



Pinckneyville First UMC

July/August 2025

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-17, 2025

5:00—7:30 pm (Dinner will be provided)

Nashville Grace UMC

250 N. Mill Street—Nashville

Call Kourtney Hake at 618-322-5602 to register

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The food program is feeding 80-100 children in the Pinckneyville area every day, M-F. Our day to serve is Wednesday and volunteers are always needed. So is the food we pack: Juice pouches, cheese or peanut butter crackers and pudding cups. Come help Wednesdays if you can. All of July and part of August to go!

June Financial Report

June Giving **\$ 15,532.07**

June Expenses - **\$ 11,134.52**

Difference **\$ 4,397.55**

Jan.1-June 30 Giving **\$ 85,950.59**

Jan.1-Jun 30 Exp. - **\$ 85,658.40**

Difference **\$ 292.19**

The report does NOT include the income & expenses of the Summer Lunch Program.

Also, in July we have a quarterly insurance payment due of \$6450.

Your generous support is very much appreciated.

All bills are paid and apportionments are up to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 13th - Brandy will take the youth after church to Culver's in MTV for lunch and then aquatic zoo.
- July 20th 6 p.m.—Finance committee Meeting. (Bill Roe, Joe Holder, Darlene Holloway, Richard Dulle, Lori Schmidt, Steve Sweeney, Jeff Tanner, Tom Smith, Steve Plumlee.)
- We are still in need of a Sunday School teacher for the elementary group when it resumes in the fall. Please contact Brandy for more information or to volunteer for the position

NubAbility needs Volunteers

July 17-20 is the NubAbility event in Du Quoin. Rhonda Shubert is in charge of volunteers and they can use help from 8 am - 5 pm every day. We also need help Monday - Wednesday from 8-noon for set up.

If anyone can help, please call Rhonda at 618-317-7302.

Thoughts from Pastor Leanne

I had the privilege of growing up in a beautiful Victorian-era home (built in 1880s) in my hometown of Lebanon, IL. While most every room in the house was utilized daily by my older sister and me, there was one area of the home us kids really had no use for: the dining room.



Featuring a striking dining table, carefully displayed family keepsakes and tasteful blue wallpaper, it was largely considered a special occasions room to be admired rather than a location for regular foot-traffic. So my sister and I would pass it daily...but would rarely enter.

I bring up my beloved childhood home because it closely resembles how people of faith often approach the Bible. Sure, we have our popular go-to passages found in the Psalms or in the book of Romans or basically anywhere in the Gospel writings. But then...there's Hezekiah. Or sweet little Nahum. Books such as these are like the "dining rooms" of scripture. We know they're there. We appreciate they're there. But we don't commonly utilize these books or spend much time just sitting with them and their messages.

A few months back, I asked around to investigate what kinds of sermons or sermon series you would be most interested focusing on in the future. Fantastic feedback came my way including a sermon series on books or people of the Bible who are often overlooked and worth examining.

I loved this idea. Ergo, for the next few weeks this summer, we'll be diving into parts of our beloved Bible that are either unfamiliar or understudied by many of us. Starting with the book of Joel, heading over to the book of Habakkuk, and then researching a few more topics and books within our Bible, I pray we all gain a clearer, more accurate understanding of God as we explore some of the most stirring and powerful images of God's character.

Without reading God's story in its entirety, people of faith miss out on an even greater picture of God's love and grace. By reading about the "little guys" in scripture, we're also affirming to ourselves and to our children that ALL of the Bible is approachable, timely, and plain ol' important.

This July, it is my hope and prayer that you'll bring your family and friends to worship as we explore biblical nooks and crannies we may have previously overlooked. God is always on the move and God is always talking...even when it comes to the "less popular" crowd in scripture. I can't wait to share even more about who God is with you this summer!

Thankful for your faithfulness,

Pastor Leanne



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Julie Wilder
4 Sam Carney, Hallie Waggoner
Sue Perry
5 Tom Smith
6 Anna Mae Hawkins
7 Roger Morgenstern
9 Hunter Barnett
11 Janet Thomas
12 Marylin Dinkins
13 Laurie Engelhardt, Bobby Wildermuth
18 Drew Schneider
22 Peg Harsy
25 Jeanette Carlson
26 Mardy Smith
28 Ellie Carlson
29 Angie Pyatt
30 Roslyn Sronce, Larry Trail
31 Kathryn Kirby, Lisa Wild

July Anniversaries

1 Jon & Peyton Gregory
5 Ted and Cathy Cunningham
12 Doug and Jenny Wedeking
14 Mark and Shelly Schneider
15 Jim and Lindell Campbell
18 Terry and Jackie Weatherford
30 David and Nancy Bigham

August Birthdays

2 Mason Morgan
5 Cathi Gerrish, Stacey Inman
11 Alexis Bigham, Barbi (Harriss) Horn
13 Leonard Heisner, Vickie Tanner
14 Emma Banach
16 Phyllis Crawford
19 Jessie Pyatt
21 Marty Kirby
23 Brian Morgan
24 Sandy Sweeney
25 David Bigham
27 Payton Morgan

August Anniversaries

2 Stuart & Amy Morgenstern
15 Bob & Lori Waggoner
21 Jason & Sarah Stutes
23 Tom & Mardy Smith
28 John & Connie Morgan

Congratulations everyone on your milestones! If your name was not included in our list, please inform the office so that we can update our records.