



# The Messenger

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### Times of worship –

- Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
- Sunday Worship 10:00 am

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

Next Messenger: **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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## COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### July 12 Mark 6:6b-13 "Living a life of Simplicity"

We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and live out our lives both in word and deed so that we are an invitation for others to join us in this journey with Christ. Yet for the early disciples and us, the lives we are called to live are lives of simplicity - not cluttered with too many things, cares, or concerns.

### July 19 Mark 6:30-34; 53-56 "Compassion to Service"

Even Jesus needed time to rest as he invited his disciples to do so with him. Yet because of his great compassion he was ever ready to serve those who had come in need. We are called to make sure we rest but also follow the example of Jesus in compassion toward service.

### July 26 John 6:1-13 "God Our Provider"

Jesus is always concerned about our needs. In the feeding of the 5,000 he helped the disciples to understand that God will abundantly provide for us. He doesn't let his children be without His care. His arm is not too short to save us!

### August 2 PASTOR ON VACATION - More information later!



### The Ark is Full!

Our ark has been filled. More than the \$5000 needed to fill an ark has been donated. Thank you for your generosity. The animals placed in our ark will improve the lives of many families around the world. Since so many of you have expressed an interest in continuing this project, the Mission commission has set a goal of filling a second ark. The Heifer International Ark has been selected as the service project for our Vacation Bible School, so the VBS children will help as we try to raise another \$5000 for a second ark. **Carol Winterboer, Mission Chairperson**



"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

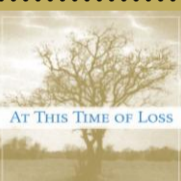
We sing the Doxology every Sunday. Yet at times we take it for granted.

C. S. Lewis, the great English theologian and author says, "We all sin needlessly disobeying the apostolic injunction to rejoice as much as by anything else." In other words one of our greatest sins is that we do not purposely praise and rejoice in God. We are even called to thank God in the times when life is difficult.

Joni Earickson Tada shares, "A sacrifice of praise will cost you something. It will be a difficult thing to do. It requires trading in our pride, our anger, and most of all or human logic. We will be compelled to voice our words of praise firmly and precisely, even as our logic screams that God has no idea what he's doing. Most of the verses written about praise in God's Word were penned by men and women who faced crushing heartaches, injustice, treachery, slander, and scores of other intolerable situations."

We are called to daily practice the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving even for the things that seem to be tearing us.

One time two granddaughters watched as a visitor came to the back door. When he left Grandpa mentioned that he was an appraiser. "What's an appraiser?" the youngest child asked. The older one quickly spoke up: "He's a 'praiser'. He goes to church every Sunday." Let's make being a praiser a daily habit in our life! **May God bring you His Peace, - Pastor Dennis Bailey -**



Our sympathy to the family of Colleen Knight. Services were held at Mt. Ayr.

Attendance	
June 20	27
June 21	43
June 27	29
June 28	74
July 5	51

## PRAYER REQUESTS



- > Jody Jones at Carroll Health Center
- > Elizabeth Jones in hospital
- > Frank Jorgenson, surgery

## Ingathering Kits

It's July and school supplies are on sale already! It's time to start gathering supplies for the **Ingathering School Kits**. Ladies in the congregation have been sewing bags and have 130 bags for us to fill. Here is a list of school supplies needed:

- Spiral notebooks (75 sheets of WIDE line paper) – 3 per bag
  - Unsharpened pencils with erasers – 6 per bag
  - Scissors (metal with tapered or bunt ends)
  - Rulers with 30 centimeters (wooden or plastic)
  - Erasers 2 ½ inches
  - Boxes of crayons (only 24)
  - Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Items for **Layette and Health kits** are also being collected. The greatest need for the layettes are
- cloth diapers and small sleepers (size 0 – 3) or small gowns. Cloth diapers are hard to find but packages (10 count) can be purchased locally at both Wal-Mart and K-Mart.

The complete list of items for layettes and health kits will be printed in the August Messenger. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in front of the desk in the Main St. office. If you would rather make a monetary donation, the Mission Committee members will be happy to do the shopping for you. Thanks for your help with this project.

**FOOD PANTRY -----** Our congregation continues to be faithful to the mandate of Jesus in feeding the hungry. In May, 71 items were donated to the Community of Concern Food Pantry. Items included not only food, but also personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. Summer months are a good time to donate tuna helper & canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly and other foods that kids can prepare for themselves.

Life Serve Blood Center will be here July 20, 12:30 – 5:15 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800-287-4903 and earn donation points for a limited-edition superhero t-shirt.



## THANKS

TO: Bill & Deb Fish who re-potted the peace lily in the Overflow Room. Looks great!  
FROM: The Food Pantry for our donation of \$200 and our loyal on-going support.

**Pastor Bailey and Nancy have received news of a new grandson. Congratulations!**

You are the children of the LORD your God.

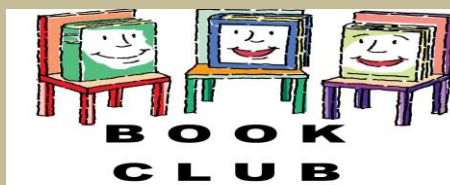
Can't attend church but still want to be a part of worship? Download a free App from the App Store called: Livestream. Then look for FUMC Carroll and you can see the Sunday service as it happens!

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**NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.**

## Calendar for July 8<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 8</b>
6 – 8 p.m.	VBS!!!
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 9</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
6 – 8 p.m.	VBS!!!
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b>
10:00 a.m.	NO MOM's Playtime
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b>
9:30 a.m.	Carroll Historical Society
10:00-11:30	Wedding Shower in FH
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 12</b>
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Music by Nick Schumacher
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 13</b>
4:00 p.m.	German Club
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 14</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 15</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 16</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 17</b>
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
6-9:00 p.m.	Lay Servant Ministries Workshop
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 18</b>
8:30-3:30 p.m.	Lay Servant Ministries Workshop
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 19</b>
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Music by The Happy Express Barber Shop Group
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 20</b>
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 21</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Carroll Health Devotions
11:30 a.m.	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 22</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 23</b>
Noon	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 24</b>
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 25</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship-Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 26</b>
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship-Communion
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 27</b>
4:00 p.m.	German Club
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 28</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Carroll Health Devotions
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 29</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 30</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 31</b>
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime



### The Heavenly Bound Book Club

*is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month.*

The **July** dates are **Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>**, at **11:00 AM** at Queen Beans or come **Thursday (the 23<sup>rd</sup>)** at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat. The July book will be the second book from Francine Rivers series of Lineage of Grace: Rahab.

From an Amazon reviewer: I have always loved the story of Rahab- a woman who had incredible faith in God. Francine Rivers, in her usual flawless style, brings readers the story of a Canaanite prostitute who risked her life to hide two Israelite spies, and because of her bravery and deep belief in God was richly rewarded. The second book in the Lineage series, Rahab reminds us never to lose faith, even in our darkest moments.



This week we started our VBS program. During the past few months preparing for VBS, it has stuck true to its theme- "Conquering challenges with God's might power."

God has shown me many times lately that He has the power to provide. That He has the power to comfort. That He has the power to heal. That He has the power to forgive. And finally He has the power to love us forever! These are great lessons for the kids and we will be focusing on one each day that they are here. They are also great lessons for us to remember!

Many times this past month I was worried about how VBS was going to come together. God showed me that he will provide for it. I was worried about how this church would get transformed. I was worried about how we would have enough workers to make sure everything was covered. I was worried that we wouldn't have very many kids. It did me no good to worry. It was wasted energy. If I would have been more focused on what God was teaching me and less on worrying I would have figured it out sooner that the theme held true and that God truly does conquer challenges. In the day to day business it is hard to see how God provides, but once I had a chance to step back and really reflect on everything it is truly amazing. We call these God Sightings at VBS!

A huge thank you to all of you who have helped physically, prayerfully, monetarily. To those that donated supplies for us to use, or gave us an encouraging word. Without everyone's support we would not be able to pull VBS off.

As of Sunday afternoon we have 78 kids preregistered. There are always more that come in the door throughout the week, but currently we have 15 kids that have no church home listed! What an awesome way for us to share about our Lord and Savior with kids who may not know anything about Him. We will also have kids this week who have a church home, but will not be practicing members of their church. What a way for us to reach out to those children as well.

This week is not all about the kids though. We also have over 40 different volunteer that help us run this week. Most of these are from our own church, but we have a lot from other churches that want to come help here. They know we have a heart for the children and they want to be a part of it.

VBS is a great time for us to live up to our mission statement of "Connecting people with God through worship, witness, service and sharing". Be watching for updates on stories from VBS!

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**10:30 a.m.**  
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**6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturdays**