

In the Bible, there are many descriptions for a believer, such as Christian, bondservant, sheep, saint, branch, and pilgrim, just to name a few. We read in the gospels that Jesus referred to the 12 men whom He chose to follow Him *disciples* (**Mt 10:1, Lk 6:13**). A disciple is a student, an apprentice, a person who learns from another. The term disciple was not unique to the 12 apostles. It was used broadly with all those who consistently received Jesus' teaching. Learning from and about Jesus and His will is essential to being a believer. Saving faith requires that a certain set of doctrines be affirmed and embraced. False doctrine will lead to a spurious faith and a questionable salvation.

Christian discipleship means growing in the grace and *knowledge* of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though faith is a gift of God (Eph 2:8), all believers are called to grow in their faith through the ordinary means of grace, in particular the Word of God (**1 Pet 2:2-3, 2 Tim 3:16-17**). Just as healthy food nourishes and supports the body, God's Word sanctifies the believer's soul when it is received with a humble and genuine heart. Feeding on the Word of God is essential for Christian growth and vitality. As we saw in **Acts 2:42-44**, one of the distinguishing marks of the flourishing church in Jerusalem was her devotion to the apostles' *teaching*. Moreover, the apostles reiterated the priority of teaching the Word of God as Christ's servants when the crisis of the distribution of food to the widows arose. They wisely set apart the Seven to carry out this ministry so that they could devote themselves to prayer and the *ministry of the word* (**Acts 6:4**). That is why Christ gifted His Church with the apostles and eventually the pastor-teacher for the purpose of equipping "the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to *the unity of the faith* and of *the knowledge of the Son of God*, to *mature manhood*, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (**Eph 4:12-14**).

As a church, there are several gatherings when the Bible is taught (weekly sermon, Sunday school, Family Feast, Men's Bible Study, Morning Circle). I hope you are taking advantage of these learning opportunities. The health and growth of a congregation (which is made up of individual members) depend on consuming and obeying God's Word. So, with the desire to expand our church's efforts in proclaiming the Word, the Session has approved a new ministry, the **Newberry Community Bible Study**. Starting Thursday, August 18, from noon to 1 pm, I will teach a weekly Bible study. This study is open to anyone in our community. Since God's Word is effective in maturing a believer's faith as well as instrumental in producing faith - "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (**Rom 10:17**), we are encouraging you to consider inviting and bringing an unbeliever with you who may benefit from this study. As we see more and more of the moral decline in our culture, and even our community, we must devote ourselves as God's people to His Word so that we might continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (**Mt 5:13-14**). As Christ's disciples let us seek to prioritize God's Word in our lives and in our community.

Pastor Seth



Jubilee Birthday Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 21, 5:00 PM

This event is held yearly to honor our two Birthday Ladies, **Rebekah Carson**, WW missionary to Germany, and **Sheila Osborne**, WW Short-term Mission Coordinator and Liaison to Women's Ministries. We want to support these servants of the Lord by faithfully praying for them as well as helping to raise the money 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.

Home-made ice cream sundaes and banana splits will be provided. Please come and join us for a time of sweet fellowship.

Newberry Community BIBLE STUDY

Newberry ARP Church Fellowship Hall
Thursday Noon - 1 PM

Starting Aug. 18, Pastor Seth will lead a weekly Bible study (Gospel of John). All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! Participants can bring their lunch and eat during the study.

On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, several men gather at Doug Wicker's home for a time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study (currently *Jeremiah*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS



All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly fellowship following the worship service at the Pastor's home. We will meet on August 14th.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 10:25 AM to 10:50 AM to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments are provided.

Wednesday Night Family Feast

Sharing a meal, nurturing intergenerational relationships, praising the Lord in song, studying the Larger Catechisms, and seeking the Lord in prayer. These are some of the blessings we enjoy on Wednesday nights (6:10 PM). Join your church family and grow in faith and love for one another! On August 3, André Jennings (Executive Director) will share about the ministry of Boys Farm. Find out how you may serve in our community!

Women's Ministry

Our theme Scripture for 2022: "And Elijah came near to all the people and said, how long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." - I Kings 18:21a (ESV)

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages, equips, and connects 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 Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We will be studying I Kings 19:1-21, I Kings 21, and II Kings 1, "The Servant Elijah Versus the Kings."*

After the meeting we will enjoy a Sandwich and Salad Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All members are asked to bring a dish to share.

Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? If so, we would love to have you come and visit our Circle, we are always open for new members or visitors. Contact Julia Rikard for more information.



There is a **ministry** in our church that can easily be overlooked but is **critical** to our church's vitality. As the Lord graciously grows our church, the need for **nursery volunteers increases**. Currently, we have only **six** workers who serve during the worship on a rotational schedule. Would you please **prayerfully consider** volunteering, if not on the regular rotation, possibly some other schedule? Anyway you can **serve** will lessen the load on the regular volunteers. **Many hands make light work!** Please communicate with **Katie Eising**, if you are willing to **serve in any capacity!**

Rebekah Carson - BRIDGE EUROPE/Germany



Prior to her commitment to World Witness in 2004, Rebekah served as Director of Christian Education at First Lancaster (SC) ARP Church. She began serving with a church-planting team in former East Berlin, Germany. After helping plant two churches in Berlin, in 2012 she moved to Altglienicke, in the southeast of Berlin, to work with a church-planting team in children and youth ministry, as well as with national Christians in outreach and discipleship. In 2022, she moved to southwest Germany to begin working with the Josh and Vonja Thomas (BRIDGE EUROPE). In 2000, Rebekah earned her B.A. in history and Christian Education from Erskine College. In 2021, she received her Master's in Counseling degree from Westminster Seminary. In 2015, the ARP Women's Ministries selected Rebekah as one of their Jubilee Birthday Ladies.



A NEW FIELD OF MINISTRY

In June of 2022, Rebekah joined the Thomas' to assist them at the church plant. They first met when Isaac was born, and they enjoyed getting to know each other better while she was in Turkey. Vonja Thomas writes, "She's been a friend, and I have learned a lot from her over the years. I've been praying for a lady ministry partner for so long and this is above and beyond what I could have asked or imagined. Praise the Lord with us for this amazing blessing." Please pray for Rebekah as she settles in and enjoys exploring all the great things the Lord has in store for her.



Rebekah with Krystyna, Ella, Isaac, and Samuel Thomas

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for August

7 - Jean Williamson
14 - Dottie Price & Carolyn Fulmer
21 - Kristy Jennings
28 - TBA

Nursery for August

7 - Elizabeth Yi (Tracie McCoy)
14 - Abigail Yi (Merri Avery)
21 - Katie Eising (Allison Yi)
28 - Janet Porth (Elizabeth Yi)

Ushers for August

7 - Keith Avery & Jason McCoy
14 - Aaron Eising & Marc Faulkenberry
21 - Cecil McRacken & Andre Jennings
28 - Chip Porth & Michael Jennings