THE HERALD

July 2026

Beloved siblings in Christ,

If you are reading this as we are sending it out, I am currently in Milwaukee for the General Assembly. But as I write this, the assembly has not yet started its work, and I am still preparing for the work ahead. I am happy to report that I was summoned to the courthouse for jury duty, but the case was resolved that morning, and I did not have to serve. I was honored to do my civic duty but glad it did not require sitting through an actual trial.

Last month, I had my fourth of five Doctor of Ministry classes. This class was Wonder and Relationship, and it was truly my favorite class so far. I will be incorporating the things I learned into my sermons starting in July but here are a couple things that really stood out to me. This class had an emphasis on beauty, on being able to see and appreciate the beauty around us and inside us. We talked about the issues with modernity and the tendency to turn things into a consumer or production mindset, rather than a beauty or wonder mindset. We also practiced how to know each other better; focusing on listening attentively and curiously without centering ourselves in the conversation. I'm not yet sure what I'm going to do for my final project in the class but I'm sure you will hear more once I figure it out!

We are hitting that time of the year where there's not a whole lot going on in the church. However, we are doing at least one thing this month! On July 12th, we have invited the Kids Against Hunger folks back so that we can assemble soup kits once again. Join us after worship that morning for potluck and mission!

Stay cool out there and enjoy the summer!

Blessings of peace and rest,
Pastor Erica

JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

03 – Kay Schweitzer
07 – Lew Sieber
07 – Dave Thompson
18 – Larry Baker
23 – Loretta Neill
24 – Katrina Kendle
30 – Raymond Meester
30 – Erica Nelson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

11 – Deb & Wade Kendle
21 – Marsha & Scott Hunzeker

†PRAYER LIST

Please contact the Church Office or Christie Werner with prayer requests

- Alan Shuman, brother of Pat Zink & Barb Shaeffer, in the hospital
- Jen Dierks & family following the passing of her father
- Amanda Miller's grandma, Minnie Sughroue in the hospital
- Christie Werner – health concerns
- Daniel Betz – health concerns
- Sharon & Larry Baker – health concerns

MISSION

Be sure to mark your calendars for July 12th. Mission committee has planned a Kids Against Hunger food packing event. Following worship and lunch the assembly of food packages will begin. So be sure to bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck dinner after our regular worship service. Any and all levels of help are appreciated.

Our theme Sunday for July will be on July 5th. To honor the independence of our nation be sure to wear red, white & blue.

DUCs

Sunday School is on hiatus until September 13th.

227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbyterians across the church will be watching as decisions are made during the 227th General Assembly that will shape the future of the PC(USA). The 227th General Assembly (2026) officially begins with committees gathering online from June 22–24, 2026. Between June 25 and 26, attendees will travel to Milwaukee. The Assembly will then participate in a Community Day on June 27. Finally, the plenary sessions will take place in Milwaukee from June 28–July 2, 2026.

Tie Dye Sunday

SESSION

The next regular Session meeting is planned for Sunday, July 19th.

2026 – 2027 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2026: Belle Kendle
Frances Beaurivage*
Class of 2027: Dehnia Bullerdiek
Jennifer Dierks
Class of 2028: Amanda Miller*
Danny Broeder
*Denotes 2nd term

July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 **10:30 AM** Worship	**29**	**30**	**1**	**2**	**3** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**4**
5 **10:30 AM** Worship	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**11**
12 **10:30 AM** Worship	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**18**
19 **10:30 AM** Worship	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**25**
26 **10:30 AM** Worship	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**1**

Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.

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