



# New Prov Press

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## VBS REGISTRATION

Join us on an unforgettable journey to first-century Rome! We're taking a journey with Paul back to Rome and the Underground Church...without leaving New Providence! You'll experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, enjoy some great crafts, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

This year our journey will take place over four evenings Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28. Check-in will begin at 5:00 p.m., with Opening Assembly scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the NPPC sanctuary. There is also an optional dinner each evening at 5 p.m.!

Classes are available for children ages 2 years through rising 6th graders.

Please register your child at [www.newprovidencepres.org/vbs](http://www.newprovidencepres.org/vbs) or contact Jaclyn Beeler (Jaclyn@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182).

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES MINI SALE

During the Community Benefit Sale on June 23 from 8:30 -11:30 a.m., there will be an Antiques and Collectibles Mini Sale in Eastminster Hall. The Community Benefit Sale volunteers collect donated items and reserve them for special Antiques, Collectibles and More sales. These items sell for more providing more money for local non-profit agencies.

*Donna Booher*

## COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during both services of worship on Sunday, June 4, and on Sunday, July 16.

## LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that travel together to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road. Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16th to go to the American Museum of Science & Energy in Oak Ridge for a guided bus tour highlighting the history of Oak Ridge and the history of science and technology at the three U.S. Department of Energy/Oak Ridge facilities. For more info on the tour, go to <http://amse.org/2017-doe-public-bus-tour/>.

The tour is from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., so we will eat a late lunch/early supper in Oak Ridge at a restaurant to be determined and order off the menu. Bring a snack and a photo ID with you! There will be a \$2 transportation fee, to be paid the day of the trip, and a \$5 fee for the museum.

Please contact Karen in the church office (karen@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182) by Thursday, June 15th with your reservation. This trip is limited to 15 spaces, so call early to reserve!!

In July, Life Beginners will take a hiatus for summer and be back on the road in August, so watch your August edition of the *New Prov Press* for more details.

*Stephanie Bell*

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church will be closed, Tuesday, July 4 to observe Independence Day. Welcome Table will be held as scheduled.

## PENTECOST – BUILDING FAITH-FILLED FUTURES

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible, possible.

The Pentecost Offering, collected on Pentecost, June 4 during both services of worship, is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more to support and care for young people. They are the future of our faith and world.

Congregations keep 40% of collected funds, to support local youth-focused programs they are most passionate about.

60% of collected funds should be remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth programs. These funds are also used for education and advocacy for children at risk.

## FROM THE PASTOR

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"Summertime, and the living is ..."  
tough.

The final weeks of May and the end of school usually lend themselves to slower days and easier schedules. I could only wish that were the case. Instead, it has been an unusually difficult and demanding time in both our church and our community. We've had a string of deaths in our own congregation – some expected, some sudden, but all of them painful. A week and a half ago, a beloved Maryville College senior and student leader dropped dead of an apparent heart attack, six days before graduation. Two days later, Mark McKee, the son of Mark Hulsether and Anne McKee, the MC campus chaplain and our dear friend, died in a tragic accident in Milwaukee. As if that weren't enough, the father of a Maryville College graduate had a heart attack in the middle of the commencement exercises. Meanwhile, members of our own community are struggling with illnesses and issues of our own, and it feels like it's all just piling on.

So what's to make of all of that? Is this just a stroke of bad luck or bad timing? Surely all of us have gone through periods when it feels like so much more than that. As the psalmist writes, "I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?"

A friend and I talked the other day about how grief sometimes feels like swimming through Jell-O. It's not even a question of "will I get through this?" as *how* to get through it. It's hard to imagine even how to put one foot in front of the other, much less to make it through an entire lifetime of living with loss.

Grieving may be, more than any other time, the moment at which we need the community of faith to come around us. Not just to say, "Tell me if I can do anything for you," but just to show up. Ask questions. "What are you feeling?" "What are you remembering most?" Or, just be present. Sit together in silence. The gift of another's physical presence can never be overestimated. And what better way to be the body of Christ for one another? As the apostle Paul writes, "we weep with those who weep, and we rejoice with those who rejoice."

This morning, this beautiful piece from Irish poet John O'Donohue appeared in my e-mail inbox. May it bring hope and healing to us all.

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*On the day when  
The weight deadens  
On your shoulders  
And you stumble,  
May the clay dance  
To balance you.*

*And when your eyes  
Freeze behind  
The grey window  
And the ghost of loss  
Gets into you,  
May a flock of colours,  
Indigo, red, green  
And azure blue,  
Come to awaken in you  
A meadow of delight.*

*When the canvas frays  
In the currach of thought  
And a stain of ocean  
Blackens beneath you,  
May there come across the waters  
A path of yellow moonlight  
To bring you safely home.*

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
May the clarity of light be yours,  
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.*

*And so may a slow  
Wind work these words  
Of love around you,  
An invisible cloak  
To mind your life.<sup>i</sup>*

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It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

<sup>i</sup>"Beannacht," by John O'Donohue, from the collection *Echoes of Memory*

## LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER? NOT FOR THE YOUTH!

The school year is wrapping up, and I've seen 90 degrees on the thermometer at least once, so it must almost be summer. What a great time to spend relaxing in the shade, sipping a cool lemonade, and lazily working your way through a great book...

Or not.

The youth of New Providence are keeping very busy this summer in the best way we know how, by working to further the work of Christ in this world and being an integral part of NPPC's ministry. We have a lot on our docket for this summer, but we are so excited for all of it.

During the school year we meet on Sunday nights with both the iGroup (6th-8th) and PYC (9th-12th) youth to talk about our faith, play games, and share a meal. During the summer, we take Sunday nights off and replace that with SOFAS for the PYC and iChat for the iGroup class.

SOFAS stands for Summer Of Fun And Service, and we meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer to work in service for the first half of the day, and then have a fun activity afterwards. One day we may be sorting for Second Harvest and then tubing the Little River, or working in the Weston Memorial Community Garden then racing go-karts in Pigeon Forge. This is such a great way for our youth to see the needs we have in our own community, and to have fun while they are at it!

Our iGroup class will meet for iChat, a discussion group that we hold at Vienna Coffee on Saturday mornings. During our last few Sunday night meetings, I pass out cards and ask the kids to write down anonymously any questions they may have about faith, or sometimes just life in general, and then we talk about them during our Saturday meetings. Seeing as our faith should probably impact every decision we make, I think almost any question is fair game. The kids get a chance to sit at a coffeehouse and play adult, and I get a chance to see what they are concerned about, what they doubt, and what they care about. It's a great way to spend a couple hours on Saturday morning.

Both of our age groups will also be going on a mission trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. We will be working with a program called CONNECT, run by Avondale Presbyterian Church. The kids will work in a variety of mission settings throughout the week, from home repair to food ministries, and gain experience that will help shape their faith in the years to come. I look back on the various mission trips I have taken and see the effect on my life to this day. We hope that you will pray for these youth to be safe in their travels and to be open to what God has to show them.

We also now have a fully formed Guatemala Mission Team! By the time you read this, we will have met as a group for the first time, and fundraising efforts should be well under way! Our steering committee has been hard at work laying the groundwork for this, and there is plenty of work to be done over the next year, but I know every member of this team is anxious to get to work. We will continue to update the church on our progress through the coming months in this newsletter, on NPPC's website, and on our various social media outlets. If you have questions about how to find us on any of the social media sites you can contact Jason and he'll point you in the right direction! Thank you so much for your continued support of our youth, and watch for all the great things happening over the summer!

*Jason Graffis*

## JUNE CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet on Thursday, June 1, at the following times and places:

10:00 A.M. CIRCLES

- Leah - Cindy Hodges, Kittie Ponder (Parlor)
- Martha - Stephanie Bell (Chapel)
- Ruth - Brenda Craig, Patty Quinn (Youth Room)

12:00 P.M. CIRCLE

- Deborah - Liz Blackburn

7:00 P.M. CIRCLE

- Mary - Margaret Ellen Crawford, Sarah DeYoung (Rooms 108, 109)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Are you looking for a church home, or interested in finding out more about the New Providence Church family? Our Inquirers' class will start a new session on Sunday, August 20th during Sunday School time at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

What is the Inquirers' class? It is a four-week program led by Steve Musick and Emily Anderson that provides a glimpse into programs and ministries of New Providence Presbyterian Church (NPPC) as well as what it we mean when we call ourselves Presbyterians.

Who is it for? Anyone who wishes to learn more about NPPC, whether you are a member or not. The topics include the history of New Providence, Christian heritage and the order of Presbyterian worship, education and service ministries. At the end of the classes you will have the opportunity to formally join NPPC.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Musick (steve@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182) or Kristi Weatherbee (kristibee128@aol.com), team lead of Connections team.

*Kristi Weatherbee*

## APPLE TREE AND THE DAY OF SERVICE

The Apple Tree Project is our ministry to fill backpacks for the children in need in Blount County, Alcoa City and Maryville City Schools. The Apple Tree will be set up in the Atrium throughout the summer and you'll be able to take an apple labeled with needed school supplies and return those items to the church by July 14th for our Sunday Service of Service. Please take note of the specific needs on the apple. On Sunday, July 16th, during our Service of Service, we'll pack backpacks in the 9:00 a.m. service and write notes in the 11:05 a.m. service, all wrapped up with worship and fellowship. We hope you will join us!

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## LIFT IN ACTION

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On a typical Tuesday or Thursday during the school year, Lanier Elementary School is a preferred after school destination for 16-20 of its students and their families. At 5:30 p.m. these kindergarten - 4th graders come bounding back to school with their parents. A warm meal awaits them in the cafeteria, where they talk and laugh and interact with other families and their tutors. At 6:00 p.m., the children scramble to be first at the portable cart overflowing with learning supplies, ready to push the cart down the hall and into the designated classroom for tutoring time. For the next hour, volunteer tutors help these students with their homework, listen to stories of the day, and join in reading and math games. While the students are engaging with their tutors, the adults in the family are working with teachers or guest speakers who help them develop effective ways to encourage their children. A bonus is that these parents are building friendships and community with one another.

The program, LIFT (Let's Inspire Families Together), is a mission supported by New Prov for students and families at Lanier Elementary School. Now completing its second year, and encouraged by the success of its first year (increased student test scores and reading comprehension), LIFT volunteers strive to help students who need assistance in developing their skills to grade level and to involve and support their parents' efforts to do the same.

It takes at least 50 volunteers to make this program work. Volunteers prepare the meals at NPPC, deliver and serve the meals at the school, and tutor the students. Lanier teachers were so impressed with the results from the first year, that they have volunteered their after school time to support parents and tutors on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There are teams of volunteers for each of the three tasks (food prep; food delivery/service; and tutoring). While some volunteers serve on multiple teams, many serve on only one. For tutoring, that commitment could be two nights per month, which adds up to a total of 12 nights for the entire school year. Would you donate two nights a month to make

a difference in a child's life? You don't have to be a teacher or a master chef to do these jobs, you just need to have a compassionate heart and be willing to spend a little time with a child. Children thrive when they can tell you about projects they are creating or explain how something works in their classroom. They like to be heard, to be listened to, to be encouraged and praised - to know that they can do something well and achieve a goal. LIFT volunteers help create an environment where all this can happen.

Visit the LIFT table in the Atrium through June 4 for more information or to volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year. You may also contact Bobbie Briggs (865-977-7183) or Denise Vogado (865-984-7878) for more information.

*Bobbie Briggs*

## SERVICE OF FAITH, HOPE AND HEALING PLANNED

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A moment of quiet and peace is a precious thing these days, and Sunday evening, July 30 at 6 p.m. there will be another space for just this at New Providence. We will gather in the Sanctuary for a brief Service of Faith, Hope, and Healing - a time for contemplation, prayer, and calm reverence. We will hear the words of strength that have held up both seekers and believers for centuries. There will be opportunities to pray and be prayed for, to hear words of comfort and hope from scripture, and to find a renewed strength as we pause from our busy lives. Together we will celebrate the serenity offered to us in God's love through Christ our Lord and Savior. Please join us.

*Steve Musick*

## THANKS NPPM!

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Thank you to the men of the church who came out and cleaned our gutters on May 6. We are unable to do this task nowadays, so we really appreciate your taking time out of your weekend to come and lend a hand. May God bless all of you!

*Sincerely, Jack & Stephanie Bell*

## SUMMER YOGA AT NPPC

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Give your body, mind, and spirit a treat this summer! Yoga classes will be offered Thursday nights, June 1, June 15, July 6, and July 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Eastminster Hall. There is a \$10 fee for each class. Come when you can, you'll enjoy it! For additional information, contact Andrea Franks (afranks@uthsc.edu, (901) 834-7124).

*Andrea Franks*

## PORCH DE SALOMON

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Porch de Salomon, with the help of partner churches like ours, just dedicated their 94th completed house. The May issue of the programs newsletter, PorchTalk, shows some of the family members jumping for joy at the dedication of their new home. Our team roster of youth and adults has been finalized for NPPC's next trip to Guatemala in 2018! For additional information and updates on this ministry, including the newsletter, see <http://porchdesalomon.org/>.

*Andrea Franks*

## BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

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Do you miss that old time religion? Do you have fond memories of that church in the wildwood? If you do, then you are in luck. This summer, on Sunday, July 30, we will again celebrate Bluegrass Sunday. Well, really it's sort of Bluegrass-String-Band-Old-Timey-Hymn Sunday, but who's keeping track? We'll sing the songs you remember from your childhood or the movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou*, depending on your age! We'll be pickin' the bass and choppin' the mandolin, even strummin' our git fiddles so don't miss it!

*Jason Graffis*

## HEARTFELT THANKS

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Dear New Providence Friends,  
Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for such an outpouring of love and caring throughout our time of great need. The meals, cards, gifts, flowers, visits, calls, hugs have been so greatly appreciated by all of us.

*Peace, Blessings, and Many Thanks,  
from the Meredith Family*

# CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2017

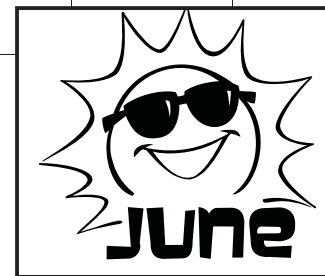
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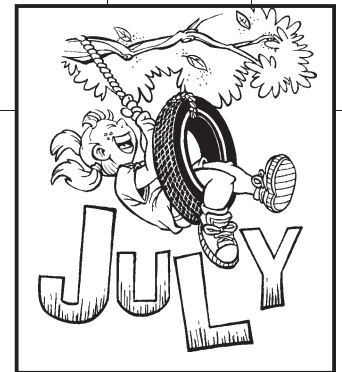
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## HEALTH TIPS

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Walking - it is so easy a toddler can do it. Yet so many adults are sitting for the majority of their day instead of allowing their body to do what is was designed to do: MOVE!

### THE WALKING EFFECT

Walking isn't just good for your legs, it's great for your entire body. Even something as short as a brisk 20-minute walk is enough to get your blood flowing and elevate your heart rate. But the benefit of adding more steps into your day does not stop there. Walking can help you lose weight, lower the risk for certain diseases, improve your mood, strengthen your heart and give you more energy.

### HOW TO GET MORE STEPS IN YOUR DAY

Looking for easy ways to fit more steps into your day? Consider these small adjustments you can make that can keep you moving longer.

- If you're not ready to give up television, hide your remote to make you get up to change the channel; or get up and walk during the commercials-lap the room and see how many times you can make it around during the commercials.
- Headed to the market? Instead of driving up and down the rows looking for the nearest spot, park in the back of the lot and enjoy a longer walk to the store. Your blood pressure will thank you.
- Taking a bathroom break at work? Consider using the lavatory one floor up or down versus the closest one. Be sure and walk the stairs and do not take the elevator!
- Meet a friend at the park once or twice a week for a longer walk.
- Instead of meeting a friend for lunch, meet them for a walk and talk.
- Consider having your work meeting while walking. If you need to take notes during the meeting, have the meeting recorded and transcribed.

- Do you track your daily steps? Using a pedometer or smart phone app can help you get a idea of how much you are walking. You should set your goal for 10,000 steps per day. Start counting and work your way up or even exceed your goal!
- Partial information taken from *Watts Chiropractic Newsletter*, 2/13/17.

*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

## COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

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Did you know that New Providence has a myriad of communications for friends and members?

We have this monthly newsletter, the *New Prov Press*, which announces both items to put on your calendar for future reference and articles that let folks know how things went.

We also have electronic communications for those on the go. This newsletter can be sent to your digital device via e-mail in PDF form.

For last minute reminders and updates to information already communicated, you can subscribe to our weekly E-news. For monthly reminders of Adult education news, you may subscribe to our monthly Adult Ed E-news.

All of this information is available on our website as well. Go the tab labeled "Online Resources," and you'll find links to everything under the sun.

To receive any of these communications, please contact Coco ([coco@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:coco@newprovidencepres.org), 983-0182) or anyone in the church office and we'll be glad to get you hooked up!

Please know that I am always interested in improving our communications here at New Providence, so if you have any ideas, I'd love to hear from you! I'm available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Coco Everett*

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

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These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur this summer. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them they are special!

- June Lane, 6/3
- Mary Stapp, 6/10
- Effie Cotton, 6/11
- Grayce Goertz, 7/9
- Evelyn Burns, 7/13

*Donnae Farley*

## CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

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Mary Stapp is celebrating a milestone - her 100th birthday, on June 10, 2017! We'd like for her to know that we are thinking about her on her special day and miss seeing her at the church, so will you join us in a "card shower" for her? Send a birthday card and help us brighten her day!

Mary Stapp  
3812 Appleton Way  
Orlando, FL 32806

## BALLROOM DANCING

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Tom Williamson, a member of New Providence, is an accomplished ballroom dance instructor. Now working part-time and semi-retired, he has offered to teach beginner ballroom dance at NPPC. The twelve weeks of classes will begin June 7, and will last from 7-9 p.m. in Westminster Hall, except on the fourth Wednesday of each month when they set up the Community Benefit Sale. Each weekly session begins with lessons (starting with waltz, then rumba, fox trot, tango, swing, cha cha, and salsa in subsequent weeks), then a "practice" time of fellowship and dancing. There is no charge. Couples and singles are welcome as having a partner is not required - anyone can participate. There is no requirement to come to all the lessons and/or dances so folks can come to any session to learn, practice, or just watch.

*Steve Musick*

## SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of New Providence met on May 16, 2017 in the Chapel.

### SESSION DISCUSSED:

- Bunny Hancock and Vandy Kemp were received as new members.

### SESSION APPROVED:

- Presentation of the Man of the Year award during June 18, 2017 11:05 a.m. service
- Request from Community Life for Tom Williamson to teach 12 weeks of ballroom dancing from 7-9 p.m. in Westminster Hall beginning in June, except on the fourth Wednesday of each month when there is the Community Benefit Sale set up
- Request from Discipleship & Education for Andrea Franks to teach yoga classes on the first and third Thursday evenings during the months of June and July, with the option of continuing the class if interest warrants
- Materials for summer Sunday School: CMP Publishing Faith Questions- "Salvation," "Faith and Science," and "Christianity and...?" and Presbyterian Youth- "Living With My Neighbor"
- Transfer of Casey and Laura Owens to Arlington Church of Christ, Knoxville; and Sam, Shanda, and Isaac Keller to First UMC, Maryville
- Children's Council requested that contributions from VBS be given to Living Waters for the World
- There is no Session meeting in June

*Carrie Eaton, Clerk of Session*

## PEW ART

You can now find "pew art" cards in the back of each pew. These are for children of all ages to draw on during the worship service. At the end of each service, place them in the folder at the bottom of the bulletin board in the Atrium. Every Sunday the previous week's drawings will be displayed on the board.

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Dorothy Giffin, 4/30
- Arlene Key, 5/2
- Brad Sayles, Sr., 5/4
- Mark Hulsether McKee, 5/17

### CONGRATULATIONS!

- Vera Maya Lawrence was born April 29, 2017, weighing 8 1/4 pounds and 21.5 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Stephanie Bell.
- Annie Kolarik graduated Friday, May 5, 2017, from ETSU Medical School.
- Samantha Vogt, daughter of JT & Karen Vogt, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tusculum College.
- Jude Marshall Santiago, weighing 4 lbs, 13.5 oz. was born on May 18 to Phil and Page (Yarborough) Santiago. He is the grandson of Bill & Emily Yarborough.

### HAVE FAMILY NEWS?

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Karen ([karen@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:karen@newprovidencepres.org), 983-0182) or anyone in the office.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

- June 4: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
- June 11: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
- June 18: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7), Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
- June 25: Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39
- July 2: Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23: Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30: Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52





## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR JUNE

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
4	Chad Rogers, Jenifer Greene, Harry Herrmann	Jack Jackson*, Barb & Larry Little, Bobbie Briggs	Steve Musick
11	Olivia Lazar, Bobbie Briggs, Bill Savell	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado	Tracy Luttrell
18	Beth Lazar, Bill Yarborough, Gabie Kerr	Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward	Hayley Lynn
25	Bryan Kilday, Hayley Lynn, Chad Rogers	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger	Jason Graffis

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
4	Brian LaRose, Liz Britt, Tracy Luttrell	Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Steve Musick
11	Jane Morton, Karen Paxton, John Pittenger	Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Tracy Luttrell
18	Ann Bennett, Michelle Huntoon, Jason Brooks	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Hayley Lynn
25	Kate Clabough, Brian LaRose, Liz Britt	Stephanie Bell*, Dale Freeman, Mel Luttrell, Jeff Pezick	Jason Graffis

\* Head Usher

## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR JULY

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
2	Jenifer Greene, Harry Herrmann, Olivia Lazar	Peggy & Tom Raines*, Connie & Jack Jackson*, Bobbie Briggs	Lee Franks
9	Bobbie Briggs, Bill Savell, Beth Lazar	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado	Jenifer Greene
16	Bill Yarborough, Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday	Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward	Bryce Luttrell
23	Hayley Lynn, Chad Rogers, Jenifer Greene	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger	Kelly Forster
30	Harry Herrmann, Olivia Lazar, Bobbie Briggs	Gary Grinder*, Liz Huffaker	Hayley Lynn

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
2	Tracy Luttrell, Jane Morton, Karen Paxton	Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Lee Franks
9	John Pittenger, Ann Bennett, Michelle Huntoon	Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Jenifer Greene
16	Jason Brooks, Kate Clabough, Brian LaRose	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Bryce Luttrell
23	Liz Britt, Tracy Luttrell, Jane Morton	Stephanie Bell*, Dale Freeman, Mel Luttrell, Jeff Pezick	Kelly Forster
30	Karen Paxton, John Pittenger, Ann Bennett	Sue Wood*, Kristi Weatherbee, Mot Krick	Hayley Lynn

\* Head Usher

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## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JUNE/JULY

6/4	Pentecost Communion
6/11	Trinity Sunday
6/18	Father's Day Man of the Year Presentation Money for Manna
6/23	Community Benefit Sale Mini Antiques and Collectibles Sale
6/25	Stained Glass Window Series
7/4	Church Closed; Welcome Table Served
7/16	Communion Service of Service Money for Manna
7/17	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
7/23	Stained Glass Window Series
7/28	Community Benefit Sale
7/30	Bluegrass Sunday