



# The First Presbyterian Newsletter

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Tony De La Rosa and Shannan Vance-Ocampo recently led us in worship. Tony is among the leaders who have reaffirmed *“our own mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to choose love over hate in all our relationships and to ‘seek the ‘peace of the city’ in the living out of our faith.”* See p.1-2.

## Our Denominational Leaders Respond to the Orlando Shooting

by The Rev. Dr. Glenn D. Leupold

This week, as I am packing my bags to attend our denomination's General Assembly, the highest governing body in our church, I have mixed emotions. The seemingly endless treadmill of mass shootings continues. Those in power who could reduce the number of shootings, so it is at least closer to the rate of every other nation, seem beholden to those who fund their campaigns. When airplanes were used to attack us on 9/11/01, we responded by controlling access to planes, the weapon used. We now have a no fly list. If that seemed wise then, why not apply the same wisdom regarding guns designed for military use by making them unlawful for civilian use? How many must die before such weapons are seen as a big threat to public safety? We banned a lawn game called “Jarts,” but allow easy access to a gun no one really needs in civilian life. Such thoughts distract me as I prepare for a gathering wherein we'll collectively discern the will of God for our denomination at this time in its history.

I will be the “teaching elder commissioner” to GA in Portland, Oregon, June 18 through 25, for Albany Presbytery. While preparing for GA, I received a note from Gradye Parsons, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Heath Rada, Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014) and Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and our June 5 More Light preacher. It's a statement on the Orlando

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## Summer Schedule

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church</b> each Sunday <b>except</b> when a joint worship service will be held at the following <b>FOCUS</b> Churches:
<b>July 3</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>First Church in Albany, Reformed</b> 110 N. Pearl Street, Albany (see <b>Festival Choir</b> , p. 3)
<b>August 7</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Delmar Reformed Church</b> 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar
<b>September 4</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Westminster Presbyterian Church</b> 85 Chestnut Street, Albany

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Gail Scott  
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massacre. Here are excerpts: *"We join our heavy hearts with the great multitude of those who mourn the killing and maiming of so many of our brothers and sisters at the Pulse club in Orlando, Florida. As people of the Reformed tradition, we are not naïve about the reality of evil in the world in which we live, or the capacity within us all to choose evil over good. Nor can we doubt the profound capacity to accomplish such evil deeds in a society overrun with weapons designed to kill. Even so, it is shocking when that evil is manifest in such a horrendous way.*

*"We applaud the courage of those touched by these killings, who even in their grief, have joined together to declare their intention to stand firm against all the forces in the nation and the world who wish them harm. It would be naïve to ignore the implications of this brutal attack for the LGBT community as a whole. Likewise, we would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the fact that the attack in Orlando primarily impacted...the Latinx community [Latinx is a gender-inclusive way of referring to people of Latin American descent]. This provides a painful reminder that experiences of oppression are shaped by multiple social identities and lived experiences. Facing this evil, we reaffirm the commitment of our own General Assembly to oppose all efforts to demean or exclude those in our society and our churches whose sexual orientation has made them targets of abuse and hatred.*

*"In that regard, we stand with our friends in the Muslim community, knowing that there are those who continue to stereotype all persons of Muslim faith or identity, and who will characterize the attack as further evidence of the danger posed by such persons within our midst. [L]et us renew our own mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to choose love over hate in all our relationships and to "seek the peace of the city" in the living out of our faith."*

Upon my return - and even during my absence - the ministries of First Pres will continue: Opposition to the flood of money into political campaigns, work on a new pictorial directory that will be handed out on Worship in the Park Sunday (September 11), work on a revised and updated firstpresalbany.org - our church website, work on fall programming, etc. When the next shooting happens - and it will - our determination will not have decreased one iota to make some real changes in our nation. We can't give up, especially given Christ's example. And given the lives of those lost.

**If you want to read about the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and the decisions made, like the inclusion of the Belhar Confession into our Book of Confessions, you can read about it at [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).**

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## Education Celebration !



### Attention All Children and Youth **Christmas Pageant?**

By Christy D'Ambrosio



It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas. Next season's musical production will be a Christmas Pageant. Casting will be open to children and youth in grades K – 12. There will be a part for everyone. Please plan to come to the first cast meeting in September. More detailed information will be available soon.

### **Festival Choir**

**For FOCUS Service, July 3**

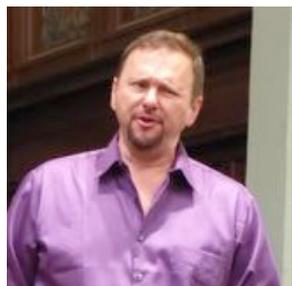
There will be a massed "Festival Choir" for the FOCUS WORSHIP SERVICE on July 3. We will meet at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary of First Church, 110 North Pearl Street. Everyone is invited even if you don't sing regularly with a choir. We will be singing a hymn arrangement of "When in our Music God Is Glorified." There will be an optional rehearsal on Thursday, June 30, at 7 PM for those who would feel more comfortable having an advance look at the music for Sunday. We won't wear robes. There is ample free parking in the First Church parking lot adjacent to the church (off Sheridan Avenue.)

*There is a 9 AM worship service that takes place in the First Church parking lot, off Sheridan Avenue. Plan to arrive early and park either against the brick wall that abuts North Pearl St in the large parking lot and walk through Clee park; or park in the smaller "Orange street" lot on the North side of the church.*

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June 3, 2016

## First Friday Finale



Pause Here a Moment...

## Gun Violence and the Presbyterian Church (USA)

*Editor's note: The following is taken from Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call, created by the Office of the General Assembly. This excerpt starts with the church in Mexico asking our denomination to help stop sales of guns.*

On August 5, 2009, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) received a letter from Mexico: The National Presbyterian Church of Mexico is worried due to the high percentage of violence that we are living within our country today. Kidnapping and murders are everywhere, especially in cities such as Tijuana, Monterrey, Juarez, Morelia, Acapulco... This is why we come to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, so that you may help us ... in transmitting our concerns to those in charge of selling guns to Mexican people ... (which kill) in many cases ... innocent people. So, as leaders of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, we have come to the conclusion that we have to raise our voices against violence; and together with you all, we might share the same feeling, so that our presidents may work hard to make stability a reality in our countries.

One of the primary arguments for gun ownership is self-protection. But a recent study from the University of Pennsylvania confirms the correlation between gun ownership and becoming a victim of gun violence. The study found that those with guns were 4.5 times more likely to be shot in an assault than those not possessing a gun. If guns did in fact protect us from violence, the U.S. would be the safest country on earth. Instead, we are the most at-risk for gun violence among developed countries.

Jesus reprimanded Peter for first grabbing a weapon in his defense. "For all who live by the sword will die by the sword" (Matt.26:52b). If weapons become the basis of your social relations, they will kill you. If preserving your guns has become more important than the safety of thousands of other people, then weapons have become your idol, in diametric opposition to the vision of a city that is a joy, where children and old people live out their years, and the weeping of grief-stricken mothers is no longer heard. It is not enough to have a social critique, however. The first letter of John challenges us "not (to) love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." We must struggle with how to implement the vision, a challenge that was taken up by John Calvin as well. At the very core of his theology was an understanding that the intentions of God should be implemented on earth. There is a direct connection...between God's intentions, the prophets' visions, Jesus' teaching, and the implications for our own actions. If God commands that we not kill and that we work for a future when former enemies work together as friends, then the injunction extends beyond our own individual choices, as important as they are. We are compelled to work for policies, or ways of ordering society, which "defend," "promote tranquility," "ward off harm," and remove harm. The church is not as disturbed with the legitimate possession and use of hunting rifles, shotguns, and sport shooting guns, but we are categorically opposed to the poor regulation and easy flow of guns that are manufactured to efficiently kill human beings.



Eric and Deb Fagans report on their recent trip to a national convention of NEXT Church, and pose the question to the Adult Education Class, "What is in the future for the Church and for us?"

The June celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Pres's association with the More Light movement was topped off by cake during coffee hour in Assembly Hall.



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## Shepherding our Place of Worship

By Stephanie Kite, Property Committee Chair

The Property Committee of First Presbyterian is charged with the care of our buildings, the area immediately outside them, and much of what they contain. Our buildings, beautiful as they are, are primarily our place of worship and a home or home base to the many ministries our congregation engages in. Ensuring that God's house meets our worshipping needs and the other needs of the congregation is our purpose.

With that goal in mind, our committee is undertaking a few new projects to make sure that we are communicating well with the entire congregation. We want to make sure that we are listening to your suggestions and responding thoughtfully while we try to do the best possible job taking care of the property.

The first undertaking is the renewal of a past practice of including an article in the newsletter about the projects that have been recently completed or are about to commence on our property. The articles will run every other month and the aim is to fully inform the congregation about how the church buildings and equipment are being maintained or improved.

To augment this effort, we have also installed a bulletin board in the hallway adjacent to the Assembly Hall. You might have noticed it there, empty as of now, but soon to include photos of recent projects, an area for people to leave suggestions for future work or areas that need immediate attention, and a listing of the Property Committee members.

The third initiative is that the members of the Property Committee will be paired up this summer and each pair will take it upon themselves to be the stewards of particular areas of the property. All committee members will still share responsibility for the entire property, but having two sets of eyes on specific areas will help us improve our ability to catch needs sooner and make sure that we don't overlook even minor repairs. Given the extensive area that our church encompasses, we hope this will improve our ability to notice



The newly sealed ramp-gap will protect the structure from the perennial freeze-thaw damage.



A future repair project - the re-pointing of the stonework over the State Street chapel entrance. This work will be needed to prevent further loss of the mortar that holds the arch keystone in place.

anything that needs attention. The Committee pairs and their specific areas of the property will be included on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact me at [secarroll@hotmail.com](mailto:secarroll@hotmail.com). As always we welcome your involvement and also invite each of you to consider joining the committee. Our work is consistently improved by new committee members and the gifts they bring to our ministry.

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Consider taking a moment to enjoy the growing garden of hostas in the parking lot compliments of Ray Henrikson.



Spiffy new parking lot seal coating and stripping! Please observe the elevator drop off zone at all times.



A recent project completed -freshly cleaned Rose Room carpet and upholstery!

## Stewardship at First Presbyterian The Ripple Effect

By Stephanie Kite, Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

Gladys Crowder, Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee and I, along with Pastors Glenn and Miriam, committee members and other interested parties have decided to initiate a new bi-monthly article in the newsletter to keep the congregation further informed of the activities of the Stewardship Committee. The articles will strive to ensure that the congregation knows what plans the committee is working on and what actions are forthcoming.

This past year saw two brain storming sessions by committee members and other interested congregants. While we discussed many worthwhile stewardship initiatives, we have chosen, for now, to pursue three specific avenues to enhance stewardship at First Presbyterian.

The first avenue is the articles, the second will be the preparation of the two recently hung bulletin boards adjacent to the Assembly Hall filled with news and photos of stewardship efforts by First Presbyterian members. We hope to have a constantly changing array of evidence of the many efforts by church members to be good stewards of God's gifts. These bulletin boards will augment the newsletter, church bulletin, minutes for ministry, and announcements during worship that all help to keep the congregation informed of opportunities for sharing our blessings.

The third avenue that the committee will be undertaking is to meet with all of the stewards of our 250th Anniversary Campaign. We plan to discuss with our fellow congregants the potential for increasing their annual stewardship pledges to First Presbyterian now that the majority of the Anniversary Campaign pledges have been completed. We are well aware that many of the Anniversary pledges reflected great discernment and prayerful consideration with God while also presenting financial challenges to the stewards. Respect for individual circumstances and considerations will be foremost in our minds as we embark upon this effort to meet the needs of God's work through our congregation.

Further planning over the summer will define how we go about this effort. Please know that the committee speaks for the entire congregation when we express our appreciation and gratitude for your current and future stewardship participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself ([secarroll@hotmail.com](mailto:secarroll@hotmail.com) or 518-265-8042) or Gladys ([gladyscrowder@earthlink.net](mailto:gladyscrowder@earthlink.net) or 438-4383). We will be happy to hear your thoughts and also invite everyone to consider joining the Stewardship Committee. The work of the committee would be greatly enhanced by your participation.

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Eugene Carson Blake

## New Life Breathed into Scholarship

PC(USA) News  
Louisville, May 27, 2016



*Editor's Note: Eugene Carson Blake held office as stated clerk of the General Assembly of the PCUSA and of the United Presbyterian Church, served as the president of the National Council of Churches, and was General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. In 1963 Dr. Martin Luther*

*King and Eugene Carson Blake led a March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom at which King delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech. He was Pastor of First Presbyterian Church (1935-40). This is an excerpt from an article in the PC(USA) News.*

Transitions don't always go smoothly, and very often vital resources unintentionally slip through the cracks in the process. Such was the case with the Eugene Carson Blake Scholarship.

The scholarship is for students from the United States who show promise for church leadership to attend the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. Recipients participate in a four-month intensive graduate program that exposes them to the full spectrum of Christian traditions and explores the ecumenical and mission challenges churches face today.

Yet over a period of years ... the annual scholarship, created through a fund in the mid-1980s after the death of Eugene Carson Blake, former Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., had gotten shelved...

That is, until now.

This year ... two PC(USA) students have been awarded scholarships. Brianna Benzinger, a recent graduate of Austin

Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Sabrina Ing Slater, an alumna of Princeton Theological Seminary, are headed to Bossey in September.

"I didn't know much about Eugene Carson Blake or the scholarship until I received an email from Melissa Davis," said Benzinger, originally from Lewisville, Texas. "Even after I applied, I had this feeling in my gut that it was crazy to think that I would or could be going to Switzerland. A couple of months later I received a letter saying that I had been admitted. ... I was thrilled!"

Slater, too, was please at being selected. "I felt even more special, blessed in fact, when I was notified that I had been awarded the scholarship because it was not an opportunity that I was seeking out or searching for," said Slater, whose former career was in higher education.

... Blake ... served as the second general secretary of the WCC [World Council of Churches].

"We are fortunate to have such incredible young leaders who recognize the importance of being a witness to the unity of the church, [according to] the Reverend Melissa Garrett Davis, coordinator of ecumenical networking and resources in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ... especially around issues of human suffering and brokenness," ... "The education and experience they receive ... will help ensure that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continues to be a leader in the ecumenical movement."

A tax deductible contribution to support the Eugene Carson Blake Scholarship can be made by visiting <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/make-a-gift/-info/102>. Checks can be mailed to the Office of the General Assembly, Attn: Melissa Davis, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

## Home Repair Project

By Christy D'Ambrosio

On Saturday, June 11, a group of First Pres volunteers donned masks and continued with this summer's project, which included scraping and spackling the Rev. and Mrs. Mackey's living room and den.

Take a quiz: Can you identify who the masked bandits are? (See answers below.) A great deal was accomplished, and now the only thing that remains is a bit more spackling and a lot more painting. Thank you, volunteers, for a job well done!

During the summer there may be a job for YOU! Contact Christy, [Christy@FirstPresalbany.org](mailto:Christy@FirstPresalbany.org).



**Answers:** (Top L-R)

Leslie Cheu, Laura and Andrew Montgomery, Ron Geuther; (Above L-R) Lydia Green, Killala Kite, Arthur Iyok, Vaughn Nevin. Not pictured: Hugh Nevin and photographer, Daniel Iyok.

## Wizard's Wardrobe Synod Grant Awarded

By Deb Fagans

The South End Neighborhood Tutors, Inc., initiated by First Pres, is starting up an after school, one-on-one tutoring program called The Wizard's Wardrobe. It has been awarded a \$6,405 grant from the Synod of the Northeast to help us get up and running!! We are very excited about this.

While we are still awaiting our lease from the Albany Housing Authority, John Myers has been working with Leslie Roccario on designing the space. We believe that we have all the pieces that AHA wants collected and handed in. The next step is to get the Planning Board of the city to allow a "change in usage" permit, so that we can sign the lease and begin renovating the space.

In the meantime, we are hoping to start building the various moveable components. This will

allow us to be able to set the space up more quickly once the lease is signed.

We are also beginning to collect applications for tutors. Our first full day training will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – hopefully at our site at 20 Rensselaer Street, just down the block from Giffen Memorial Elementary School. If you are interested in applying, you can find applications on the back table of the sanctuary and on the table under the Outreach & Mission bulletin board. You can also speak to Debbie Fagans (371-0131) or find it on line at our 'under construction' website [thewizardwardrobe.org](http://thewizardwardrobe.org).

We have met with Mrs. Brown, Giffen's principal, all of the kindergarten and first grade teachers and everyone is excited about our program, and they will all help identify students from Giffen School who can benefit. Please consider joining our merry band.

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## July 2016

### 3 Sunday FOCUS

10:00 am Worship at First Reformed  
110 N. Pearl St.

### 10 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

### 14 Thursday

Endowment Subcommittee

### 17 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

### 18 Monday • Triennium Departs

### 19 Tuesday

10:00 am Clergy

### 23 Saturday • Triennium Returns

### 24 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

### 31 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

## The Baby Institute

By Gail Scott

The Baby Institute of the NYS Parenting Education Partnership will be taking giant steps in the near future involving a new alliance with Albany Medical Center. Their nine week session will hold another graduation of parents at Giffen School in the fall. These parents need all the support we can offer in raising healthy children.

So let's put the quiet days of summer to good use and produce a blanket or quilt for these little ones. We could even have a quilting bee at the church!! Are you interested? Contact Ann Songayllo (annsong@fairpoint.net) or Gail Scott (gailscott24@aol.com).

## Ushers and Greeters

Jul 3 10:00 am FOCUS at First Church (Reformed)

Jul 10 9:30 am Team 2 – J Coley, Joanne Gascoyne, Richard Gascoyne, David Hannay, Margaret Hannay

Jul 17 9:30 am Team 3 – Keith Barber, David Haase, Bob Stevens, Linda Stevens

Jul 24 9:30 am Team 4 – Jeff Durgee, Ray Henrikson, Prudence Iyok, Rachel Smith, Roseline Takor

Jul 31 9:30 am Team 5 – Don Mark, David Pettis, Ron Pettis, Marilyn Riddle, Phillip Riddle, Barbara Woodruff

## Deacons' Flower Ministry

Jul 3 FOCUS

Jul 10 Latham-Loudonville – Prudence Iyok, Ron Pettis, Peter Kimuli

Jul 17 Rensselaer & East – Leslie Roccaro, Deb Shoup, Diane Cornell

Jul 24 Guilderland-Schenectady – Grace White, Ellen Kemp, Peg Schalit

Jul 31 Albany West – Judy Mark, Lee Helsby, Bob Willower

The Albany East  
Neighborhood Flock hosts  
July Coffee Hours.

Fair Trade Market is Sunday, July 17.

### Deadline - August 1

## Applications for Education Grants

### Available to Church Members

By Carol Bullard, Membership Committee Chair

Planning to continue your studies after high school? Perhaps there's been a gap since you graduated but now you are ready to take the next step toward an advanced degree? Or maybe your goal is to obtain certification in a special field?

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## Ushers and Greeters

- Aug 7 10:00 am FOCUS at Delmar Reformed Church
- Aug 14 9:30 am Team 6 – Diane Cornell, Dee Dee Edwards, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Cynthia Winter
- Aug 21 9:30 am Team 7 – Carol Bullard, Joseph Mathias, Alice Schrade, Deb Shoup, Ann Songayllo
- Aug 28 9:30 am Team 1 – Maddy & Ben Eisenbraun, Lydia Green, Arthur & Daniel Iyok, Lauren Kuo, Sophia Pruzek, Mia & Maggie Robinson, Akap Takor

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- Aug 7 FOCUS
- Aug 14 Albany East – Joe Mathias, Jerry Nathan
- Aug 21 Latham-Loudonville – Prudence Iyok, Ron Pettis, Peter Kimuli
- Aug 28 Rensselaer & East – Leslie Roccario, Deb Shoup, Diane Cornell

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### Education Grants, continued from p. 10.

First Presbyterian Church awards educational grants to members who seek financial assistance in continuing their education. These funds may be used in any way during the school year for any type of studies beyond high school. A simple Education Grant Request Form can be obtained from the church office. Completed forms can be mailed or emailed to the church office ([info@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:info@firstpresalbany.org)) and must be received by August 1, 2016. For additional information please contact Carol Bullard ([cbullard@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cbullard@nycap.rr.com)).

## August 2016

### 7 Sunday FOCUS Worship

10:00 am Worship at Delmar Reformed  
386 Delaware Ave., Delmar

### 14 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

### 21 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

### 28 Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Communion)  
10:30 am Fellowship

Note: *Italics indicate outside groups.*

### AA Meeting Schedule

Daily 5:30 pm  
Wed 10:00 pm  
Thurs 7:30 pm

### Get Well Group

Wed & Fri 7:30 pm

## Deacons Doings

By Leslie Roccario, Deacon

Flocks hosting the coffee hour after services this summer are East Albany in July and West Albany in August. If you are a member of that flock and willing to bring in goodies to help out your Deacons, give them a phone call or an email. We love to have help - including manning the coffee and food tables. It's a great way to meet more people too!

Rumor has it the Delmar and Rensselaer flocks are planning gatherings in late July - keep your ears peeled for news. Other flocks are looking towards the fall.

Enjoy your summer, but don't forget to let us know if you are in need of care or have special concerns.

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### Lectionary

<b>Jul 3</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Psalm 30 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<b>Jul 10</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14	Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37
<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28	Psalm 52 Luke 10:38-42
<b>Jul 24</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Hosea 1:2-10 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Psalm 85 Luke 11:1-13
<b>Jul 31</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Luke 12:13-21
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Luke 12:32-40
<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:49-56
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29	Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 13:10-17
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14



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Recordings of the worship service are available from the church office.