

# St. Stephen's Beacon

From the Desk of  
Rev. Karen Crawford

Pentecost, which this year is celebrated on June 4, marks the last Sunday of the Great 50 Days of the Easter Season. The color for the day is red, the color of the Holy Spirit. It is a baptismal day and the last day the Pascal candle is lit. Pentecost is a major celebration in the church, for it was on this day that the Holy Spirit came to a small band of followers, who for ten days had gathered behind closed doors in prayer after the Ascension. Thrusting them out onto the streets of Jerusalem, out into the world to proclaim the Gospel with words everyone could understand.

Thus began the church or the Jesus Movement. Our presiding bishop, Bishop Curry, reminds us that we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. He inspires us with the message that as part of the Jesus movement we are called to go out into today's world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to be the agents and instruments of God's love, to be the hands, feet and face of God.

On Pentecost one of our readings is from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13. It speaks of the gifts we are given: healing, prophecy, preaching,

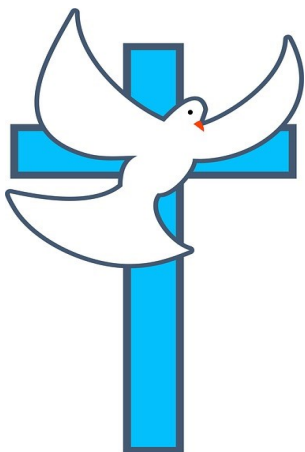
service to others. We each have gifts unique to us which are meant to be used to spread God's love throughout the world. It is the Holy Spirit that guides and empowers us to use these gifts.



Jesus' followers were thrust out into the world at Pentecost to do God's work and the members of St. Stephen's are also called to go out into the world. What is your particular gift and how will you use it as a part of the Jesus Movement? Do you love to garden? St. Stephen's food pantry garden is ready to be planted. Join us as we begin to grow food for the hungry. Does your heart reach out to those who suffer? Join the prayer team as we pray for those in need. Do you love a good party? Lend a hand

when we come together in community during coffee hour and our quarterly gatherings. Join the mission committee as it explores ways to reach out in the community to help the homeless and hungry.

We are blessed with a wonderful congregation with diverse gifts and a commitment to use them to God's glory. Invite others to come and see, to come and serve and be served. May God bless you and the Holy Spirit empower you to find your unique gift of ministry to this world.



# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Sunday, June 4th—Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, June 11—Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday, June 18—**

**Father's Day  
& Healing Litany**



## **Summer Ministry School & Retreat**

**June 23-25 at Grinnell College**

*Be inspired. Be creative.*

*Be challenged. Be still*



### Anniversaries in the month of June

11th Jim & Kay Clements, 21st Fritz & Carol Kramer  
21st Rev. Karen Crawford—ordination

### Birthdays in the month of June

1st Nancy Henderson, 3rd Phyllis Freeman, 17th Fritz Kramer

**Vestry Meets  
Sunday,  
June 18  
11:30 am  
in the  
undercroft**



### St. Stephen's Vestry 2017

- Rev. Karen Crawford
- Rev. Merle Smith
- Steve Halstead (SW)
- Jim Tracy (JW)
- Kathy Trotter
- Christopher Templeton
- Jonnelle Farver
- Nancy Henderson
- Janice Carpenter (treasurer)
- Kay Clements
- Brenda Malott



**Life is like**  
*riding a bicycle*  
TO KEEP YOUR  
**BALANCE**  
*You must keep*  
*Moving*



## The Garden Project is Underway!

If you have left over seeds from your own garden that you would like to donate bring them to church this Sunday.

Thanks!



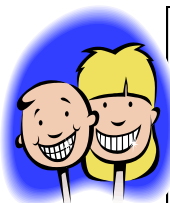
**The Tuesday Morning Book Club**  
**“Mere Christianity”**  
 by CS Lewis  
 June 6 at 9:30 am

### Blessing Box Needs:

- Slim Jim’s
- Body Soap (bars work)
- Lotion
- Chefboyrdée products
- Fruit cups
- Tooth brushes and paste
- Hand sanitizer



**Wednesday Evening Prayer**  
 at 5:15 PM  
 led by Deacon Merle Smith



### JUNE DONATIONS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Personal care items, soap, shampoo, tooth products, etc.

## LITURGICAL ROSTER

### June 4 (Pentecost Sunday)

**8 am** Layreader/Chalice:  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Rita B.  
 Layreader: Winonah M.

Petitioner: Jason M.  
 Ushers: Winonah M. & Ron H.  
 Counter: Lorraine W.

### June 11 (Trinity Sunday)

**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith T.  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Rita B.  
 Layreader: Phyllis F.  
 Petitioner: Shannon K.  
 Ushers: Paul & Kay K.  
 Counter: Paul K.

### June 18 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost & Healing Litany)

**Proper 6 “Happy Father’s Day”**  
**8 am** Layreader/Chalice: Steve H.  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Steve H.  
 Layreader: Barry H.  
 Petitioner: Steve H.  
 Ushers: Brenda M. & Roxanne V.  
 Counter: Mary H.

### June 25 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost) Proper 7

**8 am** Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith T.  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Kathy T.  
 Layreader: Terry G.  
 Petitioner: Winonah M.  
 Ushers: Winonah M. & Ron H.  
 Counter: Janice C.

### July 2 (4th Sunday after Pentecost) Proper 8

**8 am** Layreader/Chalice: Kathy T  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Rita B.  
 Layreader: Larry H.  
 Petitioner: Jason M.  
 Ushers: Paul & Kay K.  
 Counter: Paul K.

### July 9 (5th Sunday after Pentecost) Proper 9

**8 am** Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith T.  
**10 am** Layreader/Chalice: Rita B.  
 Layreader: Winonah M.  
 Petitioner: Shannon K.  
 Ushers: Paul & Kay K.  
 Counter: Rita B.

We are in need of ushers and Chalice Bearers, and those to sign up for coffee time. See Rev. Karen or Deacon Merle if interested.

If you are unable to be here the Sunday you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a substitute or switch. Please let the office know.



## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$11,689.96	\$56,395.65
Expenses	\$14,495.06	\$49,187.49
Difference	-\$2,805.10	\$ 7,20813



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**223 East Fourth Street North**  
**Newton, Iowa 50208**

Our Vision: "To be the hands,  
 feet and face of God"



## Daily Lectionary Reading

### Proper 4

Sunday	Deut. 11:1-12	Rev. 10:1-11	Matt. 13:44-58
Monday	Deut. 11:13-19	2 Cor. 5:11--6:2	Luke 17:1-10
Tuesday	Deut. 12:1-12	2 Cor. 6:3-13 (14--7:1)	Luke 17:11-19
Wednesday	Deut. 13:1-11	2 Cor. 7:2-16	Luke 17:20-37
Thursday	Deut. 16:18-20; 17:14-20	2 Cor. 8:1-16	Luke 18:1-8
Friday	Deut. 26:1-11	2 Cor. 8:16-24	Luke 18:9-14
Saturday	Deut. 29:2-15	2 Cor. 9:1-15	Luke 18:15-30

### Proper 5

Sunday	Deut. 29:16-29	Rev. 12:1-12	Matt. 15:29-39
Monday	Deut. 30:1-10	2 Cor. 10:1-18	Luke 18:31-43
Tuesday	Deut. 30:11-20	2 Cor. 11:1-21a	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	Deut. 31:30--32:14	2 Cor. 11:21b-33	Luke 19:11-27
Thursday	Ecclus. 44:19--45:5	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Luke 19:28-40
Friday	Ecclus. 45:6-16	2 Cor. 12:11-21	Luke 19:41-48
Saturday	Ecclus. 46:1-10	2 Cor. 13:1-14	Luke 20:1-8

### Proper 6

Sunday	Ecclus. 46:11-20	Rev. 15:1-8	Matt. 18:1-14
Monday	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Acts 1:1-14	Luke 20:9-19
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:21--2:11	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 20:19-26
Wednesday	1 Samuel 2:12-26	Acts 2:1-21	Luke 20:27-40
Thursday	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Acts 2:22-36	Luke 20:41--21:4
Friday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 2:37-47	Luke 21:5-19
Saturday	1 Samuel 4:1b-11	Acts 4:32--5:11	Luke 21:20-28

### Proper 7

Sunday	1 Samuel 4:12-22	James 1:18	Matt. 19:23-30
Monday	1 Samuel 5:1-12	Acts 5:12-26	Luke 21:29-36
Tuesday	1 Samuel 6:1-16	Acts 5:27-42	Luke 21:37--22:13
Wednesday	1 Samuel 7:2-17	Acts 6:1-15	Luke 22:14-23
Thursday	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Acts 6:15--7:16	Luke 22:24-30
Friday	1 Samuel 9:1-14	Acts 7:17-29	Luke 22:31-38
Saturday	1 Samuel 9:15--10:1	Acts 7:30-43	Luke 22:39-51

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

A *truly* rich  
man is one  
whose *children*  
run into his arms,  
even when his  
*hands* are empty

