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“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7

## SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Jan Mernone, Clerk



This month my inspiration to you is gardening. From Phyllis McGinley... “Gardening has compensations out of all proportion to its goals. It is creation in the pure sense.” Another one from her, “The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation. It becomes an obsession.” And from The Gardener’s Guide to Life...Ralph Waldo Emerson said “What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.” “Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day—like writing a poem or saying a prayer,” writes Anne Morrow Lindbergh. I will close with a quote from Robert Browning... “The year’s at the spring and day’s at the morn; Morning’s at seven; The hillside’s dew-pearled; The lark’s on the wing; The snail’s on the thorn; God’s in His heaven—All’s right with the world.” Happy planting, wishing you help with weeding, and stop to smell the roses.

Now to the business of the church... The April 2023 Income and Expense Statement showed income of \$27,140.59 and expenses of \$19,362.89. I always like it when we take in more than we take out! The **Clerk** reported that Communion on June 4 will be prepared and served by Kathy Wood, Betty Gilliland, Anna Sosbe, and Marcia Justus. The Clerk has collected all the signed forms required by Presbytery for Conflict of Interest, Ethics, and Misconduct. A Committee will be formed to revise these forms and add an anti-racism and harassment policy required by the Presbytery.

**Finance** Committee reported that the playset for the playground will be delivered on Friday, May 26. The tentative date to put this equipment together is June 9. The safe in the office has been moved off the floor (thanks from all of us who don’t get up from the floor as easily as we used to!).

**Maintaining** has purchased a new mower. Several restrooms were painted thanks to Deb Freedman of Head Start. Head Start graduation will be May 31 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Maintaining is waiting for quote from Cade Masonry to fix the large crack in the concrete at the west entrance. Thanks to Karl Kreck for replacing black drain hoses on east side.

**Nurturing** is looking into new usher badges, communion candles (one leaks), and another Communion service. The cross will be taken down after Pentecost. During Communion the choir will be served before the elders. On Mondays at 7pm starting June 5 there will be a summer zoom Bible study based on the book From Daughters to Disciples: Women’s Stories from the New Testament.

**Mission and Outreach** will continue to collect for The Refuge through June 11. We will be distributing water bottles at the Freedom Festival Parade. Our church will be on the September 23 historic tour of the city. Our pastor will be signing a letter on behalf of the congregation to support affordable and stable housing. Mission will also be sponsoring a letter writing campaign to appropriate members of the Indiana State Legislature requesting action to approve Housing Affordability and Stability in Indiana.

**Member Care** reported that Senior Somethings March meeting had 11 attending. Senior Somethings will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. The Committee is looking at options for a “welcome gift” for visitors. Lauren is working on some “rack art” which we could pass out at events and put in pews with information about us.

**New Business** A reception is being planned for Judy Cook’s 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination (May 20, 1973) for June 11 from 2-4 at University Heights Conv. Center. Mark your calendars. That’s all from me for this month.

*Ye Ole Clerk*

### **FREEDOM FESTIVAL**

*Submitted by Judy Lovejoy*

We will be distributing water at the Freedom Festival Parade on June 24. If you can help pull a wagon along the parade route, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office. The parade begins at 4 p.m. Workers should be at the church by 3:30 to help load the wagons. People were very appreciative of the water last year and it is a wonderful opportunity to interact with our Greenwood neighbors!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

*Submitted by Judy Lovejoy*

In connection with the 200th anniversary of the founding of Greenwood, Restore Old Town Greenwood is sponsoring a tour of several historic buildings in the city, including Greenwood Presbyterian Church. We’ll need lots of help preparing for the day and hosting the expected 1000+ visitors. Mark your calendar to be available to join the fun of hosting the city on September 23.

### **GREENWOOD NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

*Submitted by Lauren Underwood*



We hosted our second annual “Movie in the Parking Lot” on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>! We showed the movie “**Happy Feet**” about a penguin who can’t sing like the rest of the penguins, but dances instead! Several neighborhood children joined us and decorated our parking lot with sidewalk chalk before the show! We served popcorn, ice pops and water, as well as provided penguin stickers to the kids (and adults too!). We have already started thinking about next year’s family friendly film, so if you have an idea, let Outreach know!

## THELMA BEEM SCHOLARSHIP

*Submitted by Steve Baker*

Several years ago Thelma Beem left a portion of her estate to Greenwood Presbyterian Church with the restriction that it be used "for the children". Over the years this money has funded many church activities and projects for children and youth as well as support for the church's outreach to the children of the community. Despite several expenditures over the years, the fund has continued to grow and currently exceeds the original gift amount.

In May of 2021, the church established a scholarship program using money from the Thelma Beem Fund to provide assistance for young people from the church as they pursue post-secondary education. For complete guidelines, see Steve Baker, but as a summary:

- Must be under 21
- Maintain full-time status
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Parent or Guardian is a member of (or regularly attends) GPC
- Any post-secondary education (including vocational school or apprenticeship)
- Renewable up to 8 semesters (4 years)

Currently the scholarship is for \$2,000 per semester and the deadline to apply is June 30th. Applicants will be advised if approved for the scholarship and acceptance forms will be due July 31st. Funds will then be deposited into the student's account at their educational institution. If you know someone who may qualify for this scholarship, please see Steve Baker for an application.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker*

Liaison for BSA Troop #266

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are

Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ There are NO Meetings in June.
- ❖ 6/3 Saturday – Philmont Practice Hike @ Brown County State Park – Leave Church @ 8:00 am
- ❖ **6/10 through 6/24 is the big Philmont Scout Reservation Adventure Trip in New Mexico!**
- ❖ 6/26 Monday - Adult Committee Meeting at GPC - Time @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS #266–Meetings are every Thursday at 6 pm until 7 pm except the 4th Thursday go until 8:30

- ❖ All other Activities with the Cub Scouts, See Scout Leaders for more information.

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Please see or call the Brownies Leaders for more Activities for the month.

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Scout Leaders or the Church Office.

## CELEBRATING JUDY COOK

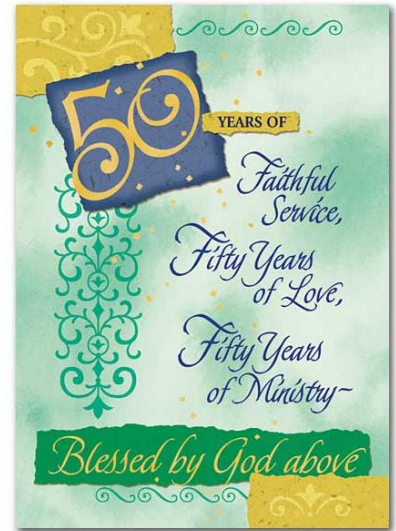
From Mid-Week Memo

Deacons will be hosting a **SURPRISE** reception for Judy Cook in celebration of the 50th anniversary of her Ordination.

**Where** – University Heights Convalescent Center  
1380 County Line Rd. South  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

**When** – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

(There is a Poster in the Narthex for you to sign)



## THE LITTLE MERMAID

Submitted by Will Scharfenberger



In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World. Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above, bargaining with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems, and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends, Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull, and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea.

Directed by Craig Underwood and **music-directed by Will Scharfenberger**, the cast of nearly 50, includes both children and adults from Wayne Township and the Greater Indianapolis area (**including Will's niece, Sophia!**)

The show runs weekends from June 16-25. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday Matinees are at 2:00pm. All shows are held in the Ben Davis Theatre, 1200 N. Girls School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46214, DOOR 2. Admission for Wayne Township Students is FREE. All other tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors 60+, Non-Wayne Students \$8.

## NEW PLAYGROUND

Submitted by Lauren Underwood

It is finally here! Our new playground equipment has arrived! We now must put it together....yikes! We will be having an assembly day on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am. Myself and a couple of my set-building theater friends will be in attendance, but any and all who "have tools, will travel" are welcome and appreciated. Everything I have read regarding assembly says two people can put it up in two days, so with enough help, I am sure we can do it in one! There are A LOT of parts, so the first step will be organization before we even start building. There are different sections, so I will have a list of how can we divide and conquer!



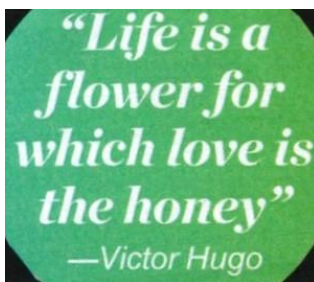
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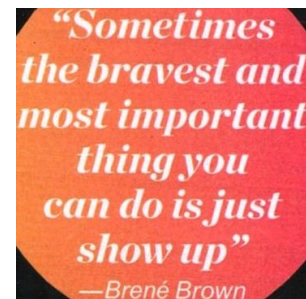
CONGRATULATIONS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-SERVERS:

The Spring Fling has always been a very special occasion, but, this year's must have been an even extra "extravaganza". According to all reports, and seeing the program and "Goodie" bag, it must have been fantastic. Kudos!!

Fran M.



Submitted by Fran Mitchell



*In the words of St. Teresa of Avila:*

Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today.

He has no feet, but our feet to help one another walk along this journey of life and to do his will.

He calls us daily to be the face of Christ to one another.

## **ORIGINS OF FATHER'S DAY**

Written By Graham McDonald and Submitted by Lauren Underwood



**In 1909, a couple named John and Sonora Dodd attended the Mother's Day service at their church in Spokane, Washington, USA.**

As Sonora listened to the sermon, and heard the virtues of mothers and motherhood from the Bible, her mind went back to her childhood. She thought how important fathers are in raising children, and she thought of the notion of Father's Day. Sonora's father William, a Civil War veteran, lost his wife as she gave birth to a sixth child. Sonora was only sixteen at the time, the eldest, and much of the role to raise her five brothers fell on her shoulders. Through the difficult years following her mother's death Sonora watched her father care for the six children with love and devotion and saw him make sacrifices in order to give them all better lives.

After sitting through that Mother's Day service, Sonora felt inspired to campaign for equal recognition of fathers. So, in 1910 she approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) to establish Father's Day as a holiday in the same fashion as Mother's Day. Due to the support of these organizations, and Sonora's dedication to the cause, the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910.

Sonora's Father's Day concept started gaining attention when it was reported on in the June 6, 1910 edition of the *Spokane Chronicle*. The article quoted from Sonora's petition: "A Fathers' Day would call attention to such constructive teachings from the pulpit as would naturally point out;

- The father's place in the home
- The training of children
- The safeguarding of the marriage tie
- The protection of womanhood and childhood

"The meaning of this, whether in the light of religion or of patriotism, is so apparent as to need no argument in behalf of such a day."

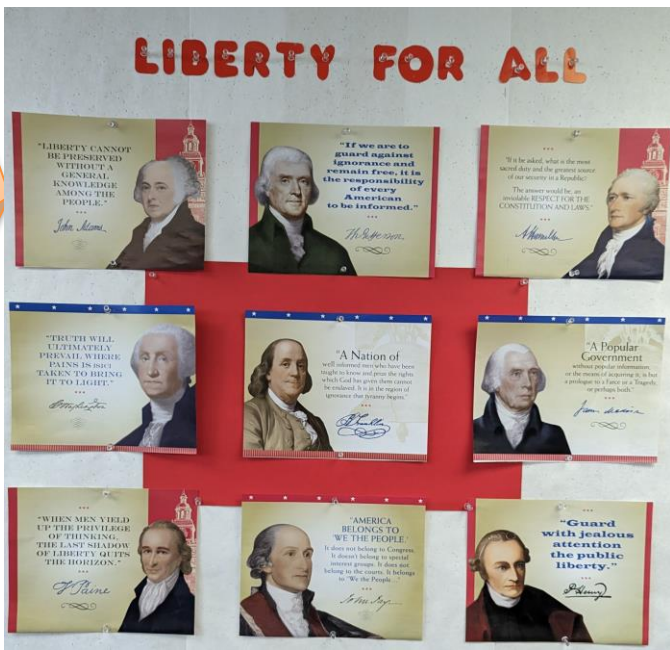
Sonora was advocating for the day to be celebrated on the first Sunday in June, which was close to her father's birthday. However, that didn't allow pastors enough time to prepare for their services, so the first Father's Day was pushed back to the third Sunday in June. Local businesses that had already profited from the Mother's Day celebration started taking out newspaper ads with a Father's Day theme. Many trade groups that would benefit most, for example manufacturers of ties, belts and braces, helped Sonora to receive national coverage for Father's Day. The powerful New York Associated Menswear Retailers founded the Father's Day Council to help Sonora.

President Woodrow Wilson approved Father's Day in 1916, and then in 1919, when Sonora's father William Smart – the man who inspired the holiday – died, Father's Day had become a popular occasion celebrated across the United States of America.

In 1966 after forty years of Sonora campaigning and advertising for the holiday, President Lyndon Johnson signed a Presidential Proclamation that decided the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in the United States. It was in 1972 when real success was found as President Richard Nixon declared Father's Day as a 'permanent national observance.'

**Sonora Dodd's efforts to celebrate and promote Fathers' Day were a practical expression of the Bible's mandate to 'Honor your Father and your Mother'.**

**Bulletin Boards  
by Eleanor**



**Recipe of the Month**

PINEAPPLE TEXAS SHEET CAKE

2 eggs, well beaten	1 tsp. vanilla
2 C. sugar	20 oz. can crushed pineapple in heavy syrup
2 C. flour	1/2 C. chopped nuts
1/4 tsp. salt	
2 tsp. soda	

Mix well all ingredients well & pour into a greased & floured sheet cake pan. Bake at 350 degree about 25 min.

ICING

8 oz, pkg. cream cheese, softened	2 C. powdered sugar
1/2 stick oleo/ butter, softened	1 tsp. vanilla
	1/2 C. chopped nuts

Beat well & spread on hot cake. Enjoy.



SUMMER

The lazy, hazy days of summer  
are just around the bend.  
And so, today, I say to you my friend:  
I scream, You scream,  
we all scream for ice cream!  
Remember the days  
of the hand cranked freezer?  
'Cause if you do,  
it proves you're an old "geezer".  
Baskin Robbin's, nor Ritter's, too,  
can't match the taste  
of that creamy delight--  
That took it so long to get just right.  
I think of it fondly,  
but remember the work.  
So, think I'll just run down to the store  
and pay a nice clerk! Enjoy!  
Fran M.



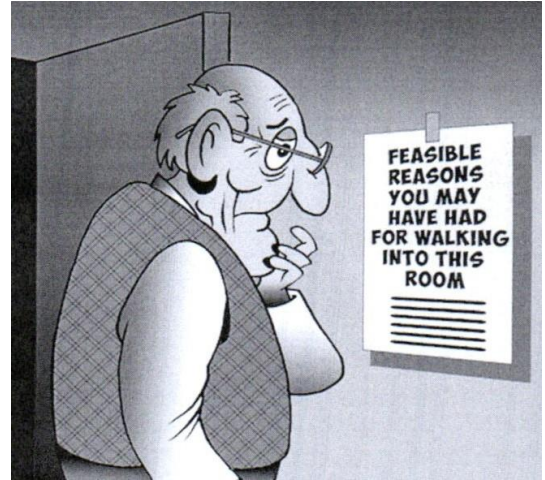
Submitted by Fran Mitchell

## JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Lauren Underwood and Fran Mitchell



"An intruder will be pretty surprised when he meets my pit bull, Jesus."



### Negotiation 101

Tanya walks into her boss's office and says, "Ma'am, I know things are going well, but three companies have contacted me recently. I would like a raise." To her surprise, her boss agrees. After debating the amount for a while, Tanya is able to negotiate a 5% raise. Just as Tanya gets up to leave, her boss asks, "What companies contacted you?" Tanya smiles and says, "The cable, electric and water companies."

### Pedal to the metal

A police officer pulls over a car pattering along on the highway at 22 miles an hour. He tells the driver, "Ma'am, driving significantly slower than the speed limit is a danger." "But I was doing the speed limit: 22 miles an hour!" she says. So he explains that 22 is the road number, not the speed limit, then adds, "Is everyone okay? Your passengers seem shaken." She replies, "Oh, they'll be fine. They just need a minute. We just got off Route 119!"



## BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE

- 5 Donna Andres
- 9 Judy Cook
- 12 Susan Hardin
- 15 Judy Lovejoy
- 21 Rachel Jewell
- Judy Spencer
- Jan Neimeyer
- 26 Rita Kistner

### JULY

- 6 Carol Paquette
- Gail Rozkydol
- 7 Ebbie Crawford
- 8 Bev Fiandt
- 13 Kathy Johnson
- 14 Lindsey Zeigler
- 21 Corey Davis
- 24 Gary Vandergriff
- 26 Betty Price
- 28 Birgit Kreck
- Barb Malasics



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