



Newsletter June 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

For many folks summer is a time of rest and reevaluation. What is most important in my life? What direction is my life headed? I came across this story some time ago that may help us in our reflections.

A businessman visiting the pier of a coastal village in Mexico noticed a small boat with just one fisherman pulling up to the dock. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. He complimented the fisherman on the fish & asked how long it took to catch them. "Only a little while," the fisherman replied. "Why didn't you stay out longer & catch more fish?" "I have enough to support my family's needs." The businessman then asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?" The fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a siesta with my wife, & stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine & play guitar with my friends. I have a full and busy life."

The businessman said, "I am an MBA & could help you. You should spend more time fishing & with the proceeds buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats & eventually have a whole fleet of boats. You would cut out the middleman & sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, & distribution. You would need to leave this small village & move to Mexico City, then Los Angeles, & eventually New York City where you would run your expanding enterprise." The fisherman asked, "But, how long will all this take?" The MBA replied, "15 to 20 years." "But what then?" the fisherman asked. The American laughed & said, "That's the best part. When the time is right, you would announce an initial public offering & sell your company stock to the public & become very rich; you would make millions." "Millions?" the fisherman asked. "Then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire & move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take a siesta with your wife, & stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine & play guitar with your friends."

The story makes one think.

God's peace be with you,

Larry

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

Memorial Day has passed, the day we honor our veterans. Saw a bumper sticker which said, 'If you can read this, thank a teacher; if you can read it in English, thank a veteran.' How true!!! Memorial Day also inaugurates the unofficial first day of summer. Atmospherically, our first day of summer is June 21, the day when the earth receives the direct rays from the sun and is our longest day of the year. We receive 15 hours of daylight and 9 hours of darkness (in our latitude). It is also the time when your session recesses for the summer. This does NOT mean your session does nothing, far from it!

The four standing committees of the session, Christian Education, David Mowry, Chair, Carri McCandlish and Corey Riley; Mission, Judy Tuner, Chair, Tracy Embrey, and Dee Mowry; Operations, Sue Henwood, Chair, Gene McCandlish, and George Shreyer; and Service, Cinda Keller, Chair, Linda Shreyer and Sally Spangler are busy continuing the work of the church.

C. E. is busy planning the Community Vacation Bible School and Community Play dates and planning curriculum.

Mission is planning for snacks at the Bremen Swimming Pool and planning an evening presentation of a video sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Organization concerning the situation in Gaza. Chair Judy is also our Commissioner to Scioto Valley Presbytery.

The Operations Committee which oversees the physical needs of the church is a very busy committee maintaining the church property. You have probably noticed work in the church parking lot, up-dates on the church elevator and the air conditioning system, and new railing will be installed at the 'Sunday School Door' entrance along with other improvements.

The Service Committee will assist with the VBS food, the Community Play Dates program, will be involved with the Presbyterian Women's Program mentioned in the Mission Committee, and will serve at the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce June lunch meeting on June 27. This committee is also responsible for our Sunday services, pulpit supply, communion observances, music, physical appearance of the sanctuary, etc.

Any immediate and or pressing business may be handled by the Church Council which consists of the chairs of the four standing committees, the clerk of session and the moderator. We also have the option of an 'e-mail' vote whereby the session may vote by e-mail (with-in a 24-hour period).

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner

VBS is Sunday, June 9 -13: There will be a light meal at 6pm. VBS starts at 6:30 pm and goes through 8:30 pm. It is for ages 3 (potty trained) through completion of 6th grade. Middle school kids and older are welcome to be helpers. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE TREASUER: Kathy Mowry

There are currently 11 households participating in our Kroger Community Rewards. For the quarter of February through April, we received \$42.29. The session has designated the income to the **Breakfast to Go** program.

Please mark your calendars for the **2024 Community Play Dates Saturdays: June 8, July 13 and August 10; 10:00 am -11:30 am**. Plans are under way for our 1st ever Community Play Dates! Our grounds will be open to the community for activities and refreshments. This will be an opportunity for our church family to connect with our community in an informal setting. ***We will need everyone's help*** (from moving tables and chairs to the parking lot, to helping with kids' games and making the adults feel welcome) to make this happen. Watch for sign-up sheets on the back table of the Sanctuary.

There is a flyer on the back of this newsletter. Please share it with friends, family and neighbors. Additional copies are available on the back table in the Sanctuary.

For more information *or to be the first volunteer (!)* contact Kathy Mowry at (740-503-8945) or any of the Session committee chairs.

Calendar of Events

Jun 2nd - Church's Summer Time Schedule Begins – Church Service will begin at 10 am.

Jun 16th – Happy Father's Day

Jun 20th – Summer Begins

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jun 1st – Dean and Judy Ackerman

Jun 14th – Sally Spangler

Jun 15th – Jon Schmidt

Jun 24th – Katie Cullumber

Jun 25th – AJ Ray

Jun 26th – Elizabeth Henwood

Jun 27th – Don Spangler



Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.

June Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

Jun 2nd – Sharon Ankrom: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher

Tom Ankrom: Communion Server & Usher

Jun 9th – Susan Henwood: Lay Reader

Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Jun 16th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader & Usher

Jane Griffith: Usher

Jun 23rd – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher

Cinda Keller: Usher

Jun 30th – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader & Usher

Cindy Cullumber: Usher

Kids' Section

Dads in the Bible – Match Dads with their Sons

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| Dads | Sons |
| _____ 1. Abraham | A. Gideon |
| _____ 2. Isaac | B. Samson |
| _____ 3. Jacob | C. David |
| _____ 4. Elkanah | D. Joseph |
| _____ 5. Moses | E. Esau |
| _____ 6. Manoah | F. John the Baptist |
| _____ 7. Joash | G. Samuel |
| _____ 8. David | H. Obed |
| _____ 9. Jesse | I. Shem |
| _____ 10. Zacharias | J. Isaac |
| _____ 11. Noah | K. Gershom |
| _____ 12. Boaz | L. Solomon |



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FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

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DAD

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CHILDREN

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FOR

2024 Community Play Date(s)

Second Saturday of June, July & August

June 8 July 13 August 10

10-11:30am

Coffee, Juice & Donuts

For the adults

Snacks & Beverages for children*

***Children MUST be accompanied by a parent, babysitter
or responsible adult**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: outdoor games, crafts, Hula Hoops, jump ropes,
bubbles, chalk drawing & craft table with professional staffer!

June 8: Coupons for children & students for a free ice cream cone at
the Bremen Drive In.

July 13: Magic Show by “The Magic of Believe”.

August 10: Enjoy complimentary Kona Ice.

ALL COMPLIMENTARY
FREE – FREE – FREE – FREE

