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What is so lovely as a **June** day? A June bride? A Junebug? We are in the midst of it now, beloved - the glorious long days. On the 21st we celebrate the summer solstice. The word *solstice* means “The sun stands still.” It’s a day when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky at noon. From this day forward, the days begin to get a bit shorter (sigh). We have weathered quite a year and with the summer holidays of Memorial Day and July 4th, we



might appreciate, perhaps more than ever before, our freedom. As they say, “We never miss a good thing until it’s gone.” Many of us may not have given much thought to running errands, going to the bank, store, etc., until we were unable to enter these places, or had to wear a mask to do so. People may have complained about going to work or to school, and then when those options were unavailable, realized how important those places and people were to us. Perhaps this is a “reset” for the world - God is calling us to be more compassionate, more loving, more appreciative and grateful for all the gifts we are given. Summer is typically seen as a time of relaxation and freedom - vacations, no school, lighter schedules, etc. Let’s enjoy the season before us with gusto! God wants us to live abundantly, and Christ came to give us just that – abundant life. We’ve been through a rough period. We have seen how it CAN be and how we would LIKE it to be. Let’s move forward into our loving and healing world. That ice cream will be sweeter, that lemonade will be more pucker-up-ier - and those warm sunny days will feel good on faces that have been indoors for far too long.

Sing with the Psalmist: *“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?”* We are blessed ~

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Bette

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BIRTHDAYS

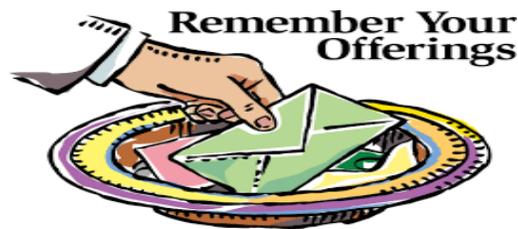


6/01 Gregory Field
 6/02 Lynn Knowlton
 6/03 Eric Overlock
 6/6 Bill Cutting
 6/08 Sharon Landry
 6/13 Kathleen Borzelli
 6/14 Aleta Mank
 6/15 Sandy Gammon
 6/18 Jo Cifaldo
 6/19 Sophie Cohen
 6/20 Irene Maxcy
 6/22 Vicki Barrett
 6/29 Melody Sainio

ANNIVERSARIES



6/02 Marvin & Donna Lewis
 6/05 Karen & Bob Carpenter
 6/12 Irene & Richard Maxcy
 6/15 David & Betty Baker
 6/15 Sonny & Carole Starr
 6/22 Linda & Ken Lent



Date	Collection	Attendance
5/02	\$2,715.00	58
5/09	\$1,389.94	54
5/16	\$1,023.00	45
5/23	\$1067.00	50
5/30	N/A	

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Earl Gammon

Rev. Chandler

John Yori

Debbie Strout

Carol Burdine

Armond Hill

Devon Robinson

Glenn Palmer

Dennis Perkins

Sally Edwards

Barbara

Henry & Lucy Carey

Pat & Doug Libby

Kaye Moores

Colby

Nola Metcalf

Evelyn Anderson

Heath Barrett

Stubby Burnell

Wes & Cindy Lufkin

Connie Heath

Ralph

Kathleen Anderson

Judy Cummings

Jennifer Hixson

Roger Peabody

Lorraine Strout

Brian Hilt

Cindy

Vicky

Mary Philbrick

Irene Olsen

Jane Waltz

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Charlie York

Dana & Wayne Quinn

Rosemary

Tom Ferruci

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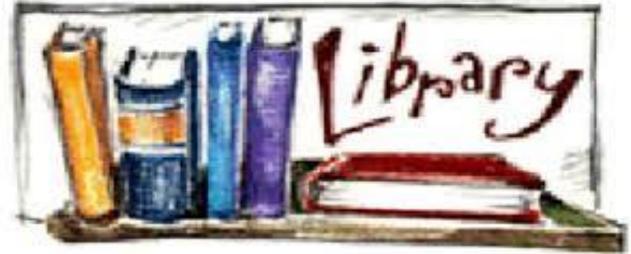
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Hello everyone. As of now the library is not accepting any new books until the library gets organized properly. The basket for the library is downstairs in the fellowship room now. The location may be different but the rules still apply. We still await the return of the book Redwall by Brian Jacques, the other book (C.S Lewis The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe) has been returned. June and summer are around the corner and for some that means camping, swimming, and ice cream amongst other things. This is also a turning point as we are getting vaccinated against the covid virus. Here's to being mask free again! May the road rise to meet you and may God hold you in his hands. From James the Wild Rover in the Library.



Thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for the month of May. The money from the bottles will be going towards the church library fund. If you need to have

bottles picked up please call us at 236-4585 and we shall do so.

Thanks to everyone who brought in food for May. We have two lists for the month of June and you can choose to bring in the items on one or both if you are able to do so.

List 1

- June 06 Jams and Jellies
- June 13 Cream style canned corn
- June 20 baked beans
- June 27 Ramen noodles

List 2

- June 06 Bar soap
- June 13 Shampoo
- June 20 Dish soap
- June 27 Tooth paste

Thanks once again to the folks who donated food for the month of May



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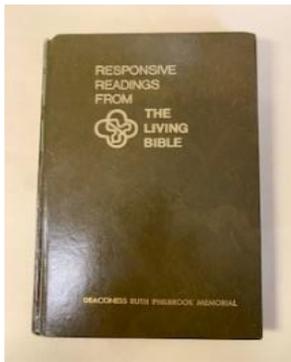
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Attention everyone, we will be on **VACATION** June 17- June 22. We won't be in town.



RESPONSIVE READINGS FROM LIVING BIBLE



The church has these books if anyone wants a copy. Please see Cindy Bland or Pat Weaver and we will be very happy to give you one.

PAY IT FORWARD

Linda Winstead painted and gifted this beautiful artwork to the church for helping her when she was going through cancer. She will be making 11x14 prints of this wonderful painting of the church and giving them to anyone who would like one for a donation to the Discretionary fund. This is a



“PAY IT FORWARD” to help someone else that may be going through a hard time. Please let Pat Weaver know if you would like to have this beautiful painting on you wall.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry



As many of you are aware, our church provides prayer shawls to those in need of comfort, hope and peace. The shawls are lovingly made by members of the congregation. They are blessed in our sanctuary, then are given as a symbol of the embracing, unconditional love of God. Anyone in our congregation can give a shawl to whoever they feel needs it. Some of the shawls will be placed in a downstairs cupboard for easy access. There are cards to

Attached to the shawls in the office. There is also a log book to register who the shawl is given to and who gave it.

We would like to form a shawl makers group to support this mission. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or would just like to get together please contact Gayle White or Carolyn Robinson.

AIO has exciting new volunteer opportunities for those who want to get involved in our community! Volunteer roles include:

Community Garden Team: There are many opportunities as part of the Community Garden Team. We need waterers, weeders, planters, harvesters, builders, and committee members.

Diaper Project Team: Diaper distribution times are Wednesdays 9:30 am-12 pm and 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. Volunteers will record the name and family sizes of clients and give bundles of diapers to the families. Other tasks include bundling diapers and taking inventory of diaper stock.

AIO Flyers Distribution: Bring AIO flyers to a list of businesses around Knox County including convenience stores, churches, daycares, and banks. This will help spread the word of AIO's many programs available to members of our community! This activity can be done on your schedule.

I hope you will consider joining our dynamic corps of volunteers that make AIO possible. We are truly making a positive difference throughout Knox County, and with your help, we can do amazing things.



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Visit our Volunteer Job Board to sign up! <https://www.aiofoodpantry.org/job-board>

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In this whole year of COVID AIO has never once closed its doors, and never once has the membership of UUR slowed in its support! When you could no longer bring food donations, you brought checks. Many of you are volunteers. A virtual hug and big thanks for your help and support.

AIO has made many changes in the past 12 months, all while navigating safe COVID practices and moving to curbside delivery. Highlights of the year include:

- Completing and moving to our new building at 1A Gordon Drive in Rockland (in the Industrial Park adjacent to the old building), many of you contributed to this capital fund.
- We transitioned from a 100% volunteer organization to a mainly volunteer organization with professional paid staff. We now have part time warehouse managers, part time managers for the Energy and Weekend Meals Programs and, finally, a full time Executive Director!
- The Diaper Project is now part of AIO

Currently we need food donations of the following items. They can be dropped off at the loading platform 8 to 12 MWF mornings.

- Soup (any soup other than Mushroom or Tomato)
- Jelly
- Cookies
- Granola bars/ snack bars
- Cereal

A group of volunteers is planning a community garden in front of the AIO building. They are in need of the following tools if you have any you wish to donate:

- 2 pointed shovels
- 1 garden spade
- 2 hand rakes
- 2 leaf rakes
- 2 hand trowels
- 1 garden hoe
- 1 wheelbarrow
- 4 5-gallon buckets
- 1 iron rake

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April 26, 2021

Dear Church Members in Christ,

I want to personally thank each of you for your kind and generous donation which allows my organization to continue our mission of mercy in feeding the hungry. We could not continue our mission without the help and support of our fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord. We firmly believe that we are all called to serve each other and to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and house the homeless.

Our often forgotten and most vulnerable veterans live in pain and hopelessness on the streets of our great and wealthy nation each and every night. It is up to those who follow the teachings of the Gospels to be stewards of love, hope, and compassion.

Again, thank you all for your kindness and fellowship in the Lord.
God Bless you.

Respectfully,

John P. Yori
President,
United Soldiers and Sailors of America

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THE LADIES CIRCLE

The Ladies Circle would like to thank everyone who participated in making our lawn sale on Saturday May 22nd a success by working hard marking and organizing the items, for showing up and volunteering, for donating items and baking goodies. We had a successful day with the weather being sunny and people buying our goods. We made almost \$350. Which of course will be donated back to the church for upkeep. Thank you all again!



On May 13th, The Ladies Circle held our first drive-up curbside dinner. It consisted of a bowl of beef stew, a big fluffy biscuit and congo bars. We want to thank everyone who worked hard on this project and all those who bought one of our meals. We took reservations and sold all 53 dinners! Good Job ladies! . Hopefully soon, we will be able to get back to our bean/casserole suppers. If not we will do another curbside supper in July. Watch your bulletins for a flyer. Any lady interested in joining our group is most welcome. We meet the

first Monday of the month at 10:00 am followed by a pot luck luncheon. -Carole Starr

NACCC AND STATE NEWS

Not much to report this month. Our National meeting takes place, via Zoom, on June 19th and 20th. Sandra Overlock will be attending. It is open to anyone to see. You can join us or get on your own computer at home. The codes to get in are on the NACCC website. Which by the way, has changed their format. So it may take a little getting used to.



Our new Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere will be taking reigns in early June! Exciting!

Another change for our state church camp. It has again been decided not to have it this year. Just when everyone was getting excited about going! Guess we will just have to plan for next year.

So there you have it! If anyone has any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call me! I would be happy to help! Respectfully, Marcia Cifaldo Year Round Delegate 9

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Congratulations to Cathy Lawrence for transferring her membership to our church. It is always a blessing when we can add an individual to our membership who is filled with joy, enthusiasm and kindness. Welcome!



THOSE BULLETIN GOOFS

- Thursday night – Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This being Easter Sunday, Mrs. Bertha Lewis will come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpeting. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do it.
- During the absence of our new pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when Dr. A.B. Doe supplied our pulpit.

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FISH CHOWDER MEAL

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**FRESH HOMEMADE FISH CHOWDER
BISCUIT & BLUEBERRY CRISP DESSERT**

THURSDAY - JUNE 10, 2021

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - WARREN

CURBSIDE PICKUP 4:30 TO 6:00 PM

TO ORDER BEFORE JUNE 6TH CALL

Carolyn: 207-390-5614 or Patty: 207-273-3526

PRE-ORDERS SERVED FIRST

Thank you very much for your support.