

# *The JUNE Leaven 2022*

Dear Friends,

It's going to be a full month at First Presbyterian. On June 5, we will honor our graduates and we will award the scholarships that are provided by FPC. If you are not aware, FPC gives out three scholarships: The Boatwright Scholarship and Carol Ann Low Scholarships are given to students pursuing higher education and are a part of the FPC church family; and The Community Scholarship is given to a student from any of the Leavenworth County High Schools who is pursuing higher education and has financial need. It is a wonderful gift that these scholarships are available to support those who are seeking higher education after high school. So, I am looking forward to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

I am also looking forward to June 12 when we will have our next congregational conversation. Our conversation will happen in fellowship hall right after worship and lunch will be provided. Please join us.

I am also looking forward to June 19 when we will worship in the park – I am bringing my guitar so get ready for a good old gospel sing-along!!

Then on June 26, the New Generation Singers will lead worship. New Gs is a group of high school students from churches all around St. Joseph, Missouri who bring the good news of Jesus Christ through song. Many young people from my previous churches in St. Joseph sang in New Gs when they were in high school and have said it impacted their faith in an incredible way. This will be a good Sunday to bring your children and teenagers to hear this wonderful testimony of God's love.

So.... many wonderful things going on at FPCLV. And yet.... we continue to mourn in solidarity with: the people of Ukraine, the families impacted by violence in Buffalo, New York; Laguna Woods, California; and Uvalde, Texas, and many other places in our world that are going through such difficult times. How do we pray? How do we show our solidarity? As we listen to the Holy Spirit, we can continue to seek God's call to us in this time, in this place. Certainly, we pray, but we also talk with each other, listen to the Spirit as we seek to bring healing and hope to our hurting world. On Memorial Weekend Sunday, we offered a hymn from Sing the Faith called *In All Our Grief*. Let these words be our prayer.

Peace, Krista

***In all our grief and fear we turn to you.***

***O God, you know all that we think or do,***

***You know the pain we put each other through.***

***Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.***

***Help us to put aside the angry word,***

***The clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.***

***Teach us the way in which love best is served.***

***Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.***

***You did not even spare your only Son.***

***He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,***

***But through his cross, redemption was begun.***

***Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.***

*God, when we suffer all that we can bear,  
Then let us know that you in truth are near  
And will not leave us lost in all our fear.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.*

## **NEW GENERATION SINGERS COMING TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

MARK THE DATE – Sunday morning worship, June 26.

Invite your family and friends for this inspiring,

joyful musical worship experience.

The New Generation singers, known as New G, are a highly energetic group of high school and college students from St. Joseph. They love Jesus and they come from many different churches in St. Joseph. They're hard to define, in all the best of ways.

If we had to describe the New Generation singers in a song, what would it be? This is a serious challenge. The song would have to include 48 years. 48 states. Six Canadian provinces. Hundreds of alumni. Thousands of frozen pizzas sold. And thousands upon thousands of hours spent rehearsing, planning, writing, encouraging, listening and laughing across multiple faith denominations. Lots of laughing.

In fact, the singing is just the beginning. The students, ages eighth grade to early college, take on leadership positions and work on committees within the group, across the year, as they create and carry out their pinnacle two-week summer tour. Membership to New G is open to anyone within the age parameters, regardless of experience with singing.

“Many of our members do really enjoy singing, but some join us for the social aspects or to build their leadership skills. Others enjoy the planning, the writing of the shows, the production and the travel,” says Byron Myers II, music director/leader/professional volunteer/alumni for New G since 1998. “And some students come to us out of sheer curiosity and end up staying. We enjoy all the kids, across all faiths, and it’s always been a very open door.” There’s a legitimate sense of roots and of belonging in these words. Myers and his wife, Carol, are the second generation to lead the group. It was started by his parents, Byron and Phyllis Myers, in 1970. “At that time, a lot of Christian music groups were hitting the road and changing their format of their music. We were definitely one of many groups around. But we stayed and have continued to grow,” he explains. Today, the group performs locally throughout the year and at several national (and international) locations along an annual two-week summer tour.

### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

The following are new email addresses for our church and for our pastor.

[arlene@fpclvks.org](mailto:arlene@fpclvks.org)

[Pastor@fpclvks.org](mailto:Pastor@fpclvks.org)

## **NEW ADDRESS FOR THE BUTLER FAMILY**

Bryant, Jennifer and Marcus Butler  
6414 Four Oaks Lane  
Burke, VA 22015



Pictured to the left is Elaine Carder, Edna Wagner (Director of Richard Allen Cultural Center), Bobbie Snyder and Kathy Kenton

### **YOUTH IS SERVED WHEN WE SAY "YES"**

Just as a reminder, the annual Pentecost Offering, the second of the four denominational offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be received Sunday, June 5 on Pentecost Sunday.

Youth here in Leavenworth, youth elsewhere in America and youth around the world stand to benefit from this important offering when we say "Yes" to it by cheerfully and generously giving to it. So please contribute what you can in support of the work of both our church and the larger church in reaching out to young people and helping them realize their full potential.

Forty percent of the money that comes in will be turned over to the Richard Allen Cultural Center in north Leavenworth for use in running the after-school tutoring program there. The rest will be divided three ways, with 25 percent going to the Young Adult Volunteers experience, another 25 percent to Youth Ministries among boys and girls 12 to 18, and the remaining 10 percent to Child Advocacy through the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative.

Yes, all of us can make a real difference in the lives of countless young people both locally and globally when we say "Yes" to the Pentecost Offering, thus confirming our commitment to do what we can as believers to nurture the growth and development of tomorrow's "change agents" today.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Pentecost Offering!

Rick Nichols, moderator, Faithful Discipleship Committee

# **PWC**

## **Celebrating Sabbath**

By Carol M. Bechtel

**Our new Bible Study has been printed! If you would like to have a copy (postage free!) Please give your Circle Leader your name or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.**

**Cost of the Study is \$10.00**

**Large Print is \$15.00**

**Audio edition is \$15.00**

**Please sign up by June 20, 2022**

Bible Study Workshop will be held in July. TBD

Women's Gathering early September!

The Circles are coming the Second week of September

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **LITTLE PANTRY**

The Mission Committee met last Sunday and discussed needs of the Little Pantry at length. It is apparent that the pantry has become a much-used source of nutrition in the time of rising food costs. It was reported that the Federal Food Distribution at the Mission on Spruce has been reduced to two times a month with less items available. The Little Pantry has no list of approved persons or restrictions on income. The food is given in the spirit of Matthew 25, giving to the needy as an act of Christian love. The pantry was originally set up for the homeless living in the area of the church and the many bridges over the creek. Now we are asking you to expand that gift to the needy living in the area. Often the persons in need are the working poor who cannot afford transportation to work, monthly bills and adequate food. We are asking the congregation to continue your support of the Little Pantry but to add to your list of items needed all kitchen basics that are stable in the current weather.

A few suggestions - The original list suggested single serving items not needing a can opener. Items needing a can opener are fine now, can openers have been given out by the Community of Hope some time ago. Water is always needed. There is a need for proteins - tuna, peanut butter, canned meats. Items in glass containers are a problem. Regular sized canned fruit and vegetables and Romain noodles were suggested also. Every item put in the pantry has used by someone, even the 7 packages of wheat tortillas once left.

The Pantry is filled three times a week by volunteers. The Methodist church adds to it, but not on a regular schedule. If you notice it empty feel free to add to the store at any time. Bring your donations to the church on Sunday and leave them in the tub in the entry.

The committee thanks you for all your donations in the past and in the future.

## **JUNE FELLOWSHIP TREATS**

**June 5 –Circle 4**

**June 12 –Lunch will be provided for the Congregation Conversation**

**June 19-POTLUCK in the Park**

**A-C-Dessert L-Z – Main Dish D-K-Salads, Sides, and/or Bread**

**June 26-Deacons**

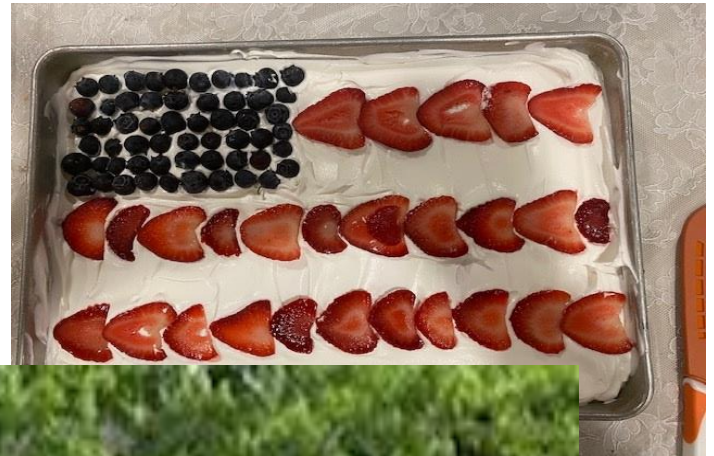
## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-Steve Finch 6-Margie Holland 7-Ryen Litewski 10-Harold Hathaway 10-Phil Comstock  
13-Lorna Mathison 15-Jim Garrett 18-Linda Huggins 19-Miriam Bowman 20-John Zillman  
23-Susan Thomas 24-Arlene Hansroth 27-Rick Nichols

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2-George and Ellen Morton 3-Gerald and Elaine Carder 7-Jim and Merna Roe  
8-Paul and Ann Keeling 22-Phil and Shirley Comstock 28-Dale and Anna Hurt  
29-Bill and Barbara Katzenberger

Linda Barry provided the beautiful cake (right) for Memorial Fellowship Treat! Below is the updated FPC Garden



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Fellowship Treats-Circle 3 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am -11:30am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:00pm ESL</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Crafts &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Fellowship Treats - Circle 4 Graduation &amp; Scholarship Worship Committee Mtg, Room 8 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am -11:30am Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm ESL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Crafts &amp; Fellowship 11:00am Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Fellowship Treats - Circle 5 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am -11:30am Worship 11:30am -1:00am Congregation Conversation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00pm ESL</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Crafts &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am League of Women Voters</p>
<p>19</p>  <p>Potluck in the Park 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am -11:30am Worship in the Park</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00pm ESL 5:00pm - 6:00pm Community Meal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Crafts &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed 6:30pm - 8:00pm Amateur Radio Testing</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Fellowship Treats - Deacons New Generation Singers from St. Joseph 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am -11:30am Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00pm ESL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Crafts &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p>