



# July Newsletter Presbyterian Church of Oronoco



## July Scripture readings

**Sunday, July 7 -**

Matthew 10:26-33; Corinthians 13:1-13

**Greatest Showman #7**

**Sunday, July 14 -**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Hebrews 10:32-11:3

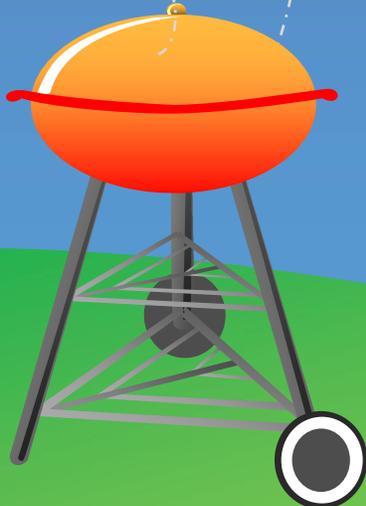
**Greatest Showman #8**

**Sunday, July 21 -**

Guest Preacher, Reverend Carol Shaffer

**Sunday, July 28 -**

Guest Preacher



## From the Pastor...

Summertime is made for vacations, am I right?

Especially in the Midwest where we deal with so much cold for so many months of the year. When summer rolls around, we're ready to be out and about!

**Summer = vacation**

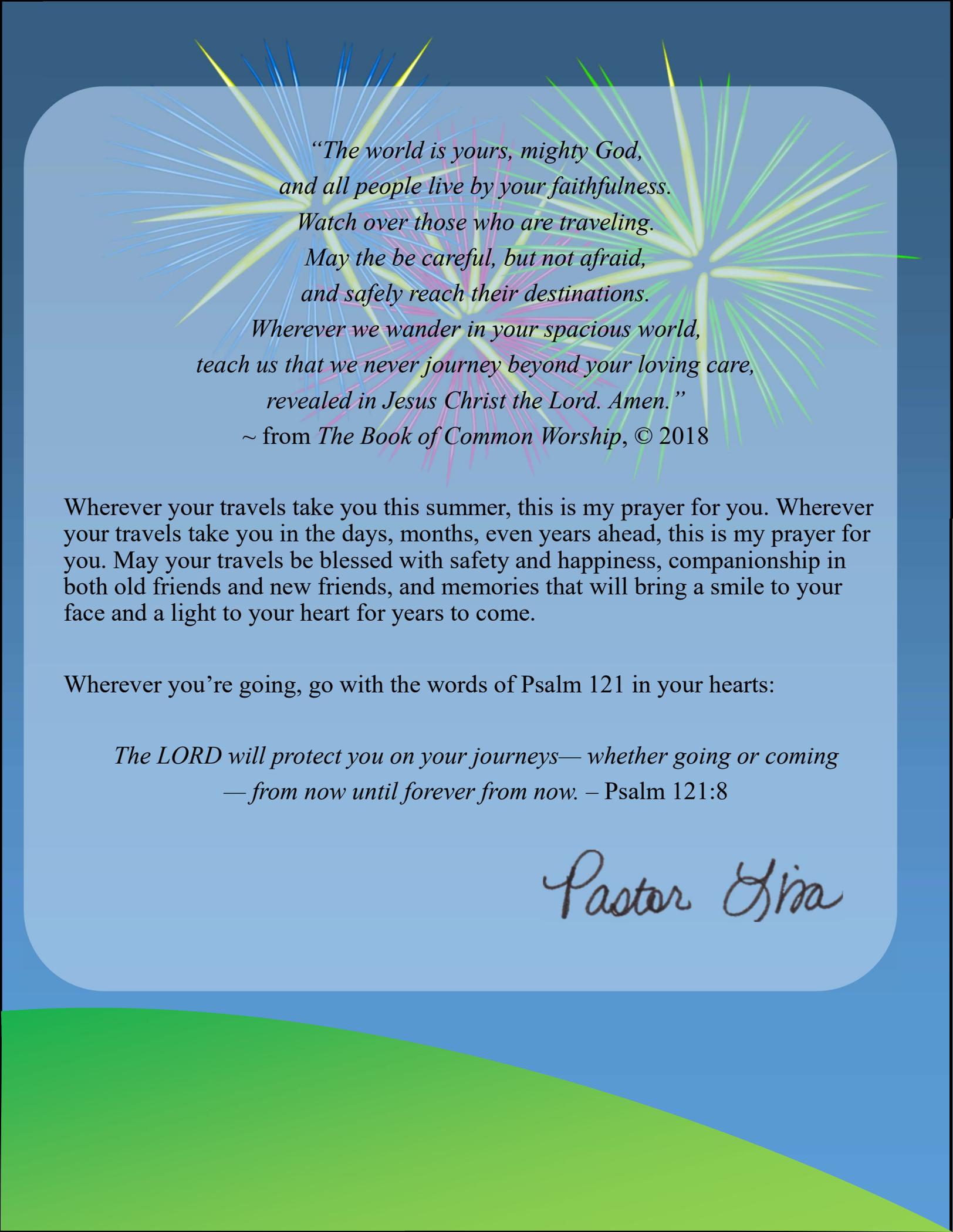
Especially with the rhythm of the school year. Whether you have children in school now, grandchildren in school now, are a teacher or someone that works in the school system, are a current student, or even just remember being a student ... for so long, our lives revolve around the "summer vacation" rhythm that it seems engrained in us. **Summer = vacation**

Especially when, as naturalist and author John Muir put it, "the mountains are calling" ... or the road ... or the lake ... or the beach ... or the waterpark ... or the campsite is calling "and I must go." **Summer = vacation**

Even as I write these words this morning, I know that we have members and friends who have recently returned from vacations to Europe. We have members and friends who are galivanting around the U.S. with their families. We have members and friends relaxing by the lake (many of you in northern Wisconsin J). We have members and friends planning getaways hither and yon in the weeks and months to come.

*The world is calling, and I must go ...*

In the newest version of our PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*, there's a prayer for traveling. The *Book of Common Worship* includes words and instructions for all sorts of liturgy elements for everything from regular Sunday worship to special prayer services to home blessings, including this prayer:



*“The world is yours, mighty God,  
and all people live by your faithfulness.*

*Watch over those who are traveling.*

*May they be careful, but not afraid,  
and safely reach their destinations.*

*Wherever we wander in your spacious world,  
teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care,  
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.”*

*~ from The Book of Common Worship, © 2018*

Wherever your travels take you this summer, this is my prayer for you. Wherever your travels take you in the days, months, even years ahead, this is my prayer for you. May your travels be blessed with safety and happiness, companionship in both old friends and new friends, and memories that will bring a smile to your face and a light to your heart for years to come.

Wherever you're going, go with the words of Psalm 121 in your hearts:

*The LORD will protect you on your journeys— whether going or coming  
— from now until forever from now. – Psalm 121:8*

*Pastor Lisa*

### **Next Session Meeting**

Monday, July 15

6:30 p.m.

**\*\*Please note that this is a change from our regular meeting day, but the time will remain the same\*\***

### **Next Session Meeting**

Tuesday, September 10

Time: To Be Determined

Associated Church, Owatonna



### **Joan Swarthout Memorial**

Joan Swarthout, a long-time member of this congregation and former deacon, passed away back in December 2018. At the time, her family decided to wait until July to have her memorial service so they could celebrate her life on her birthday – July 13. We don't have a specific time for Joan's service yet, but it will be July 13 at the church followed by a luncheon at the Oronoco Community Center.

### **Summer Sermon Series— “The Greatest Showman”**

In December 2017, Twentieth Century Fox put out a movie musical that became both a smash hit and a life-changing experience for a lot of people. “The Greatest Showman” is a movie loosely based on the life of 19<sup>th</sup> century circus innovator P.T. Barnum. As Barnum builds his troupe of performers, he pulls from all the oddballs and outcasts of society, proving to them that they deserve to be valued and celebrated just as much as everyone else. Not only did this family-friendly, “it's okay to be different” message resonate with people of all ages, the soundtrack struck powerful chords with people from all walks of life as well. So, this summer, we're going to work our way through “The Greatest Showman” soundtrack one sermon at a time.

## Directory

The 2019 Directory is finished!! If you would like a paper copy, please feel free to pick up either a regular-sized one or a large print version at church. There's also a password-protected version on our website so you can access our directory information on the go. If you would like the password, please talk to Pastor Lisa.

## Mowing Sign-Up

The sign-up sheet for sharing in the lawn mowing duties is up on the bulletin board. If you can help, please sign up for the week you intend to mow. The church mower is in the shed. Talk to Ron Peterson-Rucker or Pastor Lisa if you need the shed key.

## Pastor Out of The Office

Pastor Lisa will be out of the office July 21-August 4 for continuing education and vacation. She can be reached via her cell phone, email, or Facebook message during that time.

## Summer Fun Night—

### CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we've had almost no involvement in any of our June Summer Fun Night events. For that reason, we're going to cancel the remaining events in July and August.

## All Around the Campfire

We had so much fun with our campfire gatherings last summer that we're at it again this summer! One Sunday a month, we'll be gathering in the evening on the church lawn. There will be a campfire. There will be lawn games. There will be s'mores. This is a chance for us to spend some fun, relaxed, unstructured time together, and to invite people who may not be as comfortable coming through the church doors for the first time. Bring your neighbors and friends. Bring kids. Let's have fun!

~~- June 23: 5:30-8:00 p.m.~~

- July 28: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

- Aug. 25: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

- Sept. 22: 5:30-8:00 p.m.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		2	3	4	5	6
7	10 a.m. Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
				5 p.m. Food Shelf	Sue Johnson's Birthday	Robert & Jacky Rueber's Anniversary	Joan Swarthout Memorial
14	10 a.m. Worship 11:30 Confirmation	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Kaedyn Peterson-Rucker's Birthday Session Meeting				Don & Ardith's Anniversary	
21	10 a.m. Worship Cindy Luhman and Gail Rucker's Birthday	22	23	24	25	26	27
				5 p.m. Food Shelf			
28	10 a.m. Worship 11:30 Confirmation All Around the Campfire Karen Peterson-Rucker's Birthday	29	30	31			
							

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**Worship—10:00 a.m.**

**Communion—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

**Fellowship hour following worship**

**Sunday School—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

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