

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Keep Calm. It's Ordinary Time.

This message, which is one of the roughly million takes on the original 1939 British "Keep Calm and Carry On" poster, is printed on a green t-shirt and frequently manifests its presence in the form of an advertisement on my Facebook page.

This past week I've been decorating Fellowship Hall and planning summer worship. I've been considering how I want to frame the service these next couple months, and the directive of the aforementioned green t-shirt has come to mind on more than one occasion. The liturgical year, especially Lent and Advent, can be a wild ride for pastors as we strive to plan services that appropriately and responsibly capture the meaning of the seasons and their implications for us Christians. Beginning in late November or early December there is Advent, which culminates in Christmas and is followed shortly thereafter by Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. There are then a handful of "Ordinary Time" weeks but Transfiguration Sunday is right around the corner. Only 72 hours later comes Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of two months of Lent. Lent concludes with Holy Week, a run of services which begins with Palm Sunday and also consists of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship (though in some churches involves additional services, such as Saturday Easter Vigil). Then there is Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord. After that we have 6 more "Sundays of Easter," which leads right into Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday.

And then.....Ordinary Time. Pastors everywhere stop and take a collective breath. In our mind's eye we are reclining on a beach, our toes in the sand and only blue sky as far as the eye can see.

Okay, so I might be exaggerating just a tad. But the truth is that in these 4 months of ordinary time pastors are presented with a respite from the heavily regimented church calendar. The calendar is still there, but in this absence of festival day and season we are given the liberty to swim in an ocean of autonomy as we exist in this time between Easter and Advent.

So, what to do? It's Ordinary Time, so a perfectly acceptable option would be to Keep Calm, as the t-shirt suggests. Select lectionary texts, pick out the typical hymns, and show up on Sunday morning with a sermon. Go through the motions, because summer has arrived and we're all hot and sleepy and just waiting to get home for some barbecue and the swimming pool.

But I don't want to "keep calm."

When the sun is shining into Fellowship Hall and I'm with my beloved church family, that's the last thing I want to do. When the music begins playing and every face is lined with a smile, it's the last thing I'd think to do. And as we are all together in one place with the singular goal of worshiping God, it's the last thing I'd ever be *able* to do.

In the worship space that has been crafted in our Fellowship Hall, you will notice the color green is not in short supply. Green, which is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time, is symbolic of life and growth. If we are to truly live and grow, we cannot "Keep Calm." If we cannot regularly find joy anew in the gospel that we preach, we might as well tear down all that green, for there is no life in us. And we can forget about growth in our numbers, for that lack of life will inspire exactly zero others to join us.

It's easy to become frustrated when it doesn't seem like we're "growing." As you stare out at the myriad shades of green in your midst, however, I would remind you that growth takes many forms. Growth is not just about physical numbers. If we had 300 more people in church next Sunday but they were all there to take a nap, would we be able to call that growth? We need to be able to surrender to what God offers us: each other. We must yield to God's timing; we are in charge of doing ministry and revealing Christ to others...NOT "putting butts in the seats." And so I say this: "Growth" does not begin with hundreds of people in chairs. Growth begins inside YOU. We must hold ourselves accountable and regularly take spiritual stock of what is happening within our heads and our hearts. Are you growing in your prayer life? Your devotional life? Is your path shrouded in the darkness of ambiguity, or does the Word of God light your path? How often do you deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Christ?

If you cannot take up your own cross, no one will follow you to the cross of Christ. Growth begins inside each of us, and the Spirit will shepherd us along that marvelous, unending journey. Rather than dreaming about fuller sanctuaries, let us instead seize the opportunity to live our Christian faith as we joyfully engage in fellowship. We already have been given a great gift, so let us show God our gratitude for what we have *today*.

Carpe diem, friends. *Live*, and God will take care of the growth.

Pastor Mike



There will be a card and game night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 21 from 6:30-9:30 PM.

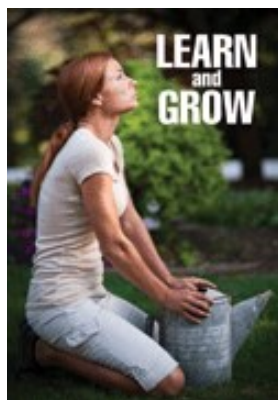
During the first hour (6:30-7:30) there will also be a fundraiser meal provided, with funds going toward replacement of the cement walk by the lower level entrance. This is the

second of three such game/fundraiser nights; the final one is scheduled for Friday, August 18.



July 2 – September 3

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 10:00 a.m.





4	Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin
10	Carolyn Gates
10	Diane Weigel
19	Betty Hesselgrave
19	Ruth Duvall
28	Lee Milligan-McLane
28	Dorothy Albright
29	Mark Handford
31	Michelle Shrewsbury



The Presbytery's Hunger Ministries Program requested boxes of cereal, breakfast bars, juice boxes, non-perishable milk and raisins for local children who have relied on free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school and who might go without enough to eat in the summer.

The Kirk stepped up and members donated 30 boxes of cereal that Pastor Mike and Elder Madeline Carpenter delivered to the Presbytery Meeting on June 13. Thank you!

CROP WALK UPDATE

\$7008 was raised by the participating churches. 75% of this goes to the International programs Crop Walk supports. 25% stays in our local community and is divided up between FISH, St. Mary's Food Cupboard, New Hope 's Food Cupboard and the Salvation Army.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2018), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher, Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2018) Deacon

MISSION/OUTREACH

Judy Curtis (2018) Chairman and Elder

Nancy Pride (2020), Elder

Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon

Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland (2019) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder

John Jennings (2018) Deacon

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

TREASURER: Fred Kirk



JULY 26

Join Classy Lassies and Grazers as they meet at 11:30am in the church lobby before going out to lunch. All are invited! This means you!

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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall	3 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	4 OFFICE CLOSED 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	5	6	7 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	8
9 PULPIT SUPPLY 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall	10 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	11 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	12	13	14 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	15
16 PULPIT SUPPLY 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall	17 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	18 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	19	20	21 6:30-7:30pm Fundraiser Meal 6:30-9:30pm Card & Game Night in Fellowship Hall 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	22
23 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall	24 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	25 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	26 11:30am Classy Lassies and Grazers lunch	27	28 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	29
30 PULPIT SUPPLY 10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall	31 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group					

July 2017 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.

Saturday, July 1

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
1 Sam. 9:15–10:1
Acts 7:30–43
Luke 22:39–51

Sunday, July 2

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
1 Sam. 10:1–16
Rom. 4:13–25
Matt. 21:23–32

Monday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
1 Sam. 10:17–27
Acts 7:44–8:1a
Luke 22:52–62

Tuesday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
1 Sam. 11:1–15
Acts 8:1b–13
Luke 22:63–71

Wednesday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
1 Sam. 12:1–6 (7–15) 16–25
Acts 8:14–25
Luke 23:1–12

Thursday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
1 Sam. 13:5–18
Acts 8:26–40
Luke 23:13–25

Friday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
1 Sam. 13:19–14:15
Acts 9:1–9
Luke 23:26–31

Saturday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
1 Sam. 14:16–30
Acts 9:10–19a
Luke 23:32–43

Sunday, July 9

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
1 Sam. 14:36–45
Rom. 5:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Monday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
1 Sam. 15:1–3, 7–23
Acts 9:19b–31
Luke 23:44–56a

Tuesday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
1 Sam. 15:24–35
Acts 9:32–43
Luke 23:56b–24:11 (12)

Wednesday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
1 Sam. 16:1–13
Acts 10:1–16
Luke 24:13–35

Thursday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
1 Sam. 16:14–17:11
Acts 10:17–33
Luke 24:36–53

Friday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
1 Sam. 17:17–30
Acts 10:34–48
Mark 1:1–13

Saturday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
1 Sam. 17:31–49
Acts 11:1–18
Mark 1:14–28

Sunday, July 16

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
1 Sam. 17:50–18:4
Rom. 10:4–17
Matt. 23:29–39

Monday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Sam. 18:5–16 (17–27a)
27b–30
Acts 11:19–30
Mark 1:29–45

Tuesday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Sam. 19:1–18 (19–24)
Acts 12:1–17
Mark 2:1–12

Wednesday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Sam. 20:1–23
Acts 12:18–25
Mark 2:13–22

Thursday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Sam. 20:24–42
Acts 13:1–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

Friday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Sam. 21:1–15
Acts 13:13–25
Mark 3:7–19a

Saturday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
1 Sam. 22:1–23
Acts 13:26–43
Mark 3:19b–35

Sunday, July 23**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
1 Sam. 23:7–18
Rom. 11:33–12:2
Matt. 25:14–30

Monday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
1 Sam. 24:1–22
Acts 13:44–52
Mark 4:1–20

Tuesday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
1 Sam. 25:1–22
Acts 14:1–18
Mark 4:21–34

Wednesday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
1 Sam. 25:23–44
Acts 14:19–28
Mark 4:35–41

Thursday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
1 Sam. 28:3–20
Acts 15:1–11
Mark 5:1–20

Friday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
1 Sam. 31:1–13
Acts 15:12–21
Mark 5:21–43

Saturday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
2 Sam. 1:1–16
Acts 15:22–35
Mark 6:1–13

Sunday, July 30**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
2 Sam. 1:17–27
Rom. 12:9–21
Matt. 25:31–46

Monday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
2 Sam. 2:1–11
Acts 15:36–16:5
Mark 6:14–29



Financial Report as of 5/31/2017

	May	Year to Date	Budget
Income	8,482	54,537	48,205
Expenses	8,420	43,862	46,843
Net Income or Loss	62	10,675	1,362
Liquid Assets*	103,947	103,947	

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

For May the Kirk eked out a positive result due mainly to continued use of a gas bill credit and \$750 in gains on Kirk Mutual Funds. Overall the Mutual Funds are earning over 12% for this year but things can of course change during the next months. Although not a part of the above schedule, the Kirk did also repair a portion of the flat roof at a cost of \$1,500 which was withdrawn from the Kirk's Capital Funds Reserves.



15 Kirk of Our Savior households shopped at **Kroger** between January 31, 2017 and April 30, 2017 and contributed \$78.79 through the Kroger Community Rewards program. It's easy to sign up. See Fred Kirk or visit Carolyn, our Administrative Assistant, during office hours if you would like more information on how to sign up. There is no cost to you. Kroger donates a percentage of your total bill back to the church. If you aren't already signed up, please consider doing so.



BECKMAN BABY SHOWER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

We will be celebrating the upcoming birth of Baby Beckman! Shower will take place after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Beckmans are registered under "Michael Beckman" at Amazon.com and Target.com. Amazon gift cards (available in person at most grocery and drug stores) are welcomed if you prefer not to shop online.



Please pray for JoAnn and Ron Bard. Ron has cancer and has about 3 months to live.

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.