

What Has Happened This Past Month?

A Singing Camp, Church Being Struck by Lightning...

The Usual!

This past month has been AMAZING and AWESOME! We have definitely felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in more ways than one. Our second annual Singing Camp was an incredible week full of music, creativity, tasty treats, and just plain fun. We had 22 children ranging from grades 1-6, we had just as many boys as girls, and we had several children who were not of our church family. They worked hard and gave a WONDERFUL concert at the end of the week. We sang and talked about the four types of love that is demonstrated in the bible, *eros* (romantic love), *Storge* (family love), *philio* (love of friends and community), and *agape* (God's perfect love for creation). We talked about how we RISE UP on the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus with his life, death, and resurrection. **Let us rise!**



And then THIS HAPPENED! Early Monday morning, July 17, our building was struck by lightning. We are very thankful that no one got hurt. It did spread debris on our parking lot and the post office, but no damage was done. It did drop a 75 lb rock on our AC unit that is NO LONGER BEING USED—so that was a good thing. We did lose our wi-fi for a couple of days so that is why the newsletter is a week late.

Now, let me tell you—THIS WILL PREACH! Because when you are tallest structure around—you are in peril of getting struck. But that is what we are called to do as Disciples of Christ. We are called to stand up tall and speak truth and love, even when it seems like no one else is standing up with us. And yes, sometimes you become the perfect target to be “struck,” but we know that being “struck” is not the end of the story. We know that there is resurrection. We know that there is always new hope and joy. We know that we will always RISE UP as long as we trust in GOD’S PERFECT LOVE.