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The month of June will constantly remind us that summer is well on the way. First, the choir’s choral year will end after Sunday, June 4. But we won’t be without special music, thanks to Musical Director Amy’s diligent planning. Featured music will include solo vocals, instrumental work, and our perennial favorites, the Men’s Choir.

By June 11, our worship service will revert to its summer schedule. The service will begin at 10:00AM instead of 10:30AM for the remainder of the summer. Please take note of this change: it always catches some of us by surprise!

Finally, Reverend Lang, Amy, and the Worship Committee are making plans for an outdoor service on Sunday, June 25. As always this is dependent on the presence of fine summer weather. If we fall short in that area, having rain or hot and sticky conditions, we will convene in the Church House.

Many of our members and friends are traveling at this lovely time of year. We will keep you in our prayers in your absence and welcome you back whenever you return. Have a wonderful summer!

A new flag is flying atop the 80-foot-tall flag pole in front of the church. The new flag was purchased at a cost of \$431.00 from a Cincinnati-based business, National Flag Company, founded in 1869. The high-quality flag is 10x15 feet in size with a Klay-Kote strip on the fly end of the flag to prevent fraying of its outer edge and promote longevity.



Flags normally last about a year. The winter months are the hardest on the flag. Ice can form on the flag which then tears or frays in high winds. Flag replacement is often needed in the spring.

Several members of the congregation have contributed to the cost of the flag. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to the church marked Patriot Fund. Any excess money collected will be saved for the next time a flag needs to be purchased.

About three years ago, the rope securing the flag came untied and it fell from the flagpole. A person attending the Pancake Breakfast that year arranged for the Woodlawn Fire Department to re-rope the flagpole. Individuals from the community have also paid for replacement flags. The generosity of everyone who keeps the flag flying in front of the church is greatly appreciated!

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From the Minister's Desk

The television news program *Sunday Morning* began airing on CBS in 1979 hosted by Charles Kuralt. In my experience growing up, Sunday mornings often featured pancakes for breakfast with the sound of the trumpet fanfare *Abbasen* emanating from the television as Kuralt welcomed America to a television show which often featured leisurely segments considering matters of politics, religion, and life in general. *Sunday Morning* would end with three minutes that shared the sounds and images of nature from. It might be a creek flowing in the Smoky Mountains with birdsong in the background or the wheat fields of Kansas slowly undulating with the breeze. The show, fairly slow-paced and long-form to begin with ended, unusually, with an intermission, a time out.

For me, the three minutes of downtime ending the television program were a part of Sunday morning's rhythm and liturgy linked with organ music, the Apostles' Creed, and a sermon. Sabbath is an occasion to pause, take a deep breath, and take in life for life's sake. Real Sabbath is best honored without agenda or a to-do list. It is meant to center the value of rest for body, mind, and soul.

In the Bible's Story, God told Moses and the Hebrew people to

practice Sabbath weekly (Exodus 20:8). The land itself, especially that devoted to agriculture, was to be allowed a Sabbath every seven years to rest and rejuvenate (Leviticus 25:1-7). Every fifty years was to be a Jubilee when the people were to observe an economic Sabbath. In that fifty-year Sabbath, debts were to be forgiven, land returned to its owners, and slaves freed (Leviticus 25:8-17). It remains uncertain if Israel ever put into practice the Jubilee year.

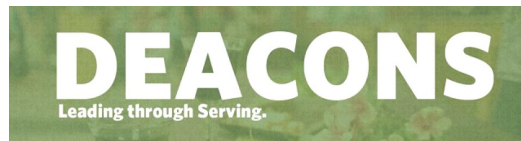
In the New Testament, Jesus was the fulfillment of the deepest meaning of the Old Testament Sabbath. After and because of Jesus, people can rest from attempts to justify themselves before God as they accept the forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:3). Even though Jesus fulfilled the theological meaning of Sabbath, we still need time to rest.

Jesus modeled the need for rest and an intermission from life's demands. More than once, Jesus is shown retreating from the crowds and their needs to find a time apart and a time out (Mark 1:35). Jesus recommended that same practice of rest to his disciples in Mark 6:31-32.

Matthew 11:28-30 finds Jesus saying this: "Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (The Message)

An aspect of salvation is the acceptance that we cannot do it all. We cannot earn or merit God's love. God's love is a gift freely given. Humility to acknowledge our inability and gratitude for God's provision to accomplish what we cannot is what it means to be saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). Accepting the gift of God's love in Christ gives Sabbath to our souls.

Likewise, our minds and bodies require rest. It is no accomplishment to believe that we do not need time to refresh ourselves and recuperate from life's demands. I trust that this summer presents occasions for you to practice intermission and Sabbath rest that will find you refreshed and renewed in body, mind, and soul.



The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S (moderator).

Diane and Mike B
William B
Levi C
Susan G
Carol
Laverne



Meet the Staff
the Rev. Jeffrey Lang

Lauren
Vocalist
Amy
Director of Music and Organist
Kate
Choir Director and Vocalist
Logan
Vocalist

Paisley
Videographer
Deborah
Administrative Assistant
the Rev. Dr. Dawn
Parish Associate

Items for the **July/August** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, June 19.**



Early submissions are always joyfully accepted!

Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.



Mission in Motion...



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the May Food Offering. Dave delivered 68 pounds of nonperishable food, personal care items, and cleaning products to Valley Inter-faith Community Resource Center (VICRC).



Year to date, you have donated, 388 pounds of goods to our neighbors in need!

Our 13th Annual Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food event will also be our June Food Offering.

We can accept items in the Church House now through Saturday, June 17, when they will be moved to the Village Square and added to what is collected that day.



Our 13th Annual Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food

Saturday, June 17, from 9:00AM-1:00PM

Your donations will be shared with VICRC, to help their clients in need, and The Princeton Closet, assisting students and families in the Princeton School District.

VICRC and The Princeton Closet are thankful for your generous support!



UPCOMING *Events*

26th Annual Golf Outing

in memory of Sylvia and Tom Allen
Saturday, September 16

Watch your weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter for more details as they become available.



Women's Book Club

Bring your favorite morning beverage and gather in the church library at 10:00AM for lively discussion.

Wednesday, June 14

The June book is *Dancing in the Darkness*, by Rev. Otis Moss, III.

Dancing in the Darkness is a life-affirming guide to the practical, political, and spiritual challenges of our day. Drawing on the teachings of Dr. King, Howard Thurman, sacred scripture, southern wisdom, global spiritual traditions, Black culture, and his own personal experiences, Dr. Moss instructs you on how to practice spiritual resistance by combining justice and love.



Wednesday, July 12

The July book is *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho

The Alchemist is a classic novel in which a boy named Santiago embarks on a journey seeking treasure in the Egyptian pyramids after having a recurring dream about it. On the way, he meets mentors, falls in love, and most importantly, learns the true importance of who he is and how to improve himself. This book offers insight and different perspectives about how life can be.



Wednesday, August 9

The book selected for August is *The Gown*, by Jennifer Robson

The Gown is a historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the 20th century - Queen Elizabeth II's wedding gown - and the fascinating women who made it during a time when society was left reeling by the calamitous costs of a post WWII victory. The lives of three heroines who form an unlikely friendship are woven together by the pain of survival, the bonds of friendship and the redemptive power of love. A parallel story is set in Toronto, 2016, focusing on the mystery of a set of embroidered flowers that closely resemble the motifs on QEII's stunning gown.

Wednesday, September 13

The September book is *The Secret Life of Dorothy Soames*, by Justine Cowan

This is the true story of one woman's quest to understand the secrets that had poisoned her mother's mind, and her startling discovery that her family's fate had been sealed centuries before. Justine uncovers a mystery about her Mother that stretches back to the early years of WWII England and beyond, into the dark corridors of a hospital for exposed and deserted young children from which this resilient child's only hope would be a daring escape as German bombers rained death from the skies.



June

*Birthdays and
Anniversaries*

Jackie O	9
<i>Margie and David</i>	13
<i>Beverley and Mark</i>	14
<i>Carey and John</i>	14
<i>Jamie and Robert</i>	14
<i>Diane and Mike</i>	19
<i>Pat and Stu</i>	20
Tom S	20



Aparna N and her family invites you to her flute recital and reception Saturday, June 3. Please gather in the Sanctuary at 4:30PM for the recital, then move to the Church House for the reception. Aparna is a student of Eva S, who has shared her musical gifts with us during worship.



Men's Lunch

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale, Wednesday, June 14.

Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.



Save-the-date for a good old fashioned Picnic

Wednesday, August 16, at the Glendale Lyceum

Keep an eye on your Sunday bulletin and the next issue of this newsletter for more details.

This calendar is a living document
 subject to frequent changes.
 Check the website
 (firstpresbyterianglendale.org) for the most
 accurate calendar.

Please call the church office
 with calendar updates.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 2:00PM- Recital
4  10:30AM- Worship	5 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00AM- Worship <i>Back-to-School Offering</i>	12 9:00AM- Session reports due	13	14 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star 6:00PM- Session mtg. 	15	16	17 9:00AM- Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food
18 10:00AM- Worship <i>Back-to-School Offering Food Offering</i> HAPPY <i>Father's Day</i>	19 9:00AM- July/August newsletter items due 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitchers	20	21  First Day Of Summer	22	23	24
25 10:00AM-  Outdoor Worship	26	27	28	29	30	



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Worship begins at 10:00AM
Sunday, June 11, 2023 through
Sunday, September 3, 2023.

Worship begins at 10:30AM
Sunday, September 10, 2023 through
Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday.

Shared with you in Christian love



Summertime Splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The Sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and God.

Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Ann Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

