



The Maxfield Messenger

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From the Desk of Pastor Katie

July is now upon us. I've found myself thinking lately about the past year and how much has changed. It was a year ago, on July 12, that we gathered together for the first in-person worship since March. We had made the decision to close down in-person worship on March 22. The time between March and July felt like way more than just 3 months and 20 days. It felt like more than just 112 days. It was 16 weeks, 2688 hours, 161,280 minutes; it was 30% of a calendar year.

The pandemic has been extremely challenging for many of us. So very many of us have been impacted by COVID-19. Losses of jobs, livelihoods, and lives of loved ones...the pandemic, I think, has highlighted loss in so many ways.

And yet, the pandemic has also highlighted the way communities and communities of faith can come together (distantly!) in times of trial and suffering. It showed us that we can gather for worship even if we are not gathered together in the flesh. It showed us that caring for others means caring for all others, even those who are unknown to us. It showed us that we are part of the body of Christ whether we are dispersed or not. And it showed us how to continue our mission as the church, in this community and in communities distant.

Very little of the change was ideal. Modifying how we worship and then modifying it again has been challenging. It was difficult to make decisions that meant we had to look the pandemic in the face and deal with it. It was so very difficult to gather again for worship in-person, only to suspend it again 3 months later. It was difficult to not celebrate Christmas in our sanctuary, to not sing together our beloved Christmas hymns.

And yet, Christmas 2020 was one of the more holy ones in my memory. It was nothing like I've imagined or even experienced before. And it was a precious, precious gift.

We are still traveling down this road. COVID-19 is still real, and it has the potential to affect again how we worship. But even if it does, it does not have the capacity to change who we are, what we believe, who we follow and worship, and to what we've been called to do and be in the name of Christ.

It's easy to focus on what we've lost, but I think it's also worth listing and noting what we've



July Birthdays

- 3 – Karter Krueger
- 4 – Kerri Wilson
 Sherri Gabbard
- 9 – Zelda Platte
- 15 – Danny Heine
- 16 – Mason Thurm
- 21 – Ronan Krueger
- 27 – Devon Wells
- 30 – Randa South
- 31 – Justin South



July Anniversaries

- 14 – Mike & Cassandra Richards
- 28 – Jesse & Wanda Burkholder

August Birthdays

- 2 – Ely South
- 4 – Marian Brettmann
 Gavin McGlaun
- 5 – Cooper South
- 6 – Denny Cox
 Emily Creighton
 Lori Henry
- 8 – Courtney Wilson
- 19 – Bonnie Foust
- 19 – Margaret Zander
- 23 – Brennan Schneider
- 24 – Brenda Pollock
- 25 – Missy Schneider
- 26 – Steffanie Krueger

August Anniversaries

- 5 – Chris & Jen Krueger
- 12 – Brian & Missy Schneider
- 15 – Bob & Zelda Platte
- 15 – Jeremy & Sarah Ebaugh

Whoops! June Birthdays and Anniversaries a little late!

- 1 – Diane Moller
- 3 – Cheryl Dancer
- 7 – Cassandra Kennedy
- 8 – Dennis Peters
- 9 – Jennifer Krueger
- 10 – Dawn Wells
- 15 – Camden Krueger
- 16 – Adrianna Richards
- 17 – Pastor Katie Rodriguez
- 24 – Trevor Johnson

- 3 – Denny & Lisa Cox
- 3 – Duane & Becky Bullerman
- 3 – DuWayne & Deb Piphon
- 17 – Dean & Tracy Platte
- 18 – Chuck & Debb Kaiser

I didn't forget your
birthday or anniversary.
I just wanted to help prolong
the celebration!
Happy Belated!

And now a few notes from our President . . .

We were very fortunate to have Pastor Daryl Torrin join us for worship last Sunday, June 27th, in celebration of our 165th anniversary at Maxfield Church. A good time was had by all. Also, a huge thank you to Steve Milius for driving Pastor Daryl down to Denver.

Please join us for joint fellowship with Crane Creek at Maxfield on Sunday, July 18th, when the Bishop from Waverly will be joining our service.

Chuck



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COMMITTEES

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Christopher Corday, Diane Moller,
DuWayne Pipho

Some of these committees might be incorrect.
They will be corrected in the next newsletter.

July 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Church Cleaning: Annette Ebaugh Karter Krueger
4 9am Worship at Maxfield Reader: Wanda Burkholder Kerri Wilson Sheri	5 Pastor Katie - Vacation Through July 16	6	7	8	9 Zelda Platte	10 Church Cleaning: Chuck Kaiser
11 9am Worship at Crane Creek	12	13	14 Church Council 6pm Cassandra & Mike Richards	15 Danny Heine	16	17 Church Cleaning: Annette Ebaugh
18 9am Worship at Maxfield Reader: Christopher Kaiser	19	20	21 Ronan Krueger	22	23	24 Church Cleaning: Darrel Krueger
25 9am Worship at Crane Creek Potluck following Worship	26	27 Devon Wells	28 Wanda & Jesse Burkholder	29	30 Randa South	31 Church Cleaning: Sandy Klammer Justin South