

June/July 2022



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A Note from the Pastor



Photo: Women of the Princeton *Iron Sharpening Iron* classes of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

Greetings Friends,

The sun is shining and summer is on the way!

As we move into these summer months, many people take a break from 'life as usual' with vacations and extra time with family. It's a welcome time to recharge and refresh.

While this is needed for us with our fast paced society and the pressures we face - I urge you this summer to dive into your faith. Instead of dipping your toes in the edge of God's wide waters, let yourself float in the word of God by reading a little extra.

I challenge you to take some time reading scripture this summer. Whether you start from the beginning of the Bible, start with one of the Gospels, or if you are curious about Leviticus - scripture is full of things to teach us. Even if it's just one verse a day, every little bit helps us as we shape our faith.

As we see each other throughout the summer, I would love to hear what you are reading, what stands out to you, and what you are learning. I'll be happy to fill you in on what I've been studying! It's going to be a great summer!

See you soon,
Pastor Alison

Nurture

Joys and Concerns



June Birthdays

Wesley Mason 4-Jun
Kathy Dowell 8-Jun

Ben Fiscus 16-Jun
Judie Brown 17-Jun
Shirley Giarritta 18-Jun
Bonnie Martin 23-Jun
Sean Aurigemma 25-Jun
Carolyn Mathews 25-Jun
Miranda Forbes 26-Jun
Jeff Getty 26-Jun
Dave Corley 28-Jun
Julie Courtney 30-Jun
Jim Gill 30-Jun

July Birthdays

Garrett Corley 4-Jul
Polly Eyler 4-Jul
Bob Martin 14-Jul
Bill Shaffer 20-Jul
Elena Corley 25-Jul
Sylvia Kellermeyer 25-Jul
Brennan Kellermeyer 31-Jul



Our summer worship
schedule will begin this
Sunday, June 5th, with
worship beginning at 10:00
AM. Our summer schedule
will remain until Sunday,
September 4th.



The Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4th in observance of the Fourth of July.

Learn and Grow

Vacation Bible School *"The Parable of the Sower"* June 13th-June 16th St. Paul's Lutheran Church 5:30-7:30 PM

Several local churches are coming together again this year to host vacation bible school. Volunteers are needed for various jobs. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, contact the church office to add your name to the volunteer list.

If you would like to register a child, contact Katie Ross to complete a registration form. We will only be taking the first 40 participants that register so be sure to complete your forms as soon as possible.

The Faith Formation Committee asks if any of you could:

- Bring donations of greeting cards to use for a craft where the children will cut designs from them to make their own cards.
- Begin planting seeds of any type in small containers as soon as possible so that when VBS begins, we will have plants to give to children. The theme for the week comes from the scripture: The Parable of the Sower Mark 4:1-9.
- Bring smooth stones (not too large/not too small) for the children to paint on. If you can bring any of these things, let Katie Ross know.

Join us for a time of
Fellowship & Devotion
At Penn Alps Restaurant in Grantsville, MD



On Saturday, July 9th, starting at 11:30 AM.

Buffet lunch will be provided by Faith Formation

If you are interested, please tear off the slip below
and place it in the offering plate.

If you are interested, please RSVP below.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

Sight and Sound Theatre Trip



The trip to Sight and Sound Theatre will be September 24th for a matinee

show at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$85 per person. We currently still have some tickets available; please contact Mikayla Dodge at mikaylaedodge@yahoo.com or the church office if you would like to attend this trip.

Please make your payment out to First Presbyterian Church and turn it in to the church office by Sunday July 3rd to ensure your ticket. If you have any questions, feel free to email Mikayla Dodge.

Opportunities to Serve



This Sunday, June 5th our congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost Offering.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$16 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 as they build a strong foundation of faith.

40% of the Pentecost Offering will be used to support our local YMCA Feeding program.

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. This will train and equip volunteers to engage in mission in the U.S. and around the world. It will reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend. It will provide additional funding to ensure all young adults have the opportunity to participate.

25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18. This project offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation.

10% supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative, to better the lives of children by working to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education so that all children, may grow into the fullness of life.

Please give generously to the Pentecost Special Offering this Sunday.



May 22nd-June 5th

**THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE
IS COLLECTING:**

- **SOCKS** (adult and children)
- **DIAPERS** (size 5-6)
- **BABY WIPES**
- **NEW BATH TOWELS**
- **NEW WASHCLOTHS**

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE BIN LOCATED IN THE LOBBY!

Worship with Us



Join us this Sunday for our celebration of Pentecost!
Wear red, orange, or yellow to celebrate the

birthday of the church.

**After worship, we encourage everyone to stick around
for First Sunday Fellowship.**

**Help us plan our summer worship!
Tell us your favorite hymn!**

Fill out the survey:

<https://forms.gle/Pgt1KQxNNXT2yv5e7>

Churches of Washington Street Opportunities



God's Abundant Table

Community Meal

Friday June 10th

6 pm - 9 pm

We are blessed to live in God's abundant creation, so how do we do our part to care for it? Join us for a sustainable community meal under the stars and hear from a local farmer.

Please bring your own chair, plate, silverware, cup and a side dish sourced as locally as possible if you are able.

RSVP by June 6th



[Click here to sign up!](#)