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## 2026 Church Council

*Numbers indicate term/year*

Patti Ericson 2/3

\* Connie Tentinger 2/1

President Nick McKee 1/3

Vice President Tom Podzimek 1/3

Lance Johnson 1/2

Jim Bundy 1/2

Felicia Miller 1/2

Sherri McKee, Treasurer  
April Sommervold, Financial Secretary  
*(not on Council)*

*\*Elected for 2026*

Patti *will not* be eligible for reelection.  
Nick & Tom *will* be eligible.



## Worship With Us!

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(September — mid-May)

VBS: First full week of August

## Communications

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# July Scripture Readings

July 5: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## July Birthdays

Kristal McKee-2  
Raiden Ericson-6  
PeeWee Kincaid-7  
Heywood Johnson-7  
Karson Kenefick-7  
Tyler Vreugdenhil-8  
Vanessa Van De Wiele-10  
Kristen Parrott-13  
Chad Ericson-15  
Tara Olsen-15  
Pastor Nancy Eckels-19  
Faith Johnson-20  
Max Vreugdenhil-22  
Samuel Swanson-22  
Selene Van Wyk-23  
Amery Doty-27  
Brad Vreugdenhil-28  
Jim Bundy-28  
Amelia Robinson-29  
Roni Ericson-29



## Prayer Concerns

The Families of Roger & Roseann Ericson  
and Arlo & Iola Ericson  
The Family of Ione Lucht  
Joann Hedeby  
PeeWee Kincaid  
Becky Kjose  
Duane Forslund  
Ron Siemers  
Marilyn Heeren  
Penny & Richard Britt  
Doug Eckmann  
Dylan Haverhals

## Offering & Attendance

May 31  
Attendance 41 / Offering: \$595

June 7  
Attendance: 42 / Offering: \$1,095

June 14  
Attendance: 35 / Offering: \$1,056

May 24  
Attendance: 46 / Offering: \$907

# Monthly / Weekly Worship Duties

## **July Communion & Bread**

Felicia

### **JULY 5**

Greeters: Carol

Usher & Bell: Kyle

Lector: Carol

Communion: None

Fellowship: Kyle/Jessica

### **JULY 12**

Greeters: Sherri/Ryland

Usher & Bell: Sherri/Ryland

Lector: Sherri

Communion: Sherri

Fellowship: Sherri/Ryland

### **JULY 19**

Greeters: Bruce/Patti

Usher & Bell: Bruce

Lector: Patti

Communion: None

Fellowship: Bruce/Patti

### **JULY 26**

Greeters: Tom/Heather

Usher & Bell: Tom

Lector: Heather

Communion: Heather

Fellowship: Tom/Heather

## **August Communion & Bread**

Deb H

### **AUGUST 2**

Greeters: Chad/Angela

Usher & Bell: Chad

Lector: Angela

Communion: Angela

Fellowship: Chad/Angela

### **AUGUST 9**

Greeters: Kirk/Felicia

Usher & Bell: Kirk

Lector: Kirk

Fellowship: Kirk/Felicia

### **AUGUST 16**

Greeters: Bruce/Patti

Usher & Bell: Bruce

Lector: Patti

Communion: Patti

Fellowship: Bruce/Patti

### **AUGUST 23**

Greeters: Tom/Heather

Usher & Bell: Tom

Lector: Heather

Fellowship: Tom/Heather



# Council Minutes

**June 17, 2026**

**Present:** Jim Bundy, Felicia Miller, Patti Ericson, Nick McKee, Lance Johnson, Connie Tentinger, and Sherri McKee, Treasurer

President Nick called the meeting to order. Nick said a prayer

**Secretary's Report:** Lance made a motion to accept the report, Felicia seconded. MC

**Treasurers Report:**

Balance 03.31.26 .....	\$37,406.15
April Inflows: .....	5,757.09
April Outflows.....	2,581.65
Balance 04.30.26 .....	\$40,581.59
May Inflows .....	4,286.56
May Outflows.....	1,919.69
Balance 05.31.26 .....	\$42,948.46

A motion by Lance seconded by Patti for the Treasurer's file audit done at the end of the year.

**Youth Report:** On July 15<sup>th</sup> the youth will be serving Pork Nachos and the fixings at the Farmers' Market in Akron. Jeff Nohava will be helping with the pork. Bible School will be held August 2-6 about 35 kids have signed up.

**Old Business:** The electrical work in the upstairs has now been completed.

**New Business:** A motion by Jim and seconded by Lance for a 7 month CD that has come due to a 24 month CD at 4.00%, MC. It was brought to Nick's attention that our sign on the Big Springs' corner is down. Lance will get new posts and whatever is needed to get the sign back up, Nick will call to have the location checked out so it goes in the right place.

Patti made a motion seconded by Lance to have a joint council meeting with Roseni to vote on an interim pastor on June 28. MC.

**Next Meeting:** July 15, 2026 at 7:45 p.m..

Being no further business, a motion by Patti seconded by Lance to adjourn the meeting. MC.

We all said the Lord's Prayer.

*Connie Tentinger, Council Secretary*

## Youth News

**- Meet Stick Sale -**

The remaining meat sticks are \$1.25 each.

**- June 28 Noisy Offering -**

In many places around the world, just one bite from an infected mosquito can transmit malaria and lead to serious illness or death. A mosquito net can protect those most at risk — especially small children and older adults — from this life-threatening disease.

**- July 26 Noisy Offering -**

How beautiful are the feet (and the wheels) of those who bring Good News! Motorbikes help church leaders share the message of God's love in Jesus Christ with people in the most remote villages and communities

## Thank You

Special thanks to Brad, Paulette G, Carol, Deb H, Garry, Tom P, and Paulette V for helping with our special patriotic/Flag Day/military recognition service on June 14<sup>th</sup> and to David for leading our Father's Day service on June 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the most beautiful attributes of Union Creek is the willingness of everyone to step up and help when needed and without question.

*Thank you.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July</b>						
		<b>1</b>	7:00 p.m. Youth Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Pastor Aaron Matson</i> <i>Naomi Graves, Organist</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship			5:30—7:00 p.m. Youth serve at Akron Farmers' Market	7:45 p.m. Council Meeting		
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship					
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>N.O.: Motor Bike for a pastor</i> <i>Pastor April Peterson</i> <i>Mike Pedersen, Organist</i> 9:00 a.m. Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship				Union Co. Fair	Union Co. Fair	

