

The Good News

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RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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JUNE 5, 2022

Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS @ RCC



Baptism Sunday-Sundae Summer Bash

Sunday, June 5 following worship

Get ready to scream for some ice cream at the RCC Sundae Summer Bash, as we celebrate the beginning of summer and the blessings of the baptisms. Gather with the congregation as you make your own ice cream sundae that is sure to sweeten your Sunday!

First come, first served, while supplies last.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU!



Pastor Katie's Notes

Dear RCC,

“Remember your baptism.” I heard this phrase often in the church that I grew up in. Honestly, it was a phrase that puzzled me; I grew up in a tradition that baptized babies and, since my baptism occurred when I was only one month old, I couldn’t remember it at all!

Of course, the charge to “remember your baptism” wasn’t about recalling the actual day—what the pastor said or what the congregation sang or what cute baby outfit I wore—but about remembering what baptism meant for *every other day of my life*.

Over the last month, I have had the privilege of working with several young people as they prepare for baptism. Together, we have read the scriptures to help us understand what this significant step in our faith journeys means for our lives.

In the Gospels, we read the story of Jesus’ own baptism and heard God say, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.” We understand that **in baptism, God claims us as children.**

In Romans 6 we heard Paul say, “all who were baptized into Jesus were baptized into his death” and that “the death he died, he died to sin, once for all.” We understand that **in baptism, we are cleansed of sin.**

We read the story of Pentecost in the book of Acts in which thousands of people were baptized, committed themselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and communion, and the church was born. We understand that **in baptism, we become committed members of Christ’s church.**

How can we remember these things about our baptisms? Every time we wash our hands or take a bath, we can remember that the waters of baptism have cleansed us from sin. Every time we hear of opportunities to volunteer at RCC—to teach vacation Bible school, to be a member of the church board, to lead prayers or songs in worship, etc.—we remember that our baptism commits us to the work of Christ’s church. And every time we baptize a child, like our congregation will get to do on June 5, we remember that we are also God’s children—claimed by God in the waters of baptism and just beginning our journey of learning and growing toward spiritual maturity.

Remember your baptism, today and always.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie





July 24-27, 2022 - 6-7:30 pm

SPLASH!

Vacation Bible School @ Runnells Christian Church
Register Online: www.runnellscc.org/vbs



VBS at RCC is back in 2022! This is an incredible ministry that our congregation shares with our whole community and it takes many people to make it work. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Tammy Gaudette.



NEW THIS YEAR @ RCC - GARDEN FOR GOOD

If you have an abundance of produce from your garden this summer, consider participating in Garden for Good at RCC. Simply bring your excess produce to church on Sunday and we will get it to local organizations helping to feed our neighbors. Participating organizations include: 3G Food Pantry, Caring Hands, and the Food Bank of Iowa. If you'd like to help by being a delivery driver, contact Pastor Katie.

Prayer Concerns

All Military Personnel and Veterans
Residents of Ukraine
Aislinn, Jane Charls' daughter
Dave, friend of Sue Howard
Joan DeGroot
Connie Dunn
John & Norma Grinstead
Eleanor Hainline
Marcie Huffman, friend of Jill Simonsen
Jan, friend of Pam Jordan
Sharon Lawson
Bob Miller
Jeri Sanburn
Jennifer Sieck
Jaque Tate
Clay York

To keep our prayer concerns current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. At that time names will be removed unless you have asked that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being. If a name is removed and you'd like it on the list again, contact the church office. Thank you!

HOME COMMUNION

Contact the church office at 515-669-8739 or elder chair Deb Bracewell at 515-669-8739 if you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home.



With Sympathy

With Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy

Our prayers & Christian sympathy go out to the families & friends of:

Irene Bergland,
Sue Howard's aunt,
who passed away April 29, 2022

Mark Mikkelsen,
Jon & Tammy Gaudette's brother-in-law,
who passed away May 4, 2022

Sharon Kline,
Gary Beck's sister,
who passed away May 30, 2022

Terry Aukes
Cousin of Sheila Aukes,
who passed away May 30, 2022

May God's love comfort you in the time of your loss.

Thank you

Runnells Christian Church,
Thank you for uplifting us during a difficult time. We really appreciated it and hope to repay the favor to others in need.
Much Love, Kari & Joe Nichols

Thank you to everyone for the many cards and wishes extended to me on my 90th Birthday! They are all very much appreciated and enjoyed immensely! God bless you all - each and every one!

—Belva Freel

Dear RCC Youth Group,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers for May Day. It really made me smile and now they are growing outside in God's sunshine.
Love, Teena Grove

Thank you for the cups of goodies at various times: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, May Day, and other times.
—Bob Gulling

To the RCC Youth,
Thank you very much for the pretty petunia that Mike delivered for May Day! I will find a special spot in my flower garden for them so I can watch them grow. Keep up the good work you do for the Runnells Christian Church.
—Cheryl Northway

My energy drink
tasted amazing.
Thank you, Christy!
Bartels

Thank you! Sherry G

Love the coffee
game Heubach

Thank you so
much for your
kindness & generosity!
Joanne

Thank you! Kim
Wilser

I appreciate the
"pick me up"!..
Maggie
Goode

Thank you!!
Mike

Thanks so
much for the coffee pick
me up!
Anne Smith

You are the
BEST!
Thank you -
Kathy Hoyt

Thank you!!
Karin Dawson

Made my day!
Thank you!
Christy
Bartels

Thank you
so much!
Kerzie

Love the
coffee! Thanks
so much!
- Cassie Farley

This was an
awesome surprise!
Thank you!
Debbie Nelson

Thank you for
such a fantastic
treat! Pat Annett

Thank you
very much.
Marlene Balzer

Thank you
so much. It
was much
needed.
Thank you!
Andie Barnes

You are the
best!
Krista VB

My favorite!
orange cherry
flavor.
Mary McLean

Thank you
so much!
Stephanie

Thank you
for the coffee!
Terri Bridges

What a wonderful
treat! Thank
you! Kerri Perry

Thank you for
the coffee! Susan Short

Thank you
so much!!
-Tania
Nebel

Thank you for
the fabulous
gift! Lindsey
Hoddy

Community Engagement Committee

Mike and Deb Bracewell and Katie Temple will share about their work from the Craig Springs, Virginia mission trip on June 12. \$200 was sent to support the Dominican Missions, where our mission team went in February. Fifty dollars accompanied the seeds the congregation donated to the Central Iowa Shelter and Services community garden. Thanks to all who donated seeds! In memory of JoAnn Thomas we will donate \$200 to the children's time at the Iowa State Fair, associated with the Hymn Sing. We had a number of participants in the Green 5K run and walk in support of the Iowa Donor Network. Mountain Top Ministries, Haiti, has tentatively planned a mission trip September 25-October 2 and I plan to go. Please contact me if you are interested. As we approach the end of our fiscal year, a big thank you to Todd Buck, Susan Martin, Sheila Aukes and Bill Ingle for their work to impact our local, regional, and international community.

—Katie Temple, Community Engagement Chair

2022 RCC Campers

Campers love to receive mail while they are at camp.

Send mail to:

Campers name

The camp name and #

Christian Conference Center

5064 Lincoln St.,

Newton, Iowa 50208

Or email them at: christianconferencecenter@gmail.com

June 13-18 - Junior Camp #1

Hayden St. Pierre

Jacobe Boos

June 20-25 - CYF #1

Pastor Katie, Director

Tammy Feeley, Nurse

Amelia Funk

Zach Funk

June 25-26 - Grand Camp #1

Suzanne Morecock with Peyton, Mary, and George Robinson

Sherry Johnson with Maverick & Briar Waters

June 27-July 2 - Adventure Camp

Jaisa Boos

July 16-17 - Grand Camp #2

Carol Elam with Mia Rutherford



Annual Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022
DURING WORSHIP**



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group met for the final time this school year on May 1. With the help of Katie Temple, they potted May Day flowers. Then the youth delivered a few flowers to some of our members in town. The Elders and Pastor Katie helped deliver the rest of the flowers the next day.

Thank you to all who supported the youth this year by making them lunch or by sharing your time with them. We appreciate it!

RCC BOOK GROUP

Wed, June 29 at 7 pm, the RCC Book Group will meet to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

From Amazon: **From the author of *The Last Letter from Your Lover*, now a major motion picture on Netflix, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond in Depression-era America.**



Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve, hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Pack-horse Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them--and to the men they love--becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity, and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.

Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic--a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

Upcoming selections for 2022

July 2022 - *The Summer Girls* by Mary Alice Monroe

August 2022 - *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

September 2022 - *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie

October 2022 - *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

November 2022 - *The Noel Diary* by Richard Paul Evans

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Sherry Johnson

Growing up in Runnells, longtime Runnells Christian Church member Sherry (Bullington) Johnson has been a lifelong member, 58 years to be exact. She's been actively volunteering for 32 years and has held a variety of positions, proof that anyone can find something to spark volunteerism within the church.

"I volunteer because I enjoy seeing the church come together to achieve a goal and then that goal or task being me. I also like the comradery of groups," Sherry said.



Sherry served in a paid position as church office secretary, but volunteered as a Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, board secretary several times, sang in the choir, sat on several committees and boards, led the former fellowship committee and served on the committee that hired Pastor Katie.

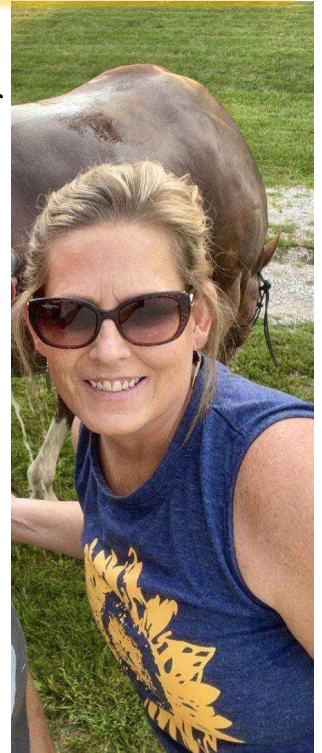
"Today it is so easy to volunteer. You can do as little or as much as you want with the way the new board is structured. Every little bit helps," Sherry advised.

Sherry is married to Gary Johnson and has one son, Joshua Waters, who is married to Stephanie and together they have Maverick, 7, and Briar, soon to be 6. Her daughter Courtney Neal is married to Brandon and together they have Bristol, soon to be 4, and Carver, 10 months.



In her free time, Sherry dotes on her grandkids and enjoys attending their sporting events and school activities. She also loves the outdoors, going camping and trail riding with friends.

Her favorite scripture happens to be Philippians 4:13, which reads, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her favorite activity at the church happens to be the annual outreach auction. Thank you Sherry for your volunteerism!



Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



Building



Growing



Serving

Place
Stamp
Here

Runnells Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Church Staff:

Ministers: The Congregation
Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline
Church Admin/Bookkeeper: Deb Bracewell
Nursery Attendant/Custodian: Ann Hammen
Board Moderator: Bill Ingle
Pianist: Tammy Feeley
Choir Director: Mike Miller
Bell Choir Director: Sheila Aukes
Children's Choir Director: Tammy Feeley

Address Service Requested



Has your address
changed?



Keep us
posted!

(U. S. Post Office requires P.O. Box 30 on all church mail.)

Looking ahead to July...

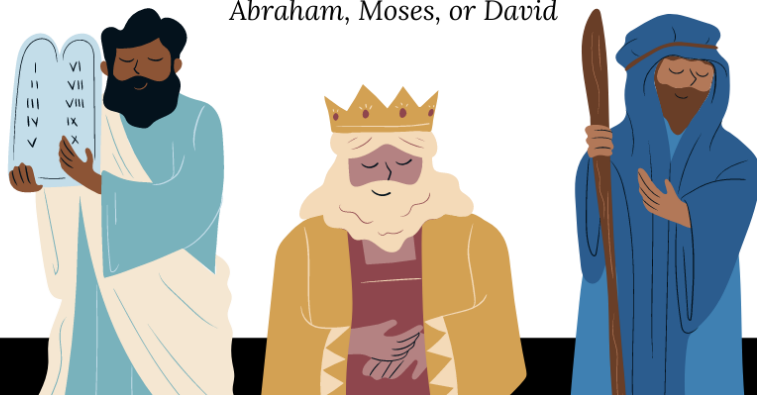
- ♦ July 4—Church Office Closed
- ♦ July 13—RCC Board Mtg
- ♦ July 17—RCC @ IA Cubs, 1:08 pm
- ♦ July 24-July 27—VBS
- ♦ July 28—Book Group, 7 pm

COMING SOON

OLD GUY JULY

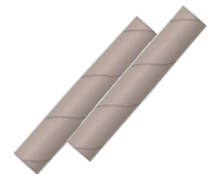
Stories of a Key Figure from the Old Testament

Vote in the narthex & help determine if the July
worship theme will be stories from the life of
Abraham, Moses, or David



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS:

- Clean, empty water bottles with lids
- Empty cardboard paper towel rolls



Collection container in narthex