

July 2017



The Messenger

Sent to the Last Frontier - Pastor Mike Mirakian

From the very start, missionary work has given shape to the church, because our God is a sending God. He sends people into the world with the love and message of Jesus, just as He sent Jesus into the world to love and save us. Jesus, in turn, sent His followers as witnesses to the “ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) and commissioned us to make disciples “of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We go because God sends.

At the end of July, seven people from Broadway will join five from First Covenant on a mission trip to serve at Alaska Christian College. The mission team members from Broadway are April Parker, Robin Robinson, Mary Rogers, and my family (Laura, David, Noelle and me). On behalf of our team, let me express my gratitude for your encouragement, prayers and financial support. We will go to Alaska because God is sending us, and we know we couldn’t go without the generosity of our church family and the support of the mission committee. So, thank you!

Alaska is known as the “last frontier” and is the oldest mission field of the Evangelical Covenant Church. While Alaska is part of our own country, this last frontier represents for us the ends of the earth to which Jesus sends His people.

Alaska Christian College is affiliated with the Covenant and takes as their mission to “empower Alaska Natives through biblically-based education and Christian formation to pursue excellence in character, learning, and service as followers of Christ.”

ACC offers associate degrees to native Alaskans as a way to prepare them for further academic work or for a career. Many students attend ACC from small villages where they are under-prepared for college academics and for life beyond their native culture. Some come from difficult family situations and with scars from addiction and abuse. ACC staff share the love of Jesus and teach Biblical truth to students, many of whom have had little access to Christian faith.

Our mission team’s role will be primarily to assist in the construction of a new dormitory. Other teams from around the country will contribute to this project throughout the summer, with the hope of opening the dorm to students later in the fall. Each person on our mission team will provide 40 hours of labor, meaning that between Broadway and First Covenant, we will supply ACC with nearly 500 hours of work.

Short-term mission trips represent a two-way benefit. First, the mission team gives to those in need, bringing special skills and the love of Christ. We will offer labor and love, hoping to make a difference for ACC’s ministry. At the same time, the mission team receives the benefit of new friendships, experiences in a far-away place, and the spiritual growth that flows from service. We will go to serve, and I’m confident we will also each be changed in meaningful ways.

Please hold our team in your prayers. Obstacles and opposition always arise when Jesus’ followers attempt to fulfill His mission, so we need prayers for protection, strength, safe travel, wisdom and skill in our work. Pray also for the students and staff of ACC. We will serve there for a week, but their ministry is year-round.

On Sunday, July 23 we will take time during the worship service to commission and pray for the mission team. Our travel dates are July 29 through August 6. On Sunday, August 13 the team will share stories and celebrate what God accomplishes through us.

Another month closer to school starting! Or is it another month away from school ending? Either way, we're in the throes of summer. For the month of July we will be meeting on the 16th and again on the 23rd for regularly scheduled youth group. We will have a scheduled outing coming up in August, more details to follow about that though. I hope everyone is enjoying having their students home for the summer, I hope they're helping around the house and doing all of their chores, even though they're actually playing video games for hours on end! God Bless



Join us for Fun Fest 2017 at Broadway Covenant Church, Saturday, August 12th, 5 to 8 PM. We will have a Super Slide, Bounce House, Pony Rides, many games, lots of prizes, entertainment and food. All game and ride tickets are 20 cents each.



Food items are 50 cents and \$1 each. Invite kids, neighbors and friends for a night of family fun. Contact Church for more information, 815-399-9296.

We need your prayers and many volunteers to make this outreach event a great success for our neighborhood. To volunteer, contact Church at 815-399-9296 or talk to Jon Brown or call him at 815-399-5578.

We hope to see you at Fun Fest 2017.



Bikes on Broadway

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Saturday, July 22nd

3:00-5:00 pm



Broadway will host a children's neighborhood outreach event "Bikes On Broadway" Saturday, July 22nd from 3:00-5:00 pm for kids entering K-5th grade. Kids are invited to bring their bikes and peddle around the parking lot path. They will have fun decorating their bikes and riding through a "car wash"! Snacks and beverages will be provided. If you'd like to help call Laura at 815-315-2891 and she'll let you know how!

July

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2 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Worship	3 6:00 Carol Circle @ Granite City	4 Independence Day! office closed 	5	6	7	8
9 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Worship	10	11 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship 6:30 LT Meeting 6:30 RG Meeting	12	13	14	15 9:00 Prepare Habitat Lunches
16 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Worship YOUTH	17	18 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship	19	20	21	22 3:00 Bikes on Broadway 
23 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Worship Mission Team Commissioning YOUTH	24 Messenger news due in office 7:00 Mission Meeting	25 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship	26	27	28	29 Mission Team leaves for Alaska
30 9:10 Prayer 9:30 Worship	31					



Birthdays

- 1 Candice McCulloch
- 3 Jacob Roberts
- 4 Charmel Jacobs
- 5 Gladys Anderson
- 6 Jonathan Brown
Laura Mirakian
Jessica Murbirigi
- 7 Arlene Schweiger
Jackson McCulloch
- 8 Megan Woodrow
- 11 Tom Heck
- 12 Jasmine Gasmund
- 13 Judi Papka
- 16 Rosalie Pearson
Mason McCulloch
Beth Plomos
- 17 Joan Boettcher
Wesley Nelson
- 22 Kimberly Haase
- 25 Nancy Rainwater
- 26 Linnea Holmertz
Wayne Augenson
- 28 Dillon Melin
- 31 Pam Zollar
Charlotte Boulware



Anniversaries

- 7 Brad & Patricia Gasmund
- 8 Erin & Tim Clark
- 14 Mike & Stacey Parlapiano
- 23 Philip & Kathy Adams
- 24 Gerald & Christine Bauer

Serving in July

Head Usher:

Jon Brown

Counters:

Jon Brown & Bill Forsen

Nursery Workers:

- 7/2 Gene & Colleen Felts
- 7/9 Laura & Keaton Price
- 7/16 Kim Lape & Stacey Parlapiano
- 7/23 Kathy Holmertz & Jon Brown
- 7/30 Amy Breese & Cathy Alexander

Coffee Schedule:

- 7/2 Wes & Sue Nelson
- 7/9 Dan & Aina Hitchcock
- 7/16 Nancy Ilgen
- 7/23 Gene & Colleen Felts
- 7/30 Dan & Aina Hitchcock



Remember in Prayer

Justin Murdock, Ft. Sill, OK

Darlene Pearson and family in the death of her husband Fred.

Peggy Frint at OSF St. Anthony hospital.

Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the planter given for Fred's service. Our family appreciates all the prayers, cards, visits, food, phone calls and help we received during Fred's illness and also for the funeral service. We are so grateful for our church family. The Pearson Family, Darlene, David & Chris

Praise God for good news!!

Karen Burdick Pearson completed her chemotherapy and has been found cancer free. Thank you to all for of your prayers and concern from the grateful Burdick Family.

60 Plus

60 Plus does not meet in July or August. Our next lunch will be, Wednesday (closed on Tuesdays) September 20th at the Capri. Plan to join us at that time.

Mission Report

This month we are praying for **Peter and Anna** and their family. They have been serving in **Asia** since 2005 and have 3 children. They are also in the process of adopting a little girl. Peter and Anna are mentoring couples to strengthen their marriages. Please pray for the following:

- 1) Pray for a new small group that is forming. Pray for strength, blessing, and wisdom for the facilitator;
- 2) Pray for the non-believing husbands that Peter is mentoring;
- 3) Pray for Peter and Anna's energy, focus, and good health. Pray that they can bring stability to their work and ministry and 4) Pray that God will provide a long-term teacher to their school this fall.

Fabio & Johnna Muniz-Japan

- Pray for them as they finish their time in Japan in September.
- Pray for them as they plan for their time back in the U.S. and as they move to a long term project in Europe.

Alaska Christian College

- Pray for students as they are off for the summer that they would continue to be strong in their faith.
- Pray for protection and good health for the work teams that are working on the dormitory.
- Pray for safe travels protection and good health for the team from Broadway and First Covenant.

Alas-Trip
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Fundraising
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We have now received donations to cover all of the Alaska Missions Trip needs. Praise the Lord and thank you to all who made donations.

Julie's Project 2017

Calling all blanket makers to our first work day on Saturday, June 3rd. Meet at First Covenant's Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM. We have two organizations as beneficiaries of our work this year; Project 16:49 and Beloit Domestic Violence Center. Most the material has been purchased, but we are still in need of financial support. \$20 will underwrite the purchase of material for one blanket. Please see Neva Anderson or Carolyn Augenson if you'd like to help. Additional work days will be scheduled.



Women Invited Out for Dinner

Invite your friends and join us on Monday, July 3rd at Granite City, 7140 Harrison Ave. Rockford, IL. Call Kristi Swanson at 815-398-7960 to make your reservation by Sunday, 25th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss this chance to enjoy great fellowship and food.



Women's Fellowship

The Tuesday morning Women's Fellowship will continue to meet in July. Then they will take a break during the month of August and resume in September.

Leadership Team

The search team for the new Youth and Worship Pastor is making progress. Continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to fill this important position. Search team members are Arlene Schweiger, Laura Mirakian, Steve Schweitzer, Tyler Whitney, Mike Mirakian and Keith Holmertz.

Upcoming summer outreach opportunities at Broadway include a new bike event to be held on July 22nd and the 26th annual Fun Fest on August 12th.

Members of the 2017-2018 Leadership Team are Colleen Felts, Dave Holmertz, Kathi Engstrom, Ken Yarwood, Kent Drews, Kim Schweitzer, Mike Mirakian and Keith Holmertz.

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