

# VOYAGE NEWS

## Pointing the Way Back to God

### First Time Here?

First, make yourself at home. You're welcome to grab a cup of coffee, a drink out of our cooler, or any other items we have set out. Then, find a comfortable seat. Our services this summer are at 10 AM. Generally, you can expect this morning's service to last approximately one-hour long.

### Have Children?

**Nursery** - Children age 0 - 3. While younger children are welcome upstairs, you may bring your child to nursery at any time.

**Voyage Kids** - Children age 3 - 5th grade. Our kids will start out in the upstairs worship service but will be dismissed to their classrooms after two or three worship songs.

**Voyage Teens** - Grades 6th - 12th. Our teens will start out in the upstairs worship service but will be dismissed to their classrooms after two or three worship songs.



The month of July marks the center point of summer. Most of us are not in school. Others of us have planned out some measurable time for a much needed vacation. And some of you are engrossed in the “blockbuster” movies that seem once again plentiful. But in my view, if there is one thing about the summer months, especially July, that deserve some of our time and attention, it's music.

As a kid, I loved the extra time that I had during the summer to, as someone once said, “put the needle on the record.” For me, music was a time of solitude, relaxation, and offered up a chance to cool down from those long and hot July days. It was also a time to explore something new - a new artist or band, a new genre (yes, I even had my heavy metal phase), and maybe a new medium of listening (vinyl to tape to cd, etc...).

Well, maybe it's time for you to pull out some of that music that you used to listen to, but haven't made time for in awhile. If your collection has diminished, visit a local record store like The Corner Record Store in Grandville, or visit your local Kent District Library and check out a turntable (no joke, see below), and some records! And when you do, perhaps you'll find just the right summertime mix that will do your heart well.

—Pastor Jeff

## The Books I Read

Each month, I (Pastor Jeff) attempt to read through five books. In the month of June, I made it! My personal favorite was Eugene Peterson (famous for his Message paraphrase of the Bible) and his pastoral insights. I needed them!

1. *The Glass Hotel* - Emily St. John Mandel
2. *The Anxious Generation* - Jonathan Haidt
3. *The Pastor (A Memoir)* - Eugene Peterson
4. *Satisfied: Discovering Contentment in a World of Consumption* - Jeff Manion
5. *The Maid (Molly the Maid #1)* - Nita Prose

## Giving Options

You can give onsite by cash or check through our Offering and Connection Box.

You can also give online at [visitvoyage.org](http://visitvoyage.org). It's an easy and secure way to give.

## Learn More

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about our church, don't hesitate to reach out. Our staff is open to answering your questions before or after our morning services.

You can also learn more with a short visit to our website: [visitvoyage.org](http://visitvoyage.org)

And yes, you can also email us at [visitvoyage@gmail.com](mailto:visitvoyage@gmail.com).

## One More Thing

Thanks for visiting with us! We are grateful for the opportunity to worship with you and to get to know you better. If you would like for us to follow up with you, please fill out one of our Connection Cards. Share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

These can be placed in the Offering and Connection Box located on our information table near the entrance.

Have a blessed day!

## June Giving Summary

General Offering (June)	Budgeted - \$14,995	Received - \$12,331
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Missions (June)	Budgeted - \$800	Received - \$1,000

## Summer Blockbusters!

Join us in July as we begin our 2024 edition of our *Summer Blockbusters* teaching series. For the last several years, we've been highlighting the various ways that God speaks to us in the movies we see, the books we read, the music we listen to, and even the art we enjoy. This summer, we'll do it again with a fresh offering of "blockbusters" that will include both new and old selections. We're excited to share these with you and we hope you can make it either in-person or online!

## The Library

Most of us know that our local library is a great place to pick up a book or two, but you'd be surprised at the kinds of things the Kent District Library offers. Here's a list of just a few of what you can check out this summer for FREE!

1. Blue Ray Player. I know some of you still have those discs gathering dust, all because you have no way to play them. Here's your solution!
2. Binoculars and Stargazing Kit. Great for birding enthusiasts and those wanting to spot objects in the night sky that you couldn't otherwise see.
3. Metal Detector. Yes, you can become a Detectorist! Find some treasure this summer as you explore a field, park, beach, or virtually anywhere that allows you to dig holes. Happy digging!
4. Ukuleles. Who knew you could get an instrument at the library? It also comes with a beginners guide to help you get started.
5. Portable Turntables. Yes, if you have some vinyl but have no way to play it, at your nearest KDL location, you can not only pick up some vinyl, you can also spin that music the right way!

## Anxious People

Our July Summer Book Club selection is Fredrik Backman's 2019 release "Anxious People." This is a heartwarming and humorous novel that follows the lives of a group of strangers whose lives become intertwined during a failed bank robbery. As the characters slowly unveil their own unique anxieties and struggles, they ultimately discover the importance of connection, forgiveness, and hope in the face of adversity.

For those of you less inclined to read, there is a Netflix adaptation (in Swedish) that many have enjoyed as well. The series consists of 6 episodes that are roughly 30 minutes long.

\*Note, while there is no sex/nudity, there is some swearing in the Swedish language, plus some "f" bombs in the second episode. For this reason, it is rated "MA."