

# St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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## Pastoral Devotion for June - Be Content

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Songwriter Harry Chapin spun a tale of a man named Mr. Tanner, a dry cleaner who was very good at his work. He was content with his chosen profession and loved his customers. Tanner was also a baritone who loved singing. Chapin said of Tanner, "He did not know how well he sang, it just made him whole."

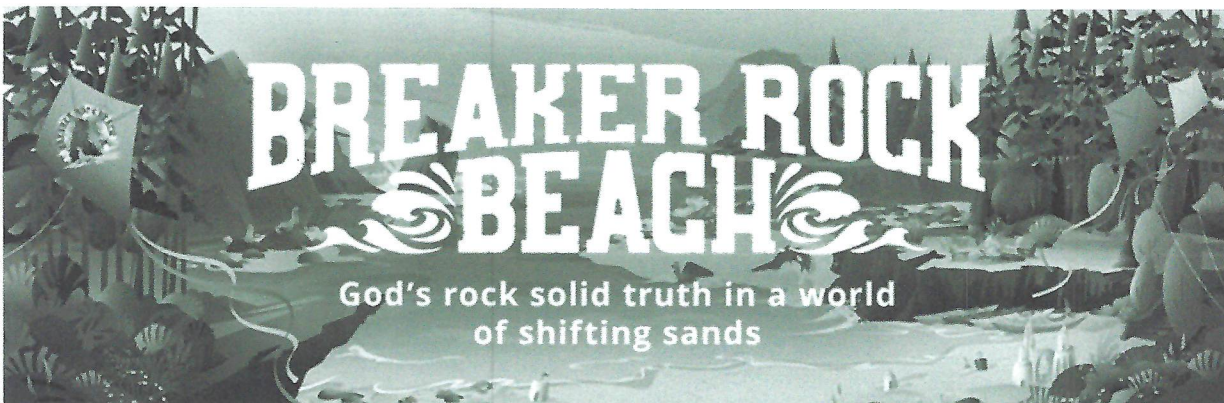
As the song goes, Tanner's friends convinced him he should give up dry cleaning and pursue fame and glory. He would be able to leave the dry cleaning business, become famous and enjoy a life of great prosperity. Yet, it was not to be; his debut proved that, while talented, public performance was not his calling. Dejected, Tanner gave up singing and his life was never the same.

God blesses his people with many gifts and talents. Used for God's purposes, our gifts and talents bring joy to others. Humbly sharing these for the sake of others glorifies our God through whom such gifts come. Of course, there is always the temptation to seek glory, fame and fortune for ourselves, especially when swayed by others.

Just as Jesus teaches there are people of the world who would lead us astray, so too Paul teaches us that we are to be content with all God's provides. Worldly influences may tempt us to seek glory for ourselves, but loving God and using our gifts to his glory brings joy and makes us whole.

*Prayer: Holy God, make us content with all you have provided, that it may be our joy to serve others. Amen.*

## VBS IS COMING



Let's meet at Breaker Rock Beach! VBS begins on Monday, June 24. Dinner will be served at 5:45 and we will enjoy some VBS beach time starting at 6:30 PM.

There will be classes for all ages as we hear God say - "Truth comes from me. My plan for you is even better.

Everyone sins and needs a Savior. Jesus is the only way to get to heaven." You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars now and join us June 24-27!

# From the Pastor's Heart

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Everyone wants to be loved. Everyone needs to be loved. Sadly, not everyone feels they are loved. We hear so many stories these days about kids who have run away from home because they feel unloved or unwanted. We hear even more stories about people who, for one reason or another have fallen out of grace and become shunned for something they've done. The sad truth is, the world is filled with people who perceive themselves to be misfits, outcasts and undesirable. "If only I were good enough, someone would love me."

Have you ever tried to convince someone who fits the above description that they truly are loved? Have you ever been faced with the difficulty of giving someone the assurance of God's love? It isn't as simple as it sounds. People who are convinced they are undesirable have built up walls surrounding them that are nearly impenetrable. Breaking down the barrier of doubt and low self-esteem is a dauntless task. Change is needed; transformation must take place for both, the unloved and the community that shuns them.

Several times in my reading this morning I have come across a commonly used sentence that always seems to give me trouble. "God loves you just the way you are." This sentence gives the connotation that, even though I am not good enough for people, I am good enough for God. Now on the surface of this statement there is an element of truth, God does love us unconditionally. But simply telling someone that God loves them just as they are does not tell the whole story.

Ever since Adam and Eve bit the forbidden fruit, a barrier has existed between God and humanity. Sin is the great separation, the deeply driven wedge breaking the relationship between God and people. There can be no mistake, God hates sin and we are sinners. God does not love us just the way we are. God does not love us as sinners continually turning away from the

relationship he established with creation in the beginning. This is a difficult message to hear and even more difficult to accept.

Certainly, God loves us. After all, we are people created by his hand in his image and likeness. But God does not love us just as we are. God does not love our sinful human condition. In order for God to love us just the way we are, change is needed. Transformation must take place. The deeply driven wedge between God and people must be removed and the wounds of sin healed forever. This is why God sent his Son into the world.



One of the aspects of the Lutheran Church I cling to is our emphasis and focus on the cross of Christ. Even as Jesus was fully human, subject to the same temptation, hunger, and pain we feel, he did not surrender unto sin. Jesus accomplished what humans cannot; he remained obedient to God even unto death. God loved Jesus just as he was; sinless, blameless, perfect.

As we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, change occurs, transformation takes place. God receives us into the one true body of Christ Jesus and forgives us all our sin. God sanctifies us with his Holy Spirit, claims us as his own and gives us the assurance of his love forever. It is in this truth that humans can rightfully say, "God loves us just the way we are." In Christ, no longer lost, no longer broken, we sinners who are washed in the waters of Holy Baptism and redeemed by the blood of Christ Jesus can honestly say God loves us just the way we are.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David Nuottila

## Changes To Our Summer Weekly Schedule



With the onset of summer and Vacation Bible School, there will be a couple changes to our regular weekly schedule.

Our Midweek Bible study will be on a break until the second week of August.

Every one is encouraged to continue reading the scriptures with family and friends.

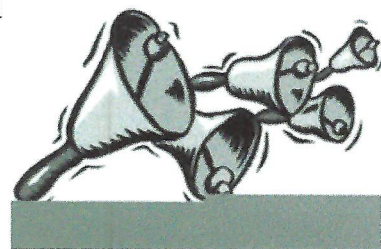
Also, our choirs are on stand down for the summer.

With Pastor David being away for his daughter's wedding and then his mission trip to Congo, midweek worship services will be postponed until mid August.

Please make these notes on your calendars.

## Summer Hand Bell Camp

Attention all St. Jacob's Youth members in grades 4 and higher. For the third year in a row, Angela Nuottila is inviting you to join the hand bell choir and attend a hand bell camp on Monday mornings through the summer. This camp is filled with fun, games fellowship, and learning how to make beautiful music through the playing of hand bells. Parents of youth who are interested in joining the hand bell choir and attending this camp at St. Jacob's should contact Angela Nuottila by sending her an email at [stjacobsnalcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stjacobsnalcmusic@gmail.com) We are also in need of volunteers to supply lunch for the kids during the hand bell camp. Please contact Angela if you are willing to help out.



## Congo Mission Update

With the posting of this month's newsletter, my annual mission trip to Congo is just a little more than a month away. My mission partner Pastor Stephane Kalonji and I are making plans for the Gospel ministry we will accomplish while we are in the country.

One of the projects we began last summer is the building of the first Lutheran Church Facility in the region of Kasai-Oriental. There are no Lutheran congregations in this region that have a church building or permanent structure in which to hold services or other gatherings.

Through the generosity of several congregations within the NALC and LCMC, we have been able to provide funding for this building project. Land has been purchased and the foundation has been laid for the construction of a multi-use building on the outskirts of Mbuji-Mayi.

There is still a long way to go in completing this building, but with God's provision it will become a reality and a place where Christians can worship, families can gather, children can learn, and women can learn skills through which they

may generate income and provide for their families.

Thank you to all who have supported the Congo Mission with your donations and your prayers.

Thank you also to everyone who has adopted a Bible for us to distribute to church leaders and Pastors in Congo who do not have access to Bibles in their tribal languages. It is humbling to know that so many people throughout our congregation, Mission Region, and NALC are prayerfully active in this mission together.

This year's mission trip commences immediately following worship on July 7 with my travel to Houston, Texas. From There, Pastor Kalonji and I will travel to Congo on July 8-9.

My return to Chapin is scheduled for Sunday, July 21. In total, I will be away for 14 days.

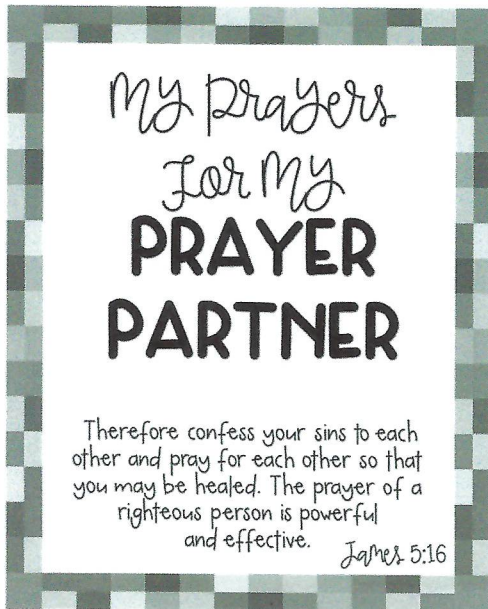
Pastor Gary Blobaum will be our Supply Pastor on July 14 and 21. Pastor David Tholstrup will be on call for the congregation in case of emergency pastoral ministry needs.

Please pray that we have safe travels and that we accomplish all God has called us to do.



## Prayer Partners

Remember to keep your prayer partners in your prayers this month and throughout the year.



## Celebrating Everyone's Birthday!

*Happy Birthday to You!*

**Yes You!**

St. Jacob's is having a birthday party following worship on Sunday, June 30!

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, games, fellowship, fun and of course... birthday cake!



Come join us as we celebrate everyone's birthdays You don't want to miss the party! Mark your calendars now and join us.



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## June Birthdays

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01 – Brittany Amick  
02 – Walter Slice  
03 – Chris Lambeth, Jr.  
03 – Austin Miller  
03 – Hank Shealy  
04 – Paul E. Lindler, Jr.  
04 – Betty Ann Shealy  
04 – Martin Wessinger  
06 – Scott Raines  
06 – Mitchell Martin  
07 – Jason Wicker  
10 – Susan C. Shealy  
11 – Samantha Monts  
12 – Drew Meetze  
12 – Mary White-Epting  
12 – Julie Zeigler  
13 – Robert Lindler

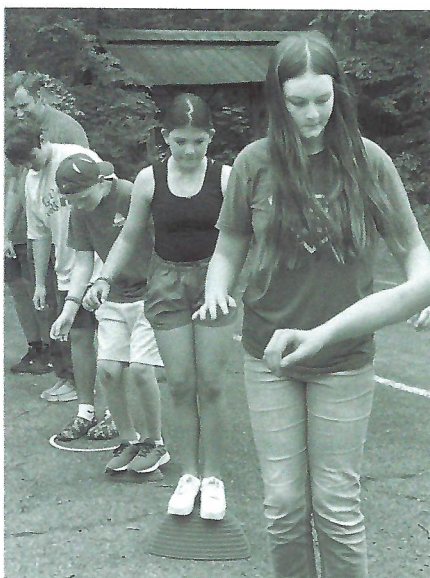
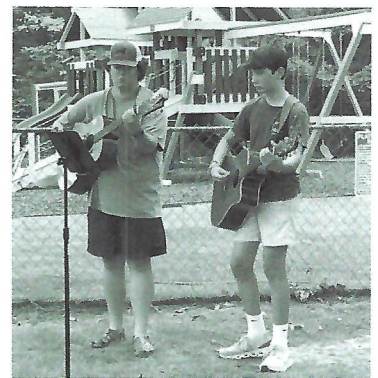
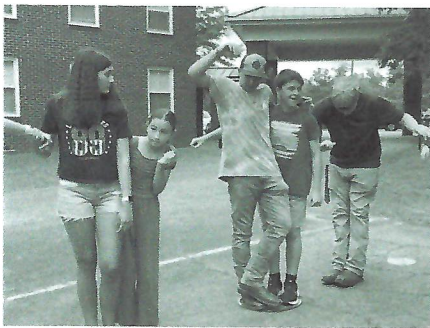


15 – Isabelle Peeples  
15 – Andy Turner  
16 – Paulette Lindler  
16 – Judy Mueller  
18 – Judy Dease  
18 – Karla Griggs  
19 – DeAndria Amick  
20 – Jasmine Bise  
22 – Larry Shull  
23 – Susan McCaslin  
23 – Gloria Ziemer  
24 – Theodore McClain  
26 – Allan Mack  
26 – Linda Mostiler  
27 – Tracy Lindler  
30 – Landon Metze

# St. Jacob's Youth

Our Youth Members enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship with the youth groups of neighboring NALC congregations. Youth from St. Peter's in Chapin, Holy Trinity in Little Mountain, and St. Paul's in Pomaria joined with St. Jacob's Youth in a mission project collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for We Care

of Chapin. More than 550 pounds of PB&J was collected by the youth groups. The afternoon was spent getting to know one another and making new friends through games and singing, and of course, food. A taco supper was enjoyed by all! We look forward to future gatherings of our Dutch Fork NALC youth groups.



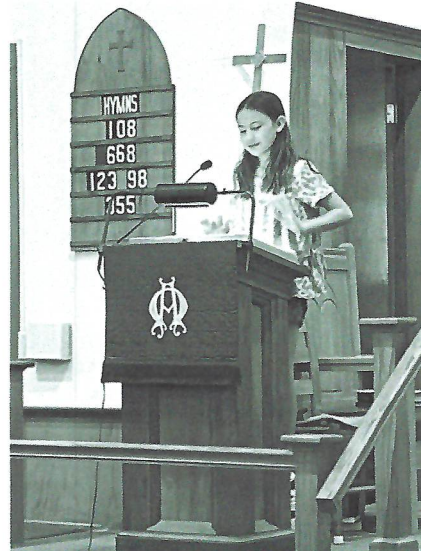
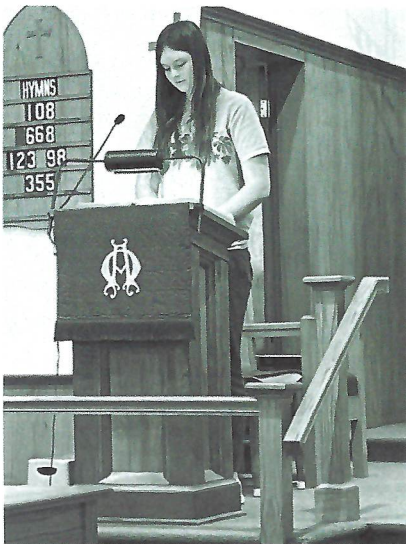
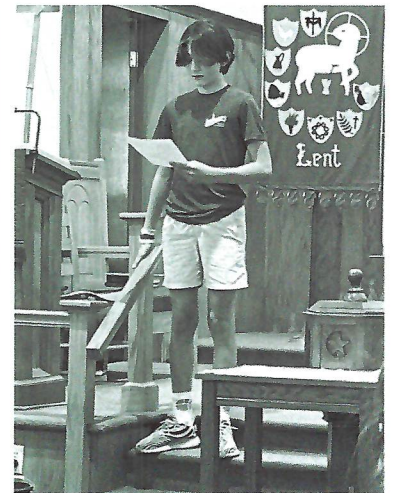
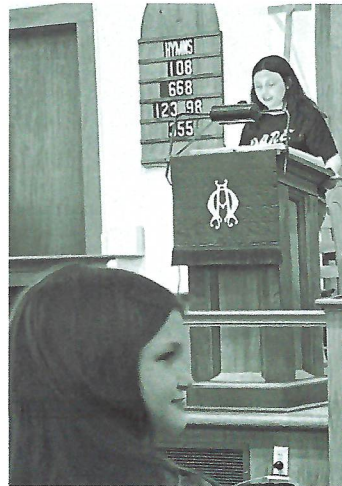
# St. Jacob's Youth Hand Bells

Our Youth Hand Bell Choir was honored to play the prelude during the Communion service for the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation. Many attendees remarked on the talent of our young members and were very thankful for their participation. Hats off to Angela Nuottila and the Youth hand Bell Choir for their dedication and hours of practice. They truly have become ambassadors for the Gospel of Christ and for St. Jacob's.



# More Youth Group News

Just as the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation had an emphasis on Youth Ministry, this edition of our newsletter focuses on the activities of our St. Jacob's Youth. Our youth are certainly a busy and active bunch. They enjoy providing music for our congregation, engaging in mission events, and leading worship on the last Sunday of those months with a fifth Sunday. Our Youth members will lead worship again on June 30th. Please support our youth members with your prayers and congratulate them by commenting on their dedication and love for the ministry here at St. Jacob's.



## Worship at Generations

Our worship services at Generations of Chapin continue to be a welcome time together with our neighbors down the road. St. Jacob's has several members residing at Generations and several who are on the Generations staff. Residents include Lucy and Stanley Slice, Shirley Nuottila, and Ramonia Lindler and they enjoy having members of their church family present for this time together. Many of the long time residents have also made this a regular part of their faith life, and several of the newest residents have found it to be a welcome time of prayer and worship.

St. Jacob's offers worship with Holy Communion at Generations every other Sunday. Thank you to regular helpers Tommy Faulk and Angela Nuottila for your ongoing support and participation. Our Youth Hand Bell Choir has also come along to provide music. Of course, we would always enjoy having more members of our church family join us. Please plan to attend and share some time with those who have adopted St. Jacob's as "their church." Our worship opportunities for June are on Sundays, June 9 and June 23 at 1:00P.M.





# Because We Care

Below is a current list of the most needed items at We Care



**Chapin We Care**  
**June Most Needed**

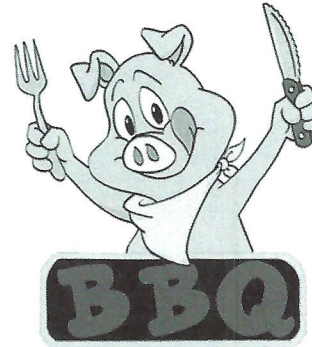
- Vienna sausages
- Instant potatoes
- Grits
- Pork & beans/baked beans
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Oatmeal
- Chili beans
- Snack bars and crackers
- Soup (large family size)
- Cleaning supplies

We also always need pet food  
& plastic bags!

  
WE CARE CENTER

# Lutheran Men BBQ

The St. Jacob's Lutheran Men's annual pork BBQ and Hash fundraiser will be June 28, 2024. The cost is \$10.00 for a pound of BBQ and \$10.00 for a Quart of Hash. You can pick up your order in the church Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 28th between 3:00 and 6:00 PM and on Saturday, June 29th between 8:00 and 10:00 AM. Please see a member of the Lutheran Men or contact Gerald Lindler (cell - 803-622-9257) by Sunday, June 16th to place your order.



## REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

### JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Janet Lindler    Richard Shealy    Dan Frick  
Lorene Cannon    Betty Ann Shealy    Joanie Ballentine  
Eddie Epting    Karla Griggs

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Letha Sites    Michael Lindler    Alice Moorfield  
Romania Lindler    Shirley Nuottila  
Stanley and Lucy Slice

### FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack    Charlotte Simmons    Jeff Britton  
George Varn    Heidi Waltz

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND IN RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Michael Lindler  
250 Leaning Pines Trail  
Lexington, SC 29072  
Ph: 803-356-4100

Shirley Nuottila  
431 East Boundary St.  
Room 306  
Chapin, SC 29036

Letha Sites  
1024 Freshly Mill Rd.  
Irmo, SC 29063  
Ph: 803-345-2300

Mary Lou Haddox  
200 Brook Court  
Chapin, SC 29036  
Ph: 803-707-3614

Stanley & Lucy Slice  
431 East Boundary St.  
Room 205  
Chapin, SC 29036

# Helpful Info from the Finance Team

**Please observe these offering envelope tips when giving. This will be very helpful to those who count the offering each Sunday:**

- Do not fold checks when placing in the envelope.
- Do not tape the envelope.
- Write Cash or Check on your envelope above General Expenses
- Write the amount of your offering in the appropriate column(s) – General Expenses, Building Fund, Other. If you are using Other, please write in one of the accounts listed below. These are the only approved accounts for financial gifts.
- Your check can include contributions to multiple accounts. You do not need to write separate checks for each account.

Pew Envelope

Cash or Check #

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church  
CHAPIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

PLEASE INDICATE EACH TIME HOW MONEY ENCLOSED IS TO BE DIVIDED

GENERAL	BUILDING FUND	OTHER
\$ _____	\$ _____	Designate _____ \$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Make sure to write your name!

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper." —1 Cor. 16:2  
ALSBURG-FORTRESS

## Approved Accounts:

Following list of funds have been approved by Council for any financial gifts. If you make a financial gift to a fund not listed below, a member of the Finance Team will contact you to determine 1) if you would like to choose another account or 2) if you would prefer to have your gift returned.

- General Fund (operating expenses)
- Building Fund (property, parking lot, and facilities)
- Cemetery Fund
- Memorial Fund (Memorial gifts not designated)
- Lutheran Men Fund
- Lutheran Women Fund
- Lutheran Youth Fund
- Up and Going
- Mercy Buckets (We Care Meals for a Week)
- Global Mission/Great Commission (Mission within and outside of the United States)
- Congo Mission
- Holiday Giving (Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent Christmas)
- Good Works (Chapin Mission)
- NALC Disaster Response
- Carolina Mission Region - Mission Congregation (within our SC NC Region)
- NALC Seminary Scholarship
- Sister Care
- Sola Publishing (NALC Approved Publisher)
- Water Mission
- We Care (Chapin Mission)

## Worship Assistants for June

June 2

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracey Eargle, David Kibler  
Lector: Tommy Faulk  
Communion: Kristin Nickel, AJ Peeples  
Acolyte: Mackenzie Raines  
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

June 9

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Leon Lindler, Eddie Eargle  
Lector: Gary Marco  
Communion: Susan Shealy, Sherrie McTeer  
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples  
Crucifer: A. J. Peeples

June 16

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown  
Lector: A.J. Peeples  
Communion: Nicki Peeples, Carroll Lindler  
Acolyte: Bryliegh Prosser  
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

June 23

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracey Eargle, David Kibler  
Lector: Susan Shealy  
Communion: Judy Dease, Marie Slice  
Acolyte: Samantha Monts  
Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

June 30

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Leon Lindler, Eddie Eargle  
Lector: Carroll Lindler  
Communion: Isabelle Peeples, Patricia Woodard  
Acolyte: Makenzie Raines  
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

## Safety Teams for June

June 2 - Jeff Kleckly, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler  
June 9 - Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley  
June 16 - Kristen Nickel, Barry Rice, Tina Kibler  
June 23 - Jeff Kleckly, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler  
June 30 - Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley

## Grounds Crew for June

Billy McTeer (co-chair), Lynn Shealy, Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley, Arthur Langley, A.J. Peeples, Josh Monts, Jason Wicker, Bryan Metze, David Kibler

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School - 9:00 A.M. Worship - 10:00A.M.	3 Finance Team 6:30PM - Office  AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	4 Church Council 6:45P.M. (Office)	5	6 Courage Center 7:00P.M. (Office)	7 AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	8 FH reserved for Cong. Care Tm- Reception set-up
9 Sunday School - 9:00 A.M. Worship - 10:00A.M.	10 AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	11	12  7PM Adult Choir (FH)	13 Courage Center 7:00P.M. (Office)	14 AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	15
16 Sunday School - 9:00 A.M. Worship - 10:00A.M.	17 AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	18	19	20 Courage Center 7:00P.M. (Office)	21 AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	22
23 Sunday School - 9:00 A.M. Worship - 10:00A.M.	24 5:45 PM VBS Classes 6:30 - 8PM  AA Meeting 7:00PM (office)	25	26	27	28 3PM - 6PM LM BBQ (FH)  AA Meeting 7:00PM (FH)	29 8AM-12PM LM BBQ FH reserved
30 Sunday School - 9:00 A.M. Worship - 10:00A.M. (Youth Leading Worship)						