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As we turn the corner towards the Summer Season, we will consider the ways in which Love always wins in the end. Especially when we face challenges, when we are stretched, when we must endure more than is our fair share - it is crucial to remember that in the end, Love wins. Because in the end, there is only God ahead of us. In the end, history bends towards justice. In the end, it is the courageous and kind who are remembered best and missed the most. Love may not appear to win every time, but in the end, Love wins.

I want to share that I am taking some vacation time this month, the first two weeks of June. My mother is coming into town for a visit, and we will get to do our favorite thing to do together - play golf! Due to said vacation time, and Pastor Mason spending some time at Camp Walter Scott this month, we will be welcoming two guest preachers in June. The first will be Katie Fitch, bringing a word entitled "The Beauty of Differing Abilities," where she will share some of her stories and learnings from working with the differently-abled population in Peoria. Secondly, to finish up the month, we will welcome Associate Regional Minister Rev. Alex Ruth to bring a word entitled, "The Fabulous Life" focused on the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch from Acts.

Each and every week this month, we will explore how leaning into God's love will broaden every horizon, soften our hearts, develop an even deeper compassion for humanity and creation, and leave us better off than we were before.

Because no matter the circumstances, in the end, Love wins.

Always Yours,
Pastor Adam



Food Pantry

In June, items donated will be going to Woodland Baptist Church. Any non-perishable items are much needed.

Thank you!



May Giving

DMF	\$1258.33
Easter Offering	\$260
Pets for Seniors	\$250



Stewardship

Giving is more than a responsibility - it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience - it is evidence of our faith.

- William Arthur Ward



Creation Care

God intends...our care for Creation to reflect our love for the Creator.

- John Scott

Loving Our Neighbors



2026 Worship Theme

01

JANUARY

What Is Love?

02

FEBRUARY

Learning to Love Yourself

03

MARCH

Lent:
Learning to Love the Dust

04

APRIL

Who Is Our Neighbor?

05

MAY

When Neighbors Feel
Like Enemies

06

JUNE

Love Wins

07

JULY

Pursuing a
Liberating Love

08

AUGUST

God's Unbreakable Love

09

SEPTEMBER

Stewardship Campaign:
When Love Is Enough

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OCTOBER

A Just Love

11

NOVEMBER

Responding to Love

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DECEMBER

Advent:
Love Embodied

You Are Here



JUNE - LOVE WINS



June 7, 2026

Scripture: Joel 2:28-29

Brian Woods, trumpet: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - arr. Jay Althouse
Rev. Mason Fitch, preaching

In a world where generations often talk past one another, love becomes the bridge that holds a community together. "Connecting Generations" invites us to see that the gaps we experience - differences in language, culture, technology, values - aren't barriers to love but opportunities for deeper understanding. Scripture teaches that the wisdom of elders and the imagination of the young are gifts meant to strengthen one another, not compete for space. When love leads, generations don't have to fear being replaced or dismissed; each becomes essential to the other's flourishing. Love wins not by erasing our differences, but by weaving them into a shared story worth handing down.



June 14 2026

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:18-26

Chris Frauenhoffer: *To Where You Are* - Josh Groban
Katie Fitch, preaching

In a world that often measures people by what they can or cannot do, scripture reminds us that every person is an essential part of God's beloved community. "The Beauty of Differing Abilities" invites us to celebrate the gifts, perspectives, and contributions of people of all abilities, recognizing that God's image is reflected in every life. Together, we discover that our differences are not obstacles to belonging - they are part of the strength and beauty of the Body of Christ.

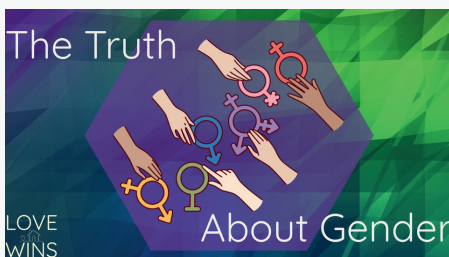


June 21, 2026

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18 & Galatians 3:23-29

Special Music: Natalie Woods
Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

The church has historically taken positions on subjects which it isn't prepared to speak authoritatively about. Astrology and Galileo come to mind as a prime example. So afraid was the church that scientific knowledge might outpace religious doctrine, that in their fear they turned to execution. Conversations about gender and orientation today fit this same pattern of the church missing the mark, and missing it for all the wrong reasons. This week we look at the truth about Gender, and ask ourselves - sincerely - What Would Jesus Say?



June 28, 2026

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Praise Team
Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth, preaching

"The Fabulous Life," reflects on Acts 8:26-40 and the encounter between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. Together, we will consider how the Spirit keeps moving the church beyond fear, exclusion, and inherited boundaries toward compassion, curiosity, courage, and joy. At the heart of the story is the eunuch's question, "What is to prevent me?"—and the good news that God's love is wider than the limits we often imagine.





2026 Summer Camp

Do you have a child, grandchild, or even just know someone who has finished kindergarten through 12th grade? If the answer is yes, then they can go to church camp!! This Sunday, we will be making a big push to get our youth registered for camp. During the potluck, there will be plenty of information about dates and costs. We will support any youth who wants to attend! You can also contact Linda Williams for more information.



Sunday Morning Study *We Call Ourselves Disciples* led by Frank Wheeler

This summer, our Adult Sunday School class will explore *We Call Ourselves Disciples*, a collection of voices from across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) reflecting on what it means to live out our faith today. Each week, a different leader - Frank, Randy, Adam, or Mason - will guide the conversation around a chapter and its central theme, creating space to engage the real questions shaping our identity as Disciples. This isn't about having all the answers, but about growing together through honest conversation, shared experience, and a deeper understanding of what it means to live our faith in the world.



Responders Class led by Becky Sisk

In the Responders adult Sunday School class, we use Wired Word lessons each Sunday, 9-10 am. We examine current events from the point of view of the Bible and our faith. Come join us!



Weekly Bible Study

Will resume on June 17th when Pastor Adam returns from vacation. They are studying the 1st and 2nd books of Samuel

Graduate Recognition

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

- Hudson Wronkiewicz - kindergarten
- Annie Dorbeck - 8th grade
- Natalie Woods - 8th grade
- Aiden (Pat Payne's nephew) - high school
- River Kinser - college

We are so proud of all you, and pray for many blessings on you for your next steps!



Glen Oak Community Meal

June Community Meal will be the FIRST Thursday on June 4th from 5:00-6:30. The menu will be a Picnic Theme. Steve Peters is acting as the Grill Master, serving up hamburgers and hot dogs; accompanying sides are potato salad, green beans, watermelon, and, of course, dessert! We begin preparation at 3:30, serve at 5:00 and cleanup at 6:00. We also need individuals to welcome guests and join them for dinner as we develop fellowship and food. Please consider being a part of Community Meal!



June Birthdays

Natalie Woods	6/3
Chris Frauenhoffer	6/12
Clara Truelove	6/12
Darren Woods	6/15
Liz White	6/15
Katie Baker	6/18
Amanda Best	6/24
Marilyn Schoenbeck	6/29
Julie Fromm	6/30
Valerie Rogers	6/30



June Anniversaries

Roger & Vickie Baker	6/12
Kevin & Lisa Cheatham	6/14
Kevin & Sherry Wolfe	6/15
Dan & Delores Pemberton	6/19
David & Jody Hale	6/20
Roger & Kate Spielman	6/21
Chris & Elizabeth Carrico	6/25
Owen & Alice Jury	6/26
Steve & Chere Peters	6/30
Tom & Cheryl Davis	6/30



Tasting Peoria Donnelly's Irish Pub June 11th @ 6pm

Patrons young and old can find themselves at home in Donnelly's Irish Pub between the rustic, classic atmosphere and big screen TVs for the big game. Finding something to love on the menu is easy for anyone. From steaks to sandwiches to traditional fish and chips, there's something sure to please your palate and keep you coming back for more.

4501 N Rockwood Dr, Peoria



Book Club Cooking for Picasso June 18th @ 6pm

Cooking for Picasso is a dual-timeline novel that weaves together the story of a young French woman, Ondine, who cooks for Pablo Picasso in 1936, with that of her granddaughter, Céline, who travels to the South of France in the present day to uncover a family mystery



Movie Night Life of the Party June 25th @ 6pm

When her husband suddenly dumps her, longtime and dedicated housewife Deanna turns regret into reset by going back to college. Unfortunately, Deanna winds up at the same school as her less-than-thrilled daughter. Plunging headlong into the campus experience, the outspoken new student soon begins a journey of self-discovery while fully embracing all of the fun, freedom and frat boys that she can handle.



June Potluck - 6/28

Please sign up if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.



SERVING SCHEDULES

Date	Elders	Deacons	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Counters
6/7/26	Vickie Baker Roger Baker	Joe Rex Alice Jury John Best Kyle Cheatham Beth Reynolds	Larry Weber	Natalie Woods	Monica Hinrichs Judy Leeper	Monica & Steve Hinrichs
6/14/26	Becky Sisk MIke Buckley	Joe Rex Alice Jury John Best Kyle Cheatham Beth Reynolds	Connie Sinn	Natalie Woods	Monica Hinrichs Judy Leeper	Jim & Beth Smittkamp
6/21/26	Carmen Nicoll Sandy Surface	Joe Rex Alice Jury John Best Kyle Cheatham Beth Reynolds	Kevin Wolfe	Natalie Woods	Monica Hinrichs Judy Leeper	Steve West Ralph Tegg
6/28/26	Kathleen Wheeler Frank Wheeler	Joe Rex Alice Jury John Best Kyle Cheatham Beth Reynolds	Becky Sisk	Natalie Woods	Monica Hinrichs Judy Leeper	Roger & Vickie Baker

Date	Friends with Jesus	Growing Disciples	The Open Table
6/7/26	Jenny Tripses	Laura Buckley	Frank Wheeler
6/14/26	Chere Peters	Laura Buckley	Frank Wheeler
6/21/26	Jenny Tripses	Kathleen Wheeler	Adam Bradley
6/28/26	Linda Rex	Kathleen Wheeler	Randy Williams

WE CALL OURSELVES *Disciples*

A Summer Sunday morning study about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination led by Frank Wheeler, Randy Williams, Adam Bradley, and Mason Fitch.

- June 7** **Doing Theology**
- June 14** **Disciples and the Bible**
- June 21** **A Brief Overview of Disciples Polity**
- June 28** **The Baptized Life**
- July 5** **Communion**
- July 12** **Social Justice as Embodied in Micah 6:8**
- July 19** **Diversity and Inclusion**
- July 28** **Turning Points in Disciples History**
- August 2** **Liturgy and Worship**
- August 9** **Global Missions**
- August 16** **Congregations and Their Pastor**
- August 23** **Christian Unity: Our Polar Star**

