



Winnetka Covenant Church
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The Network

July, August, 2017

July 9 & 23

August 13 & 27

**Beach
Services at
8:00 a.m.**

August 9

**Music on the
Steps –
Prairie Brass
Band**

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“The Glory in the Sky”

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)*

These are the words that came into my spirit last night in Wrigley Field’s right field bleachers; some very different words came to others! If you’ve been a bleacher bum for a day or a night, you know what I mean, what those words are.

And though I love baseball and especially Cubs baseball at Wrigley field, last night the game was secondary for me, because I was mesmerized by the beauty of God’s creation. Sheets of rain could be seen nearby, shimmering silver clouds on the left edge of the ballpark, while the left field skyline to the west and north seemed an endless glow, which for all of an hour became more and more beautiful, as though God were painting the clouds reddish pink. At last the sun edged down over the rooftops and soon the stars appeared to join the artificial lights in glowing up the game, a 3 to 2 come from behind victory for the cubbies. Amazing! All of it!

The wonder of life, and the stunning beauty of creation. “The heavens,” the skies – the sun and moon, stars and clouds – are a sight to behold, if ever we can stop ourselves long enough to be still, and slow down, and watch, and see, and wonder. This was the gift of the bleachers for me. Nowhere to go for three hours. Time and space to sit, looking west at the setting day, and the unfolding of night. And warm, summer breezes. Amazing!

This must be why with the summer psalms come to mind for me, because of their endless allusion to creation’s beauty and the wonder of creation’s Creator. I might ask you to let them companion you through this outside season of days and nights, of sunrises and sunsets and thundershowers and windstorms and stars shining.

We do not worship creation, but with all creation we worship the Creator. Find time, and space, and the psalms this summer and you’ll be blessed!

Peter Hawkinson

Summer 2017 – WCC Church Calendar

Ongoing Opportunities for Fellowship

Summer Sunday Supper and Bible Study. We will read EPHESIANS together. At 6:00 p.m. at the Hawkinson home, Sundays **July 16** (chapters 3 and 4), and **August 20** (chapters 5 and 6). Bring something to eat. Drinks provided. Welcome!

Wednesday Night Walking, thru August 23. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., walkers meet at the bench outside the Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue. Walk at your own pace with friends around the beautiful Gallery Park. Welcome!

Friday Morning Golf. July 7, and August 11. Join friends for 9 or 18 holes, all ages and abilities welcome. Tee times 7:30 – 8 a.m. at Glencoe Golf Course. Reserve your place by the Wednesday before by noon by calling Pastor Hawkinson. Welcome!

Worship at the Beach

**Southern Strand of Gillson Park beach near the Wilmette Harbor.
Bring a chair or blanket.**

Sunday, July 9 – 8 a.m.

Sunday, July 23 – 8 a.m.

Sunday, August 13 – 8 a.m.

Sunday, August 27 – 8 a.m. with baptisms

Evening Gatherings for Special Events (all free, look for WCC folks there!)

Wednesday, July 12 – “Flat Cats” (Blues and Jazz), 7 p.m. at Jackmann Park, 1930 Prairie St., in Glenview.

Friday, July 28 – “Damn Yankees” Summer Musical at Wallace Bowl, Wilmette, gathering at 7, show at 8 p.m.

Friday, August 4 – “Rhythm Rockets” (40’s R and B), Wallace Bowl, Wilmette, gathering at 7, show at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9 – Music on the Steps – Prairie Brass Band. Bring your own picnic – Ravinia style. Gather at 6 and music begins at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15 – “Hidden Figures” movie @ dusk, Twiggs Park, Dodge and Simpson Avenues, Evanston

Tuesday, August 22 – “Brass From the Past,” Chicago Botanical Garden, 6 p.m.

We’re in need of volunteers to be with our children during worship on summer Sundays, giving our regular teachers and nursery attendance some time off: Nursery, 2’s & 3’s, and age 4-grade 5. Please contact Joan in the church office to be added to the schedule for a particular Sunday.

Calling All Musicians!

Do you play an instrument or like to sing? This summer we are looking for more WCC members to share their musical gifts in worship. If there is a song you’d like to offer, or you’d like help finding music to share, contact Dimitri German.

Mission Opportunities

A Just Harvest – July 6th and 20th and August 3rd and 17th at 1:00 p.m., cooking in our kitchen. New participants are always welcome to join the cooking crew. On the 20th and 17th we are also asked to send a crew to go to the Kitchen to serve. They depart from church at 4:30 and return at about 7:00. Contact Mary Beth Kovacic to volunteer or with questions.

Greater Chicago Food Depository – Saturday, July 15th and August 19th would be great mornings to volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Your sweat equity will help restock the shelves of the North Park Friendship Center. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rachel Rescorl or Deb O'Donovan for the link and to find out carpooling details. Please remember to wear your comfy closed-toe shoes and long pants.

Mission Committee News

You won't want to miss *Sunday, July 16!* Two Covenant missionary families will be visiting us that day.

Minh and Jen Dao and their children will share with us in the worship service. The family are Covenant Career Missionaries in Thailand. For the past two years they have been focusing on language studies and have recently begun women's ministries and helping to grow 'kingdom' businesses. For more information e-mail them at minh.dao@covchurch.org and jen.dao@covchurch.org.

Philippine (Pini) Kidulah will be worshipping with us as well. Pini is the founder of Jitokeze, an organization that helps women in her native Kenya by building their capacity to access resources such as income, credit, markets, agricultural inputs and training. Pini is a partner of Covenant World Relief, among other granting partners. For more information check out www.jitokeze.org. This video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKuj601DfHq> broadly outlines all the different projects that Jitokeze does.

The Mission Committee will host the Dao family and Pini for lunch after church. Pini will share with us at the lunch.

Save the date – Mission/Work Trip to Covenant Mountain Mission

On the weekend of October 20-22, we will once again travel to Lee County, Virginia to help with maintenance projects at Covenant Mountain Mission. Watch for a sign-up flyer and more information in the bulletin!

Church Artwork

Since 1968 a painting by my uncle, Herb Olsen, has been displayed in the Church in memory of my father, Moin (Vernon). It was recently refurbished and found a place in the narthex. Herb was a well-known and respected watercolorist who grew up in Edgewater Covenant Church. He defied his father, a Swedish immigrant and carpenter/contractor, by becoming an artist. He subsequently changed the spelling of his last name to distinguish himself from the family name. His father never stopped loving his son but did not understand his choice to be an artist and was mystified that he could earn a living as an artist.

Mary Olson

Art Exhibit in the Narthex

Be sure to enjoy the art exhibit which will be featured in the narthex through the summer. The theme of the exhibit is "Water." Many thanks to the talented artists of the church who are willing to share their paintings.

Trustee Update

The Winnetka Covenant Church financial summary through May 2017:
As of May 31, our financial summary is highlighted below.

➤ YTD Financials

- General Fund Giving through May 31 - \$353,348 (9% less than 2016)
- Total receipts to date are 8% under planned budget; Expenses are under budget by 8%; Operating funds and cash are better than planned.

Comparisons to Prior Year and Budget:

	2017 Actual	2016 Actual	%	2017 Budget	%
General Fund Receipts	\$420,798	\$421,541	100%	\$454,237	92%
Expenses	\$406,472	\$442,291	92%	\$440,795	92%
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	\$14,326	(\$20,749)			

	<u>05/31/2017</u>	<u>05/31/2016</u>
<u>Cash</u>		
General Fund	\$(51,894)	\$(69,709)
Exchange Accounts	83,455	88,882
Memorial/Bequest Funds*	30,609	3,677
	\$62,295	\$21,176
<u>*Investments</u>		
Memorial/Bequest Funds	\$ 136,197	\$134,649
Johnson/Gustafson Memorial	43,771	44,987
General Fund	0	522
Total	\$179,968	\$180,158

➤ WCC Projects and Special Needs

- Thank you for your continued financial stewardship. We are slightly behind in giving. Mid-year statements will be distributed, please review these and help us catch up.
- For those considering a stock gift, this is a great way to benefit both you and the church. Contact a Trustee for more information.
- Besides your regular contributions, please also consider supporting our sanctuary video projection project.

The WCC Board of Trustees financial reports and meeting minutes can be provided by the church office. Please contact Tom Sharp, WCC Treasurer or Kelly Quackenbush, Financial Secretary, with any questions.

On Saturday, July 29th there will be an all-church work day. This will be an opportunity for all who wish to pitch in to come to church and help tackle some tasks that are outside the scope of everyday maintenance. Watch your bulletins or ask Luke for more information.

Mailbox

Dear Members of Winnetka Covenant Church,

On behalf of the family of Elsie Anderson, we would like to thank you for the many ways you have shared God's love. The visits, holiday plants, and greeting cards brightened Elsie's days both at Axelson and Brandel. The hospitality offered by the coffee and sweets table after the memorial service was such a gracious way to allow family and friends to gather and reminisce. You have been a blessing to Elsie and to us as well.

*Gratefully,
The Anderson/Crellin Families*

Dear Winnetka Covenant Church,

Thank you for your awesome generous gift to me at my departure. I am so grateful for the time you gave me as Music Director. I will always cherish the many blessed times of Spirit-filled worship and service we shared together. You are a treasure to Jon & I and we thank God mightily for you and your faithfulness to Him.

*With thanksgiving,
Dawn & Jon*

Women's Ministries

Following are ongoing groups for the women of the church. They all welcome new participants at any time.

Moms Together – The Moms' group will not be meeting over the summer.

Next Chapter – If you want to be advised of any spontaneous summer outings with The Next Chapter (formerly recently retired women) be sure to contact Judi Geake to be added to the e-mail list.

Quilters, Knitters, etc. – Meet on the **second Thursday** of each month for fellowship and service. Watch the weekly bulletins for location of the meeting.

Sharing Group - We cordially invite all WCC women to join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon for lunch and fellowship. We will meet on **July 27th and August 24th** at Baker's Square. You'll enjoy the fellowship. Contact Marian Eckhardt with questions.

Stitch and Study - Stitch and Study, combining prayer, conversation, and craft/needlework projects, meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Watch your bulletins for the location of the summer gatherings. New participants are always welcome to come with or without a project. This summer's meetings will be **July 18th and August 15th**.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – This Bible study has concluded meeting for the spring.

Central Conference Fall Fellowship Women's Retreat: Registration opened on June 1 for the Central Conference Fall Fellowship Women's Retreat. The retreat, "Living the Questions," will be September 15-17 at Covenant Harbor, with Karen Hinz as speaker. Registration forms and brochures are available on the bulletin board in the main hallway, or you can go to www.wmcc2gether.com for more information.

Youth Opportunities

Regular Junior and Senior High activities have concluded for the school year. Watch the bulletins and your e-mails for information about summer activities. Questions? Contact Kim Steiner or Rachel Kovacic. The summer activities that are planned right now include:

- **Monday, July 10th** – Trip to Six Flags in Gurnee – Meet at church at 9:00 a.m., return to church at 9:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 23rd** – BBQ and Pool Party – Following Sunday worship on the 23rd we will be headed out to grill and swim!
- **Friday, August 4th – Saturday, August 5th** – Lock-In at church, starting at 7:00 p.m. – Come and join us for a good ole' Youth Group Lock In. Pizza, Movies, Games, Snacks, Games, Movies, Pizza, Movies, No Sleeping, Snacks and so much more.
- **Sunday, August 13th** – Beach and Breakfast – Come and join us at the Beach Service. We will then leave the beach and head to Walker Bros. for breakfast together.

Youth Pastor Search Team – The search committee has been formed and is beginning to meet. Members are: Jed Bassett, Micah Bowe, Kristina Hawkinson, Linnea Johnson, Kajsa Nelson, Rachel Rescorl, Inger Eiesland-Schultz, Kim Steiner, Krist Werling, Kurt Zitzner, Brian Madvig (ex-officio) and Peter Hawkinson (ex-officio). Please be in touch with any of these folks to offer hopes and ideas, and please remember to pray for the process!

Summer Campers – Every summer, lots of our children, some of our adults and some of our families attend our conference camps. We ask for you to remember them in your prayers, that they would have a safe and fun time away and that they would further their relationships with Jesus.

Those attending Covenant Harbor are: Melanie and Tessa Bowen, Annabelle and Hailey Fogel.

Those attending Covenant Point are: Ellie Bassett, Micah Bowe, Drew and Violet Bramley, Graham, Chase and Harper Breidenbach, Tara Cahill, Isabella Ecklund, Will Foster, Makeda Hausman, Madison and Gabby Heintzelman, Flannery Holbrook, Gwen and Sonja Johnson, Maeve Johnson, William Kelly, Ian McClellan, Madeleine Ryan, Eli & Jacob Werling, Linda Johnson, Bramley Family and Werling Family.

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Our Mission

To be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
Worshiping together in love,
Nurturing people in faith,
Serving others as Christian disciples,
And building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.

Guidelines for Loving Relationships

We hold grace as our highest value.
We practice honest, open, direct communication.
We speak the truth in love and listen in love.
We believe the best about each other,
valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.
We allow room for mistakes,
acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.

Do You Know Why You Are Who You Are?

Parents: Have you ever wondered how you could have given birth to a child so unlike the two of you?

Kids: Have you ever thought to yourself that you must surely be adopted - the only explanation for why you are so unlike anyone else in your family?

Why not make this summer a learning experience for everyone.

Our different personalities play a role in how we each see and react to various situations. If you or your family members would like to better understand these normal, natural differences and how they impact family dynamics, call or e-mail Judi Geake and arrange to take the Meyers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Then sit down together and explore those differences. The indicators can be filled out at home and returned to Judi for scoring.

In a recent thank you note, one mother wrote: "*Administering the Myers Briggs to our family has been the greatest gift. Now we've got a framework to understand each other. We're exploring our differences and appreciating each other, whereas in the past, we would just walk away from some conversations scratching our heads and feeling disconnected. We're closer than we've been in ages because this has taken our relationship to a whole new level.*"

There is no charge for church members or attenders. For further information or scheduling, contact Judi.