

The Connection



June Scripture Readings

- 1—Proverbs 20:5
- 2—Romans 12:1
- 3—Psalm 33:3
- 4—Matthew 11:28
- 5—Romans 8:26
- 6—Matthew 7:8
- 7—Matthew 24:35
- 8—Psalm 119:27
- 9—John 10:31
- 10—Isaiah 40:11
- 11—Matthew 11:30
- 12—John 12:46
- 13—Ephesians 5:13
- 14—Isaiah 49:13
- 15—Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 6
- 16—Proverbs 12:25
- 17—Psalm 33:4
- 18—Ephesians 4:4-6
- 19—2 Peter 1:3
- 20—Proverbs 13:1
- 21—Psalm 19:14
- 22—Psalm 27:14
- 23—Proverbs 15:13
- 24—John 8:32
- 25—Matthew 7:9-11
- 26—Psalm 145:13
- 27—Psalm 139:118
- 28—1 Timothy 4:4
- 29—Psalm 19:8
- 30—Psalm 126:3

June National Days

- 1—National Go Barefoot Day
- 2—National Rocky Road Day
- 3—National Repeat Day
- 4—National Hug Your Cat Day
- 5—National Veggie Burger Day
- 6—National Gardening Exercise Day
- 7—National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 8—National Upsy Daisy Day
- 9—National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day
- 10—National Iced Tea Day
- 11—National Making Life Beautiful Day
- 12—National Peanut Butter Cookie Day
- 13—National Kitchen Klutzes of America Day
- 14—National Strawberry Shortcake Day
- 15—National Smile Power Day
- 16—National Fudge Day
- 17—National Root Beer Day
- 18—National Go Fishing Day
- 19—National Garfield the Cat Day
- 20—National Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21—National Smoothie Day
- 22—National Chocolate Éclair Day
- 23—National Detroit-Style Pizza Day
- 24—National Pralines Day
- 25—National Catfish Day
- 26—National Chocolate Pudding Day
- 27—National Sunglasses Day
- 28—National Paul Bunyan Day
- 29—National Camera Day
- 30—National Meteor Watch Day

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- 6—Bruce Burns
- 6—Judy Dodd
- 6—Andrea Johnson
- 6—Emily Buccaneer
- 7—Tim Kinney
- 8—Carl Yorke
- 9—Jennifer Hurlahe Colosky
- 9—Mario Gabriel
- 10—Susan Burns
- 11—Norma Coon
- 11—McKenzie Shores
- 12—Jeremy Burks
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Pastor Carol's Corner

Two years ago I was packing up my office at Flint: Hope UMC. I had been there nine years, yet the world had changed significantly in those nine years. We can look at any decade and see how much it changes. Yet, the last two years of that decade ended in traumatic fashion for all of us. When I came here in 2023 we were just coming out of the pandemic, mask mandates were being lifted, fear was finally being reduced, and we were finally finding our new normal.

Yet our new normal includes changing COVID variants, yearly boosters, seeing people in masks at the store for their health, and for us in the church, a significant reduction in church attendance. Let's look at a few common reasons people give for this...

I don't need to go, I can stream it in my PJ's.

I don't want to be around all those people; I can worship God on my own.

I don't need to go, Worship/Church is not relevant to my/our lives.

I don't want to go... The Church is just full of hypocrites, I know what they do during the week, and then they act all holy on Sunday....

I don't want to go, all they want is my money.

Here is what I can tell you, these excuses are not new! Anyone who gives me one of these or any of the countless variations is just giving me a self-centered excuse! Even #1 is simply a variation on an old excuse... just because streaming has not been around long, does not mean there has not been ways to "worship at home." By the mid 1930's, 60% of households had radios, by 1960, 90% of homes had TVs. What was a common thing broadcast from the earliest days? Yep, church of course! In 1970 one of the most popular TV churches began to broadcast – The Hour of Power! Before radio or TV, there were printed sermons that could be read... people found ways to worship at home if they wanted too.

There have always been people who say church is not relevant to their lives – even in the time of Jesus... It is interesting, because there will be people who say... the preacher does not use the Bible enough because they take from contemporary society and the same preacher will hear that they use the Bible too much... Jesus took from the world around him, connecting people to God through what they knew and experienced, sower, children who run away, people who are unclean. Things they saw every day. Jesus connects to us where we are in the 21st century too.

How do *you* respond when people call you a hypocrite? The best way to respond is to say – yep, I bet I do look like one sometimes... I mess up, I don't act like I should, I'm not perfect – but I keep trying. My church helps me keep trying to be better. Without the opportunity for accountability, I won't be this far along... thank goodness I have forgiveness and I can start over again.

All they want is my money! Oh, have I heard that one! Don't we give to things we think are important? No one is forced to give to the church. There are no dues, we gave that up a long time ago, you don't have to pay for your seat, you don't have to disclose your bank account. It is all voluntary, yet we give to things we find important and have value and that are doing good. I think that is the church. I want to make sure that the lights stay on, we have a pastor and we can outreach into the community. I find that is value to me, so I give as a response to my faith, not an obligation.

As we make this transition think about how you respond to those who make their excuses for not coming to church. As you greet Rev. Collins think about how you can invite people to join you or welcome them back. How will *you* respond to their "excuses"?

I will continue to pray for you and wish you well as we continue to Make Disciples for the transformation of the world here in Millington and in Grand Blanc.

God Bless,

Pastor Carol

Mission Notes for June

Spring is nearly over, we have watched our world wake up with the flowers and shrubs blooming, the trees leafing out. Summer is upon us, we are grateful for God's goodness!!

You are already aware that we have started our Baby Bottle Boomerang project to support Positive Alternatives. This is a ministry reaching out to women and girls with unplanned, unwanted pregnancies helping them make positive choices to choose LIFE for their unborn baby. They also help these mothers in helping with needs as they care for their babies later i.e. diapers and clothes. They welcome gifts of these items, new or gently used baby clothes, diapers and other supplies.

We are planning again this year to be involved in the Millington Old Fashioned Summer Festival with the Snowcone and Popcorn booth. We will need volunteers for that. Please see or call Sharon Trato to help with that.

May God richly bless us as we serve Him and our neighbors this summer.



Maury Chapin

Mission and Outreach Committee

While you're away

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

Chicken Dinners

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millington will be having a **Drive Thru Chicken Dinner** on Sun., June 16th from 10:30AM-1PM. The meal will include 1/2 a chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered noodles, coleslaw, roll, and dessert for \$15.00. Please enter the church driveway off Fulmer Rd. Go east and follow the drive around to kitchen door #10. We will be serving the meals there. Come out and treat dad to a chicken dinner. Hope to see you there!

Finance



Moment

When we give generously, we witness to the work that our faith matters, and the church matters. When we give our money and other resources, we make a statement about whom we trust and who we're willing to make sacrifices to. Thank you for giving generously to our church, and trusting that God's work is being done.

2 Corinthians 9:7- Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.¹¹¹²¹⁸

"The Gift of the Christ Child-What Gift Can We Give in Return?"

Our Presence: worship, Sunday School, Bible study, fellowship, and awareness of God's presence

Our Prayers: conversation, listening, praying for others, praise, confession, and thanksgiving

Our Gifts: contributions to our church and other worthy causes that extend God's kingdom

Our Service: sharing our talents, serving our neighbors, offering hospitality, volunteering where needed

Our Witness: through our words, deeds, and life

Love God

Serve Others

Change the World

Dear heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you've placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show **love, patience and respect** for one another. In your name we pray. Amen.



June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Michigan Annual Conference Ends
2 10am Worship 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3 Barb—gone	4 8:30am Women's 4th Day Barb—gone	5	6	7 Last day of school	8
9 10am Worship 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	10	11 8:30am Women's 4th Day	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 10am Worship Pastor Carol's last day Father's Day Chicken Dinner-St Paul's 4th Sunday after Pentecost	17	18 8:30am Women's 4th Day	19 Juneteenth	20 First Day of Summer	21	22
23 10am Worship 5th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25 8:30am Women's 4th Day	26	27	28 John Wesley's birth- day	29
30 10am Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost	31	Coming Soon! American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, July 12th				

A Note from Barb...

Here we are again in the season of change. The changing of the seasons from spring to summer, the changing of the school year ending until fall, the changing of our young graduates that will be moving on to college, trade school, or maybe the armed services. And we are at the end of our ministry with Pastor Carol as she moves on to another church. We are thankful for the time she has spent here and some of the changes that she helped us make.

For some of us change of any kind can be a little daunting. Even though we know that change is inevitable and usually a positive thing, we are, by nature, creatures of habit, so it can take a little prodding to get us to make a big move.

But there is one constant in our lives, and that is Jesus Christ. He will always be with us and help us through all our changes. He is patient, He is kind, and He is always with us.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8



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