

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger JULY/AUGUST 2017

Dear Friends,

Summer is here. It's time for family fun, vacations, camping, swimming and picnics. I believe all of these summer activities have a common theme - RELATIONSHIPS. Summer is an opportunity to be intentional in our relationships with family and friends. We have an opportunity to create memories and to strengthen family bonds.

Time spent on our most important relationships is never wasted. Spending time with our children and grandchildren gives us a chance to instill in them our values and life lessons we have learned. They watch and learn from us how to think and act responsibly in the world. If we don't spend time with them how can we expect that they will grow to be responsible adults?

The same is true for each of us. We need to intentionally spend time with God. We need God's daily guidance to be faithful disciples. If we don't invest in our relationship with Jesus, then how can we expect to become Christ-like?

I would encourage you to spend some time this summer being very intentional in your relationships with your family, friends, and especially with God. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (3:16-20) shared this prayer:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen."

That is my prayer for you. Know that Jesus will make his home in your heart as you trust him. Trust requires relationship and relationship requires investment. Invest yourself in your relationship with Christ - you will be blessed!

Enjoy your summer!

Pastor Rick

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Carl & Sharon Mathias upon the death of their former son-in-law, Scott Farly on May 13th.

The family of Bud Bleichroth upon his death on May 15th.

Mike and Sue Stalder upon the death of Mike's mother, Dona Rae Stalder on May 19th.

Wendy Funkhouser, Jim & Sharon Funkhouser, and Sonya Chaffin upon the death of their son, grandson, and nephew, Cody Kinney on June 5th.

David Zartman and family upon the death of his nephew, Koltyn Wells on June 5th.



Thank You

Sixth Ave. United Methodist Heartwarmers,
Thank you for the donation to Hospice in the
remembrance of my mom Wanda Ayers.

Linda & Vern Ebert and family

Congratulations to Sam and Erin (Cochran)
Davis upon the birth of their daughter,
Carley Sue on May 3, 2017!
She weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21”
long. The proud maternal grandparents are
Dan and Diane Cochran.

Our sincere thanks to Pastor Rick and friends
for your prayers and cards. Hope to be back
soon.

Bill & Doris Shauger

Congratulations to Dan and Brittany Singer
upon the birth of their daughter,
Adeline Faith Singer on June 9, 2017!
She weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 3/4”
long. The proud maternal grandparents are
Chuck and Kathy Shafer

To the Sixth Avenue Evangelism Team,
Thanks a lot for the gift card. I play for
the Lord's people who like it. I enjoy it a lot.
I look forward to doing it.

Thanks a lot!
God Bless!
Fred & Barb Beougher

Membership Class

Pastor Rick will be teaching an adult membership class on July 9, 16, and 23 during the Sunday school time 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Sixth Avenue UMC, please call the church office, 740-653-1196.



Foundation Dinners



The youth fellowship will be serving lunch at the Foundation Dinners on Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, July 29. Your help is needed on each date 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Summer Special Music

July 2	John Coen
July 9	Jan Lentz & Michele Williams
July 16	Fred Beougher
July 23	Flutasia
July 30	Steve Nally
August 6	Sandy Gurile & Company
August 13	Leaps of Faith
August 20	Fairfield County Strings & Keyboards
August 27	Silent Singers
September 3	One Voice



Adult Sunday school is open to all folks interested in fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. New comers are welcome! The class meets before worship at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor, taught by Reverend Chuck Wheatley. During the summer session we will explore the Bible studying the book of Psalms. Please join the group any Sunday you are available during the summer months. The curriculum presents the following:

		Psalms
July 2	His Presence	84:1-12
9	The Creator	95:1-11
16	God Revealed	19:1-14
23	His Love	136:1-5, 10-15,23
30	His Faithfulness	146:1-10
Aug. 6	The Confession	51:1-17
13	The Cleansing	32:1-11
20	The Protector	141:1-10
27	The Longing	42:1-11

Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – JULY

James and Sharon Funkhouser	July 1
David and Rita Sater	July 3
Kenneth and Patricia Disbennet	July 4
James and Christina Nelms	July 4
Mike and Judy North	July 10
Leroy and Shirley Mowry	July 14
Chuck and Judy Wheatley	July 22
Robert and Alma Phillips	July 23

Happy Birthday!



BIRTHDAYS - JULY

Betty Bowen	July 3
Diane Kennedy	July 4
Donna Ballmer	July 5
Larry Money Penny	July 8
Elaine Hill	July 10
Ed Gurile, Jr.	July 11
Marilyn Lawson	July 12
Kelton Whitmer-Beatty	July 13
Annie Wine	July 15
Sue Stalder	July 18
Emily Johnson	July 23
Margaret Hughes	July 27
Barbara Wright	July 28
Lee Ann Whitmer	July 30



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ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

Alton and Bonnie Currence	August 5
Lundy and Joan Drake	August 8
Robert and Karen Trogus	August 8
Mark and Emily Johnson	August 13
Jeff and Vivian Shumaker	August 13



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BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

Alan Jones	August 1
Jane McConnell	August 1
William Shauger	August 1
Jeff Shumaker	August 2
Jackie Suman	August 2
Dan Cochran	August 3
Sam Davis	August 8
Rita Hanes	August 12
Norma Zumbro	August 13
Janet Lentz	August 14
Charletta Shahan	August 14
Curtis Witham	August 14
Kara Reed	August 16
Kelly Spangler	August 16
Kyle Trogus	August 17
James Wilson	August 18
Leah Schultz	August 18



BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST (Continued)

Jalynn Wright	August 19
Janet Jones	August 21
Judy North	August 21
Hanna Goff	August 22
Lindsay Baker	August 23
Dean Bresler	August 24
Lundy Drake	August 25
Janice Boch	August 26
Rebeka Jean Raymond	August 26
Marjorie Farkas	August 28
Elizabeth Jones	August 28
Brittany Singer	August 29
Betty Bright	August 30
Ashtyn Chaffin	August 30
Angela Persinger	August 31
Miranda Smith	August 31
Kimberly Strosnider	August 31