### News, Notes and Revelations from St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ

June 2021

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### From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I begin this message with praise and thanks to God for the healing He has provided to me.

I definitely want to start off too with a very sincere "THANK YOU" to all who offered prayers, sent cards and gift cards, called, visited and brought food. Plus, a very loving "THANK YOU" to Steph Frey for coming to my rescue! Many of you know the story, but for those who don't, let me just say that my plans for a post-surgery care giver got derailed. My surgery was scheduled for Friday, April 16, and on the day before, Jeri was commenting about abdominal discomfort. So, late in the afternoon he said he wanted to go to the emergency room. I was uncomfortable with this because of COVID and other germs, but we went about 7:00 p.m. By 1:15 a.m. after Jeri was moved to a room nearby the emergency room area, he was told they were going to keep him. So, all my plans were changed. At least I could drive myself in for my surgery on Friday and then the car would be there for Jeri to take me home. Well, that got blown out of the water too because Jeri stayed in the hospital until Wednesday, April 21. I was to be just overnight for my hospital stay. I did my darndest to try to stay till Sunday, but it didn't work. So, I was texting a few people trying to see if anyone would be available to stay with me Saturday night. Nelson was lined up to drive my car, and me, to the house and Marti followed in their car. (I had forgotten to take Jeri's cell phone to the hospital on Friday so Nelson took it back to Jeri's room so he could at least make calls to let others know he was in the hospital.) Now, as I said earlier, Steph came to my rescue and stayed with me Saturday night till Sunday afternoon. Sandy Innerst came to sit with me through early evening and Janie Montgomery offered to come stay Sunday night. But, I said "Let me give it a try to stay by myself and see how it goes." It went very well! The road to recovery with this neck surgery was not nearly as painful and restricting as the first. I did have pain in the mid back muscles for a while, but after about three weeks, even that became tolerable. I am about 95% back. I won't say 100% because after sweeping the deck and front porch Tuesday of this week, I was hurting so I know I have to still watch what I do.

I definitely have felt the power of prayer in this time of recovery. And, I know many of you have felt the power of prayer in situations you may have encountered. How awesome it is for us to see that especially in our times of need, our God is with us. He gives us strength. He gives us comfort. He gives us peace of mind.

As I prepared to be alone that Sunday evening, I thought about the possibility of falling or of something happening from which I could not help myself, so with peace of mind, I decided to unlock the front doors. I also kept my cell phone with me at all times so that if I needed help, I would call 911 and the responders would have access. Praise God, I never had need of their help. But, the doors were unlocked and I never feared someone breaking in.

That Sunday night too, I had a lot of unrest trying to go to sleep on the loveseat. I had reclined as far back as I could, but I was so restless that by 2:00 a.m. I was very fidgety. I opted to go back to the bedroom. When I first laid down the room spun a bit, but I was soon able to fall asleep and get a pretty good night's rest. PRAISE GOD!!!

I have over the years repeatedly focused messages to look at life and see the hand of God in whatever it is we are encountering and/or facing. I definitely had the hand of God leading me throughout this surgery and the recovery process!!! My hope is that we all are aware of God being with us and giving us everything we need for the facing of each and every day!

GOD BLESS in every way!!!

With love, Pastor Lou Ann



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in JUNE**

June 6 – Pentecost 2

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon "The Family of Jesus"

June 13 – Pentecost 3

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon "Kingdom Parables"

June 20 - Pentecost 4, Father's Day

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon "Stilling the Storms of Life"

June 27 – Pentecost 5

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon "The Healing Power of Jesus"



June 6 - Nelson & Marti Leader July 18 - Becky Wilcox

June 13 - Down Home July 25 - Linda Viscount

June 20 - Pastor Lou Ann August 1 - New Life for Girls

June 27 - Hillbilly Heaven August 8 - Dennis Kohler

July 4 - Pastor Lou Ann August 15 - Priscilla Pettyjohn

July 11 - Joyce Horning August 22 - Chuck Miller

August 29 - Josh Bishop

### <u>JUNE</u> BIRTHDAYS



May God

Bless You On

Your

Birthday!

- 1. Debbie Boyd
- 2. Jenna Woerner
- 3. Michael Barley
- 9. Matthew Boyd Chase Morton Sandy Brown
- 10. David Cress
- 13. Aria Shane
  Joseph Klyeman
- 14. Gaeton Contino
- 15. Dolores Barley Richard Forbes
- 18. Mike Axe
- 20. Ida Michael
- 22. Sharon Criswell Gunther Knickel
- 23. Ashlyn Innerst
- 24 Wyatt Myers
- 25. Sandy Innerst
- 26. Carol Gingerich

  Jeremiah Rayhart

### **CELEBRATING JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

June 3 - Keith & Beth Markey - 49 years

June 5 - Kimberly & Tracey Dilling - 8 years

June 13 - Patrick and Erin Michaels - 12 years

June 18 - Doug & Linda King - 56 years

June 19 - David and Maranda Morton - 22 years

June 20 - Carl and Sharon Criswell - 51 years

June 22 - Tarrence and Sandra Ness - 25 years

June 25 - Sterling and Debra Boyd - 15 years

June 28 - James and Jean McDowell - 52 years

### FINANCIAL REPORT

### **Undesignated General Fund**

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2021	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$8,700.59	\$8,680.74	\$0.47	\$269.88	\$1,645.35	\$1,826.80
February	\$7,297.86	\$10,776.85	\$0.48	\$311.54	\$0.35	\$10,906.97
March	\$12,966.59	\$15,290.39	\$0.41	\$514.91	\$500.20	\$3,166.46
April	\$10,456.00	\$11,584.36	\$0.43	\$225.92	\$0.18	\$2,351.48
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$39,421.04	\$46,332.34	\$1.79	\$1,322.25	\$2,146.08	\$18,251.71

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ May 1, 2021

\$5,179.27

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ May 1, 2021

(Includes \$61,806.10 Endowment)

\$79,093.45

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ May 1, 2021

(Includes \$893,768.72 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation. Transferred \$15,000 from Foundation to People's Bank in January)

\$898,055.12

### Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2021

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	#		Total	Monthly		Available	
	Familie	S	<b>\$\$\$</b>	Donations		Balance	
Beginning						\$	651.73
January	1	\$	50.00	\$	21.47	\$	623.29
February							
March	2	\$	136.75	\$	79.00	\$	565.45
April	1	\$	79.00	\$	45.00	\$	531.45
May							
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							

**Total** 4 \$ 265.75 \$ 145.47

### <u>REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS</u>

Peggy Luckenbaugh

Room 704B Colonial Manor Nursing Home 970 Colonial Avenue York, PA 17403

Linda Trone

Room 700
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



Keeping in our prayers
Dolores Barley
Nancy Taylor
Friends battling cancer
Covid 19 patients



A1C Ness, Brandon 6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad Tucson, AZ 85756

CONCERTSERIES

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Last year we had to cancel our concert series because of the pandemic, but we are planning to start back up again this year. The concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM. In case of inclement weather, they will be moved indoors to the church. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Food will be available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets or sit at one of our picnic tables. Here is what we have scheduled so far:

JUNE 6 - HILLBILLY HEAVEN (Country)

June 27 - RED LION FELTON BAND (Marches/Concert band music)

**July 11 - COUNTRY CORE (Country)** 

**AUGUST 1 - SPRING GARDEN BAND** (Modern & traditional concert band music)

August 22 - TIMELESS (50's and 60's rock and roll)

**SEPTEMBER 5 - DOWN HOME COUNTRY SINGERS (Country)** 

**SEPTEMBER 26 - FIRST CAPITAL BRASS (Brass ensemble)** 

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Meet Our Graduates

### **Dallastown Area High School**

**Hannah Leader**, daughter of Brad and Michele Leader, will receive her high school diploma on June 8. This summer she will be working at Small Steps Day Care and in the fall will be studying early childhood education at HACC. After obtaining her degree, Hannah hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

Mark Morton, son of Dave and Mandy Morton, will also receive his high school diploma on June 8. While in high school, he was a member of the STEM club, a National Merit Scholar Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Mark

plans to attend Wichita State University, majoring in aerospace engineering.

### Indiana State University, Bloomington Indiana

**Josh Bishop**, son of Stefan and Arlene Giese and grandson of Ed and Judy Bishop, graduated with a Masters degree in Performance Music from the Jacobs School of Music on May 7.

We congratulate these graduates upon the completion of their studies and wish them well as they begin the next phase of their lives.

Historically Book Clubs began as reading circles when women, excluded from universities and other intellectual endeavors, formed these circles to delve into who they were

and what they wanted to do. Discussions went beyond their books into social concerns.

As time progressed, Book Clubs became a safe place where women found support through difficult times. Our Women's Book Club gives women a chance share the book they're reading and to receive needed support from friends. Come join us. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 11:00. We have changed the venue to Lions Pride Restaurant. If you need a lift or have questions, let Ginny Weber know.

Our church has regularly supported Andy Stump, a Dallastown native, who



has been a missionary in Haiti for many years. This newsletter includes an article written by Andy that we hope will help you better understand his mission.

Andy will be home for a visit some time this summer. While in the area, he will be giving concerts to raise money for his work in Haiti. We have invited him to add our church to his schedule. He has given concerts here in the past and they have always been very enjoyable. Andy doesn't yet know the exact times he will be in PA. When those arrangements are made, we will set a date for his concert. Please watch future bulletins and newsletters for updates.

### **MEN'S GROUP**

Our Men's Group will next meet on Tuesday, June 8, at

7:00 PM at the church. All men are welcome to attend and also bring a friend.

### SISTERS OF SERVICE

SOS will hold their next meeting on Monday, June 28, at 6:30 PM at the church. We will continue to make plans for a "mini" bazaar on November 13.



Our third chicken BBQ of the season will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter all for \$9.00. If you would like to place an order, please call the church office at 244-0655. We sold out early last month and nearly every month last summer, so to be guaranteed a dinner, it is best to pre-order. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru October.

We are also planning to set up a bake sale table and would welcome donations of homemade cookies, rice krispie treats, cupcakes, candy, etc. Please put individual portions in baggies or plastic wrap. They may be dropped off at the church the day before or the morning of the BBO. Thank you.

## MISSIONARIES GO THERE

I am a **missionary**. Missionaries go there. We leave "here" to work with people who are "there". We go because they can never come to us. The people I see night and day in Haiti will never be able to follow me to Pennsylvania. They will never once spend a Christmas holiday with me in the USA, or a summer vacation, or a weekend, or even an evening. Where they are is where they will be.

There is no price my friends can pay. There is no lottery they could ever win that would open the door for them to come to me. Exchange programs and other possibilities do exist on paper, but I have a better chance of becoming an NFL offensive-line coach than most Haitians have of qualifying for a chance to legally leave the **island**. Those who do "make it out" of Haiti by hook or crook often live in hiding wherever they land.

In Haiti, I can eat and drink with the people to whom I minister. I can play with them....there. I can teach them...there. I can learn from them...there. I can live and die with them there also, but I **can't come home** with them. I can't leave Haiti with them. So, because they are there, I will be there, too...with them.

In a marriage ceremony, people say things like: 'I will be where you are...good, bad, happy, sad...me with you...together.' When a missionary goes to the field, it is the same thing: 'I choose to be here with you.'

God gave us that example, in Jesus Christ. He "went there" because we could not make it to him. He came and called His bride. He lived down here. He **pitched His tent** with us. That has got to be one the greatest images of all time. Emmanuel – God with us! After climbing the tree on Calvary to pay the price for His bride, He prepares a place for her and will return to take her with Him. Hebrew weddings followed that pattern. God's salvation is the real Marriage to which all marriages point.

You cannot get around the fact that Jesus came to us. **He came here**. That changes everything. That changed me. That changed what I did with my life. I am a missionary because it's not about where we are. It's about who we are.

In Christ, there is no longer "here" and "there".

In Christ, there is no longer "rich" and "poor".

Every missionary is sent. Thank you for sending me.

Thank you for being a part of the work that happens every day here in a tiny coastal village. With your help, we are presenting Christ in a rural Haitian community...one lesson at a time.

Andy Stump - Missionary



### EMMANUEL'S CLOSET June 2021

### Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:

Lots of tomato products:

Tomato sauce

**Diced tomatoes** 

**Crushed tomatoes** 

**Tomato paste** 

**Stewed tomatoes** 

Spaghetti sauce

Spaghetti noodles

Tuna/Hamburger/Chicken Helper Pizza/Taco kits



### **E.C.** Continuing Needs

Juice

Cereal/Oatmeal

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Pancake Mix

Spaghetti Sauce

**Boxed Dry Pastas** 

Helper Meals

**Dessert Items** 

**Condiment Items** 

Canned Tuna/Meats

Canned Fruit/Vegetables

Soap

Shampoo

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Dish Washing Liquid

Laundry Detergent

All-Purpose Cleaners

### Please, NO Expired Food Items

Our clothing and household room remains closed until further notice. Hopefully, we will be able to re-open again later in 2021.

THANKS FOR CARING!



Let this moment be enough, child. Let all the moments, one by one, be enough. Wring the riches out of each and every one. Enjoy the rich full life of contentment, not stubbing your toe on the past, or flinging yourself into the future. Stay right here now with Me, and be thankful. Pamela Steinke

#### **FATHERS**

"Fathers are those who give daughters away to young men who are not qualified to receive them, but who then produce the smartest grandchildren in the world."

**Paul Harvey** 

#### **GRANDFATHERS**

Grandfathers are a special breed Of kinfolk, all their own. They love you and hug you, And spoil you to death. And then, they send you home.

by Joyce C. Lock



What I'd give, if I could say "Hello Dad" in the same old way. To hear his voice and see his smile, to sit with him and chat for a while. So if your father is still here, cherish him with care, for you'll never know the heartache until you see his empty chair.

You're so hard on yourself. But remember, everybody has a chapter they don't read out loud. Take a moment. Sit back. Marvel at your life; at the mistakes that gave you wisdom, at the suffering that gave you strength. Despite everything, you still move forward, be proud of this. Continue to endure. Continue to persevere. And remember, no matter how dark it gets, the sun will rise again.



#### **BUT WHAT'S MY PURPOSE**

"What is my purpose in life?" I asked the void. "What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?" said the voice. "Or when you paid for that young couple in that restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"

"Your problem is that you equate purpose with goalbased achievement. God isn't interested in your achievements... just your heart. When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose. No need to look any further."

From ~ Note to Self ~ Tao & Zen

WHAT'S THE DIFFERNCE BETWEEN **BIRD FLU AND SWINE FLU? ONE REQUIRES TWEETMENT AND** 

THE OTHER REQUIRES OINKMENT

#### **HONKING THE HORN**

I tried not to honk my horn. Really. Because I knew if I did, it would send out a wave of impatience and unkindness that would ripple further than I would ever want it to. But the left turn arrow had been green for a while and the car at the head of the line hadn't moved. I was four cars back and I really wanted to make the light because...well, you can insert here the rationalizations I was making on your own...because I honked the horn.

But as I stepped on the gas to get through the intersection, I was struck by a horrible thought: what if God honked the horn every time we messed up? How stupid would I have felt if God had pointed out to everyone within earshot that I had lost my patience? Of course, He didn't have to, because I'd already made that apparent to those around me! But I was so grateful to realize that our Lord watches us err in deep, quiet, gracious silence. And He forgives us before we're done saying "I'm sorry." He forgives quietly, no matter how many times we are "repeat offenders." Thank you, Lord, for not honking the horn when I doze off!

Lisa Bowman

#### **GROWING IN SALVATION**

Are a bride and groom ever more married than they are the first day? The vows are made, the certificate signed—could they be any more married than that? Imagine fifty years later. They finish each other's sentences, order each other's food. They even start looking alike, a thought which troubles my wife Denalyn deeply. Wouldn't they be more married on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary than on their wedding day?

Marriage is both a done deal and a daily development. The same is true of our walk with God. Can you be more saved than you were the first day of your salvation? No, but can a person grow in salvation? Absolutely. Like marriage, it's a done deal and a daily development. Be secure in your salvation. And, at the same time, grow in your salvation.

**Max Lucado** 

May the light always find you on a dreary day;
When you need to get home,
may you find your way.
May you always have courage
to take a chance,
and may you never find frogs
in your underpants.



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### GOD DOESN"T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU. EVERYTHING YOU HAVE IS ALREADY HIS!

Parents save their kids lives at least once a week until they're teenagers. They keep them from running into streets after the ball that got away. They pull their hands away from the hot stove top. They invest in floaties, driver's education classes and bicycle helmets.

I think God has been like our parents in the ways He's sustained us. It hasn't always been obvious to us because He's done it so consistently for so long we just assume that's how the world works. We can live our lives believing we've provided for ourselves through hard work and personal sacrifices. But this is only because we haven't seen the ways He's guided us toward life when we went bounding toward danger. We didn't see Him behind the person who stepped in to take our hand when we were on the verge of giving up altogether. It's easy to forget He breathed life into us in the first place, and He holds us together when we would have otherwise fallen apart.

At every point, whether we've known it or not, God has protected us and sustained us. Our good behavior didn't earn it, and our failures haven't ruined it. When we get puffed up with pride about what we've accomplished, let's stop for a moment and give credit where it's due. If you are financially secure, that's God's provision. If you're fit as a fiddle, that's God's mercy. If your marriage is thriving, that's God's love. We wake up to new days, we take our next breath, we dream some dreams because of God's grace.

We did nothing to earn any of his.

God doesn't want anything from you, because everything you have is already His. If you want to dazzle Him, give Him thanks by sharing what you've been given. Freely, with gratitude. No strings attached.

**Bob Goff** 

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10 NIV)
The original Hebrew root of 'Be still' doesn't mean "be quiet"; it means "let go." Let go and know that I am God!
Let go of trying to control your spouse! Let go of your worry about your finances!
Let go of your unforgiveness!
Let go of your past! Let go of what you can't control – and rest in the knowledge that God is in control.

Sheila Walsh



### RHYTHMS OF LIFE

In lieu of Women's Sunday, I will be sharing seven short articles about Rhythms of Life from the Fall 2020 <u>Magnolia Magazine</u>. The articles speak to the "unrhythmic" times we are facing now. Marti Leader gave me the "Rhythm" articles and asked if I could think of some way to share them with you. She said, "The articles seem so appropriate for us now. We need them." So...one article a week will appear in the church bulletin as an insert, as well as in the Newsletters. I hope you will read them during the quiet time in preparation for worship, or at home during your own quiet time. Thank you, Marti. (Ginny Weber)

### DANCING TO THE RHYTHM Article #6

Nature dances to a rhythm: In the way the sun rises and sets. In the birds' song at sunrise and in the crickets' chirp at sunset. In the way each season moves us along throughout the year...the annual cadence of a rainy April, giving way to a hot July, giving way to a crisp October, giving way to a cold January, and the thousands of little orchestras that follow the tempo of that grand symphony. The flowers move to the rhythm of the seasons: sprouting and budding and blooming and dying.

Humanity dances to a rhythm: in the holidays we celebrate and the order in which they come. Costumes and candy give way to turkey and football, which give way to carols and gifts wrapped under the tree. We find rhythm in our daily commute, in the voice of the radio DJ's morning report, in the stoplights and exits, in the pleasantries exchanged with the coffee shop barista. Rhythm comes with bodies that must be fed three times a day (give or take), with daily prayer and weekly meetings and monthly girls' nights and yearly Super Bowl games. We create bedtime rhythms: We bathe our kids, brush their teeth, read them a story, tuck them in, and sing a song.

There is peace in rhythm: There is security and predictability. Not a stagnant sort of predictability, just enough to make us feel like everything is going to be okay, just enough to give us something to look forward to. Because while there's a lot of rhythm, there's also a lot of chaos. There are unexpected bills to pay, relationships to maintain, natural disasters, an ongoing to-do list that will never be completely finished, flat tires, bad moods, burnt dinners. (sic.—the pandemic and all its adjustments)

BUT then there's the sun, rising again: And then there's our lungs, exhaling again. And then there's Thanksgiving, right around the corner. We'll take our afternoon coffee break. We'll say a prayer. We'll look up and see ducks flying south for the winter. We'll cross the next thing off our to-do list. We'll get a new winter coat. We'll plan a summer trip. We'll go for an evening walk.

And we'll tap our feet. We'll sway back and forth. We'll clap our hands. We'll lean into the rhythms of our lives because they give us a sense of place in our story, clueing us in to where we've been and where we might expect to go next, offering us familiarity in the midst of a chaotic world—like our lungs filling with air and then emptying themselves and filling up again, like the ocean tides and the morning cups of tea and the annual harvest festivals: We embrace the rhythm of the season, and we find peace in the way it moves us.

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### **Revelations for JUNE from "Bly Mire" Mouse**

It is June....ALREADY!!!! Oh my Goodness!!! I think this year is going so much faster than last year!!!! (I think everyone will agree because last year we were in stay-at-home this time of the year...getting some easing of the mandate but still far from full activity!)

I truly say that I am so thankful COVID is on the down swing!!! With so many getting vaccinated, we are hearing really good lowering numbers of new cases and deaths. Maybe, just maybe, we can enjoy some of our yearly traditions of family gatherings this year! I always enjoy our family reunion

(which we hold in the church picnic pavilion).....Oh, don't tell Joel because as a trustee, he may make us rent the pavilion!!! (I just won't give away the date!!) I will even brag that our little ones enjoy the reunions because they get an opportunity to play with cousins who live on the other side of town and because of the distance, they hardly see.

I know in last month's column, I shared about the health concerns of Pastor Lou Ann and Jeri. Pastor Lou Ann has healed very well and was back in the office after three weeks. She is leading worship and teaching Sunday School too. So, I am able to report that she does not have any pain and, while typing in the office, there is NO PAIN OR TINGLING down the arm. She is one happy camper. Jeri was given a change of diet and was told he will have to have surgery to correct a hernia, but he is back to full perk with leading the chicken bar-b-ques and operating the video program for Sunday worship. Things are pretty much back to normal for them....and also for the church. HUH??? How can things be normal??? Well, most of our worship attendees are vaccinated so we have told them that the wearing of masks is optional. If a person chooses to wear a mask throughout worship, that is perfectly fine. If they choose to not wear a mask, that is perfectly fine as well. We have also taken down the signs to not use certain pews. People may sit wherever they choose. (Of course, with the space that we have and the number of people in attendance, we can easily social distance if a person wants to do that.) And, we always have the overflow space in the gathering room as well as the televisions in three Sunday School rooms....Lots of opportunities to be safe!!!

I also hear that a number of people are planning trips since it is safer to do so. If you do plan a trip, Mire, the little ones, and I all hope you have a safe trip and a most enjoyable time! We all need that kind of "pick-me-up" after last year!!!

#### June's humor:

From the Church

Mouse

What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics!

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?

Nothing, it just waved.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

God Bless! And, with the holidays in June being Flag Day and Father's Day, my hope is you fly the flag with pride!

With our Love,
BLY and MIRE

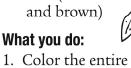


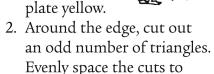


Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black)





form flower petals.

3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.

- 4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
- 5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
- 6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



### nundrums of creati

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this.	
Before using this, you must break it.	
This falls without getting hurt.	
This gets bigger the more you take away.	
This has an eye but cannot see.	

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the \_ \_ \_. It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun