

FERTILE REMINDER

JULY 2013

COMING EVENTS

- 1 Firemen 7:00 PM
 - 4 Independence Day
 - 9 Garden Club Tour 8:30 am
 - 9 Fertile Girls Meet
 - 11 Recycle
 - 15 Deadline for Reminder
 - 15 Library Board 7:00 am
 - 16 Council 7:00 am
 - 21 Church of Christ VBS
 - 23 Reminder Mailed
 - 25 Recycle
- August
10-11th Fertile Day's Celebration



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Rick Oswald and Jovelyn Tanaleon were married on February 16, 2013 in Palm Springs, CA. Rick grew up in Fertile and is the son of Doris and Roland Oswald, both deceased. Jovelyn grew up in the Philippines and is the daughter of Frederico, deceased, and Liberata Tanaleon. They reside at 79540 Avenue, Apt. E, Bermuda Dunes, CA. 92203

Please Join Us!!

When: August 3rd, 2013
What: Lady of the Lake Cruise
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Cost: \$12 per person (cash only)

We are celebrating 50 years since our graduation although we were the 1st class to not graduate from FHS. All FHS alumni (& friends) are invited to join us!!! Come casual, Snacks will be furnished, Cash Bar.

Please RSVP by July 15th, 2013 to:
Joan Scobee Norem @jnorem@wctatel.net
Kay Aspland Olson at 641-512-5885, or
Judy Jones Veselis at 641/357-1630

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met on Tuesday June 11, 2013 with nine members present. We had a guest speaker, Ron Rachut, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on growing and proper care for different types of crops for our gardens. Question and answer time followed and knowledge shared on the topics.

A delightful lunch was served by Sue Lee and Penny Miller. Our business meeting followed and our upcoming garden tour was discussed and finalized. The schedule for weeding and watering our beautiful plants/flowers on Main was reviewed. Happy Birthday wishes to Sue Lee. Thought for the day shared by Ginny Lovik. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Tad Miller and Pat Renchin; City Clerk, Cindy Peters & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

- *Penny motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the April minutes.* Unanimous
- *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to accept agenda.* Unanimous.
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City Maintenance Report

- Steve reported that most of his time has been trying to keep up with mowing due to all of the rain.
- The tile in the alley between 2nd & 3rd St. was repaired. A big root ball had damaged the tile and caused constant flooding in that area. Steve will clean up the alley just as soon as it becomes dry enough to do so.
- The city purchased a Stihl Echo industrial weed wacker for maintaining the park, riverbanks and lagoon area. This will cut down enormously on man hours.
- A manhole ring in the alley between 1st St. & State St., was moved away from the cone and a hole was allowing water to empty into the sewer. Steve moved the manhole ring over the cone, back to the proper location and repaired the hole.
- Clapper Tree Service cut down tree limbs, and or fallen branches and disposed of them, after the big May snowstorm.
- Steve is attempting to draw down the lagoon, but due to the constant rains, had to call the DNR and appraise them of the situation. The DNR is well aware of this problem and has given us additional time to complete the draw down. We are to just keep them informed of the situation. Steve set up the big pump near PIM to allow the pumping station to catch up with the water intake during all of the rainstorms.
- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve report.* Unanimous.

Library Project Update

- Joyce handed out the latest drawing that Jose' Rivas of CRW had emailed and discussed with her. The library committee in attendance asked if Jose' could possibly increase the size of the opening between the old library and the new addition. Joyce asked that the library committee look over the drawing and submit any changes to her and she would forward that onto CRW. Joyce reiterated that once we accepted the contract no more changes would be allowed without major expense. Joyce also advised the library committee that CRW would need to have \$29,400 to begin the process of procuring construction bids, etc. Joyce gave the committee an itemized report explaining the timeline for the billing from CRW. CRW would not bill us for the final \$6,000 portion of the total of \$35,400, on the contingency that we receive a grant. In order to obtain grants, finalized bids must be available to attach to the grants before submission. Joyce also wanted to remind the committee that there is no guarantee that the City of Fertile would receive any grants, and that once CRW undertakes the project, we would still be responsible for their portion of the design work, whether we received a grant or not.
- Nancy advised the council that Elin Miner would be the representative and spokesperson for the library construction committee once it has been established. The library would also need to raise funds for sidewalks and the parking lot. According to CRW, the library will only need to close it's doors for approximately 4 weeks. Construction on the new addition will be first and

the library can remain open in the older section. Then once the new addition is completed, the library can move into the new addition and work will continue on the old portion of the library.

Corner of Main and 1st Street repair

- Jeff stated his concern regarding the deterioration of the street at the corner of Main and 1st street due to the heavy quarry truck traffic. The Mayor stated that the last estimate she received would cost the city approximately \$30,000 to repair that corner of the intersection. The County will not fund the repair as the city receives Road Use Tax funding from Worth county for this road. Joyce stated that Worth County will be repaving other roads this summer, and she will ask for an estimate from the contractor they have hired. Joyce stated that she would also request quotes from other paving companies for the repair work.
- Joyce attended the Worth County Supervisors meeting to ask them to clarify exactly what amount of funding would be dispensed to the City of Fertile. The DOT has revised earlier correspondence regarding lowered funding amounts and it was determined that Worth County is exempt from the new ruling.

Move Council meetings to the first Tuesday of the month

- Jeff asked the council to consider moving future meetings to the first Tuesday of each month. The council discussed this option and the Mayor stated that one of the reasons the meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month is to allow the clerk to collect information and generate reports that the Council must approve. Utility billing, taxes, and payroll are also done on the first week of the month, which would also conflict with the many reports that need to be generated for the council meeting. It was determined by the council to drop the request for a change in the date for future council meetings.

Request by the city clerk to change Steve and her payroll period to a bi-weekly time frame.

- Currently, the clerk and the maintenance person are paid on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The council discussed the idea and a motion was made by Julie to change the payroll period from the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month to a bi-weekly time period, which would be paid every other Wednesday of the month.
- *Julie moved, Pat 2nd to change the city clerk and the maintenance person's payroll period from the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month to a bi-weekly time frame. A roll call vote was taken, passed* Unanimously.

Mayor's Report

- The yellow waste management garbage bags will no longer be sold or can no longer be used by the residents of Fertile. The 96 gal garbage containers are the only option that is available for garbage pickup, due to the use of automated trucks.
- A homeowner called to ask why they were being billed for a house that was unoccupied, and the Mayor informed the owner that there is an ordinance on file, stating that vacant houses are to be billed a minimum charge for utility services.
- May 2, a major snowstorm dumped an accumulated total of over 15 in of snow and the Forest City Summit interviewed the mayor for information on the damage to the trees in Fertile and for information about the potential for river flooding.
- The library had a successful turnout for their "Fiesta Fundraiser".
- A house on West Main Street that suffered a house fire, was torn down by Brian Nettleton at the request of the new owner.
- The Mayor stated that an opportunity to apply for a grant from "Vision Iowa" is available for libraries in small towns. Tad mentioned that his wife is familiar with grant writing so Joyce forwarded the information over to Tad.
- On July 23rd a sheriff's sale will be held regarding the property at 110 East Main Street.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to order and Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager; Steve Roberts. **Absent:** Council member; Tad Miller and City Clerk; Cindy Peters.

- Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the May minutes. Unanimous
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to accept agenda. Unanimous
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Library Project Update

- A revised floor plan was presented to the library board and the council. There was discussion on some changes. Joyce called Jose to discuss the changes as follows: moving the bathrooms to the west wall in the new addition, removing the kitchenette and putting a regular sink, microwave, refrigerator in the work room, drinking fountain in the new addition just inside the door, putting in a fire proof book drop box in the east corner of the store room with a book drop slot outside the building, electrical outlets and a water spout on the outside of the building and taking out the north wall and putting in beams for support to make visibility for the Librarian better. Removal of the north wall and beams will raise the cost of the project about 4 to 5,000.00 more. Jose will send a new floor plan tomorrow for the library and council to approve.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve spent time cleaning the park after the water resided.
- The little league had Steve pick up a refrigerator from Forest City and after getting to the concession stand found out it didn't work.
- Steve has started the spring draw down. We have been given an extension from the DNR due to the excessive amount of rain.
- The drain down near the lagoon wasn't flowing well so Steve called a jetting service to blow it out. They pulled out around 40 to 50 snapping turtles that were caught down in the drain. Steve and Buck made a screen to catch the wild life from going into the drain.
- Steve finished the landscape on the east side of the community center and trimmed the pine tree next to the Fertile sign.
- Steve will be flushing the fire hydrants this summer.
- Steve collected two bids for fixing 1st and Main street. Complete Concrete - \$14,793.00 and Charlson Excavating Company - \$26,125.00. Julie motioned, Pat 2nd to hire Complete Concrete. Unanimous
The street will be closed while the road is being replaced. BMC will be notified to reroute their trucks during this period.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to accept the maintenance report. Unanimous

Mayor's report

- The tornado warning siren will be set off for 10 minutes when the Emergency Management declares a storm/tornado watch to a warning. Fertile is listed in the path way of the storms. The siren is to let you know to take cover, watch the weather channel and be ready.
- 6-4-13, Joyce took the liens to the court house that was approved by the council last meeting.
- 6-7-13 Joyce hand delivered two letters and ordinances to residents for nuisance and vehicles before the city wide clean up.
- Thank you to Pat Renchin, Jeff Berg, Cindy Peters, Buck and Joyce Russell, Steve Roberts and Ray Sandifer for helping at our city wide cleanup day. Both dumpsters were filled and 31 tickets were turned in. CAD was nearly full with his trailer as well. Thanks!
- Darwin Stecker has hired Brian Nettleton to fix the tile between Lake street and Main.
- Cindy Peters was hospitalized this last week. The council asked Advantage Business Solutions to fill in the accounting portion while Cindy is recovering. Mayor Joyce Russell was diagnosed with shingles, also.
- Nomination papers were handed out to the following people who are up for re-election:
Mayor Joyce Russell – 2 year position
Council member - Tad Miller - 4 year position
Council member – Pat Renchin – 4 year position
Council member – Penny Miller – 4 year position
Anyone who would like to run for office can pick up the papers at City Hall. Deadline is September 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- City received a refund check for \$722.48 from ICAP Insurance. We are a 5 year vested member and had no claims this last year.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to hire Brian Nettleton to repair the curb stops at 101 East Main and 501 West Washington. Both residents will be billed. Unanimous
- Fire department had training in the Fertile park on June 17th for jaws of life tools. Hanlontown, Joice, Fertile, and Forest City fire departments and Forest City Ambulance participated.
- McGuire Water Tower painting will begin painting our water tower after the 4th of July.
- Julie motioned, Pat 2nd to accept the mayor's report. Unanimous.

City Clerks report:

- Eddie presented the May financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to accept the financials. Unanimous
- Julie motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the May bills. Unanimous.

Committee reports:

- Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to have Steve mow/weed trim 207 East Main and the owner will be billed. Unanimous

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Fertile City Hall.
- Julie motioned, Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

City of Fertile
Bills Paid
As of May 31, 2013

11:21 AM

06/19/2013

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Paycheck	05/01/2013	6454	Bruns, Warren		-301.99
Paycheck	05/01/2013	6457	Russell, Joyce		-770.95
Paycheck	05/01/2013	6456	Roberts, Stephen J		-906.30
Paycheck	05/01/2013	6455	Peters, Cynthia		-216.75
Bill Pmt -Check	05/01/2013	6439	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-14.12
Bill Pmt -Check	05/01/2013	6458	UPS	Water Testing	-11.45
Bill Pmt -Check	05/01/2013	6459	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-160.11
Check	05/01/2013	6409	Roberts, Stephen J	fix fund allocations	0.00
Check	05/01/2013	6428	Roberts, Stephen J	fix fund allocation	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2013	6460	US Post Office	4 rolls postcard stamps	-132.00
Deposit	05/03/2013			Property Taxes	5,051.71
Deposit	05/03/2013			Casino Funds Deposit	3,665.27
Deposit	05/05/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,006.04
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6461	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual Waste Water & Drinking Water Certificates 2013 Renewal	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6462	AgSource Laboratories	Wastewater Testing	-44.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6463	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,864.73
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6464	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6465	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Dues	-393.18
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6466	Pronto	Gas for Truck/fuel for sewer pump	-203.70
Bill Pmt -Check	05/08/2013	6467	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Deposit	05/09/2013			Utility Bill Payments	4,548.70
Liability Check	05/13/2013	EFT	IPERS		-719.61
Check	05/13/2013		Musician's Friend	PA Speaker System	-199.99
Liability Check	05/15/2013	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-997.92
Paycheck	05/15/2013	6469	Roberts, Stephen J		-906.30
Paycheck	05/15/2013	6468	Peters, Cynthia		-216.75
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6470	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-248.72
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6471	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	Furnish-Install water line city shutoff to resident meter/find tile leak, replac	-2,910.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6472	Clapper Tree Service	Snow Storm damaged Tree Trimming & Removal	-225.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6473	Hach Company	Chlorine meter for water treatment plant	-1,014.95
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6474	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-10,502.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6475	Menards	toiletseat/cleaning supplies	-55.58
Bill Pmt -Check	05/15/2013	6476	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.22
Deposit	05/15/2013			Road Use Tax	887.31
Bill Pmt -Check	05/16/2013	6477	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-2,733.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/16/2013	6478	UPS	Water Testing	-22.21
Deposit	05/16/2013			Utility Bill Payments	303.67
Deposit	05/16/2013			CC Rental - Road Use Tax	1,419.28
Deposit	05/20/2013			Utility Bill Payments	3,362.29
Bill Pmt -Check	05/21/2013	6479	Hare Electric	Labor to pull east pump/control box/bad capacitor	-302.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/21/2013	6480	Hare Electric	Work on broken underground wire/rewire two pole lights& parts	-908.16
Bill Pmt -Check	05/22/2013	6481	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	Battery for sewer trash pump	-171.70
Bill Pmt -Check	05/22/2013	6482	Staples	2 cordless phones	-32.50
Deposit	05/23/2013			Little League Deposit	420.00
Deposit	05/23/2013			Utility Bill Payments	808.68
Bill Pmt -Check	05/29/2013	6483	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-70.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/29/2013	6485	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual subscription to newspaper	-36.00
Deposit	05/29/2013			Utility Bill Payments	976.64
Deposit	05/29/2013			Utility Bill Payments	1,960.78
Deposit	05/31/2013			Interest	3.94
Total Operating Accounts					-3,969.66
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	05/31/2013			Interest	9.19
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					9.19
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	05/31/2013			Interest	2.50
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					2.50
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	05/31/2013			Interest	2.86
Total Water Revenue Accounts					2.86
TOTAL					-3,955.11



Wayne 'Skunk' Torkelson

FOREST CITY — Wayne "Skunk" Torkelson, 64, of Forest City died surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, May 23, 2013, from cancer, at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City. Burial will be in Ellington Township Cemetery in Forest City.

Wayne "Skunk" Lowell Torkelson was born in Forest City on April 11, 1949, to Othelia and Clarence Torkelson.

Wayne spent his early years attending Fertile Elementary School and tagging along with his five older brothers. His love of old cars began while riding alongside those same brothers racing up and down the Fertile farm's mile-long lane and other gravel roads around Fertile. He formed great friendships growing up on the farm near Fertile that he maintained the rest of his life.

After high school, he started his on-the-job training for his future as the proud owner of Torkelson Plumbing and Heating. Wayne "Skunk" was a decorated soldier in the army, serving with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam.

Wayne had many names, "Skunk" being the one he was most famous for. One of his favorites was Uncle Skunk, however, his two most favorite were Grandpa Skunk and Dad. His children and grandchildren paid him the highest honor by saying, "Our dad would do anything for us!" His children and grandchildren have many wonderful memories of times spent with their dad.

Forest City watched Wayne's business grow from infancy to him partnering with his son and another employee. Skunk was especially proud of his certification as a master plumber and electrician.

Wayne was a true "Car Man"! He lovingly restored a 1966 yellow Chevelle that was "almost an exact replica" of the car he drove in high school. His latest project was owning a 1930 Ford Model A Fordor. He loved to talk about cars. Skunk was a man of few words, but when he spoke you listened.

Wayne married Cindy Feller and together they had three children: Janelle Torkelson (Travis Harms), Brett Torkelson and Adam Torkelson. His three grandchildren are Brittany Youngers, Andrew Youngers and Emma Lynn Harms.

Survivors include his children, grandchildren and their mother and grandmother, Cindy. In addition he is survived by sisters and brothers, Margie Sogard, Bernice Voelker, Ronald (Lucille) Torkelson, Leslie (Paulette) Torkelson, Roger (Shirley Norman) Torkelson, Marsha (Mark) Brunsvold; sister-in-law, Janice Torkelson; aunts Thelma Sunde, Julaine Albertson, Bonnie Torkelson, Linda Kesler; uncles, Orrin Torkelson, Marvin Hanna; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Margie Helen; brothers, Clarence Jr. and Carroll; nephew, Hollis; and nieces, Debra, LaRae and Lisa.

Wayne was a true hero as he bravely faced his diagnose of Stage 3 cancer and he will be missed by his family and friends.

LAKE MILLS — Wayne (Butch) H. VanDenBosch



passed away on June 1, 2013, at Mercy Medical Center after a brief illness. In accordance to his wishes, his body was cremated and there will be no formal memorial service. Butch was born July 30, 1926, in Sheridan, Iowa, to Henry and Jeannette (Grooters) VanDenBosch of Boyden. He attended his formative school years in the family

hometown of Boyden, Iowa, until moving to Fertile, Iowa, where he graduated from Fertile High School. At the age of 17, Butch enlisted in the United State Navy and served in World War II.

Upon his return from war, Butch married Jean Oувerson and to this union was born four sons. The family operated Fertile Valley Hatchery and Feed Mill in Fertile, Iowa, for many years. Butch later took a position with Winnebago Industries as a truck driver and eventually moved into a sales management position.

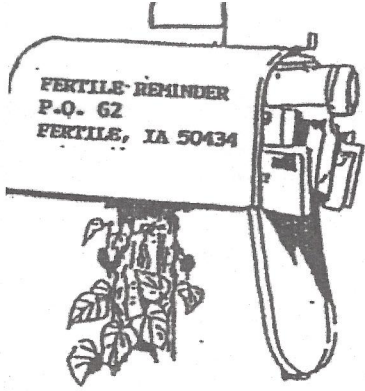
He later moved to Lake Mills, Iowa, and continued his career with Winnebago Industries. After retiring, Butch delivered motor homes throughout the country, including many trips to Alaska where he eventually established a second home.

Butch continued to live in his Lake Mills residence until his recent illness. He enjoyed his close friends, took pride in his children, grandchildren and his Dutch heritage. He was especially proud to be one of the World War II veterans that took an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2009.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Don "Skinny" VanDenBosch; daughter-in-law, Kelly VanDenBosch; grandson, Benjy VanDenBosch, and his ex-wife, Jean.

Survivors include his four sons, Bob (Toby) VanDenBosch of Mason City, Iowa; Tom VanDenBosch and Scott (Annette) VanDenBosch both of Pine, Ariz.; Michael (Karen) VanDenBosch of Iowa City, Iowa; and stepson Bruce Troe of Sylmar, Calif.; sister, Linda (John) Backhaus of Woodbury, Minn.; sister-in-law, Norma Lou VanDenBosch of Story City, Iowa; grandchildren: Lindsay (Jeff) Horner of West Des Moines, Iowa; Sasha VanDenBosch of Chicago, Ill.; Noel, Leah and Lucas VanDenBosch of Iowa City, Iowa; Mark Valentine and Alicia, Vanessa and Hillary VanDenBosch all of Phoenix, Ariz.; as well as a niece, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

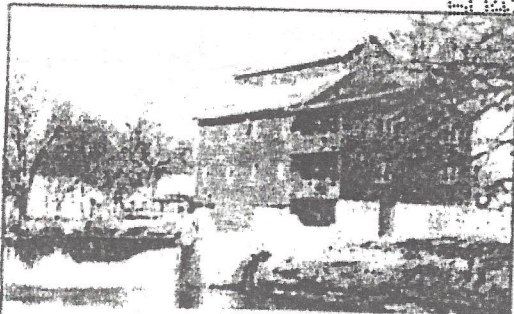
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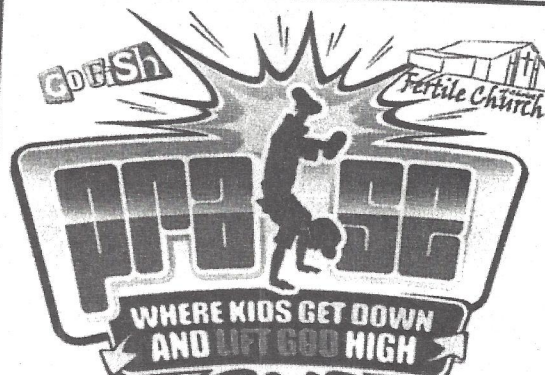
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Fertile Day's Celebration
August 10th and 11th, 2013

See the August issue for the full schedule of the days.



WHERE KIDS GET DOWN
AND LIFT GOD HIGH

VBS
Week of July 21st

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday- Sunday School 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time - 9:55 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM