



Newsletter for June 2023



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



Journey CCC
June 26 - 29
6:00 - 8:30pm



<https://journeyccc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.journeyccc.com

Looking for volunteers. Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex!

Pastor Words of Wisdom

As we move into summer (finally!) and I plan my many outdoor adventures, I am reminded, as I always am, of the effortless beauty that surrounds us at all times. And I wonder whether or not we truly appreciate the gifts of nature; whether we truly appreciate the gift of creation that God bestows upon us.

It seems important to remind ourselves that nature was created before we were. God made the oceans and the forests and the mountains and the creatures before we ever graced the earth. We came second; nature came first.

I think a big reason for that is because nature highlights the depth of who God is, and creates a backdrop for our beliefs and our ability to have faith. Without it, I'm not sure we could have the faith we do.

Let me explain.

Our faith has the potential to be vibrant and colorful and deep. It is not a small, limited thing that restricts us and makes our life smaller. Faith expands our understanding of the world and adds a deepness to our lives.

And much of that depth comes from our experience of the world. When we look around and see the fullness of God's creation, we understand a little bit more of how deep and wide God is.

When we understand that, we allow our faith to become deep and wide as well. Because our faith reflects the God that we know and believe in. If we believe God is narrow and full of hate, then we too will be narrow and full of hate.

But when we see the vibrancy and beauty of creation, we know that creation is reflecting God. And it gives us the freedom to have a vibrant and beautiful faith. If we were surrounded by nothing but gray, dull concrete, our faith would suffer as a result. It would become gray and dull and boring.

Think about the times when you feel closest to God - do they occur when you are stuck inside an office building? When you are sitting in the waiting room of the BMV? When you're trapped in a poorly lit doctor's office?

Or do they occur when the sun is shining on your face? When you are sitting under the shade of a large tree? When you are hearing the waves crash onto the beach? Or seeing and smelling the flowers in full bloom?

In my opinion, nature and creation are requirements for our faith. We cannot know God without knowing all of the things that God created.

So this summer, take time to appreciate the beauty around you. Allow it to deepen your faith and increase your understanding of who God is. I promise you won't regret it.





April 10th, 2023 Board Meeting Notes

Steve opened meeting with prayer at 6:05pm. Five board members and pastor present.

- There were no previous meeting notes to read and review given this was the new board's first official meeting.

Team/Committee Reports

Building (Skip)

- Plans to create a list of needs for church building and facilities to prioritize
- List of keys will be made to share with board and to determine security level recommendations
- Board voted and agreed to move forward with Hilltop Electric on panel inspections and office electric repair work
- A need to prioritize some work to add exposure and security to the church such as parking lot lights and front light on the cross. Currently getting quotes.

Finance (Mike I)

- Shared budget numbers (need to insert numbers from Mike)
- Mike recommended getting quotes for fire alarm upgrade, HVAC system, and any additional needs

Personnel (Ben)

- Shared team updates and areas of focus
- Noted we have George as our organist as team begins search for new music director and musician. Focus is on musician who can play piano as the baseline.
- Need to find fill-in for pastor on Sunday June 11th and Sunday July 23rd and 30th while Brian is on vacation (June 7th -12th AND July 23rd -31st)

Spiritual (Robin)

- Shared a range of ideas and areas the team is working on to accomplish o Sunday school curriculum, home bound visitation, community outreach ideas (one a month, keeping it local), bible studies (pairs and spares), Community dinners, etc.

It was recommended and agreed to also include a Pastor report to the agenda moving forward.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Brian at 8:20pm

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Charles Brown Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn
 Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer
 Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Bob Runk
 Dave Schleutker Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan
 Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women
 The Country of Ukraine

Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers

Cities affected by any and all Violence

Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence

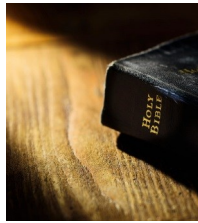
Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake

Civil War in the Sudan

Nola Apro Marla Banks Victoria Baumstead Bob Bechtold
 Pat Bonaccorso Barb Bugg Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell
 Emmalynn Colins Rob Condo Verna Cowan Wm. Church Debbie
 Baby Dorian Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes Kim Ferry Diane Griswold
 Theo Gruber Gael Gruenwald Nick Helton Michelle Henn Jim Kobb
 Jackie Petrocelli Dan Mc Donald Harper Manning Carol Boyce-Martinez
 Barb Nuckols Darlene Reed Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer
 Jacob Sauer Tom Schumm Kari Shell Colleen Smith Gloria Stagman
 Karen Street Ann VanderMolen Chad Wilcocks Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
 Family of Gay Steinhauer Family of Hilda Meier
 The Family of Jerry Allen Family of Elmer Seesing
 Family of Cathy Criswell Family of Don Fischer

Please keep the office informed when
 Names can be removed or need to be added

Worship Leaders in May



6/4/2023	Bobbie Compton
6/11/2023	Terry DuPriest
6/18/2023	Missy Sauer
6/25/2023	David Holmes

Communion Servers in May



6/4/2023	Bobbie Compton	Roxanne Reed
6/11/2023	Terry DuPriest	Cheryl DuPriest
6/18/2023	Missy Sauer	Vicki Celenza
6/25/2023	David Holmes	Louise Pitcher

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, June 25th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

On Tuesday, May 9th, the Preschool kids wore neon colors. They had a surprise GLOW party. All the kids could be heard all the way to the church office. This is what I found going on downstairs in the Fellowship Hall!!!! Fun stuff in happening!




Crew 150 Pancake Breakfast



Journey Community Church
(Formerly St. Paul UCC)

Breakfast for 11am, Sunday
Good Will Donation June 4th

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	
4 Crew 150 Pancake Breakfast - after worship 	5	6 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	7	8	9 AA - 8 PM	10 AA - 8 PM
11 7	12	13 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	14	15	16 AA - 8 PM	17 AA - 8 PM
18 Father's Day	19	20 Dinner 5-6:30 PM	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 AA - 8 PM	24 AA - 8 PM
25	26 Vacation Bible School 6 - 8:30PM	27	28	29 ↑	30 AA - 8 PM	



6/1 Misti Cornish
Debbie Dahm
6/3 Brian Carr
6/6 Mark Heitman
6/12 Ron Packer

6/13 Cheryl DuPriest
David Lynch
6/16 Jeff Turner
Kiahna Jayne Turner
6/18 Jerry Lewis

6/22 Jordyn King
6/23 Adam Roberts
6/26 Jan Apro
Shianna Johnson



7/1 Carol Lommer
7/2 Steven Turner
7/3 Annie Efke
7/6 Isaiah Johnson
Donald Lerch

7/8 Brittney Heitman
7/12 Roxanne Reed
7/15 Molly Marshall
7/18 Haley Hauer

7/23 Nancy Klusmeier
7/24 Scott Sauer
7/27 Kristen Woods
7/28 Lyndelle Murphy
7/29 Sonya Heitman

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes
Spring Cleaning Supplies



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Ray Bates, Jr.

Pam & Don Sierra

In Memory of Gay Steinhauer

Jane & Wayne Schleutker

**July
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the July edition is Wednesday, June 21st. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team