

Memorial Messenger

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June & July 2014



Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for June is **rice**. The item of the month for July will be announced later on. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table. Many thanks to Jim Rodriguez who faithfully delivers donations to the Urban Mission each month.

Summer Sunday School: During the summer, the Christian Education Committee is providing Inter-generational Sunday School to be held once each month. This will be a time for all ages to meet together to get better acquainted and to learn from one another. The dates of the Intergenerational events are **June 8, July 13 and August 10**. On June 8, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Prayer Stations focused on Pentecost. You won't want to miss this creative time!

Sunday, June 8, is the **Day of Pentecost**, and the Worship & Music committee has a special service planned for the occasion. As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, we encourage everyone to **wear something red**.

The **Chancel Choir** will continue to meet on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. through June 26. The choir will take a few weeks off in July, and resume Wednesday night rehearsals on July 30. Remember, everything is subject to change! We hope you can join us.

The **Fellowship & Hospitality** committee will host a **Hamburger Cookout** after the worship service on Sunday, June 22. F&H will provide the hamburgers and buns and there is a sign up sheet for desserts and side dishes. Please make sure that you write both your name and the item you plan to bring. Mark your calendars to attend worship and stay for lunch afterwards. No social event has been scheduled for July, however this could change. Watch for updates of summer socials to be hosted by the Fellowship and Hospitality Committee. August activities are likely to include a yard sale (see below) and a Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast to start off the Fall Sunday School program. The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee would welcome anyone who would like to serve on the committee to plan social events. If you would like to be part of the F&H committee, please contact any committee member: Harry Wright (co-chair), Lisa Upton (co-chair), Donna Vint, Ann Forsyth, Trudy Beard, Linda Rodriguez, or Tracy Evans.

Weird Animals! That's the theme for **Vacation Bible School** this year, **July 6-10, 6:00-8:00 P.M.** God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including each of us! When we feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. Come join us for a great week! And if you would like to help out with this great ministry, please let Tracy Evans know.

The Fellowship & Hospitality committee is planning a **yard sale** to be held in August (indoors!) for the benefit of the youth Camps and Conferences fund. Donna Vint is organizing the event. More details will be forthcoming. Donations may be brought to the church and stored in the Kids' Club room after July 15.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Welcome to summer! That time of year when cookouts, flip flops and profuse sweating are all regular parts of the day. And every other year, summer means it is time for General Assembly (GA), the gathering of our denominational body to make decisions and recommendations for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Our presbytery sends two ruling elder and two teaching elder commissioners who will join commissioners from 172 other presbyteries for a full week of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours. Our own **Harry Wright** is one of the ruling elder commissioners this year. The meeting will be held June 14-21 in Detroit.

Opening worship on Saturday is always a highlight of the week. Imagine thousands of Presbyterians gathered together in one place to hear the Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and sing together (the sound is amazing).

Saturday evening, the business begins with the election of the moderator, which observers note usually sets the tone for that year's assembly.

GA is not without conflict, though. There will be debate and contentious votes on several issues. Civil Unions and the definition of marriage is on the agenda, as is divestment from the Middle East.

I encourage you to follow the assembly. There certainly will be some sort of coverage in a local paper (though I find it is usually lacking in Presbyterian nuance). You can read about GA at <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/> and we will have some information before the meeting available at the information table. The Presbyterian Outlook is an independent publication that gives a good perspective; follow them at <http://pres-outlook.org/>. We will be providing handouts at church with a synopsis of the action after GA. There is a live feed of the proceedings; look for the link at pcusa.org.

While we're talking about the internet, did you know Memorial PC is on Facebook? Follow us! Also, on our website, you can listen to a previous Sunday's worship service complete with a downloadable bulletin!

Terry Cast and I do try to keep you informed about what's happening with the congregation. It's even more important with summer vacations and no July Messenger! Let us know if there's something else we can do.

Please keep our General Assembly in prayer as they meet.

Peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Elder Harry Wright and Rev. Tracy Evans have an opportunity to lead a religious education program at Griffin Memorial Hospital. Session voted to endorse this endeavor.

The Mission and Evangelism Committee recommended to Session that there be a church-wide campaign to obtain school supplies for Jackson and Madison Elementary schools. Session approved the recommendation (see page five for a list of needed supplies). Session also approved giving 40% of the Pentecost Offering to Bridges of Norman (a program that houses high school students who are either homeless or can't live at home; see page four for more info).

The next meeting of session will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS JUNE



M.Y. Group will not be meeting the month of June. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation. Stay tuned for a possible youth group activity in July. Just because we're not having youth group in June doesn't mean I don't want to see your bright and shiny faces. Come to Sunday School and worship on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there! Your leader is Joan Cole. You can contact her at 830-8389 or e-mail: jicmac20@cox.net

Pentecost Offering

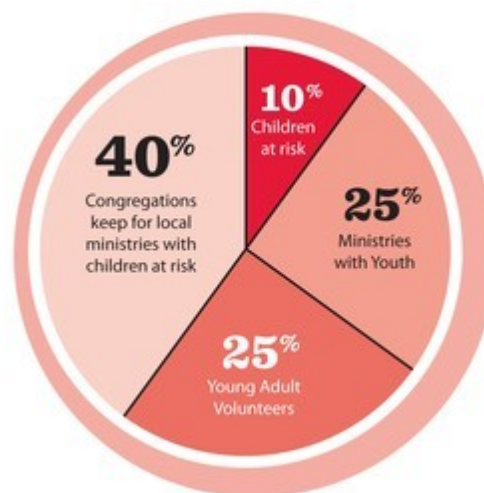
We will take up the Pentecost offering on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2014. Sixty percent of this offering is used by the PC(USA) for Young Adult Volunteer programs in the U.S. and internationally (25%), for youth ministries (25%), and to advocate for children at risk (10%).

Local churches keep 40% to fund local efforts to aid at-risk children and youth, and this year we will give our portion to Bridges of Norman. This program helps at-risk high school students who are living on their own due to a family crisis. Often their parents are deceased, incarcerated, homeless, or otherwise unable to provide for their children. Bridges accepts 15-20% of applicants and provides mentoring, assistance with school work, scholarships, and housing in one-bedroom apartments within walking distance of Norman North High School; students pay rent on a sliding scale based on income. Students are responsible for maintaining passing grades and good attendance; attending weekly life skills meetings about things like budgeting, personal safety, and job interviews; and holding a job to pay for their own needs. About 80% of aid recipients go on to either trade school or college.



You may visit www.bridgesnorman.org for more information.

Please give generously for the benefit of youth both in our own community and all around the nation and around the world.



Stewardship Update			
January 1 to May 30, 2014			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$56,487.38	\$59,994.15	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$8,981.53	\$22,034.15	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$65,468.91	\$82,028.30	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$69,554.85	\$82,027.40	\$196,868.00

School Supplies Needed

The Mission & Evangelism Committee, with the approval of session, requests your help with a special project this summer. We would like to collect school supplies for teachers at Madison and Jackson Elementary schools. The following is a list of items requested by these schools. Supplies will be collected near the church information table.

Requests from Jackson and Madison:

Cardstock
Clorox wipes
Colored pencils, 24 count
Colored typing paper
Composition notebooks, 100 page
*Crayola crayons (24 ct. or more)
*Crayola Markers (washable)
Dry erase markers
Earbuds
Fiskar scissors—blunt & pointed tip
Glue sticks
Hand-held pencil sharpeners
Kleenex
Large glue sticks (Elmers)
Mavalus tape (found at Copelin's)
Multi-program handwriting tablet with 1/2 inch ruling, red baseline, and blue headline
Pack dividers with tabs
Pencil bags or boxes
Pencils (#2)
Post-Its
Printer-ready labels
School box
School glue, 4 or 8 oz.
Sharpies (black and color)
Sheet protectors
Spiral notebooks, 70 pages, solid color cover
Three-ring binders (1" or more)
Ticonderoga pencils
Two-pocket folders (solid colors; with or without brads)
USB computer mice
Watercolors (Prang)
Wide ruled notebook paper
Wood ruler (12" with cm. & in. markings)

Requests from the Music Department at Madison:

Colored duct tape: all prints and colors welcome
Yarn: specifically red, yellow, white, green, blue, purple, black and brown
Plain white t-shirts of all sizes, kids' medium to adult medium. Men's and boys' undershirts are fine.
Rolls of Velcro
Rolls of magnet strips
Heavy duty magnets of all kinds
Magnet clips
Bandannas of every color
2 yards of blue and white gingham print fabric (think "Dorothy" in *Wizard of Oz*)
Mini flags of every nation & flag stands
Colored folders with brads
Blank CDs
Round laundry baskets
White gloves

* lots of requests

June Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

June 1

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Communion Servers: Charles Johnson, Carolyn Montgomery, Holly Van Auken and Donna Vint

Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Sound booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

June 8

Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris

Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike Cole

June 15

Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner

Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Harry Wright

June 22

Ushers: Charles and Jan Johnson

Coffee: Loreen Upton and John Beck

Sound booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

June 29

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Trey Neal

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Joan Cole

July Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

July 6

Ushers: Eileen Burke and Holly Van Auken
Communion Servers: John and Susan Beck, Jim and Linda Rodriguez
Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen
Sound booth: Will Farris
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

July 13

Ushers: Paul and Erica Phelps
Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez
Sound booth: Mike Cole
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole
Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

July 20

Ushers: Doris Hinson and Charlotte Lovett
Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris
Sound booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner
Lock-up: Joe Garlett

July 27

Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris
Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard
Sound booth: Dave Iske
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Mike Girdner

From the Worship & Music Committee

Everyone has a **favorite hymn**. What's yours? We'd love to know, because we will be singing favorite hymns throughout the month of July! Tell us what hymns you love: one, two, three...as many hymns as you would like. If we don't get around to all of the requested hymns in July, we will make every effort to include them later on. Hymns and songs that are not found in the current hymnal must be in the public domain and consistent with Presbyterian theology to be approved for use. In consideration of the time it takes to plan worship services, please submit your requests to the church office or a member of the Worship & Music committee by June 15. Thank you.

Open Invitation to the Congregation from Joan and Mike Cole

*Something
Old
Something
New
Something
Borrowed
Something
Blue*

*You're invited to a Bridal Shower
in honor of*

Rebecca Cole

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 • 1:00-3:00 PM

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601 24TH AVENUE SW
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

GIVEN WITH LOVE BY HER MOTHER,
JOAN COLE

REBECCA IS REGISTERED AT
BED, BATH AND BEYOND & TARGET

RSVP: JLCMAC20@COX.NET
OR 405.329.4325

News from the Community

Norman Police Department to host “Coffee with a Cop”.

The program offers an opportunity to meet police officers and discuss community issues. Beginning this month, officers from the Norman Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. All community members are invited to attend. This event will occur the second Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 A.M. with the first one scheduled for June 9 at Old School Bagel Cafe, 710 W. Main Street #100.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department’s work in Norman’s neighborhoods. The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction. “We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers,” said Police Chief Keith Humphrey. “These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.”

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. For more information: call 366-5300 or e-mail: CoffeewithaCop@normanok.gov

Free Movie Night at New Westside Library

The Westside Library will offer a free screening of Disney’s “Frozen” on Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30 P.M. The Library is located at 300 Norman Center Ct. off the Ed Noble Parkway (it is the former Border’s Bookstore location).

“Dump the Pump” Is Coming Up!

Ride the bus fare-free on Thursday, June 19, and pick up a free T-shirt at the Brooks Street Transfer Station (while supplies last).

The Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART) transports more than 1 million passengers annually on the fixed-route bus system. CART buses run six Norman city routes and three University of Oklahoma campus routes on weekdays and most Saturdays. CART also operates a commuter route, the Sooner Express, to Oklahoma City Monday through Friday. CART now features WiFi on all buses. So hop on, log in, and surf while you ride. Follow your bus in real time with CART's GPS tracking system. For more information go to cart.ou.edu.

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Bob Crump (Janice Crump's brother-in-law)
Mary Fields
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Leroy Innis (Julie Forthman's uncle)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)
Janann Yeager (Michael Yeager's wife)

Those who grieve

Family of Janice Piper (former member)
Family of Fran Terry (friend of the Silmans and others)

Those who serve in mission fields

Corrie Cast, sister of Terry Cast, who is on an eight-week medical mission in Lusaka, Zambia

Ted & Tina Crump, who serve as a missionary team in the area of Swaziland (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)

Please inform the church office of any changes or additions to this list.

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net



June Birthdays

- 2 Doris Hinson
- 9 Briana Bliss
Todd Forsyth
- 11 Paul Phelps
- 12 Cassie Upton
- 14 Lyne-Maris Sama
- 16 Zyan Autry
- 18 Paul Upton
- 22 Kierstyn Upton
Carolyn Montgomery
- 25 Judd Lanning
- 27 Rod Pennington
- 28 Linda Rodriguez
- 29 Corey Fisher
Gary Thrailkill

July Birthdays

- 6 Linda Eckel
- 7 James Lovett
- 9 Blessing Sama
- 11 Michael Yeager
Linda Terrell
- 12 Diane Todd (Jayelle Martin's granddaughter)
- 15 Tyler Thrailkill
- 16 Andrew Lanning
- 17 Laura Eckel
- 18 Cornelius Annoh
- 19 Billy Jones (Jayelle Martin's grandson)
- 20 Bella Eckel
- 21 Ewane Masango
- 22 Lisa Upton
- 24 Wade Forthman
- 30 Ross Robinson



June Anniversaries

- 5 Larry & Loreen Upton
Rachel & Michael Klenda
- 8 Dave & Tamara Iske
- 15 Wade & Amanda Forthman
- 18 Doug & Ann Forsyth
- 22 Bill & Margaret Storm

July Anniversaries

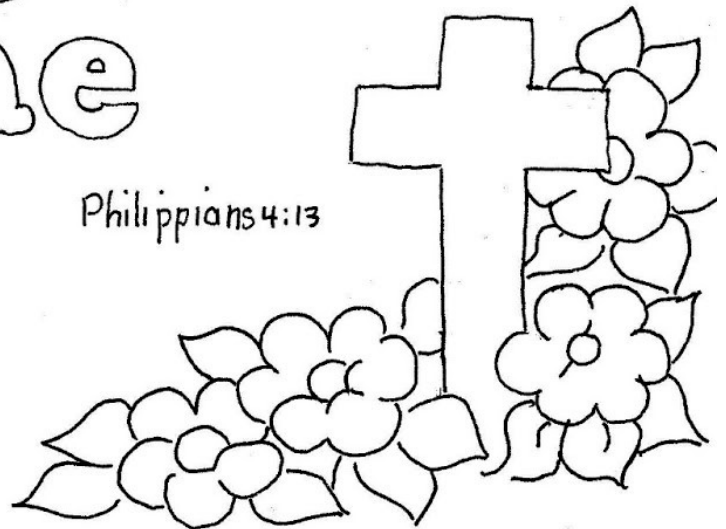
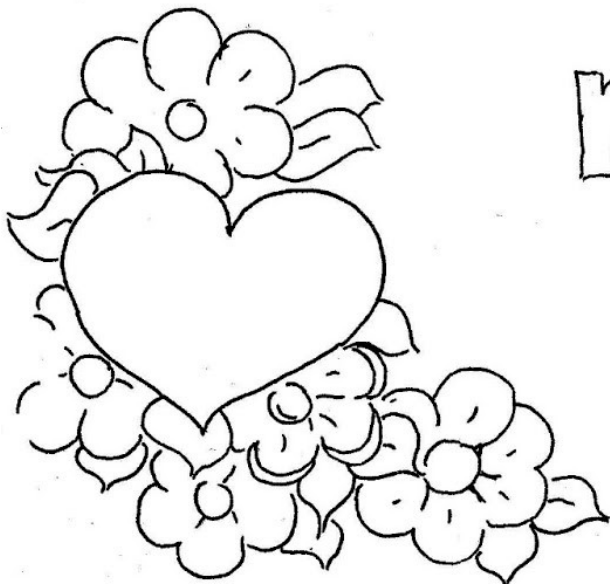
- 3 Paul & Erica Phelps
- 9 Bill & Norma Taylor
- 13 Harry & Donna Wright
- 31 Linda Terrell & David Wilson

Nota bene: Don't forget that Memorial now has **two newsletters**. The other one is sent only by email at about the middle of each month. Please feel free at any time to submit news, events, information, articles, photos, requests, suggestions, etc. for **either** newsletter. Your humble editor will greatly appreciate your contribution!



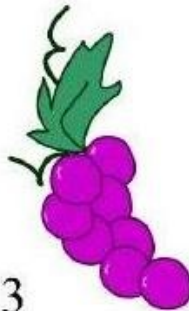
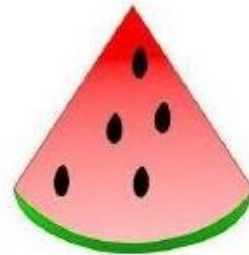
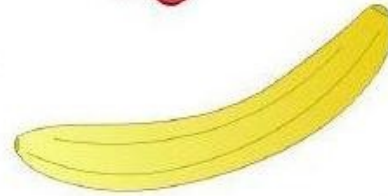
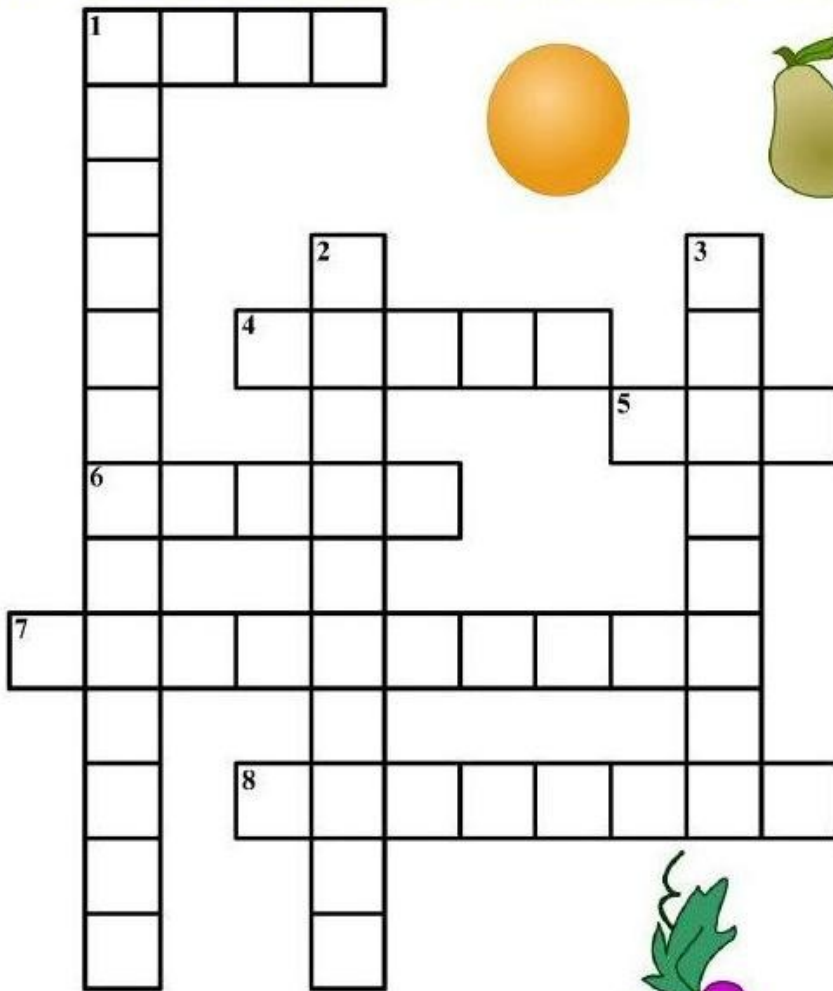
I can do
all things
through
Christ who
strengthens
me

Philippians 4:13



Fruit of the Spirit

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; ~Eph 5:9



ACROSS

- 1 Defined in I Corinthians 13
- 4 Rest, quietness
- 5 Delight, cheerfulness
- 6 The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
~Heb 11:1
- 7 Self control
- 8 Humility

DOWN

- 1 Patient
- 2 Moral excellence of character; kindness
- 3 The quality of being beneficial; kindness

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1 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	2 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	3	4 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters	5 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	6	7
8	9 6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	11 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	12 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	13	14
15 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting Father's Day	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17	18	19 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	20	21
22 After worship: Hamburger cookout 12:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting	23 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	24	25	26 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	27	28
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SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

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Chancel Choir* 7:00 P.M.

*meeting on Thursday through June

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*no Choir in July until the 30th