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June 2022 CALENDAR

FAITHFUL SERVERS FOR JUNE

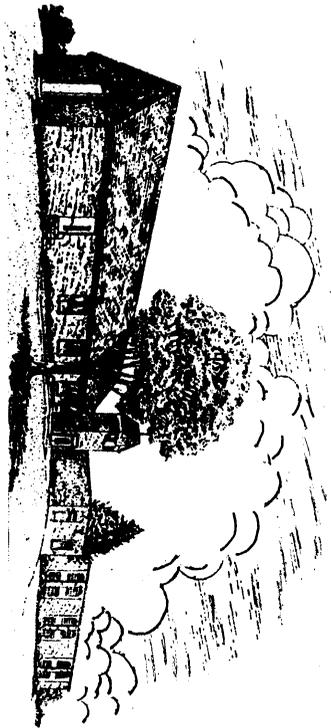
THURSDAY, June 2
11:30 Women's Fellowship
5:00 Women's Book Study
SUNDAY, June 5 GRADUATION SUDAY
10 am Worship & Sunday school
MONDAY, June 6
4:00 Dining Out—location TBA
THURSDAY, June 9
5:00 Women's Book Study
SUNDAY, June 12
10:00 Worship & Sunday school
MONDAY, June 13
ECHO INFORMATION DUE
TUESDAY, June 14
6:30 Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY, June 15
7:00 Men's Fellowship
SUNDAY, June 19
10 am Worship & Sunday school
JUNE 19-22: CANOE CAMP
THURSDAY, June 23
5:00 Women's Book Study
SUNDAY, June 26
10 am Worship & Sunday school
JUNE 26-JULY 1: MISSION TRIP
THURSDAY, June 30
5:00 Women's Book Study

June 5
Hopper Usher Team
Lay Reader: Jill Gillman
Nursery: Amy May
Children's Church: Charlotte & Rayna Meyer
June 12
Weckback Usher Team
Lay Reader: Elaine Brooks
Nursery: Christie Kavanagh
Children's Church: Stacy Spicer
June 19
Bohle Usher Team
Lay Reader Randy Wakeland
Nursery: Charlotte & Rayna Meyer
Children's Church: Dani Jetensky
June 26
Wakeland Usher Team
Lay Reader: Kathy Webster
Nursery: Tammy Birkenbach
Children's Church: Racheal Wakeland

There will be children's church each Sunday during the summer months. We look forward to teaching and watching your children grow. Children's choir will be returning this summer. Children's Bell Choir will also be performing over the summer.

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Summer is here and I just wanted to take this space to share a Summer blessing with everyone!

This Summer:

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent. Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

Lord God,

We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the summer break --

Lord, what about you and me? I don't want to forget you just because I'm away from my normal routine. Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me that my relationship with you should never take a break.

Pastor Scott

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH OFFERING

June is the month for the special Strengthening the Church offering.

This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



May is for graduation: Help us celebrate our 2022 graduates. These individuals have had a high school career unlike any class before them. COVID has affected every year. But I believe this has taught them patience and perseverance. If they can survive high school during COVID-just imagine what they can do moving forward:

Julia Moder-is graduating from Northwest High School-Julia will be attending Maryville University next fall to pursue an education in nursing. Julia has also signed with Maryville to be on their Stunt Team and continue her love of cheer and tumbling.

Joshua Zeilman-is graduating from Northwest High School-Joshua is graduating Summa Cum Laude the highest level of academic excellence achievable. Joshua will

be attending Purdue University to pursue an education in Wildlife Biology. Joshua is an Eagle Scout. Here is a fun fact; Joshua is Number 1 in his graduating class!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hanna Hensley-is graduating from Northwest High School-Hanna will be attending St. Louis University this fall to pursue an education in nursing.

Zachary Stenger-is graduating from Northwest High School. Zach will be attending St. Louis Community College to major in Elementary Education and has signed to play baseball.

Hannah Colabianchi-is graduating from Barat Academy. Hannah will be attending Southeast Missouri University in the fall to pursue an education in Advertising/TV/Film.

Jaiden Williams-is graduating from Northwest High School. Jaiden is an Eagle Scout. After graduation Jaiden will be joining the family business.

Abbigail Franken recently graduated from Missouri Baptist University with a BS in nursing. Abbigail will begin her nursing career at Children's Hospital this summer.

As our graduate's leave, we want them to know how much they mean to us and how special each and every one of them are. We will miss them all, but we cannot wait to see what the future holds for these individuals.

GENERAL FUND INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 30, 2022

Year to date income:	\$43,128.96
Year to date expenses:	\$47,588.90
Difference:	-4,459.94
General funds balance:	\$75,429.70

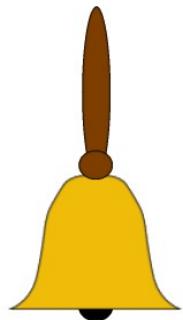
BLOOD DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 894

Sponsored by St. Martin's is holding a blood drive on Thursday, May 26th from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Masks and appointments are required! Call Stephanie Darroch to schedule an appointment at 314-800-7348

ANNOUNCEMENT

Usher teams are being formed and a meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 29th after church. Usher Captains will be introduced along with their teams. We will review the usher duties and special communion services. Contact Jack Nobles for information. 636-375-0605 orvalmnobles@gmail.com



Children's Bell Choir and the Children's Chancel Choir will be active during the summer months. We will practice each Sunday morning at 9:45 before church upstairs in the nursery. The Choirs will perform the 2nd Sunday of each month and also the 5th Sunday, if there is one, during the worship service. We look forward to the children participating and sharing.



Children's Choir



Our May 5th meeting started with a pot luck lunch celebrating Cinco de Mayo, and an inspiring short Bible lesson given by Sandy. We had a brief business meeting followed by guest speaker, Fawn, from the My Life Medical & Resource Center of Jefferson County. Fawn talked about how they help people, how they will use our gifts, and ways in which anyone could help. She expressed a deep appreciation for the gifts we gave them today. Our next meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on June 2nd and will be a pot-luck lunch and game day. All women of the church are invited to join in fun and fellowship at 11:30 am on the first Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy Roland, President

FATHERLESS NO MORE

The Scriptures tell us that God pursues all who are forgotten or cast aside. Although some believers will find themselves destitute and vulnerable in this life, He promises to be with them. God is "a father to the fatherless". If, through neglect or tragedy, we're alone, God is still there reaching out to us, drawing us near and giving us hope. Whatever our challenging family stories, our isolation, our abandonment, or our relational dysfunctions may be, we can know that we're loved. With God, we are fatherless no more.

Winn Collier
Our Daily Bread



Church Council met on May 10 in the Conference Room. It was announced that the final Mega Sale total was \$5,150. The money was placed into the special projects fund.

Stark Roofing will be working on the roof over the narthex and the offices. The work has been delayed due to rain. They are hoping to start working on this soon. Council decided at this time COVID protocol should remain the same. The next council meeting will be held June 14th at 6:30 pm in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend.



Please come and be a part of Men's Fellowship. The May meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm.



The Peace Pantry is in need of the following items all year. Please feel free to donate these at any time: ketchup, mustard, jelly, sugar, flour, spices, cake mixes and icings, hamburger helper, rice-a-roni, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, instant potatoes, canned ravioli, or other like items.

Thank you.



Youth Group

We are anxiously finalizing our Mission Trip plans. We leave June 26 and will return July 1st. We are returning to Bayou La Batre, AL, this is where we went on our very first Mission Trip. We will be assisting the community by helping with their children's program and helping in the community by doing yard work, painting, and minor home repairs. This year they are asking if we can do a drive at our church for school supplies. These supplies will be distributed to the youth in the community for next school year. These are the items they are asking for: backpacks, wide rule notebooks, folders, #2 pencils, rulers, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pens, wide rule notebook paper, construction paper, scissors (child-safe), glue sticks, pencil boxes, and lunch boxes/bags. I have placed a box in the Narthex, labeled Mission Trip School Supplies. The communities we serve in are lacking resources that many take for granted. The poverty rate is high, and they are extremely grateful for everything we do. I know they will be excited and grateful to receive these school supplies. We have nine youth attending and three adults. Bayou La Batre is located on the Gulf Coast of Alabama; it is known as the Seafood Capital of Alabama. The town was deeply impacted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. They were also hit hard in 2021 by Hurricane Claudette. In 2010 this area endured the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill that damaged the seafood industry and destroyed many of the oyster beds. The environment is slowly recovering. As the community has moved forward from these tragedies, Youthworks continues to offer support. The people of Bayou will tell you: "There are three seasons here: Football season, hunting/fishing season, and Youthworks season." We are excited to return to the Bayou and support this community in need. We partner with Youthworks for our Mission Trips. Our days start early everyday at 6:45am and end every night at 11:15. After breakfast every day we start with a large group gathering and devotion time, we work until 3:00-3:30pm, return to the Community Center for dinner, an evening activity, a large group gathering and our individual church gatherings. The Theme for this summer is: "For Real." Do not just pretend to love others. Really love them. Through devotion and scripture, we will explore and learn that the one who unconditionally loves us and gives us an example of true love is Jesus. As we serve communities together, we are all invited to draw near to the God who transforms us with an authentic love. For Real!

GREAT JOB, GIRLS!

Elizabeth Zeilman's debate team won in the Public Forum Tournament; this is the first public forum tournament they have entered.
Allison Wakeland was the 2021-2022 Annual Eutectics Athletic Award Recipient for Career Achievement.



VBS TEACHERS WANTED

St. Martin's Vacation Bible School will be July 25-29 from 9am-Noon. We are fortunate to have Kim Taylor leading us again in a week of fun Christian-based crafts, music, games, snacks, and stories. Pre-registration is appreciated, and forms will be available soon. We are in need of volunteers to make this event possible (any amount of volunteerism is appreciated.) Please contact. Kim Taylor at 314-614-0939 or Kathy Hopper at 314-614-1210 to sign up.

Cemetery Updates

The Columbarium is nearing completion. To celebrate this completion, we will be having a dedication ceremony following the church service on June 26. This project was initiated by Dennis Viehland and Elaine (Viehland) Gilligan who donated funds for the Columbarium and much of the surrounding support. Many others have joined in with donations and labor to make the area an asset to the future of the cemetery. The Columbarium will not only add to the beauty of the cemetery, but it also serves the changing needs of our members as more folks move toward cremation. The flag poles have been updated with new ropes and pullies. This was an overdue project which required an outside contractor. It will now be easier to keep up with changing our flags. Unfortunately, the project depleted all the funds in the Veterans Memorial account for future maintenance such as engraving names on the Veterans Memorial Monument. Any donation for the Veterans Memorial fund would be appreciated. Thank you, Steve Strupp



LOOK WHO IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY 80 + years

Shirley Rowh	6/19
Stokes Robinson	6/29
Nancy Gibbs	6/29

LOOK WHO HAS AN ANNIVERSARY 25 + years

Scott & Linn Lohse	6/10	44 years
Stokes & Marge Robinson	6/11	62 years
Tom & Sue Wille	6/15	31 years
Justin & Esther Larsen	6/19	35 years
Roger & Kathy Hopper	6/19	52 years
Gary & Gerry Jones	6/20	52 years
Rob & Nancy Bohle	6/24	50 years
Bill & Sandy May	6/26	58 years
Jim & Teresa Terry	6/26	51 years
Mike & Peggy Cruse	6/30	43 years



Marvin Kramme	5/3/2022
Betty Prasuhn	5/6/2022
Francis Godwin	5/12/2022



Jan Brinkley