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THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER

June 2023

A Word From Our Pastor...

As I write this, it is a beautiful morning. We are enjoying a cool front that came in with some needed rain. However, we all know that this is the beginning of our six months of hurricane season. June through November is a time of underlying anticipation to be prepared for, or concerned about, the storms that may come. This is also how we tend to view life on an everyday basis. Most of us have a stress level that we try to hide, but it bubbles, brews, and spurts out at times in various ways. It can come from most anything or anywhere—things and places like work, illness, finances, relationships, and yes, even the weather, and many other specific ways that add to our stress levels. However, I believe most of these things come from looking around **our life**, rather than looking up to God. We need to remind ourselves to lean and depend on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we find peace that is undeserving and without end. In Philippians 4:6 God says: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Need peace? We all do. Need comfort? At times we all do. Need any good thing? Bring it to God. All too often, we are looking into the future with our worries or wait until we cannot take it anymore and lash out at others. Instead, let us pray like this: “Dear Jesus, I thank you that I can come to you at any time and always, for any reason. You hear me and, in your time, you answer me. Help me to come to you when my fears, my stress, my troubles, first come to me, so that I may give them to you and stay focused on your love and care. Amen” Have a blessed June and may you always seek the Lord before you make any sudden decisions.

I am blessed to be with you,

Pastor Charley

Please Join Us in Prayer For.....

Peggy Badders, Charlie & Hubert Boeker, Tommy Countz, Chip Cordes, Dorothy Cunningham, Family of Bonnie Davis, First Presbyterian Church Bay City & Session, Adel Ghais & Family, Mike Hagaman, Mr. Han (JayE's brother-in-law), Paul Hanna, Family of Taryn Harris, Family of Vernon Harrison, Mike Hatton, Family of Wayne Head, Marie Hestand, Jason James, Ruth Leissner (hospice), Peggy Loader, Greg Loring, Rachel Montalvo, Frances McMahon, Ed Miller, Natalie Mullen, Virginia Rhymes, Nancy Ryman, Rev. Frank Seaman, David & Mary Selwood, Britney Shurtz & Family, Family of Delbert Silva, Percilla Thompson, Karen Trobl, Family of Eric & Sonja Varnell (loss of Eric's grandmother), Danny Wilson (lung cancer).

Our veterans, law enforcement, and our active-duty military personnel: Spencer Hill, Aryn Pena, Allison McGrath, Brian Davis, and Dustin Needham.

Our local homeless community.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Economic security for God's people.

Church Family,

We have discovered a need within our family. As a result, we are asking you to enter into a time of sacrificial giving. We are setting the month of July aside for this extra offering.

This special offering is over and beyond your normal offerings to the church. This type of giving is something that needs to be bathed in prayer. The goal is not to directly benefit the giver, though in most cases the giver receives more (Continued on page 10)



June 2023 – Lectionary Readings

June 4 – Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a AND Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9 AND Psalm 33:1-12 OR Hosea 5:15-6:6 AND Psalm 50:7-15;
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) AND Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 OR Exodus 19:2-8a AND Psalm 100;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25– 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21 AND Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 OR Jeremiah 20:7-13 AND Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-18;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

OUR SESSION

Class of 2023:

Debbie Dennard
Carol Petersen
Charles Townsend

Class of 2024:

Greg Westmoreland

Class of 2025:

Donna Baskin
Marc Hill
Doug Huebner

Our choir will continue to meet in June, but they have earned some much needed rest in July and August!

CHOIR WILL NOT MEET:

July 9—August 6

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00 PM.



Sacrificial Giving (continued)

than they gave, but to give for a specific purpose, for a designated time. Sacrificial giving is giving for the love of another. This is a tangible act of worship and devotion to God. It is giving beyond your means (sacrifice) for an immediate need that will ultimately bring joy because it is pointed to the Kingdom.

Microtia is a birth defect which affects the ear. Depending on the severity, or lack of the external ear growth, it can affect the hearing of a child. In turn, this affects the child's speech and, at times, his/her ability to learn because he/she does not hear as others do.

As many of you know, Cody Longoria suffers from this condition. At this time, we still do not have the exact amount that will be required for a prosthetic ear for Cody. It could cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$28,000, depending on what is required.

Consider all the ways the Father has blessed you. Spend time in family discussion and prayer and allow the spirit of God to show you how you can give sacrificially. Remember to do all things in prayer.

Spotlight on New Members

Ten wonderful people joined our church in April. They are George and Peggy Loader, Lorena Campos, Ben Flores, Dave and Sue Zan Mayer, Liam and Bella Van Druten, Isla Regalado, and Jared Boyer. You were introduced to five of them last month. Here are some fun facts about the other five...

Dave and Sue Zan are related to Diane Matthes; Dave is Diane's brother. Dave's favorite color is blue. His favorite food is chicken fried steak. Sue Zan's favorite color is burgundy. Her favorite food is Mexican. Her favorite scripture is Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

George and Peggy have a daughter named Violet. They don't have a favorite color or food; "We like everything." Their favorite scripture is Isaiah 40:31, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Lorena is married to Pedro and they have a grandson named Eaquer. Her favorite color is mustard yellow. Her favorite food is seafood. Her favorite scripture is anything from the book of Mark.

Women's Birthday Sunday & Offering

The women of the church will be celebrating this event on Sunday, June 11. A cake will be provided for Second Sunday Lunch.
Come and eat cake!



JUNE'S IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday School for Youth and Adults:	Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
Worship:	Every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children's Church:	Every Sunday during worship
Prayer Group:	Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study:	Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal:	Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
Spanish Class:	Every Saturday at 9:00 AM
Presbyterian Women's Council:	No meeting this month
Sunday Circle:	No meeting this month
125 th Anniversary Planning Meeting:	Saturday, June 3 at 11:00 AM
Second Sunday Lunch:	June 11 at 11:30 AM
Worship Committee:	No meeting this month
Afternoon Women's Circle:	No meeting this month
Outreach & Mission Committee:	Monday, June 19 at 11:45 AM
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, June 20 at 11:30 AM
Congregational Care Committee:	Wednesday, June 21 at 9:30 AM
Church Newsletter Deadline:	Wednesday, June 21
Session:	Sunday, June 25 at 11:30 AM
Wednesday Night Supper/Game Night:	June 28 at 6:00 PM
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, June 10 & 24 10:00 AM – Noon

From the Music Stand..... (continued)

lift you from that oppressiveness and lighten your spirit. While a praise song is best for combatting "down moods," there are others as well that can create a lightened heart and a sense of "I got this!" or "Nothing can stop me now!"

Your Sister in Christ, Donna Baskin



Wednesday Night Suppers in June, July, and August will also be Game Nights. Bring your favorite game(s) along with your covered dish on June 28, July 26, and August 23. Let's fellowship and share some laughs as we escape the summer heat!

Do you see something around the church that needs fixing or attention? Please fill out a Job—Maintenance Request form in the office. The Building & Grounds Committee will make sure it's addressed as soon as possible. Thank you!



During the summer months, we are wanting to spotlight our members favorite hymns and praise songs. Please let Donna know your favorites, so she can get them worked into the music portion of our services.



DIAPER DISCIPLES' DATES

June 10 & 24

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 20: Peggy Loader

June 24: Christopher Uher

June 27: Ethan Frazier

June 29: Bella Van Druten

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 6: Greg and Diane Westmoreland

June 9: Don and Sandy Boyer

June 16: Tommy and Martha Osina

JUNE SERMON TITLES

June 4: "Obey"

June 11: "Go and Learn"

June 18: "Ask the Lord"

June 25: "By No Means"

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

June 4: Cody Longoria

June 11: Veda Regalado

June 18: Ronnie Mullen

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS (CONTINUED)

June 25: Ben Flores

JUNE KITCHEN CREW

Marie Hestand, Doreen Bounds, Debbie Dennard, Melissa Guynes

JUNE USHERS

June 4: Jim Bounds (chair), Will Guynes, Teresa West, Ronnie Mullen

June 11: Melissa Guynes (chair), Doreen Bounds, Greg Westmoreland, Charlie Boeker

June 18: Priscilla Obermeyer (chair), Karen Tilley, Ben Flores, George Loader

June 25: Linda Brown (chair), Dave Mayer, Marc Hill, Isla Regalado

JUNE COMMUNION PREPARERS

June 4: Donna Baskin and Linda Brown

JUNE COMMUNION SERVERS

June 4: Jim Bounds (chair), Will Guynes, Teresa West, Ronnie Mullen

LIGHT BEARERS

June 4: Isla Regalado

June 11: Eaquer Rodriquez

June 18: Violet Loader

June 25: Nadia Flores

From the Music Stand.....

Everyone has heard the old saying, "Music soothes the savage beast." Well, there is more to the quote; the phrase has been misquoted. In actuality, the quote reads "Music has charms to soothe the savage breast." It is a line from the poem *The Mourning Bride* which was written in 1697. The British poet, William Congreve, originally wrote: "Musick has Charms to sooth a savage Breast, To soften Rocks, or bend a knotted Oak." The phrase means that music can calm even the most ferocious of people. It is often used to describe how music can have a calming effect on people who are angry or upset.

Music also can, and is, used in medical practices. Scripture tells us "Whenever the evil spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up the lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him." (1 Samuel 16:23) Hospitals are using music therapy to help in the mental relief experienced by cancer patients or those who have to withstand extended stays in the hospital. The powerful benefits of music are relaxation, the lowering of blood pressure and pain, improved sleep quality, and improved memory and mental alertness. All these benefits have been documented.

Now that you've learned all the benefits music can provide, let's see how this relates to our singing prayers and praises to our Lord. Recall your darkest times. Do you remember if you were saying prayers out loud, or if you were singing songs of prayer silently in your head? For me, the songs and hymns that I had sung as a youth, or in the sanctuary choir, those are the songs that came into my head. I was singing these songs of Jesus so strongly, in my heart and head, because I was not able to verbalize them aloud. This music came from my soul; I know it reached out and the Lord heard it because I am able to share this story with you. My God is so very real and even when I had stepped away, He was there waiting for me to see His hand working in my life.

When you find yourself in a "mood," try to find a song that has the ability to



First Presbyterian Church, Bay City
Will be Celebrating It's 125th Anniversary on Saturday,
October 14, 2023!

October 14 will be here before we know it, so there will be a planning meeting on Saturday, June 3, at 11:00 AM in Robbins Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to talk about publicity, decorations, food, a church history, invitations, and possibly an emcee. We cannot give our church the celebration it deserves without your help! Please join us and bring your ideas, so we can bring glory to God for His faithfulness to our church and our congregations over the past 125 years.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Mark your calendars for July 11—13 (Tuesday—Thursday) from 6:00-8:00 PM. Dinner will be served nightly at 5:30 PM. Join us!