

Shout the News

July 2026



Awake to Ordinary Blessings

As July draws to a close, many of us savor memories of camping season 2026—shared meals, singing, laughter, prayer, conversations, campfire, and those sacred moments when God's Spirit came near and touched our soul. Treasured experiences, gifts we take with us. Not meant to stay behind on the campground, they travel home with us right into the everyday of our lives.

The Mission Prayer reminds us that God's Spirit is not confined to sacred places or special events. Camp classes this summer invited us to take time every day to pray: *"God, where will your Spirit lead today?"* So often the answer is found in ordinary moments—a kind word to a neighbor, a listening ear for someone struggling, an act of generosity, a courageous chat, or choosing compassion over convenience.

As August begins, may we remain fully awake to Christ's presence in the people we meet and the communities we serve. May we have the courage to risk something new and become a blessing of God's love and peace—one ordinary day at a time.

Love, blessings, and gratitude.

Robin Linkhart, MCP Team

Not many 88-year-olds decide to sign up for horseback riding lessons, but then Bonnie McKnight, of the Moline Community, isn't your average octogenarian.

Like most people of an age, she has her good days and not-so-good days. She also knows there are more days behind her than ahead of her. She's a realist and she is not ready to waste any precious time. So, without a word to her family, she walked across the street to the stable near her rural Coal Valley, IL home and asked if they would consider her as a candidate for riding lessons. They said yes and the fun began when she secretly started riding lessons.

After mastering her seat in the saddle, she lured her family to the stable where they found her trotting around the stable English style, proving that time and age are no hurdle for timeless-minded people.



Roger Reid is turning 90 on July 31. We will celebrate with an open house on August 2 at the Community of Christ church, 1500 Blairs Ferry Road in Hiawatha, 2-4 Iowa time. No gifts please.

In preparation for Junior Camp in Nauvoo, a training class for First Aid/CPR/AED was organized by Beth Mayer. She asked Doug DePrima to take time out of his busy schedule and offer the training twice. We had eleven (11) adults complete the certification training. Our Junior and Senior High youth were certified through High School courses. What a great feeling knowing so many staff members were willing to get the training and be willing to help others when in need. So proud of our staff and our youth. A sponsorship is in the works for Camp Nauvoo to receive an AED for the Lodge.

Galesburg Congregation Fun Day

"We're Going on a Picnic"

You're all invited to join us on:

August 23, 2026

Time: 10am

Place: Our Church Basement

Lunch will be provided!

***Please bring a dessert to share!*

Come join us for...Fun, Fellowship & Good News Project

There will be no regular service.

Galesburg Congregation

On Aug. 30th at 11:00 we will have an ordination service to ordain Arleta Rice to the office of Priest.

Something to think about...

"Tiny Jesus, Big Presence".

Apostle Carrie Welch has collected dozens of small Jesus figurines from a variety of surprising places. In this engaging sermon, she shares her discoveries as a metaphor for Christ's loving presence in our lives every day, everywhere—but especially at the Communion table.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRLzyZul-jk>

Something to do...

Let us pray for one another

We are walking down times vista; we are very near the end;
Let us pray that God the Father, Will his guiding Spirit send.
Now the foe becomes more daring, Knowing well the latter day;
'Tis the strength of his despairing; For each other let us pray.

It is waning on towards midnight; Soon we'll hear the watchman say,
"See the Son of God is coming; Go and meet him on the way!"
That our lamps may then be burning Bright enough to guide our way,
And that we may share his glory; For each other let us pray.

David H. Smith

Reunion at Camp Nauvoo 2026



Apostle Richard James



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Spirit-filled Junior Camp in Nauvoo 2026 Love the World Around You

Camp Nauvoo was the location for Junior Camp that followed the Reunion in June. The exciting news is that on the final day, there were 9 people who chose to be baptized!

"I can't tell you how amazing our camp was!! The kids are so open to the Spirit. We planned for 5 baptisms. Mouths spontaneously said, "Me too! " There wasn't a dry eye in the audience. The setting was surprisingly perfect. I thought they might laugh at the horse trough, but I think it was less imposing than a formal setting. Those baptized were Taylee 13, Ava 14, Teagan 11, Charlotte 8, Jess 15, Arria 10, Eggy (Evie) 13, Larissa 17, and Wrenlee 10.



We made butterfly houses and painted rocks to be placed along the Mississippi River. Over 100 greeting cards were made for the nursing home as one of the service projects, in addition to our Prayer Blankets and cat toys. The Boys' Cabin of 8, Team Dragon made a mighty impact during KP. Everyone worked as a team all week trying something brave and seeing God everywhere. Where will we be led today?



We got to see 6 tiny horses that are trained as service animals. We learned how to groom them, lead the horses through an obstacle course, and had our pictures taken with Sugar as a keepsake.

An invitation...

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
LHMC & PBMC JOINT REUNION



REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!

FAMILY FRIENDLY FORMAT
CAMPFIRES - FELLOWSHIP - INTEREST CLASSES -
YOUTH ACTIVITIES - FUN!!!

GUEST MINISTRY:
JANNÉ GROVER
This is Our Story, This is Our Song

SEPTEMBER 4 -7, 2026
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