



Summer is a time for traveling to visit friends and family and to take vacations. Remember that while you are away from your church home, the expenses of the churches and their ministries are ongoing 24/7, 52 weeks a year. Consider mailing your weekly offering to the church before you go or add it to your next Sunday's offering.

The church will be hosting the **Fuller Center Bike Adventure** on Tues., July 6. They will be here for the evening meal and overnight. Liz will be making supper for them, but I need help serving breakfast. If you are interested in helping with breakfast, please let me know. Also, they would like "snacks" for their next day's ride. The snacks include: granola bars, pretzels, peanuts, almonds, cashews, and graham crackers. There is a red tote in the back of the church for them. Thanks for your help.

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# THE VISION

## JULY 2021



**OFFERING INFORMATION:**  
Offering needed to meet the monthly 2021 budget:  
22,682.92  
Offering received in June  
\$13,050.00 (3 Sundays)

Blue Bucket money in July is for the Banquet in Sioux Falls.



**Food Pantry**  
request for July is saltine crackers, 100% juice, and peanut butter.

### July Dates

July 3: Morning Belles practice  
July 4: Happy 4th of July  
July 6: Fuller Center bike group  
July 10: Boy Scouts from Wichita KS  
July 19- July 22 Badlands Ministries Day Camp (Vacation Bible School)

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From the book "A Laugh a Day!"

Church pick up line:  
"Do you have a brother named Gabriel? Because I'm sure you're an angel!"

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Come work for the Lord, the work is hard, the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Veni, vidi, Visa.  
We came, we saw, we went shopping!

Leadership Council

June 20, 2021

Members present: Alona Burtz, Lillie Palmer, Malon Burtz, Yvon Burtz, Dianne Fisher, Vanessa Goodell, Wade Burtz, Mick Rowe, and Jack Frantz.

Yvon, vice chairperson, presided over the meeting.

The opening prayer was given by Yvon.

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mick second and the motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given. There are two checks that have not been cashed. Alona will reissue one of them and void the other one. Alona will write the check for the church scholarship in August. Dianne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jack second. Motion carried.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**PASTOR:** No report

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – VANESSA:** The Badlands Ministries will have a Day Camp from July 19 to July 22 for Vacation Bible School. Dianne made a motion for the staff of the Badlands Ministry to stay at Barry Tideman's lodge. Mick second and the motion carried.

**OUTREACH/HOSPITALITY –** No report

**STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS -MICK:** Did not meet

**WORSHIP:** No report

**TRUSTEES-DAN:** No report

**FINANCE-WADE:** Did not meet

**CARES-DONNA:** No report

**FUNERAL:** A committal service for Della Farley

**AUDIO/VISUAL-Dan:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Alona made a motion to adjourn and Mick second. Motion carried.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Wade gave the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be July 18 at 10:15 am.

Lillie Palmer

Recording secretary

## “Making the Most of Our Time”

July 2021

Ephesians 5:15,16 says, *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time.* Be careful how you interpret this passage! It isn't saying, “cram more activity into an already busy schedule.” I suppose the answer to verse is, it depends on what season of life you are in. I often imagined what it was like for my parents when us kids left home to be on our own. No more messy bathrooms, shoes scattered all over the floor, messy and muddy cars. There would not be some teenager asking for \$5 to go to the game traipsing through the house with their coats thrown over the nearest chair. Doors would be closed and my mother would not have to go through the house and turn off all the lights. No more sleepless nights wondering what was going on at one of their friend's house. Other things will change as well. No more high school cross country meets to attend, or band concerts. There will not be a teachers conference that you will have to sit through. No pitter-patter of feet walking through the house. There will be no more going back to school or your little girl in her new Easter dress. The dinner table will be strangely silent and that familiar place will be empty. No more playing games in the dark in the basement or fishing trips to the local lake. No more crayon drawings or pinch-pots made by a kindergartener. No more prom dresses or tuxes for that special day. For some the day the last child leaves is a celebration and it can be a great time for a couple. It can also have a frightening loneliness to it. If the relationship between a husband and a wife has been stagnant it can be a very lonely time. It is a time when many marriages fail in the United States. We are all in different seasons in our life now but Paul's advice still applies, *making the most of your time.* We were all created for relationships, that's the kind of God we have. He desires to be in relationship with us and we with each other. Relationships take an investment of time and creativity. The kids may not be at home any longer but how about your relationship with your spouse? May be you are a widow, then whom are you mentoring or building a relationship with? If divorced then with whom are you, *“making the most of your time” with?* We must all resist the trap of crowded loneliness. Many sociologists see loneliness as the number one problem in a world of 7 billion people. People are reached for the kingdom of God through relationships. Its not a fancy preacher or having the best Sunday School. It is accomplished one on one, taking the time for others. Our mates, neighbor, new person at church, grand kids, or own children, who are those God is putting in your life? We need to commit to prayer that we will have the ability to focus on others and not allow activity to replace relationships. Let us, *“make the most of our time.”*

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dane Patmore	7/1
Craig Vogt	7/1
Bryce Goodell	7/3
Leah Wiechelman	7/4
Makenna Petersen	7/4
Makayla Petersen	7/4
Taylor Haley	7/6
Steve Nielsen	7/6
Mary Edwards	7/7
Rachelle Gardner	7/8
Savanna Swedlund	7/8
Sally Brozik	7/8
Kasie Leighton	7/8
Yvon Burtz	7/11
Mike Elsasser	7/11
Lillace Vogt	7/13
Dustin Fisher	7/14
Gary Durrin	7/15
Gary Petersen	7/15
Stan Christianson	7/15
Dennis Calhoon	7/17
Chuck Mills	7/17
Lane Leighton	7/17
Bev Janak	7/19
Heather Heying	7/20
Jordan Nelson	7/20
Taylor Headrick	7/22
Seth Olson	7/22
Jody Brozik	7/23
Randy VandenHoek	7/23
Casey Osborn	7/23



Brooke Fisher	7/24
Jessica Olson	7/25
Sarah Hoffer	7/27
Laverna Mateicka	7/28
Marilyn Olson	7/28
Clayton Kaup	7/29
Karyl Clay	7/29
Abe Ekroth	7/31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Malon & Alona Burtz	7/1	
Jim & Laverna Mateicka	7/2	
Tresh & Sara Swedlund	7/3	
Clint & Kim Vanneman	7/5	
Stan & Deb Christiansen	7/5	
Darin & Alicia Nelson		7/10
Doug & Linda Nelson	7/11	
Barry & Rachelle Gardner	7/16	
C.A. & Twila Owen	7/17	
Jim & Tracie Haley	7/23	
Dan & Filena Miller	7/25	
Brett & Lavonne Brickman	7/31	

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Food Pantry:</b>		<b>Blue Bucket</b>		1	2	3 Morning Belles Practice 8:00 am
4 Worship 9:00 am Communion	5	6 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon Audio/Visual 6:15 pm Trustees 7:00 pm  Fuller Center bike	7	8	9	10   Boy Scouts—Wichita
11 Worship 9:00 am	12	13 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon	14	15 Worship Team 8:00 pm	16	17
18 Worship 9:00 am Leadership 10:15 am	19  Vacation Bible	20 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon  School	21	22 Worship Team 8:00 pm	23	24
25 Worship 9:00 am	26	27 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon	28	29	30	31