

## THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church  
Leavenworth, Kansas

**AUGUST 2018**



### **Soule Searching**

Hi friends,

Debbie and I will be flying to New York City on Tuesday morning. We will be away for a week to visit my youngest brother, Paul and his partner Robert. On Sunday, August 5, Rev. Mark Braden will be leading worship and preaching. Please be present to welcome Mark back to our pulpit. He will also be available for pastoral emergencies while I am gone.

The following article about the mission trip I took to Kenya, was in the Village Presbyterian Church newsletter and is used with their permission. I hope you enjoy it and that it will peek your interest to come hear my presentation in September 9<sup>th</sup> following our potluck.

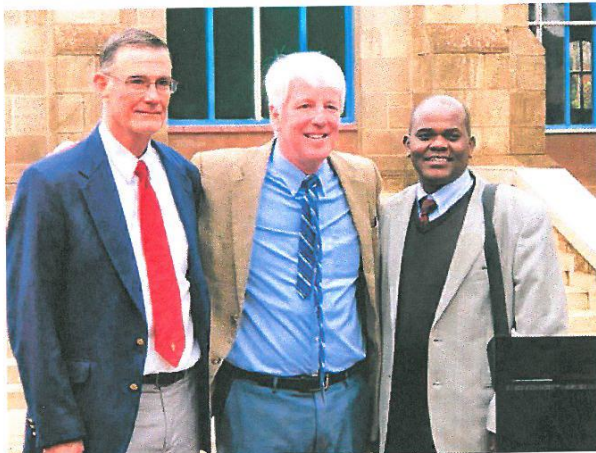
There are a couple of fun events set for August. See details on the next few pages. Make plans to join us for both of them if at all possible.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with VBS. We had 15 students and an equal number of volunteers. Our school was fun, educational and energetic. Who knows how God may use our efforts in the lives we touched?

See you late next week.

Tim

Jim Heeter



Rev. Soule, Rev. Are and Rev. Nzioka pictured at the Church of the Torch outside of Nairobi

What an extraordinary experience to spend nearly two weeks with Pastors Tim Soule, Tom Are and David Nzioka and the 26 other wonderful folks! It was beautiful to witness people serving others and building relationships with all of God's children.

## 2018 Mission to Kenya

### Thwake: The Heart of Kenya



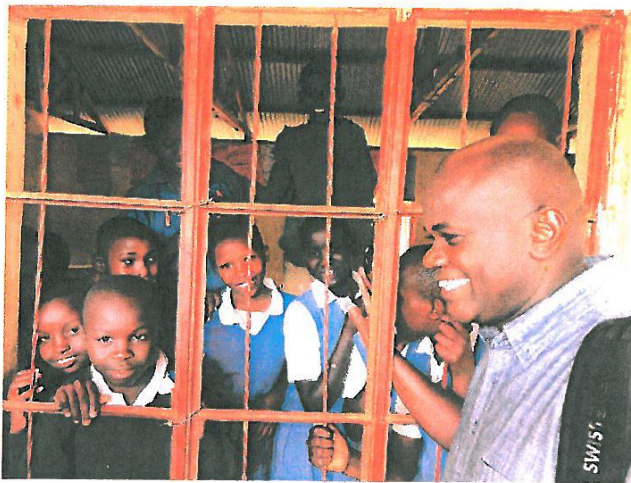
2018 Thwake team at Rev. Nzioka's compound

Twenty-three members of VPC plus six Neema Church members and Rev. Tim Soule, pastor at First Pres. in Leavenworth, recently returned from a 12-day mission trip to Thwake, Kenya under the leadership of Rev. Dr. David Nzioka and the Thwake Village Partnership. Rev. Nzioka is a former pastoral

intern at VPC and current pastor of Neema Community Church in Olathe.

As part of the mission, the team hosted a health fair for the residents of Thwake with much-needed services such as dental, vision, general medicine and a pharmacy. They also formed strong bonds with the 12 beautiful girls who live in the Children's Home. An important part of the trip for the team was participating in a beautiful ceremony and celebration to honor the construction of an addition to the Presbyterian Church of Wote, which was funded by generous offerings from Village Church members.

#### About Rev. Dr. Nzioka





Rev. Nzioka with students at Thwake's elementary school

Rev. Nzioka was born and raised in Thwake, a small and remote village in southeastern Kenya. From a young age, his dream has been to improve the quality of life for his community. "People still survive on very little, but things have improved dramatically. Growing up, we spent hours each day trekking to the river to get our water. We were always hungry and had no access to health care or any basic services," said Rev. Nzioka. "I was faithful and knew that the Lord would use anyone—even someone like me who had very little — to make the world a better place," he continued.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Fellowship Treats Session 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Capital Campaign Meeting in room 8	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Fellowship Treats Deacons 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Session Meeting	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed	<b>11</b>  <b>GAME NIGHT</b> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Game Night
<b>12</b> Pot Luck 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Fellowship Treats Choir & Bell Choir 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Testing	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Fellowship Treats Congregation A-M Ice Cream Social at the Strands 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>28</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Community Meal	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Church Office Closed	<b>1</b>