

The Brooke

July ~ 2021

Dear Church Family,

This month we are celebrating a new ministry opportunity in partnership with Rockford Urban Ministries, a nonprofit organization created by the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1962 to serve the wider community and share God's love for all people. Throughout its history RUM has succeeded in leading many special programs and bringing congregations together to do social justice work. Over the last few months, I've been talking with our Staff Parish Relations Committee and the RUM board about a plan that will really benefit our church.

After a lot of thought and prayer, I have accepted a position as ¼ time Associate Director of RUM working 10 hours a week while continuing to serve as Brooke Road's pastor at ¾ time. Not only will this allow me to connect with more people in the city and tell them about our church while living into my calling of doing this work, Rockford Urban Ministries will also pay Brooke Road United Methodist Church for my time, which will be a real financial benefit to us. To be candid, much of the work I will be doing as Associate Director is what I have been doing as a volunteer already behind the scenes so this will not substantially change my workload. I also want to stress that serving you will always be my first priority, and you can still always call me any day in an emergency. All that will change is that beginning in July, I'll be spending one day a week out of the office doing more work in the community that aligns with our United Methodist values and our church bank account balance will get a pretty good bump! We'll be talking more about this in the coming weeks, but I am excited to share that our District Superintendent Fabiola Grandon-Mayer has given her blessing for this arrangement and commends our congregation for being forward thinking about what ministry looks like in the twenty first century. To learn more about Rockford Urban Ministries, you can follow RUM's social media pages or let me know if you'd like to be subscribed to the quarterly newsletter. I am incredibly grateful to you for supporting me in this exciting next chapter, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Lastly, Kyle, Lincoln, and I will be on vacation June 28th through July 4th and you will be blessed with Pastor Joe Warner leading the service on July 4th. If you need pastoral care while I am away, please call my friend Pastor Eric Reniva from Beth Eden UMC at 630-217-2964. I do hope all of you will be able to take some time for rest and restoration this summer too – whether it's a "staycation" or traveling, God is with you wherever you are. May we find time each day to sense the Holy Spirit and give thanks for God's faithfulness in our lives!

*Blessings,
Pastor Violet*



Vacation Bible School

August 9, 2021 - August 12
5:30pm - 7:30pm

If you would like to volunteer,
please contact Jacki Shaver
at 815-965-6207

Pastor Chung

Pastor Chung who served at Brooke Road UMC 2014 - 2017, is retiring this year after more than 30 years in ministry. Cards of congratulations may be sent to:

Rev. Chungnam Kwak, 17342 68th Ct., Tinley Park, IL 60477

E-mail: revkwak@aol.com

Cell: (847) 452-2474

Fellowship

After worship fellowship has resumed. Sign-up sheet is available in narthex

Call...Pray...Visit...

Erma Albee	Emerge Church	Ron Ross
Dave Bargren	Debbie Gorzek	Lisa Sarver-Schade
Boots Baxter & Chris Beebe	Debbie Hintzsche	John Sauer
Family of Daylesha Bickham	Pastor Violet, Kyle	Phyllis Stafseth
Shelby Coleman & Cheryl May	and Lincoln Johnicker	Charlene Taylor
Richard Coppoletti	Harvey May	Vivian Schwab
David Denicolais	Denny & Sharon O'Hara	Family of Jordan Thompson
Addilynn D'Angelo	Jackie Parod	Tom & Cynthia Zolk
John & Hazel Dyke	Family of Vickie Quist	Maxine Zolk

Monthly Finance Update

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

May income: \$13,362.05
May disbursements: \$ 9,766.47

This information is always available to anyone who wants it by contacting Judy Parks (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

Book Study

Please join Deb Thingvold as she leads a book study starting July 7 at 7 pm. This study will last 12 weeks, one chapter each week, meeting for approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The book we will be reading is Sensible Shoes, a Story about the Spiritual Journey by Sharon Garlough Brown. The story follows the lives of 4 women as they are drawn into a spiritual formation journey at a retreat center. Deb will be leading the group via Zoom, however arrangements can be made for a joint viewing at the church if you would prefer to join that way. Once this book is completed, there are three more books in the series if we are interested in going further into their journey.

If you have questions, please call Deb @ 262-424-4374 or debthingvold@gmail.com.

July Birthdays

July 10

Addilynn D'Angelo
Lincoln Johnicker

July 13

Bettye Mixon

July 19

Tianna Groff
Holden Groff
Pastor Violet

July 25

Kerren D'Angelo

July Anniversaries

July 8th

Jeffery & Kerren D'Angelo

July 13th

Tyler & Sara Pirrello

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 9:15am Zumba
<u>4</u> 10:00am Worship	<u>5</u> Office closed 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>6</u> 9:15am Zumba 3:00pm VBS Planning 6:30pm Zumba	<u>7</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba 7:00pm Book Study	<u>8</u> 9:15am Zumba 2:00pm Library bus here 6:30pm Zumba	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 9:15am Zumba
<u>11</u> 10:00am Worship	<u>12</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>13</u> 9:15am Zumba 5:30pm Finance 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Zumba	<u>14</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba 7:00pm Book Study	<u>15</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 9:15am Zumba
<u>18</u> 10:00am Worship	<u>19</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>20</u> 9:15am Zumba 12:30pm Mona's Paper Angel Closet 6:00pm Council 6:30PM Zumba	<u>21</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba 7:00pm Book Study	<u>22</u> 9:15am Zumba 6:30pm Zumba	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 9:15am Zumba
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Our Mission at The Brooke is. . . .

to transform lives
through faith, love, and service.

Our Vision for The Brooke is. . . .

to be a transforming congregation
of believers to serve the community,
renew lives, and build faith.

BROOKE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1404 BROOKE ROAD

ROCKFORD, IL 61109

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service at 10am

In person

OR

Visit the church Facebook page
to watch the livestream and
participate in the comments section:

www.facebook.com/TheBrookeRockford

OR

Call 1-312-626-6799 and
when prompted enter code 810-0983-5011

OR

Listen via Zoom video call by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009835011>

**For pastoral care during
Pastor Violet's vacation (June 28-July 4)
please contact Pastor Eric Reniva
from Beth Eden UMC at 630-217-2964**

Pastor Violet

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Rockford, IL 61109

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Hours M - Th ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm

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