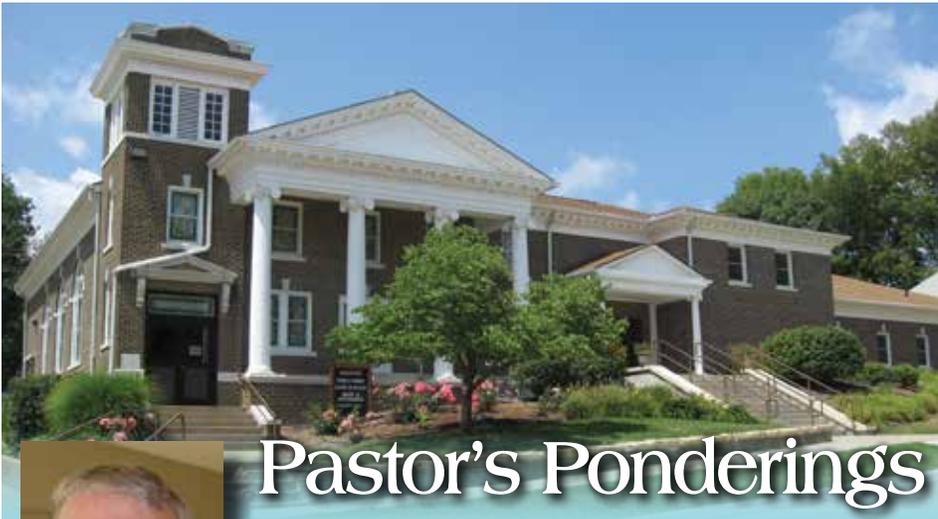


# The First Presbyterian Church in Wamego

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## Pastor's Ponderings

by Bill Vincent  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth of July: it is a day to remember and to celebrate our national heritage. Part of that heritage that comes to mind is the wartime poster with a stern face of Uncle Sam, pointing his finger straight at you, and the caption, "Uncle Sam wants

YOU!" It was a rousing call to action in a day when the country – and the world – was in need of people's dedication.

We of the Church may not use the figure of Uncle Sam, but a similar call is sounded in our heritage. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." And we can almost picture him on a poster with a gentle yet firm face, pointing his finger straight at us, and the caption, "Jesus Christ wants YOU!"

Jesus Christ DOES want us. He wants us to turn from living 'me-centered' lives, and to turn to giving of ourselves to others. He wants us to be with him, to live in close communion with him. He wants us to work to bring people together instead of trying so hard to keep them apart. He wants us to give up the heavy load we carry when we believe that the world rests on our shoulders and the fate of history lies with us, and to take on his yoke: the yoke of obedience and of following him, a yoke which assumes that the world rests not on our shoulders but on the shoulders of the one who created the world in the first place.

He wants us to know his peace and love and joy. And he knows that the only way we will ever know the fullness of life that he has to offer is if we give everything we have and everything we are to him.

Jesus Christ wants US – mind, body, and soul; thought, word, and deed. Like the song says, "All of me, why not take all of me?" That's what Christ wants: all of us. Every one of us. Every part of us. Not just this part or that part. Not only on Sunday, Thursday, and every other Saturday. Not just you and you and you. But you and me and everyone. Today, tomorrow, and every day.

He doesn't want just a little bit. He wants it all. He wants US all. He accepts what  
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## Ongoing

- Women' Study group** on 1st & 3rd Tuesday's in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- AA Thursday's** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- Inductive Bible study** Friday's in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 2nd Sunday Lunches** monthly
- Session meets** 1st Wednesday monthly in conference room at 7 p.m.\*
- Deacons meet** 2nd Wednesday monthly in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

## July

- 4 Independence Day** – office closed
- 9 2nd Sunday Sub & Salad Bar** after worship
- Christian Education meeting** following worship in conference room
- 12 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.  
\***Session meeting** in conference room at 7 p.m.
- 19 Council of Churches** at St. Bernard Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m.
- 24-28 Community Summer Lunch** served in fellowship hall
- 27 Lions Club** meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

## August

- 9 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 13 P.R.A.Y. Board** in fellowship hall at 2 p.m.
- 24 Lions Club** meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

## September

- 6 Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.



# OUR CHURCH

## In the News

### First Presbyterian Church

601 Elm Street  
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#### Elders

Glenn Brunkow	Craig Johnson
Vernon Fails	Mary Beth Pfrang
Sarah Hancock	Dick Shields
Terri Hollenbeck	Brian Wohler
Barry Jacques	

#### Deacons

Kathy Bracken	Alex McKenzie
Jennifer Brunkow	Pat Nelson
Norm Delay	Brenda Patterson
Bette Kastner	Lorinda Sultzer

#### Others

<b>Corporation President:</b> Darold Brunkow	<b>Treasurers:</b> Sherry Breymeyer and Julie Shields
<b>Family Emergency Fund:</b> Callie Hildebrand, Darold Brunkow, and Pat Nelson	<b>Assistant Treasurers:</b> Stan and Susan Symons

#### Staff

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we end up giving, even though it may not be the whole package. But if it's not the whole package – and it rarely is – he keeps pushing, nudging, encouraging us to give him our all. And really, when you think about it, that's not so much to ask – not when Christ, who had everything, gave it all up for us when he died upon the cross.

So the next time you pick up your Bible, the next time you come to church, the next time you take time to think about the fundamental issues of life, remember the picture we painted at the start: Jesus on a poster with a gentle yet firm face, pointing his finger straight at us, and the caption, "Jesus Christ wants YOU!"

What will we give him? Nothing? Or everything?

In Christ,  
Bill Vincent

### Sunday School Discussion

**Please plan to join a discussion** on July 9 just after our fellowship meal about the upcoming Sunday School year for our "littles" (kids ages preschool to grade 5). All with children or who are interested in being involved are welcome. Questions under discussion will include time and format of Christian education for the littles along with desires for specific activities or approaches. ■

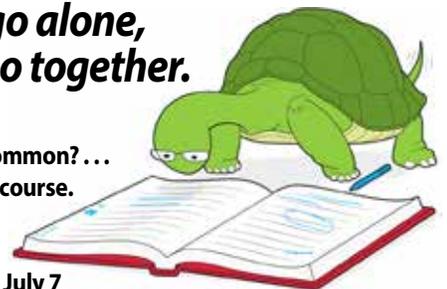
### Worship Leaders Needed!

**If you would be interested** in assisting in the worship services by being liturgist, please let us know by signing up on the clipboard located in the Narthex. ■

***If you want to go fast go alone,  
if you want to go far, go together.***

**What do six years and 17 books have in common? ...  
The Friday Night Inductive Bible Study of course.**

**Join us as we begin the 18th book in a series of 66 books in the Bible. On Friday, July 7 at 6 p.m. we will begin the Book of Job. Call the church office for more info.**



*"I have a much better understanding of the Old Testament by studying in-depth at a slow speed." - Mary Beth Pfrang*

*"It has meant to me: #1 - I can learn more from the most important book ever written. #2 - I love being with friends who I can lean on when I have a problem or need prayer for my family. We sometimes laugh; we pray together, and study together." - Sarah Heineken*

*"It's amazing what I thought I knew. It's more amazing what I'm really getting to know. Through the weekly scripture reading, digging deeper and sharing with each other I've come to better understand how God's message is relevant today even through words written more than 2,000 years ago." - Brenda Patterson ■*

# News from the Pews

## A look at what our members have been doing outside of church.

**Nancy Grondin** and **Alex McKenzie** will be traveling from Wamego on July 18th to Ontario, Canada. They will be visiting family and meeting Alex's three great grandchildren. They will meet one of the great grandsons, Andrew, for the first time. After spending a week in Canada, they will drive to Massachusetts to visit Nancy's friends and her cousins for a week before driving back home to Wamego.

**Lorinda Sultzer's** sister, Kerry came from Dallas to surprise her for her birthday.

**Bob** and **Lorinda Sultzer** are looking forward to spending time with their son, **Bobby** from Dallas, over the 4th of July holiday.

**Blaine Hupe** and **Sydney Ward** are working as volunteers during the Summer Theater Academy at the Columbian Theatre. This summer's performance will be "Wizard of Oz, Jr." at the end of July. ■



**Pastor Bill shared a story** about Pentecost during the Children's Sermon in June. ■

## Fill the cart at church with non-perishable food items

Bring nonperishable food items to church the first Sunday of each month. All items collected will be given to the Community Health Ministry Food Bank and the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. ■



## Congratulations Sherry & Dale

Last month, Dale and Sherry Breymeyer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with us after worship. They were married June 2, 1967 at Wells Creek Church near Belvue, KS. ■



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### July

- 2 Sara Uhrich
- 6 Paul Eichem  
David Hancock
- 8 Clarice Miller
- 11 David Watts
- 13 Melissa Anderson  
Sarah Hancock
- 14 Marjorie Dillon
- 15 Dan Moser  
Dan Wiegiers
- 16 Shirley Walker
- 17 Carol Fink  
Jim & Callie Hildebrand
- 19 Evan Hancock
- 22 Kelly Savaloja
- 26 Josie Fails  
B.J. Kerr
- 29 Bill & Terri Hollenbeck  
Dan & Cristi Wiegiers
- 30 Jill Hupe

31 Jessica Kueker

### August

- 2 Sarah Heineken
- 3 Warren & Shirley Carnahan
- 4 Darold Brunkow  
Lisa Moser  
Hope Vanover
- 5 Phil & Marilyn Mahan
- 8 Don Bretz
- 9 Evelyn Biswell
- 11 Norman & Jeanette Hupe
- 17 Levi Nelson
- 21 Bill & Deanna Vincent
- 22 Kate Hollenbeck
- 23 Dale Breymeyer
- 26 Dalene Eichem
- 28 MaryBeth Pfrang
- 30 Keith Hancock
- 31 Nate & Ashley Hollenbeck



*A fun way to celebrate!*  
**BIRTHDAY BASH**

**Sunday, June 11**, we celebrated each other at our wonderful Birthday Bash Potluck Lunch.

Twelve tables were decorated in themes for each month with desserts and treats provided at each table.

A delicious potluck lunch offered a nice variety, provided by members. ■



Thank you to DeAnn Bussart-Savaloja for organizing, and to the following individuals for decorating their tables:



**JANUARY • Shirley Carnahan**



**JULY • Kathy Bracken**



**FEBRUARY • Betty Bretz**



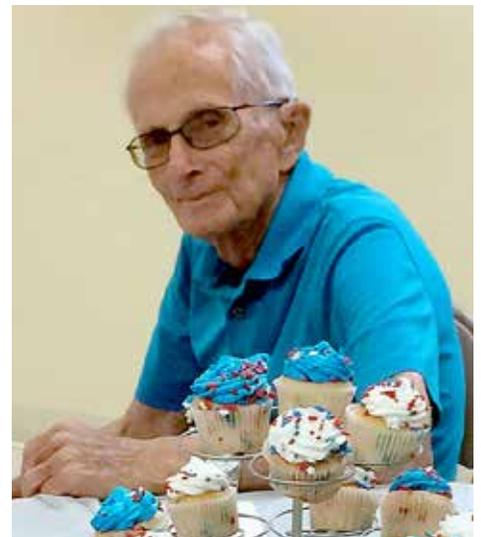
**AUGUST • Hope Vanover and Sheena Savaloja**



**MARCH • The Fails Family**



**SEPTEMBER • Kelly Savaloja**



**APRIL • DeAnn Bussart-Savaloja**



**OCTOBER • Kathy Bracken**



**MAY • The Fails Family**



**NOVEMBER • Lorinda Sultzer**



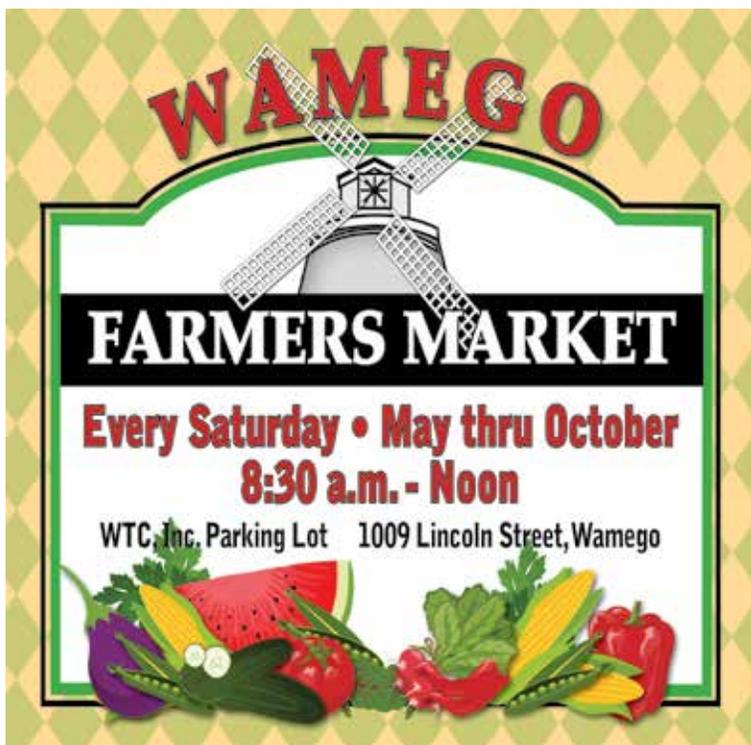
**JUNE • Angela, Lizzie and Callie Allenbrand**



**DECEMBER • Lynne Morton**

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## 2nd Sunday

### Lunch after Worship

Mark your calendar for the next few Deacon's 2nd Sunday Lunches after worship...

**This month**, we will have a Sub and Salad Bar after worship July 9, with sub sandwiches and chips, potato salad, macaroni salad, pasta salad, jello salad, fruit pizza or fruit salad for dessert.

**In August**, we'll have a Back-to-School Picnic in Fellowship Hall after worship August 13, with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad, baked beans, and ice cream for dessert.

**In September**, we'll feature a Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, salad, and dessert after worship September 10.

If you would like to assist with these lunches, or would like more information, please call the church office, 456-2556. ■

Want to know more about activities at the First Presbyterian Church?  
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