

The Vision

First Presbyterian Church
309 Lincoln Street, Johnstown, PA 15901



June 2026

*In
God's Grace
each dawn is a gift
and every day a miracle...*

*To every thing
there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

From Pastor Danielle's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is something sacred about the arrival of June. The days stretch longer. The trees stand full and green. School years come to an end while summer calendars begin to fill with vacations, picnics, camps, family gatherings, and moments spent outside beneath God's beautiful creation. After the heaviness of winter and the busyness of spring, June often feels like an invitation to breathe again. And perhaps that is fitting for the season we now enter in the life of the Church.



*"When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground." - Psalm 104:30*

As we move through Pentecost and into the growing season after Easter, we are reminded that God is still moving, still speaking, and still breathing new life into weary hearts and tired places. The Holy Spirit did not only descend upon the disciples long ago in Jerusalem. The Spirit continues to stir among us today, in sanctuaries, around tables, in conversations, in acts of kindness, and even on the streets of our beloved city of Johnstown.

Six Months Together

This June marks a meaningful milestone for us together as a church family, our first six months together in ministry at First Presbyterian Church. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. In these months, I have already witnessed tremendous faithfulness, kindness, generosity, resilience, and love within this congregation. I have seen people care for one another quietly and faithfully. I have watched neighbors pray for neighbors. I have seen deep devotion to Christ and a sincere love for this church and community.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." - Philippians 1:3

Thank you for welcoming not only me, but my family as well, into your lives and into this community of faith. It has truly been a blessing to begin this journey together.

A Week at Pine Springs

Part of that journey this month includes a special week away for my family and me at Pine Springs Church Camp. I will be spending a week at camp alongside all three of my children, which means we will welcome a guest preacher for pulpit supply during one Sunday in June.



Pine Springs has been a deeply meaningful place in our lives for many years. It is one of those sacred spaces where faith seems to come alive in unique ways, through worship beneath the trees, conversations around campfires, moments of stillness, laughter among friends, and the beauty of God's creation.

As both a pastor and a mother, it is incredibly meaningful to watch my children continue growing in faith in a place that has helped shape our family spiritually for so long. I am grateful for the opportunity to step away briefly for renewal and family time, knowing the church continues faithfully in worship and ministry together.

The Open Door

I am also especially excited about the beginnings of "The Open Door" ministry initiative and the vision God is placing before us as a congregation. This dream of creating spaces of hope, hospitality, dignity, and connection for our neighbors continues to grow in exciting ways. While we are still in the early planning and gathering stages, I already see God opening doors for meaningful relationships and community partnerships. Our hope is not simply to create programs, but to create belonging. To become a church that not only opens its doors on Sunday mornings, but truly walks alongside people throughout the week. I encourage you to read more elsewhere in this newsletter about "The Open Door" and the exciting possibilities beginning to unfold.

*"Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."
- Romans 12:13*

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Summer, Family, and Sacred Moments

At the close of the month, my family and I will also have the joy of welcoming visiting family from Texas, which we are greatly looking forward to. Summer often reminds us of the importance of relationships, the gift of gathering around tables, reconnecting with loved ones, and making memories together. These moments, too, are sacred gifts from God. One of the beautiful truths of summer is that faith is not confined to a building. We encounter God in conversations on porches, beside rivers, during quiet morning walks, around dinner tables, and in the laughter shared with family and friends. Creation itself becomes a sanctuary declaring the goodness of God.

A Season of Renewal

Throughout June, our worship services will invite us to reflect on faith in practical and personal ways. We will explore themes of calling, trust, discipleship, community, and the ways Christ meets us in ordinary life.

Even during the relaxed rhythms of summer, worship remains an anchor for our spirits and a reminder that we do not walk this journey alone. So wherever this summer finds you, traveling, resting, working, grieving, celebrating, or simply trying to make it through another busy week, I pray you will make space to notice God's presence. Notice the Spirit moving. Notice the beauty still blooming. Notice the ways God continues to bring hope, even in unexpected places.



“See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” - Isaiah 43:19

Friends, thank you for the many ways you continue to love and support this church and one another. Ministry is never the work of one person alone. It is the shared work of God's people walking together in faithfulness, compassion, and hope. May this Summer be a season of renewal for you and for our church family.

Grace and peace,
Rev Danielle Kendig

June 2026 Preaching Plan

Faith in the Everyday: Noticing God in the Ordinary

As we enter the slower rhythm of summer, we are invited to pause and pay attention to God's presence in our everyday lives. Throughout June, we'll explore how God is not distant or hidden, but actively at work: in creation, in moments of care and guidance, and in the simple provisions of each day. Together, we'll reflect on a guiding question each week: **Where did I notice God this week?** Through scripture, prayer, and shared reflection, we'll discover that even the most ordinary moments can become sacred when we learn to notice God within them.

Sunday, June 7- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: *Still Speaking*

Scripture: Psalm 19:1–6, 7–14; John 1:1–5, 9–14

Sunday, June 14- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: *Held in the Shepherd's Care*

Scripture: Psalm 121; John 10:11–18

Sunday, June 21- 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Father's Day

Sermon Title: PULPIT SUPPLY

Scripture: TBD

Sunday, June 28- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: *Enough for Today*

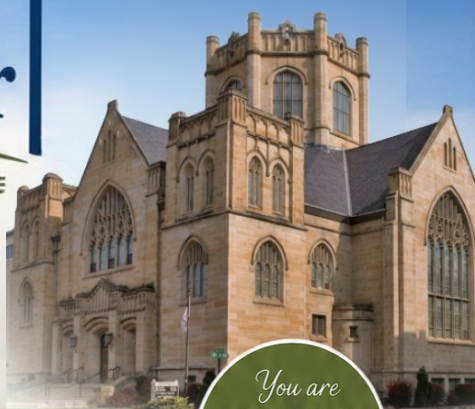
Scripture: Psalm 37:1–11; Matthew 6:25–34



The Open Door

JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY FREE STORE

*Serving Flood City
with Hope & Hospitality.*



You are
**WELCOME
HERE.**



A MINISTRY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A **STREET-TO-SANCTUARY** MINISTRY



WHAT IS THE OPEN DOOR?

The Open Door is a **FREE STORE** where individuals and families can access clothing, hygiene products, and other everyday essentials at no cost.

*More than items,
it's a place of dignity,
kindness, and connection.*



WHY WE ARE DOING THIS

We believe every person deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion.

Our goal is to walk alongside our neighbors, build relationships, and offer hope through hospitality and care.



HOW WE WILL SERVE

- Free clothing for all ages
- Hygiene & personal care items
- Household & daily essentials
- A welcoming, respectful environment for everyone
- Connections to community resources



WE COLLABORATE

We are not here to duplicate the amazing work already happening in our community. We seek to **PARTNER** with other organizations and help fill gaps where needs remain.



OUR HEART

We believe in the power of community. By serving Flood City with hope and hospitality, we can create a stronger, more compassionate Johnstown—*together.*



JUST GETTING STARTED

This ministry is in its early stages. We are prayerfully building leadership teams, forming partnerships, and discerning together where God is leading us next.



OPENING DOORS. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. SHARING HOPE.



LOCATION

First Presbyterian Church
309 Lincoln St
Johnstown, PA 15901



HOURS

Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for updates
in our newsletter, social media,
and on our website.



GET INVOLVED

Pray with us. Serve with us.
Donate items. Build community.

All are welcome!



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Street-to-Sanctuary & The Open Door: *Serving Flood City with Hope & Hospitality*

We are excited to begin sharing more about a new ministry taking shape at First Presbyterian Church: Street-to-Sanctuary. Over the past several months, our church has been prayerfully discerning how God is calling us to serve our neighbors here in the heart of Johnstown. Through those conversations, we have felt led toward a ministry rooted in presence, dignity, compassion, and relationship with our unhoused and under-resourced neighbors.

We are grateful to share that this vision recently received support through a Fit-for-the-Future Grant, allowing us to begin taking our first faithful steps forward. As we begin, our focus will be simple: building relationships, listening well, and offering small but meaningful acts of care throughout our community.

One of the first projects growing out of this ministry will be **The Open Door: Johnstown Community Free Store**. The Open Door will be a welcoming space within our church where individuals and families can access clothing, hygiene products, and other everyday essentials at no cost. More than a place to receive items, we hope it becomes a place where people experience kindness, hospitality, and genuine human connection.

As this ministry develops, we want to emphasize that our goal is not to compete with or duplicate the many wonderful nonprofits and organizations already serving our city. Johnstown is filled with compassionate people doing important work every day. Instead, we hope to come alongside those efforts—building partnerships, supporting existing ministries, and helping fill some of the gaps where needs remain unmet. We believe collaboration is one of the greatest strengths of a community like ours. You may begin hearing us use the phrase: ***“Serving Flood City with Hope & Hospitality.”***

For us, this reflects both the resilient spirit of Johnstown and the heart behind this ministry. We know our city has walked through hardship and rebuilding many times throughout its history. In that same spirit, we hope to create spaces where hope, dignity, and belonging are extended freely to all.

This ministry is still in its early stages, and we are intentionally beginning small so we can grow thoughtfully and sustainably. In the months ahead, we will continue building leadership teams, forming community partnerships, and discerning together where God is leading this ministry next.

Most importantly, we ask for your prayers—for wisdom, for compassion, and for the people we have not yet met but already believe God is calling us to serve.



From the Deacons

Hello & Happy June!! Summer will be here later this month already—can you believe it??

This year will be very different because we will not be doing the pancake breakfast during the 3rd weekend due to there no longer being “Thunder in the Valley” downtown. Hopefully in the near future it will return for all to enjoy. So the Deacons will be taking June through August off unless something out of the blue pops up. We wish you all a safe & wonderful summer, Happy Father’s Day to all the dads, especially to my son Robby, as he celebrates his first Father’s Day with his family, and also congratulations to all high school, trade school, & college graduates as well! Please continue to bring your plastic grocery bags for the Cambria County Backpack Project. They will still serve throughout summer. I am asking for help, from our Elders, on any given Sunday during service with taking up the offering(s), watching the monitor, etc., when needed, please. Also, I am asking for volunteers to help with doubling up the plastic grocery bags before they are taken to the appropriate place. Questions on anything, see Wendi S.

Thank you & many Blessings to everyone!

Wendi Sokira
Deacon President

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King, and my God, for to you do I pray.

-Psalm 5:1-2



-Afternoon Tea-

All ladies of the church are warmly invited
to join us for afternoon tea on

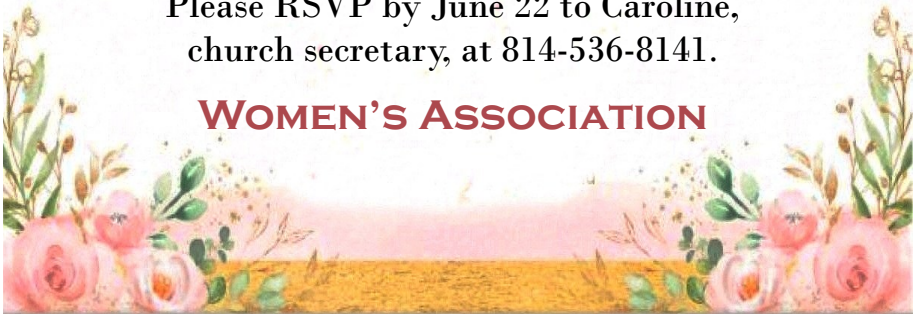
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

AT 12:00 P.M.

Hats and gloves are optional.

Please RSVP by June 22 to Caroline,
church secretary, at 814-536-8141.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Wellness Page



MEMORY MAXIMIZERS

Context Is Everything, Even with Memory

When you've walked into a room and suddenly forgotten why you did so, the common advice is to go back to the room you were just in. The idea is that by putting yourself in the same setting in which you had the idea to go find something, for example, the context clues of that location will trigger your memory.



While the "retracing your steps" approach can be helpful, memory experts suggest that mixing things up may be a memory booster, too.

When you want to help secure something in your memory, try to recall the information somewhere other than where you learned it.

The concept of "context switching recall" suggests trying to remember something in a different place from where you first learned it. If you read an interesting news article while sitting at your kitchen table, try stepping outside your front door to remember the details of that news item. Trying to recall the information in a different position, such as lying down, also may help.

This trick works because memory is strongly tied to context, so people tend to rely on environmental cues without realizing it. By forcing your brain to retrieve information without those cues, you strengthen the pathways associated with recall. It's similar to exercising your muscles under resistance rather than under easy conditions. In time, try increasing the difficulty of your

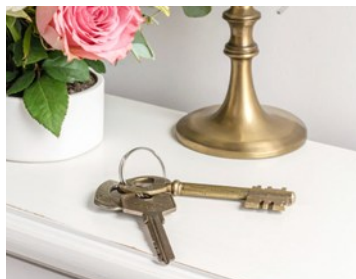
context-switching recall exercises by adding background music or noise or by multitasking as you attempt to recall recently learned information in new settings.

Sign Up for Deliberate Misplacement Training

If you put your keys on top of your dresser every day, you probably operate on autopilot when it comes time to retrieve them.

By disrupting automatic behavior, you may be able to sharpen your memory.

Try this simple trick: intentionally place objects in unusual places and then later in the day, try to remember where you put them.



Mixing up where you leave certain items can force your memory to work a little harder to remember their new locations. The payoff may be a stronger memory.

This strategy works because much of forgetfulness comes from automatic actions, in which the brain doesn't encode the memory because the task is routine. Breaking up the routine forces the brain to consciously encode the actions you take.

You can even strengthen encoding by narrating your behavior: “I'm putting the keys in the silverware drawer.” The more you deliberately misplace items and succeed in finding them again, the more you build up stronger episodic memory – the ability to remember specific events in order. The strategy also trains your attention, which is often the real culprit behind forgetfulness.

Taking note of any action you do, whether it's part of this misplacement approach or anything else, also increases your mindfulness and awareness. As a result, your memory becomes more intentional rather than passive.



In Loving MEMORY

H. Richard Feller

October 19, 1937 — May 1, 2026

FELLER— H. Richard, 88, Johnstown, went to be with the Lord on May 1, 2026 at home. Born on October 19, 1937 in Cumberland, MD, son of Harry M. and Mildred V. (Arnold) Feller. Preceded in death by his parents; son, Donald B. Hovis, and sons-in-law, Douglas Crabb and Neal Fulton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Joselyn N. (Hower) Feller; children, Dr. Todd (Betty) Hovis, Columbus, TX, Kathy L. Crabb, York, SC, and Leslie R. Fulton, Colonial Beach, VA; grandchildren, Mark, Michael, David, and Jacob Fulton, Jennifer, Douglas, and Shannon Crabb, Wesley, Melanie, Marina, and Ethan Hovis, Brandon and Bailey Grissom, and Crystal Hovis; 16 great grandchildren, including great grandson, Connor Hovis, who spent most of his time with Richard and Joselyn; several cousins, and many friends.

Richard was a 1956 graduate of Fort Hill High School, Cumberland, MD. He later graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Masters in Engineering. Richard was a US Air Force Veteran. He retired in 1999 from UPJ as a Professor in Engineering. Richard was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, where he held many positions and taught Bible studies. He enjoyed wood working, reading, and golfing. Richard loved spending time with his entire family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 3-7 p.m. on Thursday at Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland, and from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, with the Rev. Danielle Kendig officiating. Entombment will be at Richland Mausoleum. The family suggests contributions be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 309 Lincoln St, Johnstown, PA 15901 in memory of Richard. Online condolences may be posted to www.wharrisfuneralhome.com.



CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

Membership Anniversary

We would like to recognize the following active member who is celebrating a membership anniversary in the month of June:

26 years - Brenda Noon

Happy Anniversary! We are blessed to have you in our church family.



Called Friends by Christ

According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:15–16, ESV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13–14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."

May 2026 Session Highlights

- Membership at 78
- Year-to-date receipts are below budget
- With the exception of utilities, expenditures are below budget
- First Presbyterian has gotten the name of the Pine Springs Staff Member we will be supporting during this summers camp season. Support can be anything from praying for the staff member, writing notes of encouragement, sending snacks (nothing with peanuts or tree nuts), sending gift cards for gas or restaurants or sending a small devotional or Christian book. Look for more information to come.
- Streets to Sanctuary Ministry team is forming.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. -Philippians 4:13



If you have a 2026 graduate in your family or in the FPC extended family, call or email Caroline in the church office with their information. We'd like to celebrate them in "The Vision". This could be graduation from high school, college, or graduate school.

Step Three: The Practice of Surrender

In Nar-Anon, Step Three invites us to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him. This step is not a one-time event but a continuing practice of trust, growth, and willingness.

What Surrender Means

Surrender does not mean giving up or avoiding responsibility. It means letting go of the need to control everything, especially another person's behavior. For many of us, trying to control addiction leads only to fear, frustration, and exhaustion. Step Three helps us accept that this control was never truly ours.

Learning to Trust

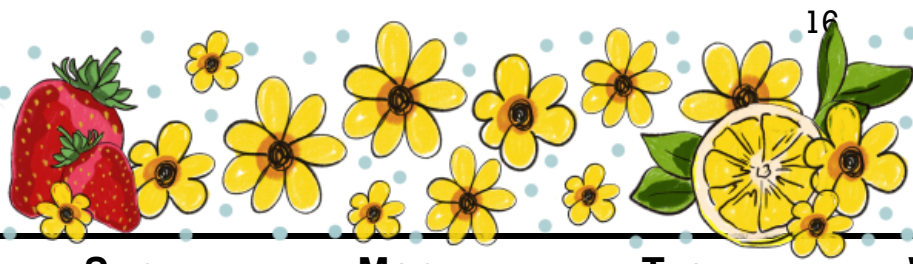
Turning to a Higher Power can feel difficult, especially when we are used to relying on self-will. But surrender opens us to guidance, strength, and peace beyond our own understanding. It reminds us that we do not have to face recovery alone.

Living Step Three Daily

Step Three becomes real through daily practice. Prayer, meditation, reflection, patience, and gratitude help us choose trust over control. When we focus on our actions instead of outcomes, we can find peace in doing our part and leaving the rest in the care of our Higher Power.

The Third Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee—
to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt.
Relieve me of the bondage of self,
that I may better do Thy will.
Take away my difficulties,
that victory over them may bear witness
to those I would help of Thy Power,
Thy Love, and Thy Way of life.



JUNE 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	2 10:30 Bible Study	3 Session 6:00 PM	4	5	6
7 Summer Mission Project Begins	8 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 AM worship  FLAG DAY	15 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH 	20 
21 10:00 AM worship  FATHER'S DAY	22 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 AM worship 5¢ A Meal Offering	29 Women's Assoc. Tea Party-Noon 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	30				

Mission Stewardship Committee
Summer Mission Project

partnering with



**PROFESSIONAL FAMILY
CARE SERVICES**

937 Menoher Blvd. • Johnstown, PA 15905

servicing pregnant mothers and children newborn to age 18

**We'll be collecting supplies
from June 7 - August 2**



- **KID'S DIAPERS** (all sizes)
- **BABY WIPES**
- **NEW CLOTHES**
for kids age newborn to age 18



- **HYGIENE PRODUCTS** (all ages)

Immediate Need for:

KASON (Boy Age 2)

- **SIZE 4 DIAPERS**
- **18-24 MONTH CLOTHING**
- **HYGIENE PRODUCTS**



and:

ETHAN (Boy Age 9 months)

- **SIZE 3 DIAPERS**
- **SIMILAC ADVANCE**
- **9-12 MONTH CLOTHING**
- **HYGIENE PRODUCTS**



Thank You!

- The Mission Stewardship Committee

KID'S PAGE

PUZZLE



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Summer



**WORSHIP
TIMES**

**Summer hours begin
Sunday, May 31st**

**Worship
10:00 am**

**There will be no Sunday
School until Sept. 13th.**

If you, a family member, or friend from 1st Church has been admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, be sure to contact Pastor Danielle, Pat Betts or Caroline in the church office. The lines of communication are not always open between the hospital and spiritual care visitors, and we don't want to miss anyone.



**FOOD PANTRY
ITEMS ARE
COLLECTED
EVERY SUNDAY!
THANK YOU!!**



Father's Day Jokes

Share some jokes
with your dad!



Q. When does a joke become a dad joke?
A. When it becomes apparent

Q. What did the banana give it's dad for Father's Day?

A. Slippers

Q. What's the difference between a bad joke and a dad joke?

A. One letter!

Q. What do you call someone who isn't a dad, but tells dad jokes?

A. A faux pa

Q. What's the secret to telling a dad joke on an elevator?

A. It has to work at many levels...

Q. What do you call a dad when he falls through the ice?

A. A Pop-sicle

Q. What did the grape say to his dad on Father's Day?

A. "Thanks for raisin' me right."

I asked my dad what his favorite Father's Day Gift was ...He said the last two were a tie.

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

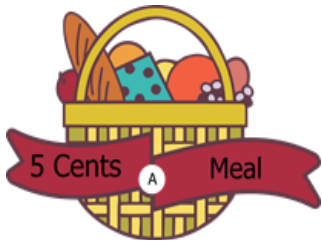


What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.



The 5 Cents a Meal offering will be received on Sunday, June 28th.

Cents-Ability (5¢-A-Meal) originated in 1976 as Two-Cents-A-Meal, a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Over the years, presbyteries have developed similar programs entitled Pennies for Hunger, Nickel a Meal, etc. Many of these programs benefit local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

Church members are asked to contribute 5 cents for each meal. First Presbyterian receives this offering quarterly, usually the last Sunday in March, June, September and December. You are encouraged to continue to send your 5 cents per meal offering to the church on those dates. We split this offering between PHP (75%) and a local food pantry (25%).

The recommended offering formula is this:

3 meals per day x .05¢ x 90 days = \$13.50 per quarter.

A Prayer for Daily Bread

Dear God, I gratefully bow my head, to thank you for our daily bread. And may there be a godly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

SPECIAL DATES

- **Flag Day**, June 14, 2026
- **Father's Day**, June 21, 2026
- **Juneteenth**, June 19, 2026
- **First day of summer**, June 21, 2026





FACTS ABOUT the U.S.A FLAG

The American Flag is not just a piece of fabric. It is symbolic of the fabric of our society as a nation. It has been carried far and wide as a symbol of American pride, all the while serving as an emblem of the freedom we hold dear. Here are 10 interesting facts about the American Flag:

There have been 27 versions of the American Flag.

From the 1777 original that had 13 stars and 13 stripes for the American colonies, there have been many changes and iterations of the flag. Each time a state was added to the union, a star was added. We, of course, now stand with 50 stars and 13 stripes.

The Flag can be displayed for all 24 hours.

While it is Federal law that the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset (unless there's inclement weather), there are measures that can be taken to show the flag for all 24 hours. All that needs to be added is proper illumination of the flag so it can be seen in the dark.

The colors were chosen carefully.

The Red, White and Blue did not just happen by accident. The founding fathers wanted the colors to have meaning, not just look visually pleasing. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The current design wasn't professionally made.

Rather, it was then 17-year-old high school student, Robert G. Heft, of Lancaster, Ohio who submitted the design in a contest in 1958. It was chosen out of over 1,500 submissions by President Dwight Eisenhower.

The current Flag is the only one to have lasted more than 50 years.

As stated above, there have been many changes to the design of the American Flag. But the one we currently observe is the longest running iteration of the symbol, likely because no states have been added to the union since 1959.

A snippet of the Flag the Star Spangled Banner was written about was sold in 2011.

The flag that flew at Ft. McHenry, immortalized by Francis Scott Key, is still around. A 2" x 5" swatch of it was sold at an auction in 2011 for a whopping \$38,000. The rest of the flag is on display at Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The Flag has a national day of recognition.

Flag Day, which celebrates the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, was established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916 after years of local celebrations.

Flags should be disposed of in a "dignified manner."

If an American Flag is damaged beyond repair and you need to dispose of it, you can burn it with dignity. Many municipalities around the country conduct flag burnings on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July where you can participate.

The Flag can touch the ground and still be used.

There is a myth that once a flag touches the ground it needs to be burned or disposed of. That's not entirely true. If a flag is soiled or touches the ground, it can be washed or dry cleaned and continue to be used.

Six American Flags have made it to the moon.

You have probably seen Neil Armstrong on the moon with an American Flag, but he is not the only one to plant one on the surface of the moon. Five additional Apollo missions, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17, ended with an astronaut placing a flag on the moon.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Wendy Vickroy**
- 7 Kris Cortese**
- 10 Yeketenesh
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- 11 Jack Vickroy**
- 12 Jon Kendig (40th!)**
- 13 Rev. Hyiwot Teshome**
- 17 Aaron Hull**
- 17 Robby Sokira**
- 18 Forest Wassum**
- 19 Lynne McQuillan**
- 19 Cullen McQuillan**
- 20 Bruce Cadenhead**
- 23 Roberta Markley**
- 28 Carla Davis**
- 28 Sheila Farrer**
- 28 Adam Gallaher**
- 28 Caroline Goller**
- 29 Deborah Rummel**
- 30 Bob Tiffany**

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Celebrating
-WITH-
you



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

**Bill & Barbara Robinson
51 Years on June 14**

**Bill & Lynne Williams
44 Years on June 18**



*There is no more lovely,
friendly and charming
relationship, communion
or company than a good
marriage.*

-Martin Luther

OUR STEWARDSHIP

GIVING IN APRIL		YTD
Member Giving	3550	17224
Major Repair Fund	135	365
Organ Fund	15	55
Loose Offering	599	1873
Special Offerings	25	400
First Fruits	0	1021
Total Giving	4324	20938

ATTENDANCE in APRIL

April 05 - 45 Easter

April 12 - 23

April 19 - 25

April 26 - 27



GENEVENS

From the Genevens, wishing everyone a safe and happy June & summer, Happy Father's Day to all the dads, and congratulations 2026 graduates! We met May 3rd for our monthly fellowship luncheon at the Blvd Grill once again. June through August we will not be meeting, but we hope to see more of you in September — please watch for info when it gets closer to then either in the Vision or Friday's e-newsletter.

Wendi Sokira, president.

Thank You

I want to thank Wendi Sokira, Isabel Cruse, Caroline Goller, the Rev. Danielle Kendig and everyone else involved for all their hard work in making Easter Sunday and the Holy Week activities so enjoyable and meaningful for all who attended the services.

From the Maundy Thursday combined communion service with Westmont Presbyterian Church to the Good Friday solemn service at Westmont, culminating in Sunday's joyous service filled with flowers and praise for the risen Christ, followed by fellowship at coffee hour, it was a special weekend that took much effort for everyone involved.

— submitted by Bruce Thiel



Resurrection
SUNDAY



Easter
BLESSINGS



Crowned with Legacy: A Father's Day Reflection

Father's Day is a time to honor the men who have shaped our lives with wisdom, strength, and love. Whether you are a father, grandfather, mentor, or reflecting on a father figure, today is a chance to celebrate the lasting impact of godly fatherhood.



Proverbs 17:6 beautifully captures that legacy: *“Children’s children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.”*

This verse speaks to honor, identity, and the lasting influence of a father's life.

A Father's Legacy: The Crown of Generations

In Scripture, a crown symbolizes honor and blessing. For an older man, grandchildren are more than family joy—they reflect a life marked by love, faith, and intentional care.

This proverb reminds us that a man's greatest legacy is not what he builds, but who he nurtures.

Wise choices, selfless acts, and faithful prayers shape children and grandchildren for generations rooted in God's truth and grace.

The Glory of Children: Finding Identity in Fatherhood

“The glory of children is their father.”

To a child, a father is often a first hero—someone who represents strength, protection, and wisdom. Children look to their fathers not only for approval, but for identity.

A father's words, presence, and spiritual leadership matter. When grounded in love, truth, and grace, they help children understand who they are and whose they are.

Biblical Fatherhood: More Than a Title

A godly father is not marked by perfection, but by persistence. Scripture is full of imperfect men whom God used through repentance and faith.

A biblical father is:

A provider – meeting physical and spiritual needs.

A protector – guarding his home with wisdom and prayer.

A teacher – modeling Jesus in word and action.

A servant leader – putting his family’s well-being first.

A man of legacy – investing in future generations.

This Father’s Day is not about comparison, but calling: *What kind of legacy am I leaving?*

Grandfathers: The Silent Giants of Faith

This verse also honors grandfathers—men who have endured much and now see the fruit of faith in the next generation.

Many grandfathers are quiet giants of faith, carrying stories, wisdom, and prayer that shape generations more deeply than words can express.

If you are a grandfather, your presence, example, and legacy still matter.

Restoring the Glory: When Fatherhood Has Been Broken

Not every Father’s Day feels joyful. Some carry loss, absence, or disappointment. If that is your story, your Heavenly Father sees you.

God restores broken hearts, families, and lost time. Even if your earthly father failed you, your identity is secure. And if you feel you have failed as a father, grace remains.

Through repentance, prayer, and God’s love, legacies can be restored for His glory.

A Prayer for Fathers

Lord, thank You for the fathers and grandfathers in our lives. Strengthen them with Your wisdom, heal wounds caused by absence or failure, and build homes founded on Your love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Wear the Crown Well

Proverbs 17:6 reminds us that fatherhood is a calling that reaches across generations. It is measured by the mark left on children and grandchildren alike.

So this Father’s Day, give thanks, reflect on your journey, rejoice in your legacy, and commit to being the kind of man your family can honor.

Wear your crown well. God is with you—and the best is yet to come.

- Adapted from a sermon by David Norris, a senior pastor at City Church For All Nations in Bloomington, Indiana.

+Christian Symbol+

—Sand Dollar—



These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.



Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshipping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Prayer Concerns



Rene Bacon (Gindlesperger)
Sarah Bantly (Muncert)
David Barrett (B. Thiel)
Family of Bill Barkhimer
The Don Bash Family
Bonnie Bash
Judy Bash
Dave & Dorothy Belz
Sherri Bennett (Mapes)
Chuck Benson
Robin Bergeron (Cruse)
Deb Bickel
Michelle & Heith Bragg
Janet Braude
Roy & Delores Collins (Benson)
Family of Mary Cruse
Family of John Davis
George Demchak & Family
 (Koch)
Marlene Eisenhauer
Family of "Ike" Eisenhuth
A. Scott Eisenhuth
Ashlee Fecko (Koch)
Family of Richard Feller
Adrienne Figura
Robert Fleming (Gerlach)
Randy & Leslie Freenock
Dave & Marilyn Gehlman
Joyce Gerlach
Roy & Agnes Gindlesperger
Jacob Gram (Gerlach)
Faye Huber
Rex Hutzell (Davis)
Marlene James
Tom Koch & Family
Tim & Ceara Kranz (Williams)
Ava & Dylan Kresak
Family of Mark Kresak
Peg Lambert
 (Gindlesperger)
John Markley (Markley)
Bill & Bobbi Markley (Bragg)

John McClure (Kendig)
Family of Connie Meyers
Nancy Miller (Benson)
Serena Miller (Clark)
Family of George Moehler
Stephanie Neill (B. Thiel)
Ron & Brenda Noon
Mark O'Ship (Benson)
Tom Osterbloom (Gindlesperger)
Annie Pearce
Susan Pearce
Sue Porsch
Pat Ripple
Tina Risbon
Kent Roach
Sheila Rogerson (B. Thiel)
Debbie Rummel
John & Judy Sierocky (Foster)
Family of Michelle Smith
J. Andrew Smith (Gindlesperger)
Josh Sokira (Sokira)
Robby Sokira, Jr. (Sokira)
Owen Szanto (Gindlesperger)
Zowalla Thiel
Trista Wagner
Susan Weaver (B. Thiel)
Cynthia Weimer (Weaver)
Russell White (Benson)
Lynne & Bill Williams
Sharon Yoder (Bash)
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GOD'S BLESSINGS TO: