



**Savoy United Methodist Church
June 2021 Issue**

FROM THE PASTOR

Marc Brown



He is Coming

Our world is a crazy place where brokenness abounds and we wonder how God is working and why we have to go through this. A couple of weeks ago, we encountered this brokenness when two individuals died and another was injured. Though there are many things we could discuss about this situation, I want to share about how I encountered God as a result of something that happened after the incident.

On Thursday, May 20 the body of Officer Oberheim, one of the individuals who died, was being transported to Decatur as part of a police escort. I have been in many funeral processions, but I have never witnessed a police escort before. I discovered that this was going to happen at a noon Kiwanis meeting I attended, but I still did not have any details. I stepped out of the office to get a breath of fresh air and noticed the fire trucks positioned on the overpass at Old Church and Curtis Road, so I figured this event was going to occur soon. Shortly thereafter, I noticed how cars were coming, parking on the side of the road and individuals were walking up the overpass to gather.

I decided to wait too from the church parking lot. I will confess I do not always have patience. In the beginning as I waited, I prayed for the officer's family. I prayed for the other officer involved and his family and the doctors and nurses who were taking care of him. I prayed for the family of the other individual who died in the incident. I prayed for our community, our interactions, for wisdom and healing. I said lots of prayers, but I was still waiting.

How are you at waiting? Is there a time frame you will wait for something? How do you determine when you will move and then move on or do you just wait? I think the importance of the person, event or item will influence and determine how long you and I will wait. As I watched and waited, I noticed several individuals work through this struggle to wait. There were a few who pulled over and waited a few minutes and then left, while others just stayed. I did not have a personal attachment, but a human one and was trying to be aware. Yet the question kept coming, was it really worth waiting for?

As I sat there watching and waiting, I felt the frustration in me building. Then it happened. Not the motorcade, but that gentle voice God uses to teach me something. It is not audible or

loud, but it is clear and piercing. This is what God said to me – “Will you wait for me or do you have more important things to do? Am I worth the wait?” I wanted to say, “Hey, this is not about you!”, but I knew it was and is. Am I willing to wait for God? How about you, are you willing to wait for God?

In Luke 2, there is the story of Simeon, a man who was promised by God that he would see the Promised One before. Simeon was an old man, yet he was still at the temple waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promise. He waited a long time. Why? Because Jesus was worth it to him and willing to make the sacrifices for the privilege of seeing him.

One day, Mary and Joseph came to the temple with the new baby boy Jesus and Simeon did not have to wait any longer. Simeon was ready and therefore he got to touch God in the Flesh. Jesus promised one day he would come back. Are you waiting? Are you looking for him? Are you ready to greet him and see him? Is Jesus Christ worth it to you? As I waited for the motorcade, I found myself committing to the Lord, I will wait for you. There is no one more worthy to wait for.

Eventually the motorcade came. I waited and was ready. To see all of the vehicles involved was a humbling, but powerful experience. Yet the lesson the Lord revealed to me is still stirring and pushes me to be ready and to wait for Jesus and the day He takes me to my Heavenly Home. So till then, I will continue Journey with Jesus to be like Jesus.

Change of Schedule

For the past 14-15 years I have had the same work schedule at least in theory. I have taken Monday and Saturday off to have a time of rest and refreshment. There have been times this has worked well and there have been times it hasn’t. The past year working through the pandemic has brought many challenges to keeping this schedule and finding a time to be still and be renewed. I think for my own sake and sanity and in order to be effective in ministry, it is important to care for oneself to enable God to do what God needs to do in and through us. This is true for me and true for you.

With this said, I am going to try a new rhythm of days off and work days starting in June. From now on, I will be working Sunday through Thursday and I will be taking off Friday and Saturday. Monday through Thursday I will be in the office from 8:30am – 5:30pm and attending meetings as needed.

Thanks in advance for your understanding. If you need to schedule a time with me, please let me know and we will get a time arranged.

Blessings,
Pastor Marc

Director of Worship



Position Objective: To empower SUMC attendees to serve Christ in areas of music and worship arts thereby creating an environment where this can occur. Draw people into worshipping God through the careful selection of music and lyrics. The Director of Worship is responsible for the flow of service, both live and online, and prepares the congregation to hear God's Word as spoken through the Pastor.

Position Description: The Director of Worship will be the "producer" of each Sunday morning worship service and special services. Although the senior pastor is the "director" in terms of setting the theme and overall direction of the service, the Director of Worship will oversee and coordinate all the details that a service encompasses. The Director of Worship must be a visionary who is creative in leading people to God. Someone who is SOLD OUT FOR JESUS! This person is a leader who is great with communication both verbal and written in a way that inspires those around him/her to join in the pursuit of that vision. Someone with great listening skills. This position is one that requires the individual to serve not solely as a musical or performing arts director but also as a shepherd to the people who serve in this ministry.

This position is a Part-Time position.

Essential Responsibilities:

Music, Media, and Worship

- Meet regularly with the senior pastor to plan and discuss the Sunday services and future planning.
- Lead all aspects of planning and delivery of the Sunday morning worship service(s) and help ensure that it flows seamlessly.
- Get to know who we are as a church and our community.
- Develop and manage the budgets for music, media booth and the worship team.
- Organize and lead musical practices in preparation for worship services or special events.
- Develop and coordinate teams of instrumentalists, vocalists, audio/visual techs, and camera operators.
- Work with the media booth to recruit and develop new team members for the worship, audio/visual, and camera teams.
- Oversee the musical instruments and their maintenance.
- Work with the media booth to make sure the computers, sound and video equipment, and camera equipment used in worship are functioning and updated.
- Oversee sound/video/light/livestream/virtual ministry. Meet with head audio tech and producers to improve sound and visual quality of live and online services.
- Plan lighting design for worship services in collaboration with media booth team
- Serve as a musical resource for youth and young adult ministries.

Administrative Responsibilities

- Hold regular office hours during the week and participate in all meetings pertaining to responsibilities as a staff member.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with pastoral staff to discuss and develop material for social media and creative team needs.
- Work with the Office Administrator to schedule upcoming events at the church.i.e. weddings, funerals, etc...

Supervision: The Director of Worship reports directly to the Lead Pastor and is accountable to the Staff-Parish Team.

Hours: 24-28 hours per week

Hourly rate: \$18-\$20 per hour

Email resumes to church@savoyumc.org or call the church office at 217-352-3993 with questions!

Policies for Receipt Submissions

If you are a ministry leader or volunteer and need to submit a receipt, please bring it into the office within two weeks of purchase.

If the purchase was charged to the church credit card or church charge account:

- **Bring the receipt into the office within two weeks of purchase.**
- **Sign the receipt anywhere with your name.**
- **Write the account in which the charge needs to come out of on the receipt.** (*Food pantry, music, media, children's ministry, etc.*) Please speak with Briana with any questions.
- **Once completed, place the receipt into the mailbox labeled "receipts".**

If you need a REIMBURSEMENT for a purchase you made for the church with your own money:

- **Bring the receipt into the church office within two weeks of purchase.**
- **Sign the receipt anywhere with your name.**
- **Write "REIMBURSEMENT" on the receipt**
- **Write the ministry in which it was for on the receipt.** (*Food pantry, music, media, children's ministry, etc.*)
- **Place the receipt into the mailbox labeled "receipts"**

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT REIMBURSE FOR TAX ON PURCHASES. Please inquire with the church office prior to any purchases to get our tax exempt certificate or tax exempt number.

Summer Food & Fellowship

(June 26, July 24, & August 28)

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

Hebrews was written to a community that was struggling and being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. The author wrote this letter to bring encouragement and hope that their faith in Jesus was worth holding on to. One of the ways, they were encouraged to grow in their faith was to fellowship or be with one another. There is something empowering and refreshing about meeting together, sharing life, and being reminded we are not alone, but rather part of something larger than us.

Over the last year, we have been asked to be isolated and to avoid fellowship in order to stop the spread of Covid-19. Though this has brought physical health, our mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health has struggled and even declined. As we seem to be moving in a direction of overcoming the pandemic, communities are being granted new freedoms to commune with each other.

This summer, we (the Savoy UMC family) are planning to gather for a meal once a month. This will be a time for us to gather, visit, engage, and enjoy being together. It will also be a space to bring a friend, neighbor or family member to a gathering where they can engage with your church family. On the fourth Saturday of each month (June 26, July 24, August 28), we will provide a meal at the church. Food will be provided from 5-7pm, but you are invited to stay for fellowship until whenever. The meal will cost \$5 per person and will include all you need to fill up. We will also be planning to offer a meal at each gathering that may accommodate those that may have diet restrictions. The meals will be prepared and packaged in an environment that will meet Health Dept. guidelines and keep people safe. We are working on having fun activities for people of all ages and abilities (bags, bubbles, kick ball, cards, ...). People will also have the freedom to pick up meals and return home.

These events will require some assistance and volunteers to help cook, serve, clean, and greet. Actually, each role will be about encouraging and sharing Jesus with those who gather. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@savoyumc.org. Life is hard at times, so let us meet together, share a meal, and encourage each other to “Journey with Jesus to be like Jesus.”

Prayer in a Pandemic

Many things changed in our church during the pandemic, but we never quit praying. We didn't have as many group prayer sessions, but we routinely addressed prayer concerns during worship and also made sure that prayer concerns were communicated to the church family and to the members of the prayer team. That ongoing communication kept us connected and although we knew that God knew of our prayer concerns before we even expressed them, it was in keeping with our prayer ministry that those needing prayer were being prayed over by the Prayer Team and our Church Family. What a comfort that was for all of us. The pandemic stretched us in many ways, but it also gave us the opportunity to continue saying those much needed prayers for the people and situations that were important to us. Praise God!

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

MISSIONS

Missionary Support

We were blessed to hear from Missionary Sarah Voss during worship in May and hear about how many young adults are impacted and supported at ISU with Cornerstone church. Our church currently has two young adults at ISU and has had many previously.

Missions will provide ongoing support for Sarah beginning soon. We pray that her work at ISU will be fruitful and look forward to updates and hearing testimony from her mission.

Sarah

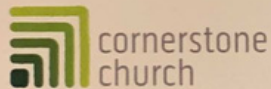
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[Reliant.org/sarah.voss](https://reliant.org/sarah.voss)

SARAH.VOSS@RELIANT.ORG | 515-745-3744

Sarah will be working as a full time missionary on ISU's campus with Cornerstone Church. Sarah's main roles in this position will be discipling women in their walks with the Lord, helping to do outreach, and continuing to be a large group leader to teach

weekly Bible study and share the Gospel with students, as she equips others to lead. Sarah is passionate about sharing the good news and real hope of Jesus Christ with college students because she came to know the Lord during her college years.



MISSIONS

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat work days are on hold now until July. If you wish to sign up for a future date, please use the links below. It has been such a blessing to all who have been participating in this awesome project!

Click here or enter this into your web browser to sign up to be a Habitat Building Site Volunteer. You will receive a confirmation and link to fill out waivers at a later date.

<https://forms.gle/DyvpFGXqFGGcD7sd8>

Click here or enter this into your web browser to sign up to help prepare meals, deliver food, donate food and drink, pray, make phone calls, and write thank you notes.

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MS. GAIL'S KID'S CORNER



A note from Ms. Gail

Children are so impressionable. They learn from teachers, parents, friends, the news, what they see and hear. Who mentors Jesus to them? We live in the world, but our home is in heaven. Are our children living too much in the world? I would guess a lot of children are. They may hear of Jesus and even go to Sunday school or VBS. Is that enough? A child's heart is soaking up what they hear and see. The younger the better for teaching a child about Jesus. Do we pray in front of them. Do they see how we handle our struggles? Are we teaching them how to handle their pain, hurt, and disappointment? Are they believing the lies people tell them instead of the truth about how God sees them? This has to be intentional every day, all day. God is good. He may not answer our prayers the way we wanted, but he is there every minute walking with us. Do we demonstrate this to our children? Is prayer something you do other than just at bedtime and meals? Do you help children look up Bible verses of reassurance for your struggles and theirs? Pray when at the park. Pray when riding a bike. Pray about situations. And, teach them, in those prayers to be thankful. Thankful for getting up and being able to ride a bike, thankful for their family and friends, thankful for the sun shining, thankful for the birds and flowers, and trees. Life is hard, but we can show them how to give thanks even in the hard times. Sunday school and other church programs are amazing! Having a church family is so valuable. But, it's what happens outside of the church that has an ever bigger impact!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 1-4 from 6-8pm

What an amazing adventure we will take the children on! They will be learning just how “treasured” they are by God !For four nights, we will be filling their hearts and minds with the LOVE and JOY of Jesus. No matter what others may say about us, God says we are “treasured” .A priceless treasure at that! We are so grateful for the families who have entrusted their children with us. We are so grateful for the volunteers who stepped up and made this all possible! God asked and we said “YES”. We answered that nudge he put in our hearts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 am each Sunday

We are going to be making some fun changes in the weeks ahead. We are going to change the name from Sunday school to Kids Worship and we are going to meet mainly in the South prayer room.

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY at 9:30 am each Sunday

Right now, we have one child from nursery and her parents are fine letting her go to the Preschool room. We have a paid person in there and a volunteer mom who is bringing her beautiful boys that will be in there. We are looking for another paid person as I will be losing my paid people in June and August. Eventually, we will need to have a nursery person in the nursery and volunteers to teach in the preschool. I would like to ask each family who uses the preschool to volunteer for one week a month. More is coming on this in the near future.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Saturday, October 23rd, with a rain date of Sunday, October 24th

Please start thinking about being a “trunk” to pass out candy as we have done in the past. Candy donations will be so appreciated. You can mark them Trunk or Treat and leave them in office. I do not know about passing out hot dogs yet. I would just like people to start offering to be a trunk at this point.

More family events will be planned as we see where we are with future restrictions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



There are 10 of us heading to Knoxville, TN to serve and minister to their community! Please cover our group in prayer; to be obedient to where, when and how the Holy Spirit leads us! We leave June 13th and return the 19th.

- *Rebeccah & Andrew Anderson*
- *Andrea Taylor*
- *Olivia Taylor*
- *Laura Taylor*
- *Esther Brown*
- *Claire Markstahler*
- *Macy McDonough*
- *Douglas Coleman*
- *Ally Aardsma*

We ended the school year with a trip to hike at Turkey Run State Park! It was beautifully awesome!

Knoxville



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Annual Conference Collection: May 20th– June 10th

ITEMS NEEDED

Midwest Mission Top Needs

Personal Dignity Kit (Needed Items)

- Toothpaste— 2.5 oz. or larger
- Wash Cloths (Bath)
- Hand Towels (Bath)



Layette Kit (Needed Items)

- Onesies
- Donation of \$2 for Diaper Cream
- Cloth Diaper (Sewing instructions are on [website](#))
- Receiving Blanket– 28" by 28" or 32" by 32" (store bought or handmade)



Homecare Kit (Needed Items)

- Liquid Laundry Detergent—32-64 oz.
- Dish Soap—16-34 oz.
- Liquid Household Cleaner—16-40 oz.
(NO Sprays)



Student Kit (Needed Items)

- Box 12 Colored Pencils
- Rulers



Cloth Face Mask

- Cotton or tightly woven wool, or viscose/rayon. Also rope elastic or ribbon.

Flannel Fabric

- Donate by the yard
- No camouflage, hand prints, foot prints, or paw prints on fabric

If you want to assemble full kits, info is located on our website under "Kits, Projects, and Patterns."

Items listed here are our greatest needs.



www.midwestmission.org

Food Pantry News

Your prayers and support of our SUMC food ministry are making such a difference for those who are hungry in our community! Right now, our pantry is pretty well stocked with cereal, canned veggies, snacks, and canned tomato products. Our needs for this month are listed below, and your monetary donations are always appreciated so we can purchase milk, eggs, bread, and other items from the grocery store. Thank you!

NEW food bank distribution!

You can help by boxing food for families. On Tuesday, June 8, we will take food to New Century Estates Mobile Home Park, 4809 W Windsor Rd, Champaign. Meet at the church shed at 3:30 to pack the food. Then we will go out and meet those God wants us to serve. Many hands make light work! We will be wearing masks and working apart from each other. Thank you ahead of time for your willingness to serve. Contact Cindy 217-841-0420 with questions.

Shopping List

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Pork and Beans
- Boxed mac n cheese
- Paper Towels

Canteen Run

Hebrews 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy, without holiness no one will see the Lord.

My son and daughter-in-law have a couple of shirts that say to "Love your neighbor" no matter what color they are or what ethnicity they are. A sign says "hope and peace are contagious", Catch One! Another one is: "we accept brotherly love, we accept courage, we accept hope, we accept all lives." There are plenty of more shirts and signs out there that point to positive things. There's a lot of love in the world.

Our current needs are:

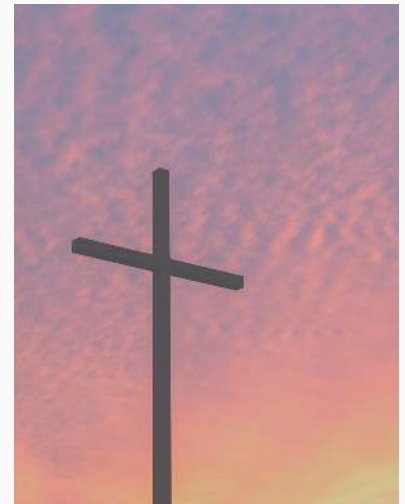
We need drivers and coordinators

We need men's underwear

We need men's short sleeved shirts

Our email is cucanteenrun.org. We have a Facebook page, and a Twitter account, Canteen Run@canteenrun

Servants of Christ,
Canteen Run



United Methodist Women

Ladies, do you enjoy a potluck? On Wednesday, June 9, United Methodist Women will enjoy a salad/dessert potluck at 11:30 am at the church. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Potato salad will be provided. Table service and beverages will be provided. Don't forget the Festival of Quilts at Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana on Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5. You can attend in person or shop online but registration is requested. When you register, you can sign up for a 2 hour in person time slot and will receive a number to use when shopping online.

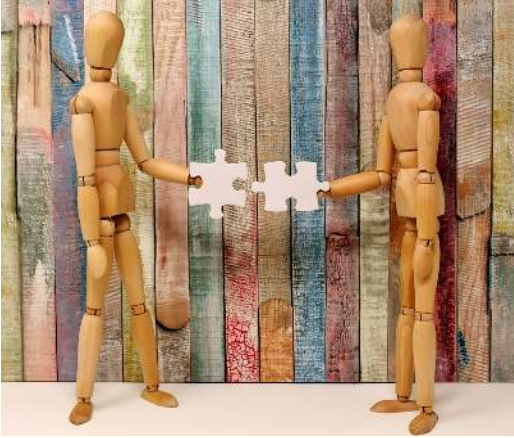
Visit www.Cunninghamhome.org for more information.

A huge thank you to all of the Savoy UMW volunteers who have helped price the beautiful donated items for the gift shop at the Festival. We hope you will want to come to check out these items created by some very talented United Methodist Women all over the state as well as the wonderful quilts for auction and the show. Baked items will also be available. We hope to see you there.



CONNECT

Connect with Jesus and one another through Sunday worship as well as meaningful ministries throughout the week.



Mailing List

Join our mailing list to keep up-to-date on all that is happening at Savoy UMC! To subscribe, [click here](#) or email the church office at church@savoyumc.org.

Sunday Morning Worship

We are now meeting again in-person! Registration is required at savoyumc.org under the "Upcoming Events Tab".

Unable to attend? No problem! We will still have recorded worship available on our YouTube channel on Sunday evening.

Youth Group

See the youth page for scheduled summer events.

Led by: Rebeccah Anderson
rebeccah@savoyumc.org

Quilters

Quilters have resumed meeting in the south east classroom of the church. Drop in anytime 9am-noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month. God has blessed us each with different talents and we are happy to work together or separately on a variety of projects.

Contact Cindy 217-841-0420 with any questions.

Facebook Group

Want to get connected from home? Join our Savoy United Methodist Church Family facebook group! Email the church office for an invite at church@savoyumc.org!

Senior Saints

June 24th

The next activity of the Savoy Senior Saints will be held on Thursday, June 24. Note that this is the 4th Thursday instead of the 3rd. one. We will be touring the flower gardens of Rita Collins. Be at the church by 11:00 a.m. and then we will travel to Rita's home. Plans for lunch are not finalized at this time. If you plan to attend, please call Audrey at (217-621-8585) OR Gary Ricketts at (217-621-0920) by June 22.

Children's Ministry

Sunday mornings during worship for ages 4yr-6th grade.

Led by: Gail Taylor
Gail@savoyumc.org

GROW

Grow in relationship with others and Jesus by joining a small group or Bible study.

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30am

We meet to study the Bible and apply the truth we encounter to our lives and the situations we are facing.

Contact: Pastor Marc Brown
marc@savoyumc.org

Faith Journey

First Monday of each month

Journey with Jesus to be like Jesus: searching scripture, sharing, prayers, fellowship and snacks.

Contact: Gary and Audrey Ricketts
217-367-2098

Women's Group

Every other Sunday at 2:00pm

Small group for women that meets every other Sunday.

Contact: Ginger Mills
gingermckee10@gmail.com

Journeymen

1st & 3rd Saturday at 7:30am

Men's group that meets together for discussion and fellowship at the church.

Contact: Brian Markstahler
brian@abcheatingandcoolingac.com

Chick Chat

Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Ladies, visit us at the church on Thursday mornings. You will be blessed to see how Bible study can be fun while we connect with others. We are currently learning the ways God is not like us. And thanking Him that He is not!

Contact: Cindy Cook
cindycook31061@gmail.com



SERVE

Serve through your time, talent, treasure, and witness to spread the love of Jesus to others.

Media Booth

Work in the media booth on Sunday mornings assisting with lights, sound, and PowerPoint. Training is provided!

Contact: Steve Setzler
sws601@comcast.net



United Methodist Women

Multigenerational group of women who meet monthly in service and fellowship.

Contact: Kay McCoy
mccoy18@comcast.net

Praise Band

Do you love to sing or play instruments? Our praise band performs a variety of contemporary songs.

Contact: Amy Markstahler
gr8flsh33p@hotmail.com

Food Pantry

Looking for a way to serve? We need volunteers to deliver groceries to families experiencing food emergencies. If you could make even one delivery each month, it would be helpful.

Contact: Deb Foertsch foertschdeb@gmail.com

Prayer Team

The prayer team meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM at the church. We would love to have you join us in prayer!

Contact: Marilyn Hancock
mjh46@att.net or (217) 369-4874

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You may or may not know, our church has a Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you would like to make a shawl, there is some yarn at the church or you can use your own yarn. If you know of someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl, contact Cindy Cook. Prayer shawls are a great comfort to the giver and the recipient. Let us reach out to others by using our gifts and talents!

Contact: Cindy Cook
cindycook31061@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Briana McDade (3)

Samuel Anderson (10)

Joe King (12)

Mark Taylor (14)

Jeff Grau (16)

Vera Maase (18)

Juanita Gammon (18)

Jenny Garinger (19)

Hannah Fridgen (19)

Steve Setzler (20)

Neiko Gaines (22)

Joe Meents (23)

Eric Vlahovich (24)

Dee Smith (25)

Oj Clark (30)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

KEITH & SARAH WESSEL (7)

DOUG AND MARY BAULING (13)

JEFF & ROSE REDMON (14)

MICHELLE & JOHN HORVAT (16)

BRANDIE & JEREMY DELAHR (17)

NICOLE & JASON HAEGELE (23)

MICHELLE & MICHAEL GRINDLEY (24)

AUBREY & CARL CLABAUGH (24)

DONNA & RICK KESLER (25)

MARILYN & JOHN HANCOCK (25)

KIM & KYLE SCHULTZE (28)

Journey with Jesus to be like Jesus

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