

# June

Open Door 2023

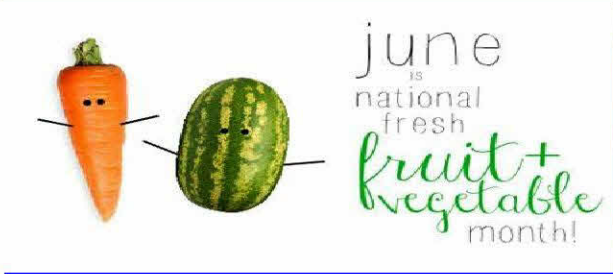
Our speaker at the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery meeting on May 20 focused on the need to build and nurture relationships in our lives and in the church. Humans were not created to live in isolation, and many physical and psychological problems are associated with loneliness.

In “What Do We Do with Evil”, Richard Rohr writes, “Every time God forgives—seventy times seven, apparently—God is showing a preference and capacity for *sustaining relationship over being right, distant, superior, and separate*. We are slow learners in that regard. The unilateral “covenant love” promised by the prophets is God’s absolute ability to *sustain relationship with everything* and, finally, to overcome our resistance by the same allurements “that moves the sun and the other stars” as Dante Alighieri put it in “The Divine Comedy”. It is all one and the same stream of Love.

How can each of us make relationships more important than being right?

*Pastor Ray*

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Sunday, June 4th  
 Trinity Sunday



Wednesday, June 14th  
 Flag Day



Sunday, June 18th  
 Father's Day



Monday, June 19th  
 Juneteenth





**June 4** In the Beginning

**June 11** Let's Go

**June 18** Laughter

**June 25** Sorry About You



**Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

**Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**June 7** Matthew 23

**June 14** Matthew 24

**June 21** Matthew 25

**June 28** Matthew 26

**Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**June 4** Are We Really Supposed to Give Our Money Away?

**June 11** Reformation Backgrounds

**June 18** Martin Luther and Lutheran Traditions

**June 25** John Calvin and the Reformed Tradition



## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. From the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year we delivered **721** backpack bags.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on May 16, 2023. They decided to give in Local Missions this month **\$200 to the Boys & Girls Club** and **\$300 to the Salvation Army**.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission".

The Deacon's Shoe ministry has already given out **28** pairs of shoes since the beginning of the year.

Food Pantry: Since the beginning of the year the food pantry has handed out **133** bags of food through the end of April.



## *Congratulations!*

*Mary Susan Whaley  
Priestly Ordination*

*Saturday, June 24th @2pm  
All Saints' Episcopal Church*

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## Presbytery Meeting Saturday, May 20th







# June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 GA	2 10-12 Food Pantry  2:00 Lowenstein Wedding	3
4  <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Choir	5 10-12 Food Pantry  Wadleigh Graveside Service Carthage MO.	6 10-12 Food Pantry	7 10-12 Food Pantry  11:00 Pat Landers Service  7:00 KumBaZoom	8 10-12 Food Pantry  7:00 GA	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10
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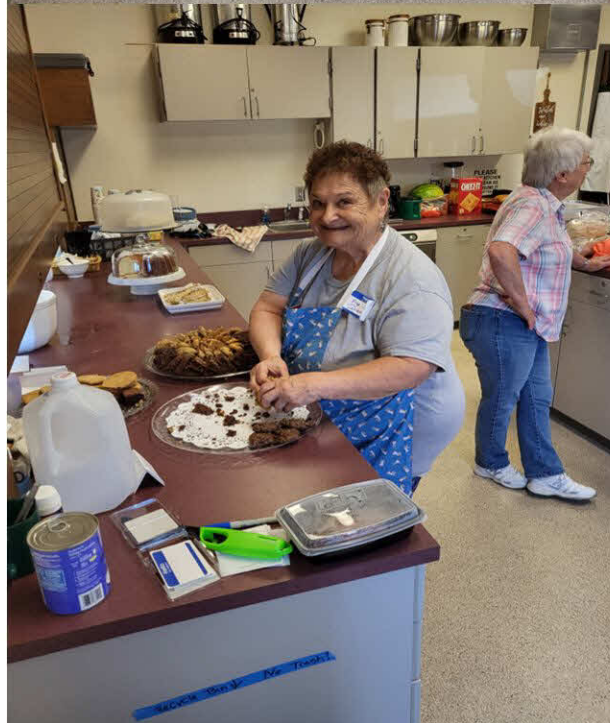
## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Mary Kay McCoy .....6/1
- Cathy Rabel.....6/2
- Angeline Chitekwe .....6/3
- Lacey Ankenman .....6/5
- Charles Ulrey .....6/6
- LaShell Thomas .....6/8
- Brenda Sommer .....6/9
- David Hiebert .....6/10
- Janie Clay .....6/17
- Grace Goodeagle .....6/21
- Sandra Ankenman .....6/21
- Billy Thomas .....6/22
- Betty Lou Ankenman.....6/26
- Pat Hurley .....6/30

*Should your name be here?  
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*

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## Presbytery Meeting Saturday, May 20th






## Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack
<b>June 4</b>	Open	<b>Summer Break</b>
<b>June 11</b>	Open	
<b>June 18</b>	Open	
<b>June 25</b>	Open	

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!



**Thank you pastor!**

We appreciate all you do.

teach    preach  
pray    visit  
encourage    evangelize

**Secretary**

Endless phone calls,  
You will take. 📞  
Endless deadlines,  
You will make.  
Answering questions,  
All day long.  
Making sure,  
Nothing goes wrong.  
Your organization,  
Is beyond compare.  
Knowing exactly,  
What to find and where.  
Your smile reaches  
far and near. 📎  
And tells all -  
They are welcome here.  
Thank you Secretary,  
For all you do.  
We would be lost,  
Without you!

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Thank you FPC Miami Staff for all you do!  
We are Blessed to have each and every one of you!



Neeli and Mike Chitekwe

Such good news!!! Neeli will receive her Doctorate in Nursing Practice on May 19. Besides working full-time as a nurse, she has worked three years for this Degree. She will take her Boards after graduation. She will have her own office and see patients there.

Mike is in Administration at a Nursing Home. They are making plans to go back to Malawi for a visit in a few months. They were back once a few years ago.

Neeli came to our Presbytery as a High School graduate. She came with a student group. Our church sponsored her to come back and get her Degree. She has worked and gone to school ever since.

She and Mike plan to come to worship with us soon after her graduation.

Nancy Gee

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Our congratulations and prayers to all of the graduates from our congregation and community! Special recognition to Anganile Gondwe, who graduates with her PhD in nursing!

## Dianna Minick

We are so pleased to have Dianna as one of the most recent additions to our church family. She considers Providence, Rhode Island as her childhood home although since her father was in the service, she lived in several places in her childhood. She had a brother and a sister -Patrick Jr. and Andrea.

After finishing High School in Wisconsin, she attended college for nursing and met her husband. Their children were a son, David and a daughter, Kristine. Dianna married a second time to Douglas Tobias Minick. And he helped Diane raise the children... a son David, who married and had two children – Ashley and Brittnany. She has three Great Grandchildren. Enalisa lives in California and Naomi and Korie live in Oklahoma.

Her mother was the oldest of thirteen children and her dad was one of seven children. So, Diane had MANY cousins.

When Dianna and her husband were in California, her daughter moved to Bluejacket. It was the smallest town Diane could imagine. Diane and her husband moved here because her husband had Leukemia and had a life expectancy of two years.....but he lived ten years. Since 1999 Dianna has lived by herself.

Dianna has always loved to sing. She has been in some chorus all of her life – including a Chorus of 600 people and Sweet Adeline's.

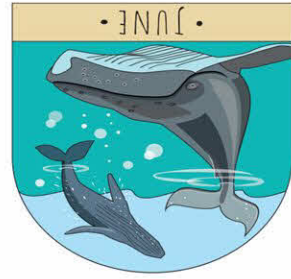
Dianna has a deep faith. She believes, "Life is what you make it." and "We need to love our neighbor as ourself." She is always taking care of people. She wants to act on the love she feels.

We are blessed to have Diane as a new member.

Nancy Gee



In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. – Romans 8:26



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