

## *Living in Hope Faith and Grace*

"Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit. I say it again: Stay with God." (Psalm 27:14 MSG)  
As P.A.S.S. Parish came together July 1, 2017 we set this verse before us. We did so to remind ourselves that our faith and our hope is in the Lord. The words from the NRSV reading of this verse have the same meaning, but sometimes different words help us with revealing deeper meaning, even if it all boils down to be the same in the end. "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14 NRSV)  
I encourage you to take time to read all of Psalm 27—don't worry, it's short—and here's

why. This psalm is not, though at first glance it may appear to be, a psalm about knowing God will answer our prayers. It goes much deeper than that. This psalm is about prayer, but this prayer in which there may even be a tendency toward a bit of groveling, is about giving us the faith, the patience, the wherewithal, the trust to wait for the Lord. Not to waste our energies on going crazy with our own needs and desires, worrying about our real or perceived enemies, creating battles where none need exist. Instead to learn to live without a Plan B, trusting instead that the Lord has it all worked out; our faith will carry us through whatever that journey looks like. As we enter our fifteenth month together, there are changes coming to P.A.S.S. Parish. Though it will be a bit before we are informed of a new configuration by the Bishop and the Cabinet, there has been a request for a change and our District Superintendent, Ron Carlson, has petitioned them to make change a reality in a timely manner. This brings Psalm 27 into our midst as a prayer for faith, patience, wherewithal and trust. Please join me in prayer, that these traits might be ours as we live in faith that God's love and leading are indeed what we seek as we enter this next chapter of faith-filled living.

Be blessed, be a blessing and take someone on the journey with you!  
Pastor Kim



THANK YOU

to all those who have taken time to let the office know that they would like their newsletter to be sent electronically. We know change isn't easy, but this one? It gives you **COLOR!!**



2018 P.A.S.S.  
Charge Conference  
will be held  
Tuesday, October 9,  
7pm at Alta UMC.  
Board members are encouraged to attend as they have both voice and vote on all reports to be approved.

### SIMPLE CHURCH: WORSHIP TOGETHER

**Sunday, September 30**

**South churches** will worship at Schaller UMC  
at 8:45 am, followed by potluck **brunch**.

**North churches** will worship at Alta UMC  
at 10:45 am, followed by potluck **lunch**.

Come together in fellowship with pastors and friends  
as we worship God together.

**There will NOT be worship at Silver Creek or Peterson  
on Sunday, September 30!!**

### Lay Servant Training

Spencer, Grace United Methodist Church  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Basic Lay Servant Training  
Advanced Class: (storytelling)  
Dancing with Words  
Advanced Class: Leading in Prayer



**The cost of the class will be \$20 per person lunch will be included.** Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 19. Checks must be sent to the District Office prior to the class or you can pay online.

You will be responsible for ordering your books for your class. We will not have extras available. Books can be ordered through Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com or Bookstore.UpperRoom.org. You will need to have read the book prior to the training.



Join the journey  
to a deeper  
relationship with  
God through  
prayer! **See the  
calendar for  
your local  
congregations  
Prayer Team  
meeting time.**

### FALL IS STOCK UP TIME!

While we look toward winter and stocking our homes for that season of hibernation to come, please think of those who may need a little help being ready for that season. Who in your community may need help winterizing their home? Who could use a little extra food to keep on hand for those days we just can't get out? How about your local food bank? Do they need cleaning and paper products or personal hygiene products? Think of your church. Do they need paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap? While you stock up your cupboards, please help those around you prepare for the change of seasons also. Thanks in advance!

The P.A.S.S. Parish Team is working on a couple goals:

- 1—To eliminate mailing as many newsletters as possible. This will save time as well as toner, paper, stamps and related expenses.
- 2—To accumulate as many updated emails, addresses and phone numbers as possible. If you have a cell number, especially if it is your primary contact, please share that with the office. This will make correspondence much more efficient and effective.

Thank you in advance for your help with our goals!

### IMPORTANT

If you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, transferred from one facility to another, receive emergency medical treatment or there is any other medical situation, neither your church, nor your pastor is likely to be contacted. Please contact Pastor Kim personally by call, message or email, so that appropriate arrangements for visitation can be made. Thanks for your help!



Anything that you would like to be in the coming Sunday's weekly bulletin, needs to be turned into the office no later than the Thursday before by 2pm.



Anything that needs to go in the October newsletter needs to be turned in by Tuesday, September 18 @ 2pm.

## MISSION TEAMS OF EACH CHURCH

### Updated information for Ingathering 2018

You may or may not be aware that UMCOR has changed a few things regarding both the hygiene and school kits. Here are differences and changes we need to be aware of (as of **Aug 20, 2018**).

#### Hygiene kits

- No metal nail files or emery boards. **ONLY fingernail or toenail clipper**
- 10 band-aids, instead of the 6 previously asked for  
Folding directions are in [Ingathering book](#), and slide packet into 1-gallon ziplock bag and close.

#### School kits

- Kits are to be **packed in 2-gallon ziplock** bags (instead of cloth school bags.)
- Kits are to contain **3 one-subject notebooks, AND a package of looseleaf paper** (wide ruled or college rule accepted).
- Stack paper, put smaller items on top and slide into bag, burp and close.

**THIS YEAR ONLY** – If you have school kits assembled with just the spiral notebooks, we will still send them. If you can add a package of loose leaf, great! Next year will be different. Many did not realize they are asking for BOTH kinds of paper.

**THIS YEAR** – If you have cloth bags you have packed the school supplies in, you may bring them as they are. DO NOT use both plastic and the cloth bag. Keep kits in cloth bags and kits in plastic separated so they can be boxed for shipping, but add the numbers together on the remittance sheet – they all have the same value.

If you have unused cloth bags, consider donating them locally or sending them to Midwest Mission, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee IL 62558.

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In the interest of time and space, you may now find your local church Ad Board minutes posted in your building. If you would like a printed copy or a copy emailed to you, please contact the Alta office.

### SEPTEMBER KIT FOCUS

**HYGIENE KITS** help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

- \*1 new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")
- \*1 new washcloth
- \*1 bath-sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger);  
No Ivory or Jergens
- \*1 large, sturdy comb (at least 6 inches of teeth)
- \*1 adult toothbrush in original sealed wrapper
- \*10 band aids (3/4"-1") 1 toe nail or fingernail clipper  
(no emery boards or toenail clippers)