

The Messenger



2026



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221



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adventure for 2026,
“Tropical Trek. Jesus comes to Seek and Save”
Date: July 27th - 30th, 6:00pm—8:00pm.
Dinner option: 5:30pm—5:55pm
Information on pages 9-11.**



“I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”
Joel 2:28-28

At this time of year, when there are so many reasons to celebrate, I am reminded of the Good News that Joel brings in the Old Testament, and that the apostles hear repeated on Pentecost Day. They go and share the gospel in the power of the Spirit, believing this promise. This is one of my favorite passages because it tells us that God wants to work through us at every age and stage of our lives. All of us are important in helping each other know, love and serve the Lord.

Hope's All Stars Preschool year is coming to an end, and we give thanks for Nicole Harden's thoughtful leadership and vision as well as the many gifts that the teachers, aides, school board and church council members have offered to support and enrich the lives of the children in our community this year. It is wonderful to know how excited the children are when they gather each day to learn and play together. We pray that this ministry will continue to be a vital part of the life of Hope and ask God to bless everyone who is involved with the preschool's upcoming summer program. The Pre-K Graduation and End of Year Celebration will take place on June 10th. Congratulations to all the children for arriving at this milestone, and to the staff for another successful year of outreach and education!

Vacation Bible School is on the horizon, and we will welcome children from the church, neighborhood and community to learn and grow in creative ways. The theme is “Tropical Trek” and is a tropical island adventure where kids learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost. It will take place July 27th – July 30th, from 6 PM - 8 PM with the option to join the group for dinner beforehand between 5:30 PM – 5:55 PM. This is always an awesome week of singing, dancing, bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and interactive sessions. Many thanks to all the teachers, helpers and organizers of VBS. We pray that it will be a joyful and fruitful time for everyone who is part of it!

The Spring and Summer holidays remind us to give thanks for our mothers, fathers, grandparents and those who have been examples of faith and love, our graduates, as well as our veterans, fallen heroes, and active military personnel for their sacrificial service. God is always on the move and at work, in every time and season. Throughout this Pentecost season, let's take the time to notice and celebrate the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives and the lives of those around us. Let's also pray that God will give us the courage and confidence to dream his dreams and move towards his vision for the future! Surely, he will pour out His Spirit to lead, guide and inspire us!

Pastor Eileen

Join Us IN Worship



**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message, Holy Communion and Children's Church/KBZone.

Mission Statement

“Why are we here as a people of God? We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God’s Word, and reach out in service to our community. Go in peace to celebrate, grow and serve”!



Gail Anuszewski
Howard Altenburg
Bob Baker
Connie Baker
Susan Baucon
Barbara Becker
Carolyn Bell
BNob Bellach
Gail Berry
Jessica Berry
Pat Berry
Andrew Bien
Kathy Binas
John Boblitz
Don Boyce
Ken Brazerol
Debbie Bryant
Andres Buitrago
Wilford Buitrago
Tony Bunk
Ethel Burke
Rick Calo
David Clagget
Chris Coffey
Mary Jane Conrad
Susan Conrad
Julie Cook

Kristy Cooper
Tom Copc
Chuck DeWitt
Kimberly Dixon
Jami Edgar
Alice Edinger
David Eicher
Belinda Emge
Susan Enclade
Evan
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Cowyn Gustave
Nicole Harden
J & K
Lillian Jones

David Kerner
Joan Kincaid
Matt Kretzschmar
Christina Lacko
Diane Lacko
Patty Baldwin
Linsolata
Margaret Linz
Harriett Lloyd
Phil Malpas
Mary-Kathryn
Ruth Massaroni
John Micklos
The family of
Mathilda Miller
Michelle Moore
Terry Novak
Charmaine Ordak
Rebecca Orr
Beth Patterson
Judy Crockett
Peddicord
Deloris Phillips
Dave Oresnell
Evelyn Porter
Dorothy Prevost
Cass Rayman

Dave Raynor
Frank Schmidt
Nancy Scott
Charlene
Simmons
Lonny Smith
Margaret Smith
Deni Starr
John Steiner
Peggy Talbott
Thom
Vernon Wallace
Frank Walls
Madison Ward
Trish White
Karen Williams
Gail Wilson
Cass Wohlleben



Prayers are also with the seafarers and our nation. We Pray for all active and reserve members of our armed forces



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Colin Eversley, Music Minister



Hope Youth Retreat will take place **August 5 - 8, 2026** at **Son & Sand Retreat Center, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ocean City, MD.** Hope Youth will have time and space for devotions, bible studies, worship, games, fellowship and more connecting with one another and with God. Please pray for the team as they plan and prepare for the retreat and for the children and chaperons who will be leading and attending the retreat.

Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study.

To register, call 410-686-7587 or email hopelsecretary@outlook.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

There will be **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study during the summer. Please join us in the Fall on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

NO Zoom Wednesday Bible Study at 7 PM. We will resume in the Fall on Wednesday Evenings!

*Holy God, write your Word on our hearts so that we might move with gracefulness through the world, balanced and whole.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*



JUNE 2026 DUTY SCHEDULE

10:00	June 7	June 14	June 21 Father's Day	June 28 Church Picnic	
Assist	Eric Eszes	Colan Kahl	Thea Melton	Bob Schweitzer	
Lector	Lynne Lake Youth	Mark Warner	Thea Coker	Jeff Patten	
Serve if needed	Joan Schweitzer	None	None	None	
Ushers	Lynne Lake Youth	Linda Moler Carol Ogle	Eric Eszes David Prenell	Donna Jacob Kate Patten	
Counters	Bob Schweitzer Denise McLaughlin	Colan Kahl Joan Schweitzer	Linda Moler Thea Melton	Donna Jacob Steve Kahl	
Flowers	Chuck and Michelle Kroner <i>Sign-up Available</i>	Bob and Joan Schweitzer <i>Sign-up Available</i>	Jeff and Kate Patten Steve and Sharyn Kahl	Steve and Sharyn Kahl Grief Share	
Sunday School	Carolee Calo				



Sunday, May 24th started out with the color red for **Pentecost**, the color of zeal as we energetically worship our Lord and Savior and share this good news with all. We then changed to white for **Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31st**, the color of celebration and joy as we give thanks for our Triune God. Then on **Sunday, June 7th** we return to green, the color of life and regeneration as we renew our faith each Sunday, a mini Easter.







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Come join us!





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Church 1901 Middleborough Rd.
Essex, MD 21221



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

July 27-30, 2026, 6pm - 8pm

DINNER OPTION: 5:30pm - 5:50pm

AGES: 4 - 12, must be potty trained.

Child's Name

Child's Age

Last Grade Attended

Home Church

Parent/Guardian Name

Address

E-mail



Emergency Contact - 1) Name and Phone #

Emergency Contact - 2) Name and Phone

ALLERGIES:

VBS Donation:

1st Child \$15.00

2nd Child \$10.00

Dinner plan option will be provided 5:30pm - 5:50pm at an **additional fee of \$5.00/child/week.**

Yes ____ No ____

Please complete the online registration form above and submit payment:

Pay with Venmo @Denise-Mclaughlin-48 or you can mail donation or drop it off in our secured mailbox outside

Hope Lutheran Church VBS, 1901 Middleborough Rd. Essex,

21221 Please include your child's name in memo.

*****Any Family needing full or partial financial assistance, please email your request to vbsathope@gmail.com**

Dinner plan option that will be provided from 5:30 - 5:50pm

Monday - Pizza, Veggie straws & Juice or water

Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Applesauce & Juice or Water

Wednesday - Hot Dogs & Macaroni & Cheese & Juice or Water

Thursday - PBJ or Ham & Cheese Crustables, Fruit cup & Juice or water.

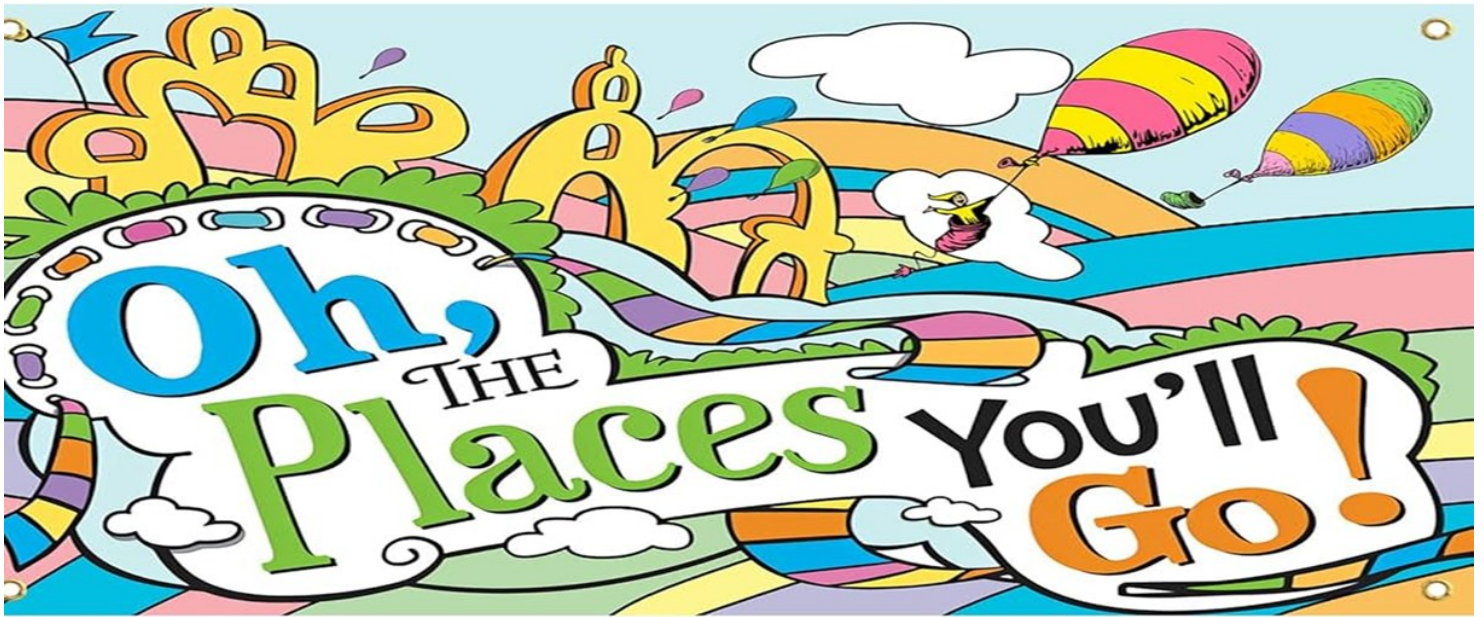
Please specify Sandwich preference.

Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30pm - 5:50pm

We will have our VBS Closing Ceremony at Church during worship on

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 10:00am

All Families are invited and encouraged to attend to support the children.



Dear Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Families,

Our *Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration* will be held at All Stars Learning Center on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.!** *All students and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend!* Light refreshments will be served as part of our Graduation Celebration. **Please return the bottom portion of this form, indicating attendance, by Friday, May 29, 2026.** As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating a successful school year with you!

Sincerely,
All Stars Learning Center Staff Members

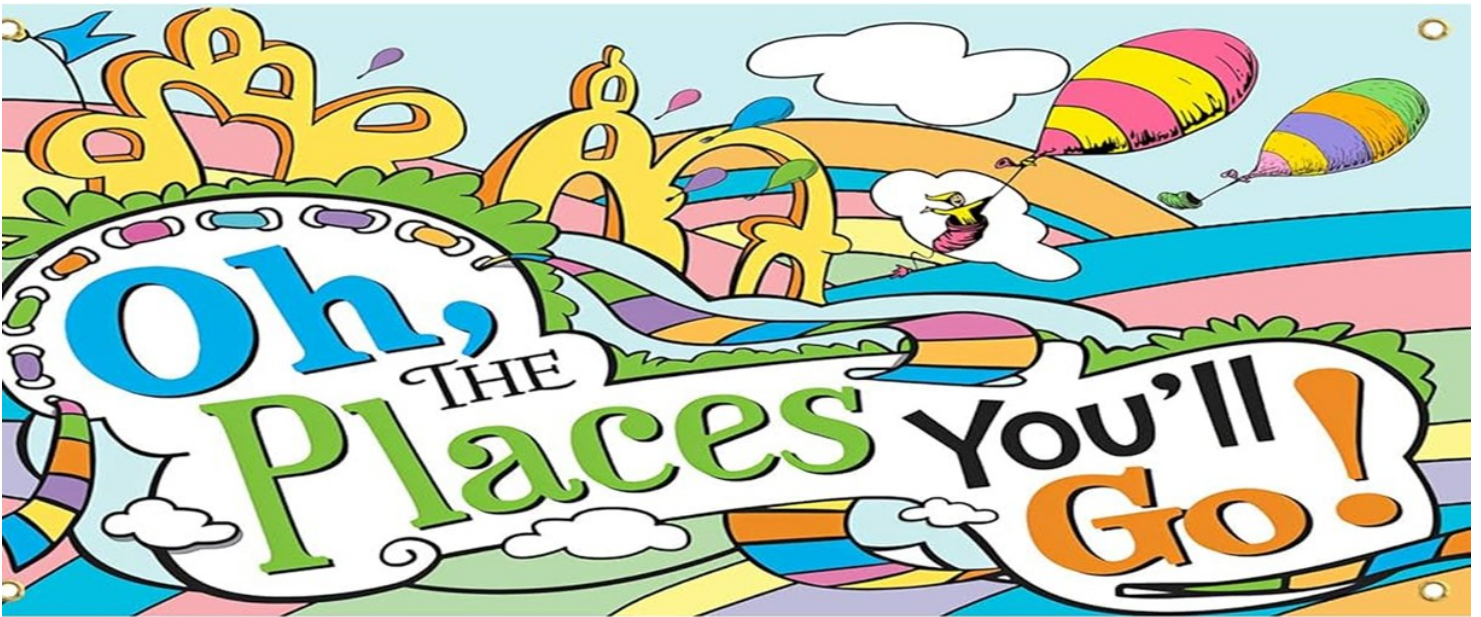
Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration

Childcare will be available before and after our Graduation Celebration

My Child _____:

_____ **WILL Attend the Pre-K Celebration**
 _____ **Number of Additional Guests**
 (max 2)
 _____ **WILL NOT Attend the Pre-K Celebration**





What: Pre-K Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration

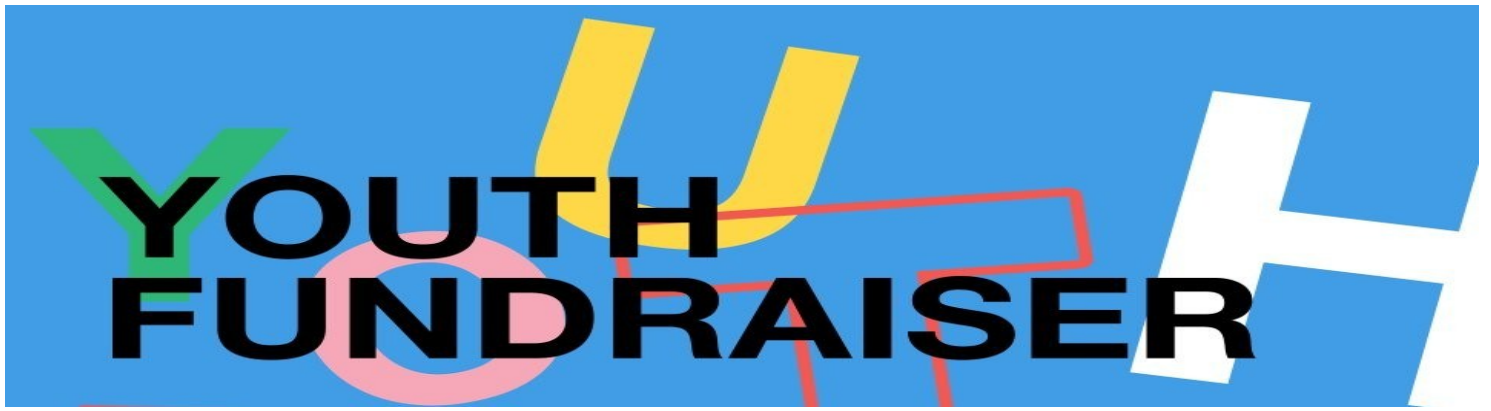
When: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Where: All Stars Learning Center
1901 Middleborough Rd
Essex, MD 21221

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Youth Fundraiser – Donate Your Used Clothing & Household Goods!

You're invited to support our **Youth** by donating gently used clothing and household items!

Your contributions will help raise funds to subsidize the cost for food, lodging, and travel expenses for the annual Youth Retreat in Ocean City.

What to Collect:

- Gently used clothing, Shoes, coats, and accessories, and Household goods in good condition (small appliances, kitchenware, décor, etc.)

Please put in large plastic bags. Every bag you bring makes a difference! Together, we can turn your unused items into opportunities for our youth.

When to bring it: Now!

All items must be in by July 5th. For questions please call, Lynne Lake, 443-854-0708.

THANK YOU for your SUPPORT!

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Confirmation

Confirmation Classes

The class will meet after the 10:00 worship service on the following days:

June 7th, June 28th

The annual Ocean City Retreat will take place August 5th- August 8th

All Stars Learning Center



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allstarscenter@yahoo.com



***Do you want your child to have a cinematic and
fun filled Summer?***

We invite your child to experience our

"Lights, Camera, Action!" Summer Program!

Learn fun facts about Movies, Various Countries, Wild Animals and More!

Other fun activities will include: STEM, water play, biking obstacles, spirit week,
and special visitors!

Outdoor Activities

- Organized Sports
Soccer, Basketball, Baseball
- Sprinkler / Water Balloon Days
- Obstacle Courses

Special Events

- Cook-out
- Hawaiian Luau
- Ice Cream Party

Special Visits

Kona Ice
CFA Cow
Oriole Bird

Arts/Crafts

- Create Americana Jewelry
- Make a Memory Orb
- Decorate a Baseball Cap
- Make a Pinata
- Arrange Edible Snacks
- Customize a Popcorn Bucket

****Our Summer Program covers ten weeks¹ of care, beginning June 15, 2026, and ending August 21, 2026. We offer full time care and part-time care. Tuition ranges from \$75.00-\$260.00 per week, with an additional activities fee of \$10.00 per week. Our Center provides breakfast, morning snack, and afternoon snack. Lunch must be provided by parents. For more information and to register your child for our Summer Program, please contact Nicole at 410-686-6060. ****

¹ You do not have to sign up for all 10 weeks, but registration is 1st come, 1st served.

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***“Hope Quilting Ministry Team”** meets every Monday at 10 AM in the Choir Room. No professional requirements necessary. You just need to be able to sew a straight line, cut, iron material and enjoy fellowship.*

A group of dedicated volunteers gathers every Monday at 10 AM, Fall through Spring, to sew, tie, knot, style quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts are blessed in the Fall during worship and the team delivers it to LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD. We also give thanks and recognize those who have shared in this ministry during the past year. This ministry donates quilts each year to LWR for distribution to people all over the world who are displaced because of natural disaster, political and civil unrest and famine.

Join this ministry to connect with a caring group who makes Christ known with beautifully sewn quilts, their creations spread the warmth of God’s love with each quilt and you also get to enjoy great fellowship at the same time.



**Join us each Sunday for fellowship after
our worship service!**

Many thanks to Judy for all of your creations at the table!

May 3th



May 17th



May 24th



**The beauty of life unfolds in our courtyard: from egg to duckling. The miracle of God's creation.
Our 2026 Ducklings have arrived!**



Mother's Day at Hope Church! 2026

May 10th







Worship Themes for June 2026

Date	Scripture texts	Theme
June 7 Pentecost 2	Hosea 5:15—6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	God Desires steadfast love Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God The promise to those who share Abraham's faith Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter
June 14 Pentecost 3	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8-23	The covenant with Israel at Sinai We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. While we were sinners, Christ died for us The sending of the Twelve
June 21 Pentecost 4	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	The prophet must speak despite opposition Answer me., O Lord, for your love is kind. Buried and raised with Christ by baptism The cost of discipleship
June 28 Pentecost 5	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42	The test of a true prophet Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. No longer under law but under grace Welcome Christ in those he sends



Hope's 2026 Flower Chart

Thank you everyone who donated Altar flowers for our Sunday services.
There are still spaces available for June 7th-1, 14th-1, July 5th-1, 12th-1, 19th-2, 26th-2, August 2nd-1, 9th-1, 16th-1, 23rd-1, 30th-1.

**The cost is \$20 per
arrangement. The sign-up chart is in the narthex
or you can contact the church
office, 410-686-7587**

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd - *That's Relationship!*

I shall not want - *That's Supply!*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - *That's Rest!*

He leadeth me beside the still waters - *That's Refreshment!*

He restoreth my soul - *That's Healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!*

For His Name sake - *That's Purpose!*

**Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death - *That's Testing!***

I will fear no evil - *That's Protection!*

For Thou art with me - *That's Faithfulness!*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - *That's Discipline!*

**Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies - *That's Hope!***

Thou annointest my head with oil - *That's Consecration!*

My cup runneth over - *That's Abundance!*

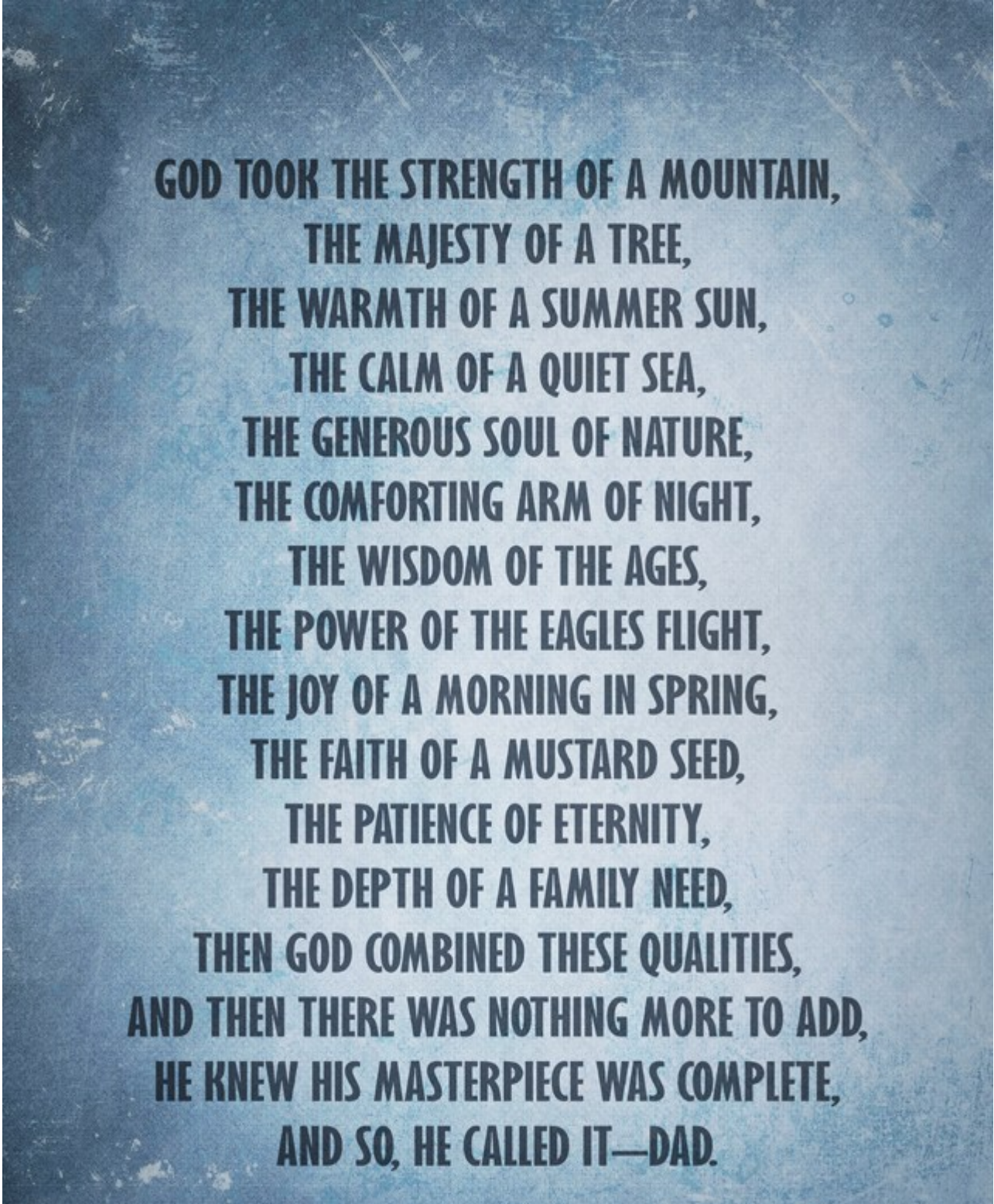
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life - *That's Blessings!***

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *That's Security!*

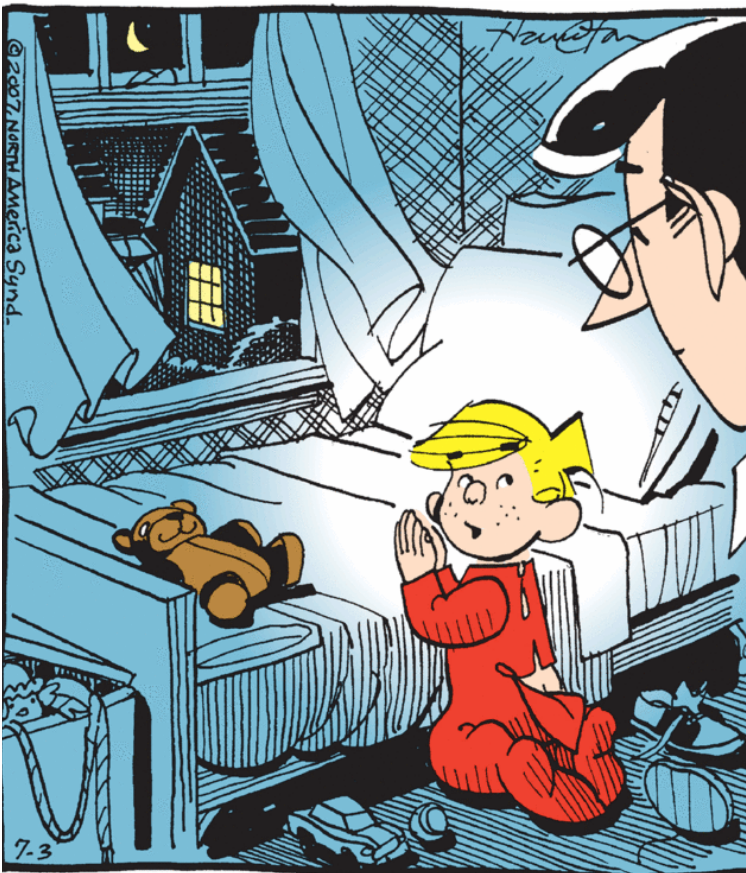
Forever - *That's Eternity!*

JERUSALEM
PRAYER TEAM
—★—

Come join us on Father's Day, June 21st when we celebrate our Fathers, Grandfathers, Sons, Uncles and Nephews on this Special Day!



**GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN,
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,
THE POWER OF THE EAGLES FLIGHT,
THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT—DAD.**



"I KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN TILL AFTER MY PRAYERS. I GET BETTER RECEPTION WITH IT OPEN."



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."



"ANYONE KNOW WHAT A BISHOP DOES?"



"I THINK HE MOVES DIAGONALLY."



"SO, PASTOR, YOU WORK SUNDAYS AND THE OTHER SIX DAYS, YOU JUST HANG OUT?"



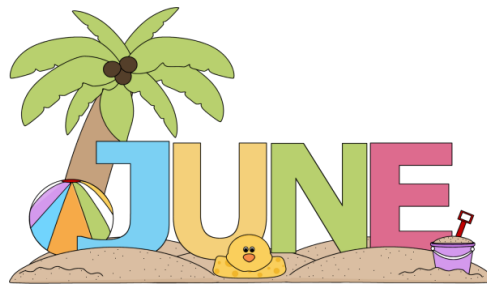
JUNE

birthdays

Day	
10	Mickey Porter
11	Delphine Duschel
11	Bradley Kroner
13	Tiffani Mason
15	Darlene Fisher
16	Bob Schweitzer
18	Christina Lacko
19	Gail Anuszewski



2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP	2 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	3 10:30 AM Bible Study in the Choir Room 7:00 AM Bible Study in Choir Room via Zoom	4	5	6
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21 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 	22 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP 7:00 PM Church-Council Meeting COUNCIL MEETING	23 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel	24 10:30 AM Bible Study in the Choir Room 7:00 PM Bible Study In Choir Room via Zoom	25	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 AM No Choir Rehearsal til the Fall	29 10:00 AM Quilters QUILTING GROUP	30 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel				

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