

# The Brooke - September 2021

*Dear Church Family,*

We have so much to celebrate this fall as we begin a new season together! On Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> we will host a dedication ceremony for a little free food pantry donated to us by friends of Rockford Urban Ministries. The weatherproof fixture is being installed in the front of our building near the laundromat and features the inscription, "Take what you need, leave what you can" and we will be filling it with nonperishable food items to share with our neighbors. Please join us in person or watch the livestream at 11am on the 5<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing ceremony with our District Superintendent Fabiola Grandon-Mayer. We also invite everyone to stay for the new Swahili service that day when DS Fabiola will be preaching and celebrating this growing congregation that regularly worships with thirty or more people of African descent on Sundays at 11:30am.

Another blessing we are so thankful for this season has been the project of installing new flooring in the parsonage kitchen and dining room! This is part of the larger property improvement campaign where we are also installing new flooring in the church library and Sunday School classroom, all of which have had very old carpeting for quite some time. These new vinyl floors are much easier to keep clean and have added value to our church property, and we thank our Trustees and Finance Committees for making this happen! You'll see the new flooring getting installed at the church sometime this month, but the parsonage work has already been completed and we'd like to invite you over to check it out. **Join us for a backyard cookout at the parsonage on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm, and be sure to ask our guide Lincoln to show you the new floors!** No need to bring anything, we'll have all the food supplied. Finance Committee has been so grateful for the donations toward this project, and we just have a little more to go to pay for the library and classroom flooring. If you're able to make a donation, please mark your check "flooring" and place it in the offering any Sunday or mail it to the office. Your investment in the church property enables us to continue doing ministry!

As we continue to listen for God's calling in our lives and reflect on what it means to be the church in a changing world, I am so proud of this congregation for always demonstrating such hospitality, generosity, and love. I am especially thankful for all of the volunteers who made this year's Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success and enabled us to gift Bibles to fifteen young people. Brooke Road, you are truly living as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and it is a joy to serve with you.

*- Pastor Violet*

*Dear Church Family,*

We are grieving the death of Jackie Parod, our dear friend and church member who passed away peacefully on Monday, August 23, 2021 at home in California. Her family requested that we share this obituary with all of you:

Jacquelyn L. Parod, 89, loving mother and grandmother, died August 23, 2021, in Orange County, California. Born October 14, 1931, in Oak Park, IL, daughter of Bertha and William Pauley. Moved to Rockford with her family in 1947 and married Richard Parod on Sept. 2, 1950. Former member of Brooke Road United Methodist Church and former active member of Broadway United Methodist Church for most of her life where she made many enduring friendships, and joyfully served countless hours in a variety of volunteer roles. Jackie also gained much joy from her 40 years of volunteering at Swedish American Hospital, sharing her time and talent in the newborn nursery, surgical waiting room, and information desk. She worked alongside her husband, Dick, in their family business, Parod's Kitchens. Jackie was a loving mother and grandmother who was happiest when surrounded by family or enjoying a cup of coffee with friends. She enjoyed cooking, baking desserts, and making candy for family, friends, and church potlucks. Reading, camping, and traveling were also a few of her many adored hobbies. Jackie had a warm and generous spirit that showed itself by caring for and helping others.

Survivors include daughter, Sandy (Dan) Partain; sons, Rick (Jane) Parod and Dan (Holly) Parod; grandchildren, Tim Pearson, Troy (Melissa) Pearson, Adam Parod, David (Sandra) Parod, Stacey (Renan) Lora, Megan Parod, and Tyler Parod; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Emily, Ryan, Ethan, Remy, Avery, Owen, and Eliana. Predeceased by her spouse, parents, and siblings. Burial in Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Rock River Valley Pantry, Rockford, IL.

Holly Parod shared, "Per her wishes, Jackie will be cremated and then she will return to be buried with Dick at Arlington Cemetery in Rockford." A timeframe for services has not yet been determined, but we will keep you posted.

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

**Rick and Jane Parod**  
**461 North Carlisle Place**  
**Orange, CA 92869**

We remember Jackie's faith and celebrate God's promise of eternal life, trusting that Jackie is rejoicing to be relieved of all suffering and enjoying true freedom. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

*-Pastor Violet*

## **Prairie North District Fall Lay Academy**

First UMC Harvard, 1100 N Division St, Harvard, IL 60033

Saturday - October 16, 2021 (8:30 am until 5pm)

Sunday - October 17, 2021 (1:00pm until 4:30 pm)

Cost \$25.00 per student

*Each student will need to purchase their own book.*

*Please bring a sack lunch, snacks, water and coffee will be provided.*

*10 hours of classroom participation needed for course completion.*

*Questions? Contact Leslie Stanford, [jptmom8@gmail.com](mailto:jptmom8@gmail.com)*

## *2021 Hybrid CROP Hunger Walk*

This year the Rockford Area CROP Hunger Walk will be a hybrid event. This means we will gather again at 1 p.m. in the Riverfront Museum Park October 17th, *IF* Covid conditions allow. *OR* your congregation may hold its own walk around your building. Last year \$41,455 was raised. This year's walkers will be wearing t-shirts with a picture that celebrates this success.

Looking to make a difference in our local community and in communities worldwide, the Rockford CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 200 walkers and hopes to raise \$45,000 to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce hunger. A portion of the funds raised will go to the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition.

Billions of neighbors around the world have to walk to live. Millions of Americans must rely on local food pantries, food banks and meal sites. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks are a part of Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Please join in this critical endeavor. Learn how at [www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil).

*David Jones*

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/brooke-road-umc>

## *Thank You*

*Dear Church Family,*

It's hard to adequately say how my family and I can say thank you for the many prayers, cards, and comforting words of your love during this sad time. Pastor Violet, your unending concern, love, visits and prayers have been the most caring support. We must also say, it was so special to have the choir sing and be accompanied by our own Vicki Jacobson. Thank you and God bless you all.

*Love,*

*Hazel and Family*

## *Directory Updates*

**Vivian Schwab**

c/o Amberwood Care Center  
2313 North Rockton Avenue  
Rockford, IL 61103  
815-668-7662

**Shelby Coleman & Cheryl May**

5103 Newton Road  
Crossville, TN 38572

## *Monthly Finance Update*

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

<b>July income:</b>	<b>\$10,996.67</b>
<b>July disbursements:</b>	<b>\$14,731.95</b>

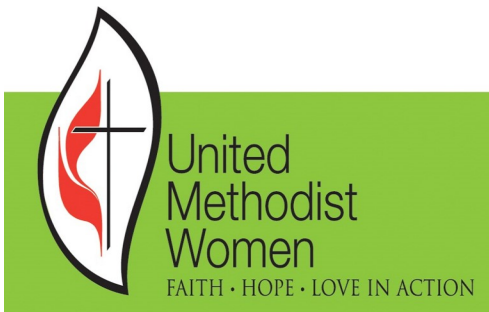
This information is always available to anyone who wants it by contacting Judy Parks (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

## *I Am a Child of God*

Pastor Violet was very hands on planning and working with us, plus getting Bibles for each child. To everyone who helped Vacation Bible School be such a success this year, thank you so very much. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough to say after all the planning, preparing, purchasing and executing our plans, decorating, undecorating, exhausting work. Music leader, Kim Campbell kept the songs lively. The Emerge band kids were wonderful. Kyle was great, both as a puppet story teller and science leader. Judy Parks was fantastic at reaching the kids, getting their attention, keeping them interested, plus making all the poster boards for visual aids. They asked questions and she had answers. Pastor seemed to enjoy having Lincoln involved in all activities and he did learn he as a child of God! Ann Phillips did an exceptional job purchasing, planning and making the snacks each day. All the helpers she had were very helpful: Sharon Semple, Sharon Albee, Mary Ann Sarver, Lyla Flynn and Tianna Groff. Mary Ann played games, brought books and candy to pass out, and helped decorate. Cash for food and supplies was donated. A big thank you to Lori Vowles for all the office help. Crafts by Becky and Aubrey Groff were great. Games by Jim Groff were fun! It takes a village, as Ann says. If I forgot to name someone, please remember, I do appreciate all of you.

### *VBS Committee*

*Becky Groff, Mary Ann Sarver, Ann Phillips, Jacki Shaver*



Earlier this month, members of United Methodist Women met to plan the programs for the 2021-2022 year. We invite anyone interested in a program or in joining us to attend on the second Tuesday at 1 PM at the church.

On September 14, 2021, Nancy Wickson, avid reader and great reporter will tell us the story of 3-year old Chinese American girl, Mei Chun Lai who was sold to a cruel brothel keeper. The title of the book is Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Jeffrey L. Staley and is based on a true story.

### Church Fellowship

So far, Fellowship time has been a success. We'd like to keep it simple with cookies and juice with perhaps having coffee in the cooler months. Sometimes those providing cookies have helped with setting up and cleaning up which has been wonderful as it gives everyone an opportunity for visiting. Thank you.

# September Birthdays and Anniversaries

**1st**

Aubrey Groff

**2nd**

Jackie Hartzell

Tom Boese

**6th**

Anne-Marie White

**11th**

John Sauer

**13th**

Michele Dobbs

**17th**

Christopher White

**19th**

Vivian Schwab

**20th**

Dale Stanford

**27th**

Barbara Witz

**28th**

Debbie Hintzsche

**15th**

Richard & Sharon Albee

Jim & Becky Groff

**19th**

Rick & Sandy Moderhack

**25th**

Michael & Michele Dobbs

## *Our Military*

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helser, Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles, Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

## *Family and Friends*

Erma Albee  
Dave Bargren  
Boots Baxter  
Chris Beebe  
Shelby Coleman & Cheryl May  
Richard Coppoletti  
David Denicolais  
Addilynn D'Angelo  
Family of John Dyke

Emerge Church  
Debbie Gorzek  
Debbie Hintzsche  
Pastor Violet, Kyle  
and Lincoln Johnicker  
Harvey May  
Denny & Sharon O'Hara  
Family of Jackie Parod

John Pippel  
Marge Rose  
Ron Ross  
John Sauer  
Phyllis Stafseth  
Charlene Taylor  
Children of Jordan Thomas  
Tom & Cynthia Zolk  
Maxine Zolk

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba  <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba  <b>7:00pm</b> Book Study	<u>2</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>3</u>      <b>7:00pm</b> Emerge Youth	<u>4</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba
<u>5</u> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>11:00am</b> Little Free Food Pantry Blessing <b>11:30am</b> Swahili Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Emerge Worship	<u>6</u> <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>7</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>5:30pm</b> Christian Ed <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>8</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba <b>7:00pm</b> Book Study	<u>9</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>10</u>      <b>7:00pm</b> Emerge Youth	<u>11</u> <b>9:00</b> SPRC <b>9:15am</b> Zumba  <b>11:00am - 1:00pm</b> Parsonage Cookout and new floor tour
<u>12</u> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> Swahili Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Emerge Worship	<u>13</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>14</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba  <b>1:00pm</b> UMW  <b>5:30pm</b> Finance  <b>6:30pm</b> Trustees <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>15</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba <b>7:00pm</b> Book Study	<u>16</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>17</u>      <b>7:00pm</b> Emerge Youth	<u>18</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba
<u>19</u> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> Swahili Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Emerge Worship	<u>20</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>21</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba  <b>12:30pm</b> Mona's Paper Angel Closet  <b>6:00pm</b> Council <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>22</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba <b>7:00pm</b> Book Study	<u>23</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>24</u>      <b>7:00pm</b> Emerge Youth	<u>25</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba
<u>26</u> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>11:30am</b> Swahili Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Emerge Worship  <b>5:00pm</b> Book Group at Warners'	<u>27</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>28</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba	<u>29</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba	<u>30</u> <b>9:15am</b> Zumba    <b>6:30pm</b> Zumba		

*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**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Social Media

facebook.com/thebrookerockford  
instagram.com/BrookeRoadUMC  
twitter.com/BrookeRoadUMC

**Sunday Worship Services at 10am:**

In person

**OR**

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

[www.facebook.com/TheBrookeRockford](http://www.facebook.com/TheBrookeRockford)

**OR**

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

**OR**

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