

# the Messenger



June 19, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



In accordance with the CDC guidelines, MASKS are now **RECOMMENDED**.

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## Happy Father's Day!

Today we celebrate and give thanks for our fathers, and all fatherly figures. Men are invited to take a bag of "hugs and kisses" home in honor of Father's Day. Please help yourself or see an usher on your way out.

Dear Members and Friends of God's Love,

With the splendid exception of the CAN2 and Good Neighbor Garden projects still underway, many of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events have subsided. We now have the time and opportunity during the summer months to cultivate strategic volunteers for a punch list of maintenance tasks.



We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to do hands-on tasks and coordinate certain tradespeople to work on a strategic series of maintenance items. The list includes caulking, painting, plumbing, carpentry, and minor fix-it items.

If you are interested in helping with these maintenance items, please let me know. Once we procure a list of interested persons, we will set up a meeting to move ahead.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Dan Whitener*

**Sunday, July 3 – September 4**  
**ONE SERVICE at 9:30am**

If you are interested in serving as a worship volunteer this summer (reader, usher, acolyte, altar guild, or communion assistant) please [CLICK HERE](#) or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons to select your preferred week and role.

## Juneteenth

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### The Café at God's Love

We are scheduled to be open June 19 and 26 **if help is available. Baristas are needed!** [SIGN UP HERE](#).  
**Questions? Kathy MacDonald.**



Ministry Resources

Pastor Dan has updated the *Ministry Resource Table* for the month of June. Stop by and peruse the latest collection of on-loan resources: excellent sermons that make for edifying devotional reading. They come from preachers representing a variety of Christian traditions and denominations. Welcome.

### Red Cross Blood Drive • Thursday, July 21 2pm – 7pm in the Mods

The American Red Cross has declared a Blood Crisis in the United States as blood supplies are critically low. Please consider donating, and if you cannot make the blood drive at God's Love, please sign up for another one in the area. Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons. Thank you for your life-giving donation!



Scripture Readings  
June 26

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
*Elijah says, Follow me*

Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
*Love is the whole law*

Luke 9:51-62  
*Jesus says, Follow me*



## Grapevine-of-Friends Luncheon

Tuesday, June 28 • 11:30am • Fellowship Hall

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..."* John 15:5

As we continue to navigate our way through the Covid-19 endemic phase, it is important to have and maintain strong connections with others. We do not venture out into this world alone but with a community of believers connected to one another through the True Vine, Jesus Christ. **All are welcome to attend this month's Grapevine-of-Friends Luncheon on Tuesday, June 28 at 11:30am to break bread together in Christian love.** Come, make connections with other members of our congregation across multiple interests and ministries and discover ways to stay connected as we head into the summer. The luncheon, provided by Ben's Deli, will have a picnic theme, and can either be enjoyed at the church or packaged "to go." The suggested donation is \$8 per person.

**RSVP by Wednesday, June 22 to Amy Carr** at [amycarr4521@gmail.com](mailto:amycarr4521@gmail.com) or 215-932-0322. Please indicate if you need transportation.

I look forward to seeing you! *Vicar Brandi*

## June's Highlighted Collection

### Laundry Supplies

One of the biggest challenges for folks who are homeless centers around clothing. A plan is in the works to provide opportunities and resources needed for them to wash their clothes at a local laundromat—providing dignity and reducing waste.



We are collecting laundry detergent "pods" (no liquid or powder please) and dryer sheets. Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** by **June 30**.

**Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

## Good Neighbor Garden

Along with all the veggies popping up in the garden, so are the weeds.

1. Use [THIS LINK](#) or the **Signup Hub** to sign up for a week to help—anytime that is convenient for you.
2. **Not able to plan ahead? Join our email list.** When something needs done, an email will be sent. If you can help, respond to the email. Let **Sandy Anthony** know you'd like to be *added to the email list*.

Not sure what to do when it's your turn to help in the garden? Training and specific directions will be given. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.



## HOPE (Help Other People Eat) • JULY

**Did you know that for more than 2 years now,** God's Love and our community partners have been feeding our friends who are homeless in Bristol?

Use [THIS LINK](#) to provide a hot meal on Sunday or to donate items for the Wednesday bagged lunches.

Place donations in the **Lobby of Love**.



## Crossing the River Women's Retreat Follow up

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you."* Isaiah 43:1-2



"What happens at retreat stays at retreat." This was the covenant participants of this year's women's retreat made with one another as we embarked on a day-long journey with Isaiah 43:1-7 as our guide. Respecting that covenant however, we can share that our exploration included respite and reflection in authentic communion with one another. Participants had the opportunity to walk the 48-foot Chartres labyrinth on the campus of The



House Next Door, a spiritual retreat and wellness center in Princeton Junction, whose mission is to be "a safe place and a place of grace." The weather thankfully provided time for quiet reflection in the outdoor meditation garden and opportunities for connection and conversation together.

A special thank you to **Pastor Dale Selover** for facilitating our retreat and to all our participants for their willingness to cross the river for a day of respite. Thanks be to God!



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