

JUNE 2018

THE GRAPEVINE

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Service Schedule



Service Schedule June through August

Sunday 7.00 am Mountainhike Service
10.00 am Sanctuary Service

Hospitality

Please find a weekend to help keep this friendly part of service consistent by signing up for hospitality on Sunday.



Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary each month are paid for by families who wish to dedicate them for a special occasion or memory.

For more information on flower dedications, contact Carol at 962-7556.



Pastor's Reflection

I have never been able to figure out the best season of the year to "connect" with God. I don't think it is Christmas. Christmas is too schmaltzy with things which are supposed to remind us of God, but actually just remind us of Santa Claus and jingle bells. If I had to choose a season it would be the late Spring. The anticipation of watching the buds and blooms come forth ...all on their "magic own". And, of course, as I get older the seasons SPEED into years which are not easily discerned from one another.

My old story about the farmer who tells the city slicker that nature looks a lot better when the farmer puts his sweat into it rings truer and truer. In the last couple of weeks, Colin Lauder and I put a lot of work into the labyrinth out in

the memorial garden in our church. Believe me, there was some sweat involved (and some aches and pains). We did improve it. The labyrinth was originally installed incorrectly, and the growth of 15 or so years has grown over some of the mistakes. The mistakes, however, are now fixed.

The labyrinth (a melding of nature and nurture) is an improvement on mere nature alone. I think, if one uses the process (praying on each stone) it will help slow down the SPEED... and, perhaps, enable us to have "better play in the fields of the Lord".

More to come this month.

Yours for the Whole Ride Home in Christ, Ben

Clerk's Corner: Praying

CONTRIBUTED BY HEATHER NEMETH

A recent study showed that 90% of people believe in the power of prayer. People typically pray over their food, their kids, or they ask God for wisdom, strength and health. But oftentimes, people pray what I call "get by" prayers. They pray, "God, help me get by this year. God, help me endure this sickness. God, keep my child out of trouble." There's nothing wrong with that, but don't limit what God can do. If you ask small, you're going to receive small. But when you learn the Word, your faith grows, your confidence grows, and you'll learn to

pray bold prayers that honor God!

Instead of praying, "God, help me pay my bills," pray, "God, help me pay my bills and have plenty left over so I can be a blessing to someone else." Instead of praying, "God, keep my child out of trouble," pray, "God, let my child become a leader and fulfill his destiny." Instead of praying, "God, help me endure this sickness," pray a bold prayer, "Father, I want to thank You that I'm coming through this sickness better off than I was before!" As you continue studying His Word, your faith will grow. You

will know Him more, and you'll be empowered by your union with Him to pray bold prayers and see those prayers come to pass!



Not to make light of grief.....

I've been conversing with a great guy who has had a heartbreaking reversal in life. He prayed and prayed that this reversal would not happen. It happened. And he has lost his faith, if not in the existence of God, at least in the whole idea that God listens to our prayers and ACTS on them. My good friend is not alone. ALL Christians have struggled with this issue at some point in their life. All of us pray for people that we love. And ALL of the people we pray for WILL die before we do... or we will die before them. This is a given. And, remember, even Lazarus eventually died. It cannot be any other way. We are biological creatures who have a beginning and an end (BIOLOGICALLY).

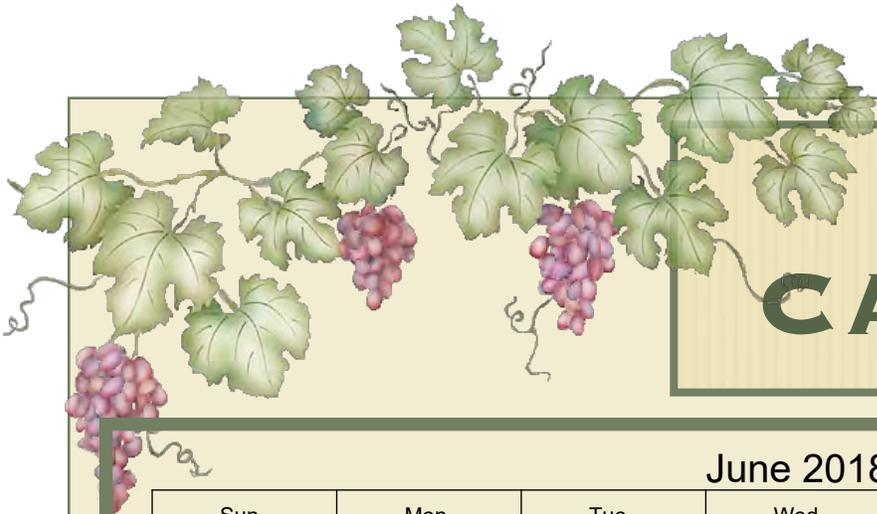
Biologically. This is what we have to remember. We do not believe that life ends at biological death. Not for the people that we love. Our gracious Lord does hear our prayers and weeps with us in our grief. IF he answered every heartfelt prayer for healing, both my grandfather (who died in 1959) and

my father (who died in 2007) would still be here. Loving me. And giving me advice (wanted or unwanted. My wonderful father was bossy).

As my grandfather and father would still be here... the population of the world of people would be overrun, I write this not to make light of grief. Imagine MY position with the grief I had seen as a pastor. Yes, oh yes, I remember the grief of those who have lost children. But I do write this to give at least a bit of humorous perspective of what God might be up against as He attempts to answer our heartfelt prayers. Even as our hearts break with the loss of children. Remember, Jesus also wept.

In Life and in Death we belong to God. Ben





JUNE CALENDAR

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 07:00 PM Ladies Night Out (FH)	2 08:30 AM Saturday Stars (FH, Gym & S)
3 07:00 AM Mountain Hike Service 10:00 AM Worship (In the Memorial Garden - Blessing of the Animals) 10:00 AM Third Grade Communion Class 07:00 PM Al-Anon (FH)	4 07:00 PM AA (FH)	5 Center for Food Action 05:00 PM SLC Spring Show (S & FH) 07:00 PM Cub Scout Den #2 (Gym)	6 06:30 AM Men's Breakfast 07:00 PM Boy Scout Pack #76 (Gym) 07:30 PM Harmony Bells (S) 07:30 PM The Wayne Ross Men's Group Dinner (FH)	7 Center for Food Action 07:30 PM Bridge Club (FH)	8 06:30 PM Cub Scout Den #3 (Gym)	9 08:00 AM Hiking Club 08:30 AM Saturday Stars (FH, Gym & S) 03:00 PM Cub Scout Den #4 (Gym)
10 07:00 AM Mountain Hike Service 10:00 AM Worship/Third Grade Communion 07:00 PM Al-Anon (FH)	11 11:00 AM The 2nd Annual Wayne Ross Memorial Golf Outing 07:00 PM AA (FH)	12 Center for Food Action 07:00 PM Cub Scout Den #2 (Gym)	13 06:30 AM Men's Breakfast 07:00 PM Boy Scout Pack #76 (Gym) 07:30 PM Harmony Bells (S) 07:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (CO)	14 Center for Food Action 07:30 PM Bridge Club (FH)	15	16 07:30 AM Carpenters' Club 08:30 AM Saturday Stars (FH, Gym & S) 11:00 AM Saturday Stars Music/Dance Recital 03:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony (S & FH 2:00pm set up)
17 Father's Day 07:00 AM Mountain Hike Service 10:00 AM Worship 07:00 PM Al-Anon (FH)	18 07:00 PM AA (FH)	19 Center for Food Action 06:30 PM Cub Scout Pack #140 (Sanctuary & FH)	20 06:30 AM Men's Breakfast 06:30 PM Session Meeting 07:00 PM Boy Scout Pack #76 (Gym)	21 Center for Food Action 07:30 PM Bridge Club (FH)	22	23
24 07:00 AM Mountain Hike Service 10:00 AM Worship 07:00 PM Al-Anon (FH)	25 07:00 PM AA (FH)	26 Center for Food Action	27 06:30 AM Men's Breakfast 07:00 PM Boy Scout Pack #76 (Gym)	28 Center for Food Action 07:30 PM Bridge Club (FH)	29	30