

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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June 2016

“We have suntan lotion, you know.”

Mieke, upon noticing my beet-red skin this week, gently delivered this information as I spent some quality time on the couch with my peeling shoulders. My toasted exterior was a product of three hours' yard work in sunny, 85 degree heat. I considered my unfashionable new scarlet look a worthy price of what I had bought, though: a clean, trim yard free of unsightly blemishes like weeds, crabgrass, etc. And, as I informed my dear wife, it's true that I should apply the lotion in heaps (and I often do) but it's equally true that my Irish skin burns no matter what I do.

During those three hours I channeled my inner Hank Hill to the fullest, removing all sticks and twigs, mowing back and front, trimming all the hard-to-reach spots and sweeping the sidewalk and road. I removed the mushrooms that like to pop up every 7 or 8 days, careful to grasp the root, and got down on hands and knees in order to individually extricate no fewer than thirty patches of thistle. I even opened up the edger and fixed the feed – no small feat for someone so mechanically challenged – and my sidewalks once again are cropped with the precision of one who displays an admittedly curious obsession with symmetrical turf and pavement.

Once those more demanding tasks were complete, it was time to spray the spots in the driveway and between sidewalk squares in which troublesome bits of grass take up residence. Boiling water and other methods have proven ineffectual in this arena, so this is the only not-completely-organic substance that I use outside. I casually glanced at the label of the bottle Mieke had picked up and, despite reading promises that the product would kill crabgrass and weeds I also noticed the words “Won't harm the lawn.”

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These words rattled around in my head as I sprayed. “Won't harm the lawn. Truly? You mean I can spray this wherever I want and it will ONLY take out the bad stuff while leaving all the resplendent vegetation I want to keep? Well, by golly, *that* is a sweet deal.” I momentarily considered dancing about my lawn, spraying with reckless abandon as this magical substance rid my property of the garden evils that would wage war upon my precious verdant landscape.

I thought better of this, of course, but as I sprayed in a few select areas I considered what it was that I was doing. I was using a tool that helped me to keep all of the good while getting rid of all the bad. If only, I thought, we could do the same with ourselves. We are all God's creation, and far more beauty exists in us than in the most magnificent of lawns. But this is not evident when the uglier aspects of our personalities are allowed to choke out the more desirable ones. When this happens we are not beautiful. Rather, we bear a much stronger resemblance to the weeds that would prevent the beautiful grass and flowers of the world from reaching their full potential.

But wouldn't it be nice if this wasn't the case? Wouldn't it be great if we had a means by which we could trample underfoot the negative aspects of ourselves, thereby allowing the positive ones to flourish? It suddenly occurred to me that this is not just some fantastical pipe dream. We *do* have that. Our God does more than create; our God also *listens*. Just as we spray, so can we pray. If you want to foster the good while working on neutralizing the bad in your life, take it to God in prayer! You see, prayer doesn't *work* when you don't *pray*. And how can the church nurture if you're not *there*? My point, dear friends, is this: When we immerse ourselves in both prayer and worship, engaging in fellowship at all turns, we not only are responsibly destroying the weeds in ourselves but we are also nurturing the beautiful creation with which God has entrusted us.

So I implore you: Join me in the yard. We'll get more done together. J

*Pastor Mike*

# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30-9:30 NA	2	3 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	4
5 <b>Communion</b> <b>New Members</b> <b>Class</b>	6 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	7 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	8 6:30-9:30 NA	9	10 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	11
12 <b>Session</b>	13 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group  6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	14 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus  <b>Presby Meeting</b>	15 6:30-9:30 NA	16	17 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	18
19	20 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	21 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	22 6:30-9:30 NA	23	24 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	25
26 <b>Deacons</b>	27 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group  6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	28 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	29 <b>11:30-Classy</b> <b>Lassies and</b> <b>Grazers</b> <b>Lunch</b> 6:30-9:30 NA	30		

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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Nancy Pride, Deacon

Patrick Frobe, Deacon

John Jennings, Deacon

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk

## Music Man Jr.

Gale Shrewsbury is playing Mrs. Paroo in the Music Man Jr at the Village Theater in Canton.

Performances are July 14-16 at 7:00pm and  
July 16-17 at 2:00pm



**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship –**  
Potluck Picnic

**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. –**  
Bonfire and Wienie Roast

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. –**  
Board Game Night

## OUR JUNE BIRTHDAYS!



1 Geraldine Decker  
6 Betty Willox  
6 Colleen Williamson  
28 Dave Thomas

*Let's DO Lunch*



The Classy Lassies (ladies) and Grazers (gentlemen) meet at 11:30 on the last Wednesday of the month for lunch and fellowship. All are welcome to join as the men visit one location and the ladies another. Meet at the church before 11:30 on June 29 to attend this lunch with a host of friendly folks.

## June 2016 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### June

Wednesday, June 1 Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 Eccl. 3:1–15 Gal. 2:11–21 Matt. 14:1–12	Monday, June 6 Morning: Pss. 62; 145 Evening: Pss. 73; 9 Eccl. 7:1–14 Gal. 4:12–20 Matt. 15:21–28	Sunday, June 12 4th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 103; 150 Evening: Pss. 117; 139 Num. 6:22–27 Acts 13:1–12 Luke 12:41–48
Thursday, June 2 Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 Eccl. 3:16–4:3 Gal. 3:1–14 Matt. 14:13–21	Tuesday, June 7 Morning: Pss. 12; 146 Evening: Pss. 36; 7 Eccl. 8:14–9:10 Gal. 4:21–31 Matt. 15:29–39	Monday, June 13 Morning: Pss. 5; 145 Evening: Pss. 82; 29 Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36 Rom. 1:1–15 Matt. 17:14–21
Friday, June 3 Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Eccl. 5:1–7 Gal. 3:15–22 Matt. 14:22–36	Wednesday, June 8 Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 132; 134 Eccl. 9:11–18 Gal. 5:1–15 Matt. 16:1–12	Tuesday, June 14 Morning: Pss. 42; 146 Evening: Pss. 102; 133 Num. 11:1–23 Rom. 1:16–25 Matt. 17:22–27
Saturday, June 4 Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Eccl. 5:8–20 Gal. 3:23–4:11 Matt. 15:1–20	Thursday, June 9 Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 26; 130 Eccl. 11:1–8 Gal. 5:16–24 Matt. 16:13–20	Wednesday, June 15 Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 1; 33 Num. 11:24–33 (34–35) Rom. 1:28–2:11 Matt. 18:1–9
Sunday, June 5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 108; 150 Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Eccl. 6:1–12 Acts 10:9–23 Luke 12:32–40	Friday, June 10 Morning: Pss. 84; 148 Evening: Pss. 25; 40 Eccl. 11:9–12:14 Gal. 5:25–6:10 Matt. 16:21–28	Thursday, June 16 Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 16; 62 Num. 12:1–16 Rom. 2:12–24 Matt. 18:10–20
	Saturday, June 11 Morning: Pss. 63; 149 Evening: Pss. 125; 90 Num. 3:1–13 Gal. 6:11–18 Matt. 17:1–13	

Friday, June 17  
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Num. 13:1–3, 21–30  
Rom. 2:25–3:8  
Matt. 18:21–35

Saturday, June 18  
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Num. 13:31–14:25  
Rom. 3:9–20  
Matt. 19:1–12

Sunday, June 19  
5th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Num. 14:26–45  
Acts 15:1–12  
Luke 12:49–56

Monday, June 20  
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Num. 16:1–19  
Rom. 3:21–31  
Matt. 19:13–22

Tuesday, June 21  
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Num. 16:20–35  
Rom. 4:1–12  
Matt. 19:23–30

Wednesday, June 22  
Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Num. 16:36–50  
Rom. 4:13–25  
Matt. 20:1–16

Thursday, June 23  
Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Num. 17:1–11  
Rom. 5:1–11  
Matt. 20:17–28

Friday, June 24  
Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Num. 20:1–13  
Rom. 5:12–21  
Matt. 20:29–34

Saturday, June 25  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Num. 20:14–29  
Rom. 6:1–11  
Matt. 21:1–11

Sunday, June 26  
6th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Num. 21:4–9, 21–35  
Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24  
Luke 13:10–17

Monday, June 27  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Num. 22:1–21  
Rom. 6:12–23  
Matt. 21:12–22

Tuesday, June 28  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Num. 22:21–38  
Rom. 7:1–12  
Matt. 21:23–32

Wednesday, June 29  
Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Num. 22:41–23:12  
Rom. 7:13–25  
Matt. 21:33–46

Thursday, June 30  
Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Num. 23:11–26  
Rom. 8:1–11  
Matt. 22:1–14



**Financial Report as of 4/30/2016**

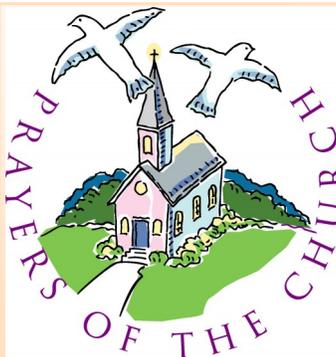
	<b>April</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	8,969	36,941	35,182
<b>Expenses</b>	8,048	36,764	35,721
<b>Net Income or Loss</b>	921	177	-539

**Liquid Assets\*** 90,898 90,898  
 \* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.  
 Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

April marked the second consecutive positive month of the year. Increased plate offerings and a \$682 gain in mutual funds were the primary positive factors. However, we still have not been billed for snow removal yet. Various additional cash outflows included the cost for the majority of the new entryway tile, and three separate Thank God 4 Christian Parent Fund causes.

**MEIJER REWARDS UPDATE**

Well this was unexpected: the Kirk received a letter in late May that the Meijer Rewards Program was being cancelled effective at the end of June. The good news is that if you signed up and received your Meijer One card or linked to a Meijer credit card, the Kirk can still earn some funds until June 30. The bad news is if you delayed sending in your application, it will not be accepted. So, thanks to everyone who recently joined up. The Kirk will receive its last check in September for all funds spent as of June 30, 2016. At present, Kroger has a similar rewards program that we are looking into. It appears to have fewer restrictions than Meijer and only requires either linking with the current Kroger Plus card or a new application. Watch for further information in the coming months.—Fred Kirk



Now that you have finished reading the newsletter, please take a moment to pray for...

**NEEDING PRAYERS:**

Willow Creek’s preschool teacher, Darlene Taig, has an 11-year old granddaughter with Kleefstra Syndrome

Lynn King’s friend and her family need prayers for healing

*The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.*

*It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God’s love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.*