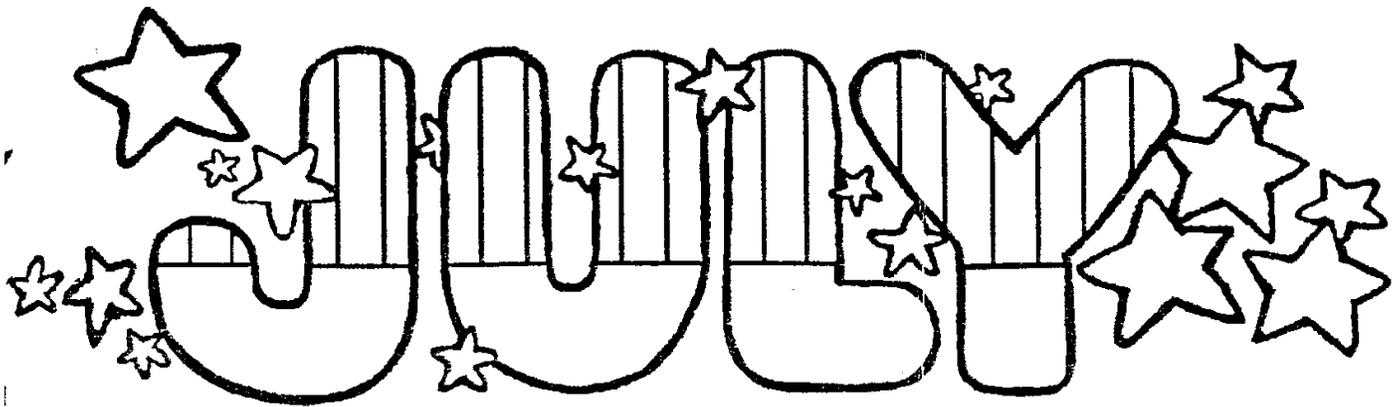




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# Worship Helpers

**July 3**

**Acolyte:** Brigit Jepsen  
**Audio:** Kris Yingling  
**Children's Time:** x  
**Coffee Hour:**  
**Communion:**  
**Greeters:**  
**Liturgist:**  
**Media:** Susan Michelle Jepsen  
**Nursery:**  
**Ushers:** Charley Meyer

**July 10**

**Acolyte:** Noah Johnson  
**Audio:** Burt Prins  
**Children's Time:** x  
**Coffee Hour:** Miller Family  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Merle Law, Alice  
**Liturgist:** Kris Yingling  
**Media:**  
**Nursery:** Kathie Prins  
**Ushers:** Bob & LaVona Grissinger

**July 17**

**Acolyte:** Tommie Falk  
**Audio:**  
**Children's Time:** x  
**Coffee Hour:**  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:**  
**Liturgist:** Linda Jachino  
**Media:** Chris Falk  
**Nursery:**  
**Ushers:** Jessica Boyer

**July 24**

**Acolyte:**  
**Audio:**  
**Children's Time:** x  
**Coffee Hour:** Judy Davidson  
**Communion:** x  
**Greeters:** Rhonda Law  
**Liturgist:**  
**Media:** Kris Yingling  
**Nursery:**  
**Ushers:** Judy Davidson, Molly Andersen

**July 31**

**Acolyte:**  
**Audio:**  
**Children's Time:**  
**Coffee Hour:**  
**Communion:**  
**Greeters:**  
**Liturgist:**  
**Media:**  
**Nursery:**  
**Ushers:** Jessica Boyer

**Thank you to our worship helpers.**  
**Greeters & ushers please be at the church 30minutes before worship is scheduled to begin. Responsibility sheet will be with the bulletins.**  
**Liturgist please contact the church office for information on the readings for the morning service.**  
**Coffee hour - If we are low or out of paper product supplies please let the office know so items may be purchased.**

# PASTOR'S Pen



## *“Farewell to the Savanna People”*

Goodbyes are hard. As I prepare to move, I have pondered the story of the apostle Paul having a farewell to the people in Ephesus. Paul knelt down with them and prayed, and they all wept as they embraced and kissed him. Paul said to them that they would never see his face again, and that grieved them so much. There was a reason why Paul said it. His next journey was to go to Jerusalem to die. He said, **“And now I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”**

He knew he was going to be arrested, put into jail, and eventually be executed. It is a story of a hard goodbye.

However before I talk any more, I should clarify this. I do not mean this story as any metaphor for my own departure. The Apostle Paul is the one who leaves, and in our story together, I am about to depart. But let me be clear. I am not Paul. I have never traveled different countries as a missionary. When a moving truck drives our belongings away in a couple of weeks, I do not expect any of you to stand on the sidewalk and cry after me. Apostle Paul went to Jerusalem, knowing he was going to die, and I am just moving to Hinckley, Illinois, that is a pretty nice place for my family: there are many friends and their families around there; it is closer to my cousins’ home; it’s closer to the big cities; more than anything else, it’s closer to the Korean groceries (just 30 minutes away). We no longer need to have a five-hour roundtrip for shopping. My departure does not look anything like Paul: nobody is going to harm me. Rather, more benefits and opportunities are ahead of me.

But still it has been good for me to ponder this story as I prepared to move because Paul and the people in Ephesus were good friends and partners in ministry. They accepted Paul as their leader and they shared so many things in their lives together. They experienced God’s work in the life of church. They prayed together, cared about each other, they shared adventures together, they rejoiced and laughed together, and they grieved and cried together.

And for me, saying Goodbye to you is hard because the spiritual life and journey together with you for four years has been so good.

I remember the sky of the day on which my family traveled to Savanna for the first time. We were very hopeful. I remember that those days I used to look up to heaven with gratitude and anticipation in a prayerful heart. This is a picture of the sky that my wife took on the road while we were coming to Savanna to greet you for the first time on June, 2012. We were living in Evanston, by Lake Michigan, the eastside of Illinois, and that day drove west and west and west across the state and finally reached Savanna by the Mississippi River which I had never seen in person before but just in *National Geographic*.



Some people told me that people who come from cities to a small town like Savanna are likely to experience a culture shock. But actually I didn’t because I was too excited to feel it. I came from Korea in 2006 and studied English for two years and got admitted to one of the United Methodist seminaries, and in God’s grace I was able to finish the school, and in God’s more grace I was able to pass all the interviews to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Upon the graduation I was

commissioned to serve a local church and a community. It didn't matter to me where I would be sent. I was just grateful. Of course, there was a little bit of culture shock because I was not just a city boy; I was a young brand new pastor who came from Korea as an international student; I was the first Asian minister in Savanna; English is my second language; I knew nothing about Savanna and knew no one around here: no friends and relatives. There was nothing that we were familiar with: No Korean grocery.

But frankly speaking, I didn't care about any of it because I was very excited. My dream to be a minister in the United Methodist Church came true, and this was the first congregation that God had appointed me to serve and shepherd and reach out and love.

As a United Methodist clergy I knew that I was in the itinerant system. However I have never had in mind that I would leave the Savanna First UMC anytime. I think I worked hard as if I would stay here forever because I was happy to be here. You were so nice to me and my family. Your support and kindness and patience and energy and devotion have given me a lot of impressions and encouragement for my current and future ministry.

By the grace of God, your story and mine have intersected for the past four years. We also have journeyed together, and we have seen God at work. Sometimes I have been the teacher, and you have been the learners. However, very frequently, you have been the teachers, and I have learned from you. This congregation has been a Paul to me, a mentor and teacher. When I came here four years ago, I was fresh out of seminary. I'd never lived in a small town like Savanna. I had never worked at an church of American congregation. However, you welcomed me and helped me get oriented to this new context. You gave me grocery store suggestions and invited me to dinner or sport games or theater or birthday parties or graduation parties. You helped me move furniture. You offered childcare. You took me to a local restaurant. You mowed the grass in summer and blew the snow in winter. You attended my ordination service and blessed me as your pastor in prayer and with thoughtful cards and emails and gifts. You welcomed me.

You have taught me and molded me to grow as a preacher and minister. I had never preached to one congregation every weekend with regularity before. I had never baptized a baby or performed the Sacrament of communion or officiated weddings or preached at funeral services. These and many others are tasks you entrusted me with, and things I learned to do in this place. This community has been my teacher. And I became a better preacher and minister now than four years ago because of you.

You have also taught me through your personal examples. I have been privileged to be invited into your lives, sometimes into the inner moments of life where you were most vulnerable, moments of change, joy, loss, or fragile hope. I sent many souls off to heaven in Savanna. I do not exactly remember how many times I visited nursing homes and hospitals to see you when you were sick and nervous or in trouble.

You have told me your stories. Sitting in my office or at your home or walking down the hall from committee meetings, you have told me your stories. You have spoken of moral victories and deepening faith. You have told me of your deep wounds and heavy burdens and family histories, and you have let me pray for you. I have learned and grown through these encounters with you. You have been Paul to me; you have taught and inspired me. And I can boldly say that I became a better pastor and better person now than I was four years before. And I want to say "*thank you.*"

You cared and loved and blessed my family. We will never forget this congregation and Savanna. Savanna gave a lot of fond and good memories to my family. I remember you welcomed us when we arrived here with a tremendous hospitality. I was very excited to begin a ministry, but my family was not necessarily. But you made my family feel at home right away. You provided dinner for my family on the moving day. When my wife was pregnant, many of you were lined up to cook and deliver hot meals for my family.

We have been blessed with the amazing parsonage, too, and it was the perfect place for my kids. School is just two blocks away, and in front of the house there is a fantastic park and playground. And my family loved and enjoyed the cherry tree in the yard every summer. How can we forget Savanna?



Harrison and Haily and Haden went to school here. Someday they will remember the West Carroll Primary school as the place where they began their academic journey. And Savanna is Handrickson's hometown. I believe someday he will bring his own children and wife to show them Savanna.

Now the time has come for goodbye. Many of you have kindly expressed that it is really hard for you to say goodbye to me. I assure you, no matter how excited I am for what lies ahead, it is equally sad for me to say goodbye to you.

Over the last week I pulled the pictures of the past 4 years, and I realized how much I have come to love this church and the people and this community and how rich and rewarding working with you has been and how hard it is to leave this ministry.

But this I believe, wholeheartedly: Although goodbye is so hard, it can be done with great hope. Apostle Paul departed, and a particular time of ministry came to an end. But God did not depart. Ministry continued on, life continued on, and the stories of the past became the encouragement of the present. I have not the slightest doubt that fruitful ministry will continue here at The Savanna First UMC for years and years to come, because it is God who is at work among you, and God is faithful. He's faithful yesterday and today and tomorrow and forever. And so I can boldly entrust you to God as you can trust that God will lead me forward. God's work is not limited to this place and time, and you and I will both continue to grow and serve and work to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and expand the Kingdom of God no matter where we are.

We don't like to say goodbye. But "goodbye" is the right thing to say, because it doesn't mean "The end." The word "goodbye" is a contraction of the old phrase, "God be with ye." "Goodbye" is a word of hope and blessing. God be with you; God go with you; now and always and forever."

Goodbye is the right thing to say, because wherever we are, and wherever we go, the God who came among us in Jesus Christ is still among us, with each of us. When I say goodbye—"God be with ye"—to you, I believe that God will truly remain here among you. And when you say goodbye to me, you can truly trust that the Spirit of God will be accompanying me and my family. Goodbye is a word of hope and blessing, a prayer for those we love.

This is a hard goodbye for me because I do love you. But I know that our faithful God has been with you in the past, is with you now, and will be with you in the future, so "goodbye" is the right thing to say.

And so: sisters and brothers in Christ, partners in Kingdom ministry, fellow travelers in this journey of faith, children, youth, and adults, and all beloved friends: God be with you; God go with you; now and always and forever.

I'm going to end the message with this one Bible verse the apostle Paul said to his friends. "**God who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it on the day of Christ Jesus.**" (Phil. 1:6)

May God bless this church, bless this community, and bless each of you and your family now and always and forever. Amen.





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

11:30 A.M. Sunday, May 15, 2016

Chairperson Burt Dauphin called the meeting to order with 16 members present. Pastor Dave Davies opened the meeting with prayer.

Kris Yingling moved and Susan Michelle Jepsen seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and the motion carried.

Vivian Eaton presented the financial statement. Paul Mayer moved and Susan seconded a motion to accept the financial statement and the motion carried.

**TRUSTEE:** Paul reported the furnace and probably the air-conditioning needs to be replaced at the parsonage. He will send out bids for the project. He read a letter from Linda Jachino stating UMW will no longer plant and maintain the flowers on the church property. The committee recommended purchasing a new projector for \$2000 instead of repairing the old one for \$1500. A show of hands accepted the recommendation. The committee is still looking into converting the nursery bathroom to be handicap accessible. Ron Miller talked about rethinking the playground site. A new site off the Fellowship Hall would be possible, with a wall, fence, shelter, and smaller playground. The committee recommends that we go forward with this project. Chairman Dauphin called for a vote on the recommendation and the vote passed.

**SPRC:** LaVona Grissinger told us we do not know yet who our next pastor will be.

**EDUCATION:** Kris reported the last day of Sunday School is next week.

**STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE:** Randy Bonjour has received an offer from the insurance company on our embezzlement claim and would like to call a special meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 to discuss it. We applied for \$270,000. Peg Dauphin has agreed to serve as financial secretary and the council voted to accept her offer.

**OUTREACH:** Jason Moore told us this committee is meeting next week.

**WORSHIP:** Kris's committee has been planning the special Memorial Day service. Sunday morning worship time will change to 9:15am on June 5, 2016.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL:** Our representative Pam Darrow reminded us our dues are \$100. Vacation Bible School will be here July 11-15, 2016. The Stronghold camp is being held at the Savanna Bible Church this year.

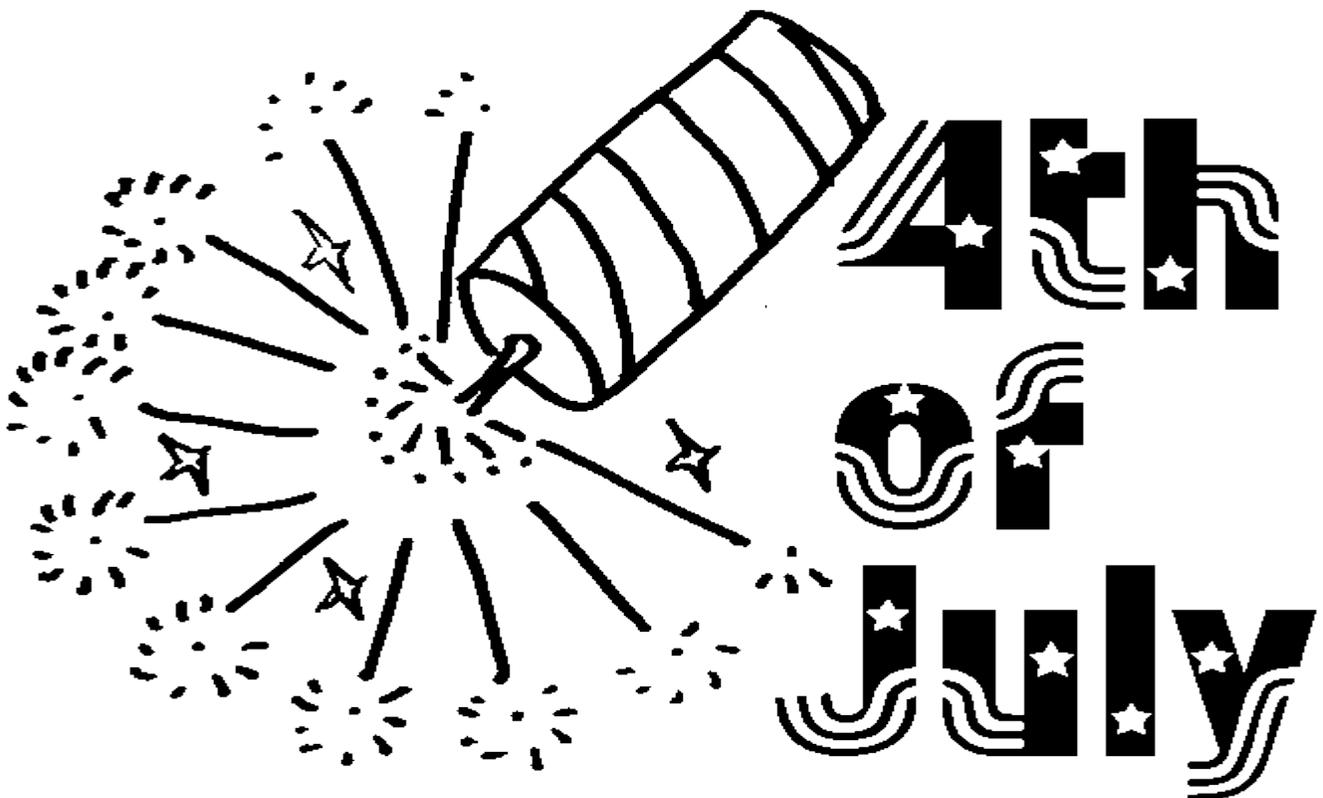
**UMW:** Molly Andersen talked about the May meeting held at the Thompson library. The women had a pizza party and watched the movie, “War Games.”

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ron told us his son, Mark, will be home from Honduras the weekend of June 5-6th. Dave Davies suggested all committees submit a budget to the Ad Council in June or July for the remainder of the year.

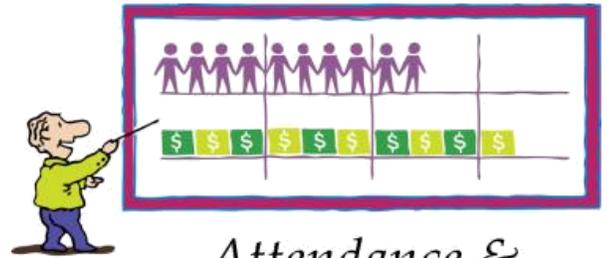
There was no Pastor’s Report as Rev Sejoon Jang is on vacation in Korea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Molly Andersen, Recording Secretary



Date	Income
May 29	\$1,778.00
June 5	\$4,406.10
June 12	\$2,114.00
June 19	\$1881.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,179.85</b>



## Attendance & Financials



## Attendance

Week	Sat.	Sun.
May 29	7	58
June 5	?	82
June 12	x	109
June 19	7	72
Avg.	5	80

## Prayer Concerns

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, Lisa Holmes, Joan Cassellius, Shawn Roling,

Robin Cook, John Powell, Janet Smith, Kay Hottenstein, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill Remrey, Molly Stevens, Megan Satterly, Jerod Wood, Abby Bradbury, Lincoln Eads, James (Wilma Brunner's Nephew), Savannah Jones, Thelma High, Vivian Eaton, Larry Messemer, Military Personnel and their families

# Thank You



I would like to thank all the choir members for coming to practice and for singing on Sundays. I thought you did a great job in the Memorial Day Service. Lots of the congregation commented on how much they enjoyed the choir. I also want to thank you for the plant you sent when I was in the hospital. It has really grown a lot and looks nice on my plant table in the living room. The cards and prayers were much appreciated also, as was Pastor's Dave and Bonnie's visit to the hospital just as I came back from surgery. That was especially nice.

You are a great group to work with and I thank you for putting up with me trying to direct you. I look forward to some more choir selections in the coming months.

Sincerely and with much love,  
Vivian

**Vacation Bible School** will be at the First United Methodist Church July 11th-15th.



July 1

- 2 Jeremy Schoenhaar
- 5 Jeff Doran, Sarah Neumiller, Wendy Reitemeier
- 6 Judy Greenfield, Molly Andersen
- 7 Eugene Correa, Noah Johnson
- 8 John Withhart
- 10 Ancil Guilinger, Ian Willis Erik Torrison
- 12 Eric Purchis, Grant Mangler Hannah Guilinger
- 14 Chris Howard, Eileen Schreiner
- 15 Melissa Darrow, Todd Darrow
- 17 Nathaniel Law
- 18 Ronda Rathje
- 20 Aubry Garcia
- 21 Olen Pepple
- 25 Chris Heindel
- 26 Monika Raymond, Salinda Belander
- 27 Jenny Fosdick
- 29 Taylor Morfey
- 31 Deeann Kramer

Happy  
4th of July



**UMW  
COOKOUT AT SULLIVAN'S  
SATURDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
11:00 – 2:00**

Stop by Sullivan's on July 9<sup>th</sup> and support the UMW fundraiser. Money raised will go towards our UMW mission project. We are sponsoring a school aged girl in Honduras.

**UMW SUMMER COOKOUT**



**Tuesday, July 12th  
6:00 PM**

**Kathie Prins  
Home**

LaVona - Drink  
Chips - Martha  
Dessert - Mary

Kathie will provide the hotdogs and buns.

Members are asked to bring a salad if you have not signed up for a food item.

Deb Ketzal and her husband will be our guest. We will be sharing a short clip that Mark Miller has put together on the young girl we are sponsoring.

**All women of the church are invited to join us.**

**Flower Gardens Schedule  
(Saturday– Sunday)**

<b>May 9-15</b>	Linda Jachino
<b>May 16-22</b>	Mary Irons
<b>May 23-29</b>	Randy & Susie Bonjour
<b>May 30– June 5</b>	Joe & Sharon Guilinger
<b>June 6-12</b>	Bill Wright
<b>June 13-19</b>	
<b>June 20-26</b>	Kay Cavanagh
<b>June 27– July 3</b>	
<b>July 4-10</b>	Linda S.
<b>July 11-17</b>	Alice Riffe-Torrison
<b>July 18-24</b>	Deb Long
<b>July 25-31</b>	Rhonda Badtke
<b>Aug. 1-7</b>	Molly Andersen
<b>Aug. 8-14</b>	Ancil & Sharon
<b>Aug. 15-21</b>	
<b>Aug. 22-28</b>	Pam Darrow
<b>Aug. 29– Sept. 4</b>	
<b>Sept. 5-11</b>	Bonnie Davies
<b>Sept. 12-18</b>	Linda Jachino





## UMW 2015 AWARDS

Our United Methodist Women's unit received several individual and group awards for our 2015 accomplishments at a recent Rockford District Salad Supper held at the Mt. Carroll UMC.

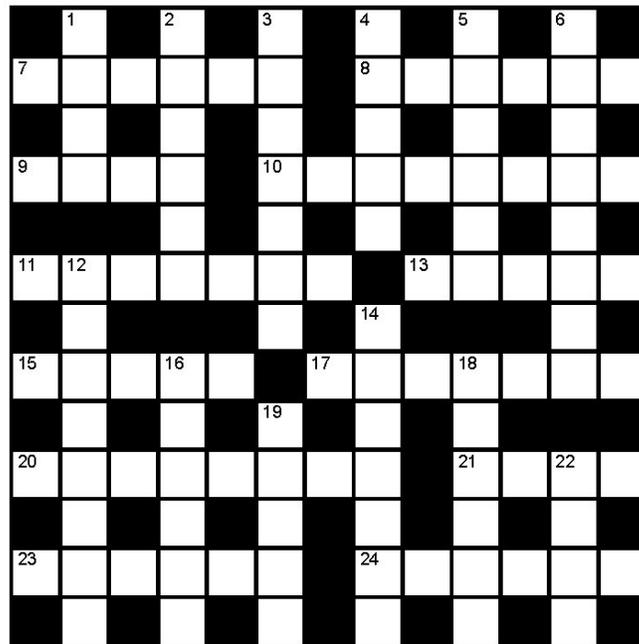
"Reading Program Awards" went to Molly Andersen and Kathie Prins for Plan I (5 books) and Marry Irons and Linda Jachino for Plan II (10 books).

Our unit was awarded a "5-Star Giving" certificate for providing financial support to the district in 5 areas.

We also were one of only two units in the district to receive the "Gold Mission Today Award" for achieving goals in several different categories related to mission work and awareness of social issues.

These goals could not have been met without the support of our Savanna 1st UMC family. Thanks for all of your donations, assistance, participation, prayers, and words of encouragement. Together, we CAN make a difference in our world!

# 2 Peter



## Across

- 7 “Wherefore the \_\_\_\_\_, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” 2 Peter 1:10 (6)
- 8 We have been \_\_\_\_\_ from our old sins. 2 Peter 1:9 (6)
- 9 A sign in the sky that announced Christ’s birth. (4)
- 10 One of the characteristics Peter urges us to add to our faith. 2 Peter 1:5-7 (8)
- 11 The archangel. Jude 1:9 (7)
- 13 Peter makes reference to Paul’s letters. He says that some people distort them, as they do \_\_\_\_\_ scriptures. 2 Peter 3:16 (5)
- 15 “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made \_\_\_\_\_ unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” 2 Peter 1:16 (5)

- 17 Peter wants others to remember his words even after his \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Peter 1:15 (7)
- 20 Christ has given us “exceeding great and \_\_\_\_\_ promises.” 2 Peter 1:4 (8)
- 21 2 Peter 2:15 says that some have “forsaken the right way, and are \_\_\_\_\_ ...” (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 The next word after the answer to clue 21 in 2 Peter 2:15 (6)

## Down

- 1 To abstain from food as a spiritual act of worship. (4)
- 2 Synonym for the Body of Christ. (6)
- 3 Peter desires that we are mindful of the words that are spoken by the holy \_\_\_\_\_s. 2 Peter 3:2 (7)
- 4 Peter refers to false prophets as blemishes, or these. 2 Peter 2:13 (5)
- 5 Christ is both king and this. (6)

- 6 Peter gives warning of false prophets and \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Peter 2:1 (8)
- 12 “But, beloved, be not \_\_\_\_\_ of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” 2 Peter 3:8 (8)
- 14 Christ, the anointed one. (7)
- 16 “... Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the \_\_\_\_\_, fall from your own steadfastness.” 2 Peter 3:17 (6)
- 18 God saved Noah, the \_\_\_\_\_ person. 2 Peter 2:5 (6)
- 19 If one escapes the pollutions of the world and is entangled again, “the latter end is \_\_\_\_\_ with them than the beginning.” 2 Peter 2:20 (5)
- 22 A “preacher of righteousness” among the “world of the ungodly.” 2 Peter 2:5 (4)



# BAPTISM/ NEW MEMBER



# FAREWELL TEA



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## July 2016

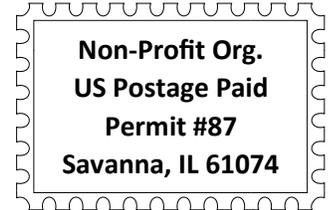
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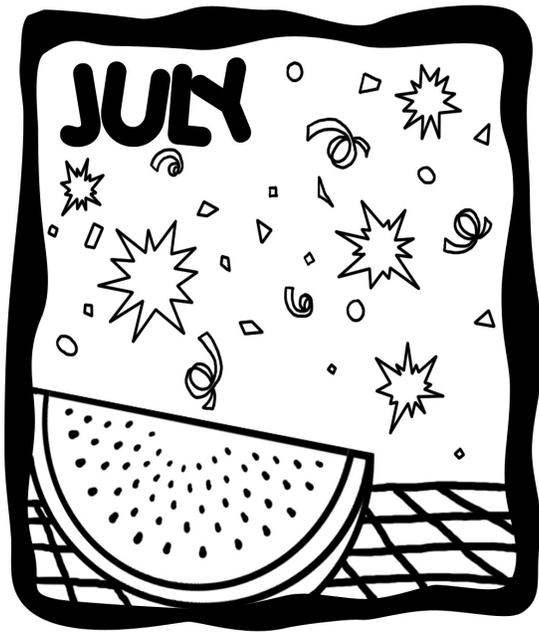
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