

JUNE 2023

THE COURIER

Monthly Publication of The Inter-Faith Chapel
A House of Prayer for All People

From the desk of Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea

We are experiencing a recent phenomenon here at The Inter-Faith Chapel — the practice of applause as a congregational response during worship services.

Applause is not a problem. If we were confronted with members of the congregation hissing and booing during our worship services, *that* would be a problem. Applause is a generous gesture and a loving, supportive expression of appreciation.

But is applause appropriate in the context of a worship service? Well, that depends.

Some of our parishioners are from traditions where applause is quite common throughout a worship service and is offered in such a way that is worship-filled and not as a response to a performance. The challenge is that not everyone in the congregation is accustomed to it and, for some, applause distracts from their immersion in the worship experience.

This can be attested to by the observation that when applause has occurred here on Sunday mornings, it often begins hesitantly with some not knowing whether to engage, but then, perhaps not wanting to appear unappreciative of those persons being applauded, have joined in.

There are clearly some moments in worship where the most fitting and moving expression of gratitude to God is through applause. The Psalmist tells us “clap your hands, all you peoples” (Ps 47:1) so clearly this instruction gives support to the argument that applause *can be* appropriate in worship. Again, it depends.

It depends to a large extent on the *who*, *what*, and *why* of the applause. Is it directed to God in praise and celebration, or is it directed toward the person who just “performed” for us? Clapping rhythmically as a musical expression feels different from applauding following a solemn selection. Giving new members a “round of applause” of welcome varies from applause after the postlude to mark the conclusion of the service.

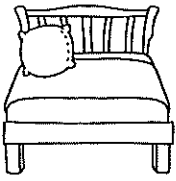
Just as “worshipping” in church is different from “attending” a production, so too our participation in worship through all of our prayers, singing, and grateful applause should be offered with a sense of life and vitality, and also with a sense of sincerity and reverence.

So, if a moment in worship moves you in such a way that you can do nothing else but applaud and give thanks, then by all means do so. Chances are good that others are experiencing what you are feeling and may also be moved to applaud. But remember the *who*, *what*, and *why* of your applause and respond as one who has been filled with the Spirit and not as one who has been entertained.

With grateful applause,

-*Woodie*

Bedding Collection for A Wider Circle Tuesday, June 13 from 9 am – 3 pm



It's spring cleaning time! Look through your closets and consider what you can donate to A Wider Circle. The Missions Committee is sponsoring a bedding collection. You may drive through The Chapel portico to drop off your donations on **Tuesday, June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** A Wider Circle has a need for new or gently-used blankets, sheets, new bed pillows, pillow cases, bath towels, kitchen towels, quilts, bedspreads, sets of placemats, and tablecloths.

A Wider Circle focuses on providing basic need items, workforce development, and long-term support to create lasting change in the lives of families they serve. They serve those transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing domestic abuse or otherwise living without the essentials of life. For many, they are the only resource for turning empty spaces into a stable and dignified home.

A Wider Circle considers the donations as long overdue and well deserved gifts to the families they serve. When you give items, please think of your donation in the same way and give items that are ready to use. If you were starting your home new with a fresh beginning, would you want that item? A Wider Circle uses the phrase "dignity condition" to describe their minimum standard of no rips, stains, or excessive wear. Items that have been stored in an attic, basement, storage unit, or garage often develop mold or mildew and cannot be redistributed. Please consider donating the best of what you have to someone who may have very little and have lived in poverty since birth.

Our drive will be for bedding and linens only. If you would like to donate furniture or kitchen items, you may contact A Wider Circle at 301-608-3504 or at www.awidercircle.org to arrange a pickup.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH Let Me Live Grace-fully



Thank you, Lord
for this season

of sun and slow motion,
of games and porch sitting,
of picnics and light green fireflies
on heavy purple evenings;
and praise for slight breezes.
It's good, God,
as the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me
a time of gathering together the pieces
into which my busyness has broken me.
O God, enable me now
to grow wise through reflection,
peaceful through the song of the cricket,
recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord,
let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,
so that I may see other souls deeply,
share in a silence unhurried,
listen to the sound of sunlight
and shadows,
explore barefoot the land of
forgotten dreams and shy hopes,
and find the right words
to tell another who I am.

~Ted Loder

In Memoriam

James Foster
May 20, 2023



Finance Committee Report as of April 30, 2023			
Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Actual minus Budget
Envelope/Loose Plate Offerings (1)	147,042	143,450	3,592
Other Receipts	11,186	12,200	(1,014)
Endowment Principal Transfers (2)	25,000	45,179	(20,179)
Total Income	183,228	200,829	(17,601)
Personnel Expenses	133,075	134,691	(1,616)
Building/Grounds Maintenance	35,024	36,840	(1,816)
Committee/Office Expenses	19,500	22,550	(3,050)
Benevolences (Mission)	9,250	9,567	(317)
Total Expenses	196,849	203,648	(6,799)
Income Minus Expenses	(13,621)	(2,819)	(10,802)
First Four Months of 2023 Compared to 2022			
	2023	2022	
Envelope/Loose Plate Offerings	147,042	134,289	12,753

1 Includes On-Line Giving

2 These transfers occur only when there are not sufficient funds in the operating account to pay all of the Expenses.

June is National Men's Health Month



This annual observance aimed at raising awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys was signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1994. Additionally, June 18, 2023 has been designated as Wear Blue Day to show support for the men and boys in our lives. Wear Blue Day is sponsored by Men's Health Network.

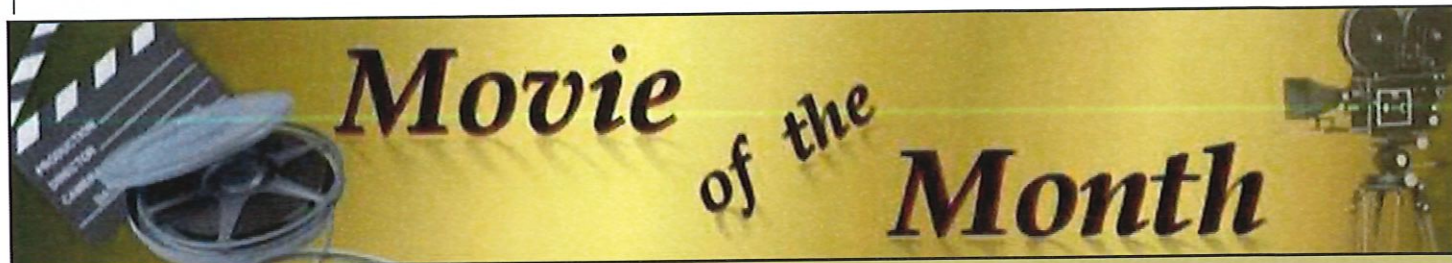
Here are six ways for men to stay healthier as they age:

1. Schedule an annual check up. Make sure you're up to date on all your health screenings to include your prostate screening and cholesterol levels.
2. Give yourself the gift of improved health by starting an exercise routine.
3. Eat healthier. Add more fruits and vegetables, reduce processed foods, and limit unhealthy fats and sugars.
4. Spend some time in nature by going for a walk or a bike ride to help reduce stress and lift your mood.
5. Unplug from screens. Take a break from your devices and take some time to relax and reflect.
6. Limit alcohol consumption. Don't smoke.

Build a better future for the next generation by promoting preventive care for you and your family.

God Bless.

~Andra Matthews, Health Advocate



Join us this summer for The Inter-Faith Chapel's
FIRST MONDAY MOVIE OF THE MONTH
 All films will begin at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

> MONDAY, JUNE 5

Priceless

PG-13 • 1h 37m

Priceless is a powerful story of James Stevens who was, at one time, a good man with a great life, but that was then and this is now. After the tragic death of his wife and losing custody of his little girl, James is at the darkest crossroad of his life. Angry, desperate, and unable to hold down a steady job, he agrees to drive a box truck on a shady, one-time trip cross country for cash — no questions asked. But when he discovers what he is delivering is actually who, he is compelled to save two beautiful and frightened sisters who are unaware of the danger that awaits them. Can love, strength, and faith redefine his past and change the course of his future? This unlikely hero risks it all to save these women, confront the forces that oppose him and ultimately discover the life he was meant to live.

> MONDAY, JULY 3

The World We Make

PG • 1h 48m

18 year old Lee (a spirited equestrian) and Jordan (an academic and football standout) are at the threshold of building a life together. But their character is tested when racial bias surfaces in their otherwise progressive small town.

> MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Moon Rise

PG • 1h 44m

After country singer Will Brown's wife passes away, his grief sidelines his career and pushes him away from his young daughter until a bright and talented horse trainer shows him strength, forgiveness and grace to live life again.

> MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

I Forgive

PG-13 • 1h 45m

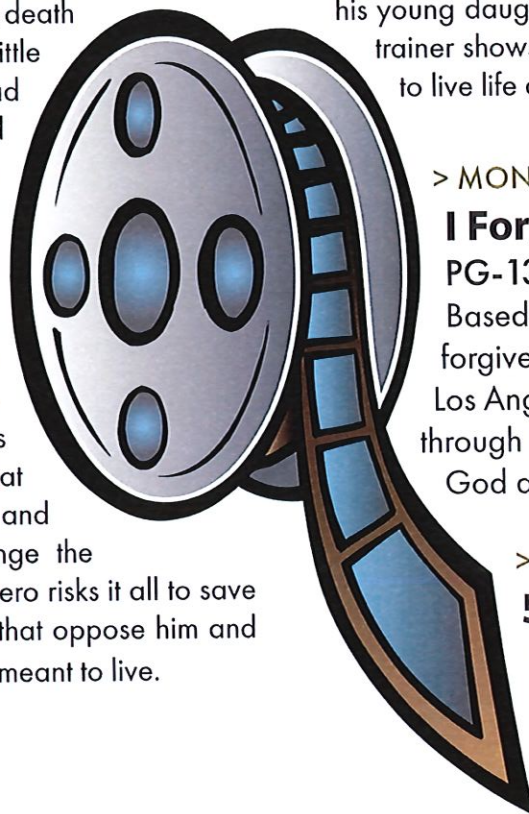
Based on a powerful true story of forgiveness, Tony is shot five times by a Los Angeles gang, leaving ten bullet holes through his body. While dying, he talks with God and must make a choice.

> MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

5000 Blankets

PG-13 • 1h 45m

A wife is inspired to collect blankets for the homeless after her husband, who suffers from mental illness, goes missing on the streets. This is based on the true story of Cyndi Bunch and her young son Phillip, who launched a homeless ministry in Fort Worth, Texas after the subject was personalized and they saw a need. *5000 Blankets* includes solid messages about love, compassion and overcoming tragedy.





this Summer @ CHURCH

THE INTER-FAITH CHAPEL
 3680 South Leisure
 World Blvd,
 Silver Spring, MD
inter-faithchapel.org
 301-598-5312

Once more, summer is here, and we encourage you to start the season with activities that will keep you cool while also providing top-notch music, faith-inspiring movies, fun, food, and fellowship. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you at The Chapel this summer—everyone is welcome!

— Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister

Dr. Ramonia L. Lee, Minister of Congregational Life

A PICNIC UNDER THE PORTICO

Thursday, June 22 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Pack your picnic basket and let's gather as a faith community to enjoy a time of fellowship under the portico at The Inter-Faith Chapel. We will sing and dance to the music of the Good Times Band. This is the perfect time to invite your neighbors and friends to the Chapel so they might experience a little of the love and joy we share here. Call or email the Inter-Faith Chapel if you have questions at 301-598-5312. The picnic will be held outside if the weather cooperates, or in the Fellowship Hall if it doesn't.



Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



CELEBRATING EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY

WITH ICE CREAM FROM BEN AND JERRY'S

UNDER THE PORTICO • Thursday, August 10

6:00-7:30 P.M. • Cost: \$7.00 per serving

An ice cream party is one of the best ways to make a gathering memorable and this year we are celebrating everyone's birthday with ice cream and toppings from Ben & Jerry's !!!! Join us on the portico on Thursday, August 10 from 6:00 until 7:30 for a delightful ice cream social. Bring a friend and enjoy the cool sounds of a steel band that will lift your spirits. We will move the event into the Fellowship Hall if the weather is problematic.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES



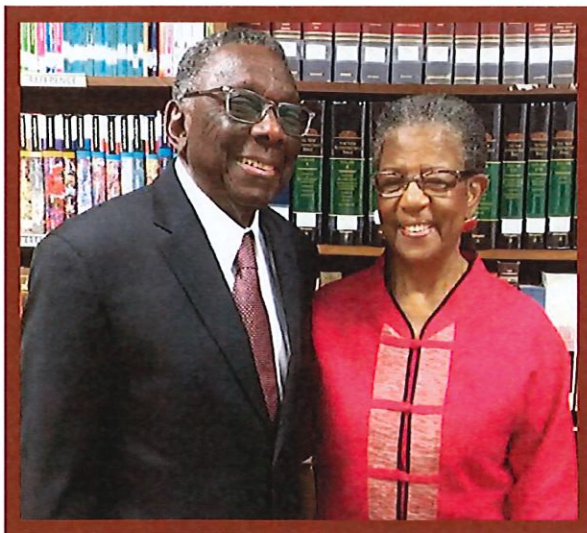
SANDY HENDERSON

Sandy Henderson has lived in Leisure World for three years. Born and raised in Washington DC, she worked for 30 years with National Rural Electric Association as a conference coordinator and later managed a Charter School in DC. She enjoys pickleball, cycling, and competitive down-hill skiing with the National Brotherhood of Skiers. Her faith journey has been enriched through connections with Episcopal, Catholic, and Baptist traditions, and she comes to The Inter-Faith Chapel on transfer from Bright Light Baptist Church in DC. We are very pleased to welcome her into the fellowship of The Inter-Faith Chapel!



JANIS JONES

Janis Jones is a career music teacher working for 44 years with Montgomery County Public Schools. She wrote music curriculum for Maryland that will be utilized long after her retirement in 2015. Janis moved to Leisure World in August 2021 and began attending The Chapel this year. She was pleased to find a warm welcome and many of her friends here. Janis enjoys learning new things and recently joined line dancing. She is the coordinator and teacher of the newly formed Leisure World Drumming Circle. Janis grew up in the AME Zion tradition and comes to The Chapel from Atonement Episcopal Church in DC. Join me in welcoming Janis to The Inter-Faith Chapel.



RIC AND PAMELA MCRAE

Ric and Pamela were both born in British Guiana and have lived primarily in Canada. Ric has a graduate degree from McGill University (aka: Canada's Harvard) and worked in pharmaceutical marketing with Merck. Pamela earned a graduate degree from Rutgers University and worked in finances and small business capitalization with the DC government. They moved to Leisure World "part-time" in August of 2020 (also spending time in London, Ontario) and have now permanently relocated here enjoying pickleball, tennis, golf, and several other Leisure World activities. We welcome them to the Inter-Faith Chapel!



BARBARA STEED

Barbara Steed moved to Leisure World four years ago. A part of that time was spent “snowbirding” between here and Florida, but now that she has decided to fully reside in this area, she was desiring a church home. In the Inter-Faith Chapel, she found the caring and supportive congregation she was looking for. Prior to moving to Leisure World, Barbara lived in the Manor Woods neighborhood and was extensively involved in family and community activities. She now enjoys bridge, mahjong, and working out at the LW Fitness Center. Barbara comes from the Episcopal tradition and we welcome her into the family of faith here at The Inter-Faith Chapel.



JACK WELSH

Jack Welsh moved to Leisure World this year and began attending The Inter-Faith Chapel this month. Jack is a Montgomery County native having lived in Kensington and Chevy Chase. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Engineering and worked as an agricultural engineer with the Department of Defense. Jack was raised Catholic and attended parochial schools throughout his formative years. He enjoys music, golf, pickleball, and fishing. We welcome Jack to The Inter-Faith Chapel!



BEVERLY WRIGHT

Beverly Wright has lived in Leisure World since September of last year. She has been worshipping with us online as a part of our broadcast congregation. Beverly is a native of Jamaica, a graduate of The University of West Indies, and a retired microbiologist. She moved to this area from Florida to be near her son who resides in DC. She enjoys reading, walking, and gardening when she can. Beverly comes to The Chapel on transfer of membership from Coral Spring United Methodist Church. Welcome Beverly!



The Inter-Faith Chapel will offer an eclectic mix of vocal and instrumental performances this summer. All concerts will be held indoors. Nearly all of the performances are free, however if you would like to make a donation as a freewill offering to help cover the cost of these events, we would be delighted to receive it. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to enjoy music by local artists!

> FRIDAY, JUNE 16 | 4:00-5:00 PM

An Afternoon of Flamenco Featuring Guitarist Scott Zimmermann



Scott Zimmermann is a professional Flamenco guitarist who has played in formal and informal venues in Seville and other cities in Andalusia. Flamenco is a Spanish style, which is accompanied by

singing, dancing and rhythmic castanets.

Scott began studying the classical style locally with Franco Platino. In early elementary school, he played guitar-piano duets with his sister Amy at the Inter-Faith Chapel. In late elementary school and through his teenage years, he studied at the Levine School in Northwest DC. According to Carlson family lore, Scott was influenced into this unique style of music by his grandfather, Dick Carlson, (a member of the Inter-Faith Chapel). Dick developed an appreciation of Flamenco when on work travels in southern Spain and northern Africa. Scott began studying Flamenco in the United States just after high school.

In his early adult years, he traveled to southern Spain, the birthplace of Flamenco, to immerse himself in this musical tradition that blends Spanish, Roma and Arabic elements. In addition to formal

training, he has learned from musicians and dancers in homes and peñas (i.e., flamenco cultural clubs). He is currently performing with friends in an ensemble called "Flamenco de Ida y Vuelta."

Scott considers it both a pleasure and privilege to perform at The Inter-Faith Chapel, his grandparents' home church of 30+ years.

> WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 | 6:00 7:00 PM

A Joyful Celebration

The Inter-Faith Chapel Music Department

The first performance in our 4th Wednesday Evening concert series will feature a variety of musical genres presented for you by the amazing



ensembles that make up The Inter-Faith Chapel's music ministry, which is led by Dr. Holly Oberle. The Generational Joy Liturgical Dancers to dance. The Inter-Faith Ringers, under Kathryn Latterner's direction, will showcase the astounding beauty and uplifting sound of the handbells. The traditional church anthems and hymns will be sung by the Chancel Choir. The Gospel Choir, under the direction of Glenda Clay, will play both traditional and contemporary hymns from the African American church. Come out and be a part of this joyful celebration of church music.

> SUNDAY, JULY 23 | 3:30-5:00 PM

Summer Enchantment

The Baltimore Musicales

[French soirée musicale, literally, musical evening]; (1872) : a social entertainment with music as the leading feature; A musical gathering or concert, typically small and informal.



Join the artists of Baltimore Musicales on Sunday, July 23 at 3:30 PM for "Summer Enchantment"-a spirit-lifting hour of musical theater and operetta with songs from Brigadoon, The Sound of Music, Les Misérables, The Phantom of the Opera, and more. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or online at www.BaltimoreMusicales.org

> WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 | 6:00-7:00 PM

An Evening of Gospel Music

Francese Brooks



This evening, as we hear rich songs of Gospel music that preach the Good News, Francese Brooks will take us to church and help us experience that ole time religion that nurtured our souls and deepened our faith. Francese, a seasoned vocalist from Trinidad and Tobago, a twin island nation, began singing at the age of 4. She is best known for having worked with the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir, the Morgan State University Choir, Stanley Thurston's Heritage Signature Chorale, Kenneth Louis' Holy Comforter St. Cyprian Gospel Choir, and the Nathan Carter-conducted Morgan State University Choir. She is pleased to be a part of the The Inter-Faith Chapel music ministry.

> WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 | 6:00-7:00 PM

All that Jazz

The Paul Carr Ensemble

Come enjoy the cool sounds of Paul Carr and his talented ensemble of world-class musicians share

their music at The Inter-Faith Chapel.

Paul is a saxophonist, educator and Festival producer. Paul has recorded 8 CD's, which have been well received by critics and jazz fans alike. His new CD "The Real Jazz Whisperer" was released in 2020. Paul has toured Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Central and South America and has shared the stage with many of the greatest names in jazz. Come early to secure your seat!



> WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 6:00-7:00 PM

An Evening of Light Rock and Country Safe Harbor



The Safe Harbor acoustic duo has appeared at a variety of venues throughout the tri-state area for almost two decades and were twice named as the GigMasters Rising Star Award Winner for Top Variety Duo. They were nominated in the Best Local Band category in Frederick's "Best Of" contest in both 2020 and 2021. Their song selection spans multiple decades and genres and includes many familiar favorites as well as a few of their original songs, creating an eclectic mix that is sure to please a wide variety of musical tastes.

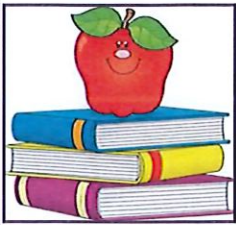
> WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 6:00-7:00 PM

The Fabulous Music from the Forties and Fifties

Farah Kidwai

Mezzo Soprano Farah Kidwai has lent her rich, melodic voice to numerous film, TV, and video game soundtracks, including Mission Impossible 4, Big Bang Theory, Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War, and Disney. We know her well as she is one of our soloists at The Inter-Faith Chapel. This gifted vocalist will present a program of beloved melodies that will warm your heart and have you singing along with her.





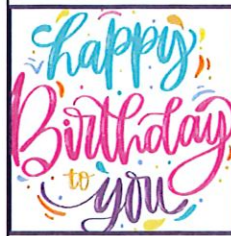
**Book Drive for Kids
Wednesday, June 7
@ 9:00 am—12:00 noon
The Inter-Faith Chapel**

The Club for the Homeless and Working Poor (CHWP) is sponsoring their annual *Books for Kids* drive. New and/or clean, gently used children's books for grades pre-K through Grade 5 are being collected through Tuesday, June 7.

A drop-off box is conveniently located in the Narthex at the Chapel from now until June 6.

If you prefer, you may make a donation to support this effort. You may write a check payable to The Inter-Faith Chapel and write *Books for Kids* in the memo line. Please drop off your check, or mail check before June 7th.

Note: no religious or political books. For more information, please email Arlene Thies at thies57aw@yahoo.com.



**Affiliates and Friends Residing
in Nursing Care Facilities**

Each month, we encourage our members to wish happy birthday to our affiliates and friends who live in nursing care facilities or group homes. Please send a care or note to those celebrating birthdays.

June 7
Florence Cutlip
153 Aldrin Lane
Martinsburg, WV

June 29
Ardith Cruitt
Grace House
3214 Norbeck Road #111
Silver Spring, MD 20906

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18TH

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**Thank You!
Manna Food Drive**

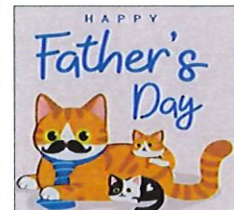
The members of the Mission Committee would like to thank the Leisure World Community and the staff of The Inter-Faith Chapel for their support of the Manna Food Drive, May 16 & 17.

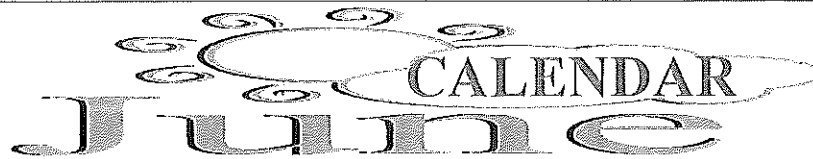


We had a successful drive and were able to fill two bins of food to support our neighbors in need in Montgomery County.



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CALENDAR

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00 Choir	2	3
4 10:00 Communion Sunday Worship	5 1:00 Movie: <i>Priceless</i>	6 12:00 Staff 1:30 CHWP	7 9:00—12 noon Book Drive (CHWP) 1:30 Bells	8 1:00 Choir	9 10:00 Knitters	10
11 10:00 Worship	12	13 12:00 Staff 9:00-3:00 Missions Bed- ding Drive 1-2:30 -CHWP Give & Take	14 11:30-12:30 Prayer Group 1:30 Bells	15 1:00 Choir	16 4:00 Concert Scott Zimmermann, Flamenco Guitarist	17
18 10:00 Worship <i>Blessings on Father's day</i>	19 Office Closed Juneteenth	20 12:00 Staff	21 Beginning of Summer 1:30 Bells 6:00 Centering Prayer	22 1:00 Choir 6:00 pm Picnic under the Portico Good Times Bank	23 10:00 Knitters	24
25 10:00 Worship	26	27 12:00 Staff	28 1:30 Bells 6:00-7:00p Music Dept Concert	29	30	

Thank you to the Directory Team!

A dedicated team of volunteers helped us complete 148 professional photography appointments, the first step towards a new pictorial directory. The volunteers staffed signup tables on Sunday mornings, made telephone calls to encourage picture appointments, completed reminder telephone calls and acted as hosts on the photography days. We could not have done it without them! We thank Heidi Bender, Ardith Cruit, Ira and Lawrie Branson, Pat Duvall, Jill Glixon, Joyce Hendrix, Yolanda Hunt, Peggy and Woody Miles, Fadeine Price, Tyra Thompson and Sue Williams!

The directory project continues with submission of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers and the proofing of the draft directory. We will keep you up to date and let you know when the directory will be available.

~Bonnie Bonner, Administrator

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