



The CHIMES Newsletter

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Pastor's Thoughts



As June begins, it feels like summer is beginning too. Maybe that's because school is officially out and my

family is figuring out what kinds of activities we can do during the break. But it's also getting into that Florida pattern of rain and humidity that are always part of the summer season.

At this time of year in the church, we reach something that I like to call the end of the "program year" - things get quieter in the summer, and due to people being on vacation and our Snowbirds being up North, we pause some programs and give volunteers a bit of a break. Even Session takes a month off from meeting in July! It is a good time to reflect on what we did in the previous year and make plans for the year ahead of us.

Being in this time of transition, it is good to spend some time thinking about the past, the future, and also the present. It can help us reconcile events and feelings, find appreciation for the people and opportunities around us right now, and identify hopes and dreams that we still have.

Consider the past year in your life - what plans did you have, and did they happen or not? If you accomplished things that you planned or hoped for,

have you taken the time to celebrate? Take the time for a pat on the back or a victory lap, and celebrate your accomplishments. Did you not follow through on a plan or were not able to? What got in the way? Was it something beyond your control, like an injury, illness, or emergency? Or is there something you might have done differently, and if so, what have you learned from the experience? Being able to reflect on our past helps us to know more about ourselves, and also helps us to see things a little more clearly - hindsight removes a lot of the uncertainty, pressure, or distractions that were present in the moment. Being able to learn from the past can only strengthen us for the future.

Speaking of the future, what plans do you have for the days, weeks, and months ahead? Are there goals you want to accomplish? Trips you want to take? Events with family members you want to be present for? Planning ahead helps you to budget your resources - time, energy, and finances - and making plans for the future is a great step towards being able to accomplish them. Beyond this, however, do you still have any big dreams? Having something to strive for gives purpose to life, even if that grand dream is simply to spend

as much time with loved ones as you can!

Don't get lost in the past and the future, though, no matter how much it might help us to spend some time thinking about it. Living in the present is also so important for health and happiness. I know Florida in the summer has some drawbacks - humidity and daily storms aren't my favorite parts of living here - but there is also a lot to enjoy. Pools are warm, there are some great summer flavors that abound: berries, watermelon, lighter foods and desserts that are just perfect on a hot afternoon, ice cream trips that can be enjoyed to "help cool down". Keep your eyes open to the possibilities that surround you in this moment, and remember, there's no time like the present to take advantage of those opportunities!.

Pastor Debra will be unavailable May 30th through June 12th. She is planning on being back in the office on June 13th. While she is away, if you need Pastoral Care support, please call the church office. We will contact the Deacons, and if needed, a local pastor who is covering Pastoral Care needs.

Hurricane Season Begins June 1st

Hurricane season is upon us again. It's time to dust off your emergency plans and make sure you are ready to act should a storm develop and head our way. A list of common emergency plans and items is below – use them to help with your plans! And as you consider your readiness in case of a hurricane, don't forget about letting the church know where you plan to be should a storm come! Please consider filling out an Emergency Plans Form – copies are available on our website or in our office. These forms let us know where you might go, if you have any needs, or if you are able to help others if they need help evacuating or recovering after a storm.

Things to keep in your emergency kit (staying)

- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Food (3 days of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes and hand sanitizer
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with charger / backup battery
- Prescription medications
- Copies of important documents, including IDs, bank account records, and insurance policies
- Cash
- Necessary items for infants (diapers, formula, wipes, etc.)
- Necessary items for your pets (food, water, litter, etc.)
- Necessary items for your glasses or contacts
- Books, puzzles, pencils

Summer Flavors to Enjoy: Strawberry Crunch Poke Cake

Ingredients

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 (15.25-oz.) box white cake mix, plus ingredients called for on box
- 1 (3-oz.) box strawberry Jell-O
- 1 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1 (8-oz.) block cream cheese, room temperature
- 2/3 c. (75 g.) confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp. kosher salt
- 24 vanilla sandwich cookies, such as Golden Oreos
- 4 tbsps. (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 (3-oz.) box strawberry Jell-O
- Fresh strawberries, halved lengthwise, for serving

Directions

CAKE

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 13"-x-9" baking pan with cooking spray. Prepare cake according to package directions.
- Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake cake until a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool.
- Using a bamboo skewer or chopstick, poke holes all over cake, making sure not to go through to the bottom and spacing 1/2" to 1" apart.
- In a small saucepan, bring 1/2 cup water to a boil. Add Jell-O powder; whisk until dissolved. Remove from heat and whisk in 1/2 cup cold water.
- Pour gelatin mixture evenly over holes on cake. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to overnight.
- FROSTING
- In a large bowl, using a handheld mixer, beat cream on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form.
- In another large bowl, using handheld mixer, beat cream cheese on medium-high speed until smooth and fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar and beat until smooth, then add in vanilla and salt. Fold in whipped cream until just combined.
- Spread frosting over top of cake; reserve remaining frosting for topping (optional).

TOPPING

In a food processor, pulse cookies to pea-sized crumbs. Transfer to a medium bowl. Pour butter over crumbs, sprinkle with Jell-O powder, and stir to combine. Sprinkle crumb mixture over frosting, then lightly press down on crumbs to adhere. Dollop or pipe reserved frosting over crumbs (if using). Top dollops with strawberries.



A Father's Day Article by Daniel Imwalle

Reflect

Australian poet Pam Brown once wrote, "Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song." Those called to the vocation of fatherhood might not think of themselves as heroes, but to the children who love them, they most certainly are.

Pray

Dear God, bless fathers all over the world on this and every day. Help them to see clearly the path of their vocation as parents.

Guide them as they navigate a challenging and changing world with grace and courage. Temper their strength with sensitivity and their knowledge with wonder and curiosity.

May they seek to be servant leaders in their families and in their communities.

And may they always look to you for guidance when the way forward seems unclear. Amen.

Act

Think of someone in your life who is a father. Let that person know that you've noticed something in their parenting that you find inspiring or uplifting.

Special Pentecost Offering

Thank you also for participating in the Pentecost Offering to support at-risk children and youth. A portion of this offering, 40 percent, is kept to support a local organization. This year, the mission committee chose to use that portion to support DOCK.



The DOCK aims to provide a safe gathering place and nurturing environment for Booker T. Washington neighborhood kids after school and during the summer.

A primary goal of the DOCK program is to help kids overcome learning gaps while enhancing and enriching their lives. DOCK staff and volunteers emphasize academic achievement by encouraging students' interest in education; involving their families when possible; and, modeling and promoting healthy life choices



in order to help kids see themselves as current and emerging leaders who are valuable members of their community.

At the DOCK they create opportunities for kids to focus on their academic, spiritual, social, physical and intellectual development in a safe supportive environment. DOCK kids are empowered through positive reinforcement and quality programs. This supports the overall wellbeing of kids participating in the DOCK program and reduces engagement in risky behaviors during out-of-school time.

Family Promise Has Moved In!

The three year effort of moving the offices of Family Promise to a new home at an old Firehouse in Cocoa is finally complete! A ribbon was cut, the doors are open, and now Family Promise of Brevard is realizing its dream of a facility that will help them with their efforts to end family homelessness in Brevard County. By moving to the Firehouse, they will be able to engage families in an area where the services are desperately needed - 73% of families in the 32922 area code are considered working poor. They will be starting a bus service delivery model to help educate and empower parents, improving access and stabilization around housing, health, income, and childcare. They will have onsite access to training, education, and workforce development. This is a wonderful day for a respected partner in mission and in service to Brevard County!





Wednesday in the Word Bible Study – Taking June Off!

Our Wednesday in the Word Bible Study will be taking the month of June off. The study will resume Wednesday, July 5th and we will be picking a new topic of study! If you would like to be a part of this discussion class, come in July and get your ideas in for us to consider!



Operation Hope Father's Day

Father's Day is coming, so it's time to look for box fans! Operation Hope holds a Fathers' Day celebration for families in Fellsmere each year, and as a gift for the fathers who participate, we send box fans for distribution. We will be collecting fans the first two Sundays in June. You can find box fans at most hardware stores, Wal-Mart and even BJ's in the area. If you would prefer to donate money towards the purchase of box fans, we will accept donations through June 11th.



Sam & Barbara Musgrave
June 3

Debra & Christopher Cox
June 8

Winston & Dorothy Melbourne
June 28

The Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon for June will be held Thursday the 29th, 11:30 a.m. at Squid Lips, 1477 Pineapple Ave, Melbourne. Please contact Marsha Carter at macarter1950@yahoo.com for more information. Last day for sign up will be June 18th.



Thank You to those who
blessed us in worship in May.

Elders of Month: Cassie Clark, Sue D'Imperio

Ushers: Judy Rutter, Elvie Marshall, Susan and Mike Allison, Ron & Georgia Shane

Flowers Donated By: Clyde Yust, Chris & Debra Cox, Karola DeLuca, Tom Glew



Jim Lilley
June 10

AnnaBelle Schaaf
June 15

Pamela Paul
June 18

Joel Dayton
June 19

Danny Paul
June 23

Phyllis Knapp
June 24

Elaine Moore
June 25

Ken Knapp
June 30

Betty Gaidry
July 1

Mavis Mattadeen
July 1

Sabrina Dalo
July 2

BooCha Park
July 3



John and Monia Yust The Road Runner Adventures!

John and Monia had a chance to take a couple of days off at the end of April. They visited Bull Run Nature Preserve near Falling Waters and the Maple Festival in Meyersdale, PA. Going through Amish country, they enjoyed a quilt show and pancakes with fresh maple syrup on them.

The weather has still been cold, but warming up on sunny days, and occasional rainy days John and Monia are continually enjoying the flowering trees that proclaim Spring really is here, and working on jigsaw puzzles when the weather keeps them indoors.



A special event for special needs children took place at the beginning of May, with about 300 attendees. John and Monia helped out along with Rangers from other parks and volunteers from the Lion's club to put on hayrides, games, boat rides, face painting, fishing, playground, and more. Wrapping silverware beforehand may have been tedious, but the event was enjoyed so well it was all worthwhile.

All the rainfall has been causing lake levels to rise, so the outflow capabilities of the camp John and Monia volunteer at was put to work – they opened gates that let water out into the river – usually it is at about 200 to 250 cubic feet per second, but now is going at over 2000!

Another opportunity for days off took John and Monia into Maryland to visit state parks there – Deep Lake, Swallow Falls and Herrington Manor Lake. They had a chance to hike and look around at some beautiful landscape. They visited an artisan village and enjoyed seeing artists working on their crafts. Another day saw them heading into Pittsburgh and visiting the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the Andy Warhol Museum, Randyland, and the Monongahela Incline.



At the camp, John and Monia have been working on some special projects – beautifying the grounds, building fire rings (those cement blocks are heavy!), painting road lines, sweeping gravel, and also keeping to their regular chores of checking campers in and out and cleaning up campgrounds.

Word from the Herd

A note from the Burns: We are doing well, settled into our new smaller home and enjoying time with our kids and grandkids. We hope to be back to Palm Bay in the fall. Bless you all, Blair.



Session Summary



The session met on May 16th. Matters discussed included the following:

- Session voted to purchase a hearing assistance system to replace our current one, as we are down to one working receiver. The funds will come from some leftover monies donated to help purchase a new sanctuary laptop and the remainder will come from the Building Improvement Fund.
- Session approved a motion to invite Rev. David Lindemer to preach on June 4th and 11th and to officiate communion on the 4th while Debra is away.
- Session voted to confirm an email vote giving permission for the Boy Scouts to hold a yard sale May 12th and 13th.
- Treasurer's Report: Expenses in April were above budget (154%), and expenses for the month were down, allowing us to have a surplus going into the summer months.
 - Average Monthly Expenses: \$19,718.35
 - Actual Expenses in April: \$14,144.33
 - Contributions in April: \$23,963.50
 - Income for 2023: \$77,733.72
 - Expenses for 2023 \$68,903.52
 - Sueplus year-to-date: \$8,830.20



June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10:00 am WORSHIP COMMUNION SUNDAY OPERATION HOPE BEGINS	5 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	6 10:30 pm DAILY BREAD 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	7 7:00 pm BAND	8 6:15 pm NA	9 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	10
11 10:00 am WORSHIP OPERATION HOPE ENDS	12 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	13 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	14 6:00 ADMIN 7:00 pm BAND FLAG DAY	15 6:15 pm NA	16 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	17
18 10:00 am WORSHIP FATHER'S DAY	19 CHIMES DEADLINE 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	20 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS 7:00 pm SESSION	21 7:00 pm BAND FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 6:15 pm NA	23 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	24
25 10:00 am WORSHIP 5¢ A MEAL DEACONS MEETING	26 12:00 noon AL-ANON 6:00 pm AL-ANON— LADIES ONLY	27 6:00 pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00 pm BOY SCOUTS	28 7:00 pm BAND	29 6:15 pm NA SENIOR LUNCHEON	30 5:00 pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	

IN THE WORD

First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay Weekly Devotional

<p>June 1 Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 The types and distribution of gifts is not the only potential distinction within the community - the origins of the members are also not a reason to divide the body into factions.</p>	<p>June 2 Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Paul uses the image of a body and its parts to explain how the Church can be unified yet hold differences together. Do you think the Church today does a good job of this?</p>	<p>June 3 Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 If you were writing this letter today, what are the distinctions you would point out that divide people today? How can sharing the same Spirit bring us together?</p>
<p>June 4 Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 This blessing of Paul's to the church in Corinth does more than offer a final farewell - he urges them to "put things in order" - to be active in addressing their issues.</p>	<p>June 5 Read Genesis 1:1-5 At the start of creation, the earth is formless, covered in darkness, while a wind moves over waters. Try to imagine what was shown as the first light touched creation.</p>	<p>June 6 Read Genesis 1:6-8 God creates a dome to separate waters from waters - look out at the world and look at the dome - the sky we can see. Where are the waters above and below?</p>
<p>June 7 Read Genesis 1:9-13 The waters are pulled back to create land, and once land exists, things can grow on it. What do you want in your life that needs space and nourishment to grow?</p>	<p>June 8 Read Genesis 1:14-19 With space in the sky, God can now create lights as signs and to tell the passage of time. What kinds of signs do we look for in the sun, moon, and stars today?</p>	<p>June 9 Read Genesis 1:20-25 On the fifth day, God creates all creatures, including sea monsters and birds. What creature do you wish God might have left out or added into existence?</p>
<p>June 10 Read Genesis 1:26-31 Scripture says God created humankind (both male and female) in his image and likeness - what do you think this means? Is it poetry or are image and likeness different?</p>	<p>June 11 Read Genesis 2:1-3 God rests after finishing creation, but this does not mean that he stops interacting with it now that he is done. In what ways is God active in the world today?</p>	<p>June 12 Read Matthew 9:9-10 Jesus calls one man who is a tax collector to follow him, and with his welcome, more tax collectors and sinners gather. One invitation can start a movement.</p>
<p>June 13 Read Matthew 9:11 While Jesus sees the arrival of the new guests to be a positive, others find it to be a reason to condemn or reject Jesus in the name of maintaining spiritual purity.</p>	<p>June 14 Read Matthew 9:12-13 Jesus points out that those who are sinners are most in need of God's word and instruction, yet they are often excluded by those who could best show them grace.</p>	<p>June 15 Read Matthew 9:18-19 Jesus is approached by the leader of the local synagogue asking help for his daughter - Jesus immediately gets up to help. How eager are we to help others?</p>

Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.

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<p>June 16 Read Matthew 9:20-22 Sandwiched into one story of healing is another, but this time, the person who needs help is “unclean” by society. Is Jesus any less willing to help her than the child?</p>	<p>June 17 Read Matthew 9:23-26 Jesus interrupts rituals of mourning to bring life to the child. In what ways does Jesus interrupt mourning, guilt, and negativity in your life to bring hope?</p>	<p>June 18 Read Matthew 9:35-38 When Jesus met people, he knew they were lost, and his response was compassion and to recruit the disciples to help him bring people to knowledge of God.</p>
<p>June 19 Read Matthew 10:1-4 Jesus, knowing that more hands were needed, gave the disciples authority over things of this world so they could make a difference in the lives of the people they met.</p>	<p>June 20 Read Matthew 10:5-8 The mission statement for this first deployment was to go to the people they knew and help. Going further out needed to wait until they received the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>June 21 Read Matthew 10:9-15 The packing list is interesting – the disciples are on a mission, but they are also learning to trust in the Lord to provide what they would need to live and work for him.</p>
<p>June 22 Read Matthew 10:16 There are three different animals and attitudes that Jesus lists that apply to the disciples – which do you feel you are? How can we be all three in the world?</p>	<p>June 23 Read Matthew 10:17-18 Jesus makes sure the disciples know what to expect in terms of rejection and persecution, so that when it happens they have already thought through a response.</p>	<p>June 24 Read Matthew 10:21-23 Endurance is what Jesus wants his disciples to maintain – betrayal and rejection hurts – but he doesn’t want those experiences to cause the disciples to quit.</p>
<p>June 25 Read Jeremiah 20:7 Jeremiah is an interesting prophet to read because he is more than reluctant, he is grumpy! His descriptions of God’s Call to him are not flattering.</p>	<p>June 26 Read Jeremiah 20:8 Jeremiah resents the message he is required to share and the reactions he receives. The message of judgment he speaks causes him to be rejected.</p>	<p>June 27 Read Jeremiah 20:9 When Jeremiah tries to hold in the words God gives him to have peace with others, everything in him burns to speak – he cannot stop sharing God’s word.</p>
<p>June 28 Read Jeremiah 20:10 Jeremiah is aware that friends and family look for reasons to reject or trap him – what would it be like to feel like everyone is stalking you and ready to pounce?</p>	<p>June 29 Read Jeremiah 20:11 Jeremiah’s tone suddenly shifts – he is not alone in this circumstance, but the Lord is with him as a warrior, and it is Jeremiah’s foes who will fail forever.</p>	<p>June 30 Read Jeremiah 20:12 Jeremiah is hopeful that he will be able to see the Lord work on his behalf to silence and shame those who seek evil against him, and see his protection first-hand.</p>
<p>July 1 Read Jeremiah 20:13 Jeremiah’s personal conviction now turns outwards, encouraging others who feel hunted, rejected, and in need of help to turn to the Lord for their rescue.</p>	<p>July 2 Read Romans 6:1b-2 Paul needs to stop a heresy in its tracks – that somehow, the way to increase grace in the world is to sin more. Instead, we should seek to eliminate sin from our lives.</p>	