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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Youth Worship/Church
During 10:00a.m.
Service

"In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace."

~From A Brief Statement of Faith, Book of Confessions

What is courage? I remember a time when I was a counselor working with teenagers in a wilderness camp. One of the boys under our care ran away while we were on a canoe trip in Florida. When I was out searching for him with several of the other boys and a co-counselor, we flagged down a man driving a pickup, and we asked him if he had seen our runaway. He responded that he had and if we jumped in the back he take us to where he had been seen last. Later that evening several of the boys were telling the others how Chief John had bravely walked up to that truck window while the stranger had a shotgun pointed at his head. They were amazed at my "courage." The truth had more to do with blindness than courage. I never saw the gun.

Mark Twain wrote that courage is not the absence of fear; rather, courage is resistance to fear.

Socrates defined it as, "Courage is not only knowledge of what is to be dreaded and what is to be dared, but knowledge of all goods and evils at every stage."

I like the definition by G.K. Chesterton: "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms: it means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."

The essence of courage, in other words, is not the ability to do something that is physically risky. Rather, it is to know what must be dreaded and must be dared—*despite the danger*. It is to pursue a goal that is morally worthy or stand up against a force that is morally repugnant—*despite the risks* involved.

What courage does the Spirit of God give us? The statement above shares some powerful words. We tend to forget that courage is one of the gifts God gives. (I might also venture to say that blindness is as well.) The times we live in call for courage. Courage to live with grace and strength. Courage to love in the face of anger and hatred. Courage to believe in a better world – the kingdom of God present on earth as it is in heaven. Courage to speak the truth as we see it, and courage to admit when we are wrong.

May our never-ending prayer
echo the hymn, "Grant us
wisdom, Grant us courage, for
the living of these days."
(*God of Grace and God of Glory*
by Harry Emerson Fosdick)



JUNE

Please Bring

**TUNA, SALMON,
CANNED MEAT**



The General Assembly (GA) of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets
biennially in even-numbered years. It
consists of commissioners elected by
each of its 172 presbyteries. This

year's General Assembly meets in Salt Lake City, Utah
from June 25 – July 4, 2024. It's theme is "Live into
Hope". You can pray for our denomination and follow
the actions of GA at: <https://ga-pcusa.org> or
<https://www.facebook.com/spiritofga>



JUNE CONTACT PEOPLE

Elder

Deacon:

Kathy Forrester

Sharon Gonsolus



JUNE Worship Schedule

June 2	1 Corinthians: 1:1-13	Communion
June 9	1 Corinthians 1:4-9	Children's Day
June 16	1 Corinthians 1:17-25	Father's Day
June 23	1 Corinthians 3:9-17	Graduates Day
June 30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	

50+ YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

On May 19th those members who have
participated in the life of the church for 50 or
more years were recognized.

Jean Cuffney (1942)	Sharon C. Ward (1955)
Lois Warren (1956)	Gretchen Casey (1957)
James Burns III (1957)	Patricia Shuart (1958)
Mary Ann Wager (1959)	Mary Jane Jones (1960)
James Robinson (1963)	Sandra Simonson(1965)
Sue M. Bennett (1966)	Harry Carr (1966)
Betty Ann Severance (1967)	Barbara Saler (1968)
Ruth Moore (1969)	Deborah Fisher (1969)
Robert Robinson (1969)	Mary Ann Robinson (1969)
Carolyn Jones (1970)	John Jones (1970)
Joyce Wahlig (1971)	Emily Decker (1972)
Kathleen Partridge (1972)	Kristen VonHagn (1974)
Wendell (Ted) Binley (1974)	

HISTORY

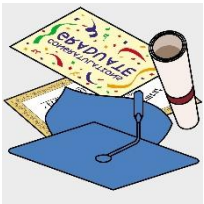


HISTORY TIDBITS!

Helen Kelly Brink –

The Towers

When our church was opened for worship in February 1877, lack of funds determined that there were no towers. Two towers were to be built at a later date. A fund to erect the towers was started almost immediately. By 1893 the trustees had succeeded in raising better than half of the \$12,000 needed. Mrs. Emma Kemp Lyon, wife of Reuben Robie Lyon, lived next to the church. She donated \$6000 to the fund with a promise from the church that there would not be a clock in the tower. A notice in the November 15, 1893 issue of the Farmers' Advocate stated that "the spires have been completed" and refers to the finishing of the towers "as the completion of a poem in stone and glass." Referring to the clock face on the north side of the east tower, the article concluded that the new structure "is a decided ornament" since the clock's hands had been removed to comply with Mrs. Lyon's request.



GRADUATION SUNDAY - JUNE 23rd

On Graduation Sunday we will be celebrating with Skylar Lyke, who will soon be graduating from Bath Haverling High School. After graduation she will be attending SUNY Brockport to study dance.



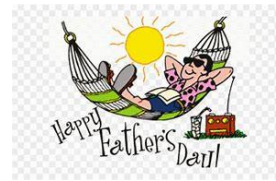
DALTON'S ADDRESS

This is Dalton's new address. I am sure he would love to hear from everyone. We need to let him know we are thinking about him.

AB Rook, Dalton J.
324 TRS/FLT 399
1320 Truemper St. Unit 369563
JBSA Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6408



Come support and celebrate with the youth of our church on June 9, 2024. The service will be held in Lyon Hall.



FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 16th

Today is the day to thank that special someone who listened when you needed someone to talk to and shared some words of wisdom.

After worship service come celebrate with us at a special coffee hour in honor of all the fathers.



GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO:

**DEACONS' FUND (bags of hope)
In Memory of Sara Johnson
By: Kathleen Swan**

**DEACONS' FUND
In Memory of Sara Johnson
By: Caroline Cardinale
In Memory of Barb Beekman
By: Eleata Mitchell
In Memory of Linda Whitmore
(Sue Gay's sister)
By: Phil & Lee Dickson**

**RESTORATION FUND
In Memory of Barbara Beekman
By: Jan Mishook
Ruth Moore
William & Jan Mishook
Geraldine Brown
Anne Zuschin
Evelyn Bussman
In Memory of Brad &
Anne Williams
By: Katie McKinley**

**BURTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In Memory of Barbara Beekman
By: Albert & Marcia Burns**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Kenneth Gilbert Torin Lyke Sarah Bhasker Forrest Clark
June 4	Connie DeLisa
June 5	Zachary Sehm
June 6	Kelley Jones
June 7	Steven Narby
June 8	Gregory Hare
June 9	Mary Aston
June 13	Dean McKinley Devyn Dickson
June 14	Betty Ann Severance
June 15	June Bates Bryce Clark
June 16	Margaret Mesler
June 18	Courtney Kiff
June 19	Marilyn Bresee
June 20	Tim Tomas
June 21	Eric Decker Rebecca Shuart
June 22	Mary Ann Wager
June 23	Deborah Vonderlin Kevin Mahnke
June 24	John Taggart
June 25	Sue Bennett
June 26	Candia Baxter Richard Oest Kaylah Jones
June 27	Robert Hujar Diana Satterfield Alberta Nunn
June 28	Eleata Mitchell
June 29	William Joint
June 30	Robert Robinson Dylan Dickson



Sherry Parke, Lois Warren, Andi Morse,
Megyn Melnyk, Jean Morse Diane Lathrop,
Kathy Walker, Sharon Ward, Tom Moore,
Andy Woodring, Connie DeLisa, Kathy Walker
and Joyce Wahlig



**DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUG TOWER TOPIC
ARTICLES IS JUNE 18th**



**SUNDAY
SUPPERS**

**FREE Sunday Supper Meals
June 2nd – November 24th
EVERY Sunday!
Centenary Methodist Church
Sit down meal will be served
from 3:00 – 3:30pm.**

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00am *Sunday Suppers @ Centenary United Methodist Church</p>						<u>1</u>
<p>Communion <u>2</u> *3:00pm Sunday Supper</p>	<p>4:00pm Worship Team <u>3</u> 5:00pm HR meeting</p>	<u>4</u>	<p>4:00pm Buildings & Grounds <u>5</u> 5:30pm Finance Team 6:00pm A New Day - Widows/Widowers Group Mtg</p>	<p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal <u>6</u></p>	<p>7:00pm First Friday Fellowship <u>7</u></p>	<u>8</u>
<p>Worship Service, Kids' Day - Host-Sunday School <u>9</u> *3:00pm Sunday Supper</p>	<p>6:00 Session <u>10</u></p>	<p>4:00pm Deacons <u>11</u></p>	<p>6:00pm A New Day – Widows/Widowers Group Mtg <u>12</u></p>	<p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal <u>13</u></p>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<p>Worship Service Father's Day Coffee Hour <u>16</u> *3:00pm Sunday Supper</p>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<p>6:00pm A New Day – Widows/Widowers Group Mtg <u>19</u></p>	<p>First Day of Summer <u>20</u> 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<p>Worship Service Graduates Coffee Hour <u>23</u> *3:00pm Sunday Supper</p>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<p>6:00pm A New Day – Widows/Widowers Group Mtg <u>26</u></p>	<p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal <u>27</u></p>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<p>Worship Service <u>30</u> *3:00pm Sunday Supper</p>						



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June 9- Children's Day

June 16- Father's Day

June 23- Graduates Recognized