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Join Us Each Week!

Worship @ 11:00 AM

Bible Study Sundays at 6pm

Exodus 19:3-6

" You have seen..., how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

It has been three months since the Israelites left Egypt and arrived at Mount Sinai, the mountain of the Lord. One of the important elements in the promises given to Moses was for him to confront Pharaoh; that he should lead, and that Israel would "worship God on their mountain" (Exodus3:12).

Now arrived at the mountain, Israel should remember the journey and how hard and life-threatening it was, made possible only with and by God. The journey was filled with enemies lurking behind. The Red Sea before them was an endless depth of waters. The desert was filled with scavengers. Israel experienced thirst, hunger, and nights filled with terrors. The whole journey was filled with valleys full of destruction. David remembered this event, that if it were not for God, enemies would have devoured Israel and crushed their lives (Psalm 124:1-3).

After a three months' journey God tells people to remember *"how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."* Israel should remember God's loving mercy because God's providence, compassion, and protection carried them along the journey.

When we reflect on our own experiences, we realize that it has been three months since the sheltering order was extended to halt the spread of the coronavirus. Three months in the lockdown. One way or another, we are all affected.

Unlike Israel, in this journey, we are all sheltered and only voyaging with thoughts, phones, and internet services. Yet, like Israel, the virus was lurking at our doors and threatening our lives. Many lost loved ones in this journey. Many lost jobs, faced hunger, and our way of life has been interrupted in this fight.

Now we see the green light shining from afar. Cases are slowing down, and doctors are seeing fewer COVID-19 patients. There is hope that our county could go green in the coming days. This is simply a sign of recovery; we still have a long way to go in this journey. We need to be cautious and practice guidelines as we are allowed to finally go out from sheltering.

Our Session is working and looking into some guidelines to follow when we resume our in-person worship services. Our Church committees will plan programs and activities while maintaining such guidelines when

approved. This will include recognizing graduates, those transitioning to Middle School from Primary School, etc.

Above all, we thank God for being with us thus far; thank you to you all, for being patient in my struggle with streaming and recorded sessions. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for continuing to support the Church by mailing in your tithes and offerings. Thank you to those who have access to our online service and for your donations to enhance our services and our ministries. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents to support our members and our community at large. Thank you to Session members, for giving your time to contact members and check on everyone during the tough time. I am humbled, I am blessed, and it is my pleasure to serve God with all of you. Thank you!

You are all in my prayers. I pray for God's protection, guidance, well-being, and the future of our Church. And even if it seems too soon to claim victory over this enemy, let us remember how God brought us this far on His mighty arms. It was the peace of God that filled our hearts and guarded our minds from fear as we practiced self-distancing and lived in lockdown. (Philippians 4:7)

Let us remember, God's compassion, providential care, and divine protection; sing with the psalmist and speak God's mercy:

O LORD my God, how great you are!

I will praise my God to my last breath!
 May all my thoughts be pleasing to him,
 for I rejoice in the LORD.

The earth trembles at his glance;
 the mountains smoke at his touch.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.
 I will praise my God to my last breath!
 May all my thoughts be pleasing to him,
 for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let all that I am praise the LORD!
 (PSALM 104:1-4, 24-34)

Pastor Owar

Happy Father's Day

THE FELLOWSHIP

A NEWSLETTER OF THE EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2020

What's Happening . . .



The Session of Ebensburg Presbyterian Church met on May 13th by Zoom. The opening study used the passage Exodus 33:13-19, about God and his promise to be present with his people.

The agenda was approved and the minutes from the April meeting were also approved. It was confirmed that all services until at least June 10th will be conducted on Facebook and Zoom. At that time session will determine whether to return to in-person worship or continue with online services.

The treasurer's report was received, and various committee reports followed.

Budget, Finance, Stewardship Committee had some good news during these trying times. The first is that our church received a payroll protection plan loan to help with salaries of our employees. The second was that the Presbyterian Board of Pensions granted a three-month waiver from paying the pension bill. Thanks to Kris Segear for all her hard work to make this happen.

The Discipleship Committee is working on plans to recognize any education graduates from our congregation. Please contact the office if you have a graduate in your family.

Mission shared donations of \$120 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$200 for the Ebensburg Food Pantry. Thanks to the Colver Crafters, Ebensburg United Methodist Church and members of our church making masks for those working in the school food program and local students and their families.

There was discussion about the Organ Restoration Committee making plans for the year.

The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee recommended continuing virtual worship to the end of May.

The Worship Committee thanks all of you who sent in pictures to set up in the sanctuary. If any of you still want to send pictures, we will get them set up.

Under Old Business a discussion was held about employee time. Following a discussion about opening, it was MSP to continue virtual worship until the next scheduled Session meeting on June 10th. All outside organization meetings are prohibited during this time.

New Business included information about a bill for the sidewalk project and a thank you note received from the local food pantry.

The Presbytery meeting was held by Zoom on Tuesday May 19th.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 10th.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.



REMEMBER!

Remember how God has carried you, you still had the suspicion that you were not completely alone.

Remember when someone you loved died. You wondered if you would ever stop crying, but God was holding you.

Remember when you needed a friend and God sent someone who loved you more than you deserved.

Remember that God was there when life was almost too much, when your job was suddenly ended, no food on the table, your doctor said it might be cancer, or the new virus.

Remember the times you were better than you knew how to be, God was with you.

Remember when you stumbled on to the right road for the wrong reasons, God was leading the way.

Remember how God has borne you on eagle' wings, inviting your past to shape your present.

The places, times, and events that were once present tense invite you to see that God is with you now.

The God of the past, present, and future is at work in you, with you, and through you!

(Adopted: Reflections—
Daily Devotional Guide)

Sunday Scripture Readings



June 7

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The Word and Spirit of God are present at the dawn of creation.

Psalm 8

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

A letter concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God.

Matthew 28:16–20

Jesus' Great Commission: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach.

June 14

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)

Three visitors promise Abraham and Sarah they will have a son.

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.

June 21

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8–21

Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God remains with them.

Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17

Be gracious to me, O God; save the child of your servant.

Romans 6:1b–11

Crucified with Jesus, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.

Matthew 10:24–39

Jesus says: Do not fear for your life; take up your cross and follow.

June 28

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1–14

Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Psalm 13

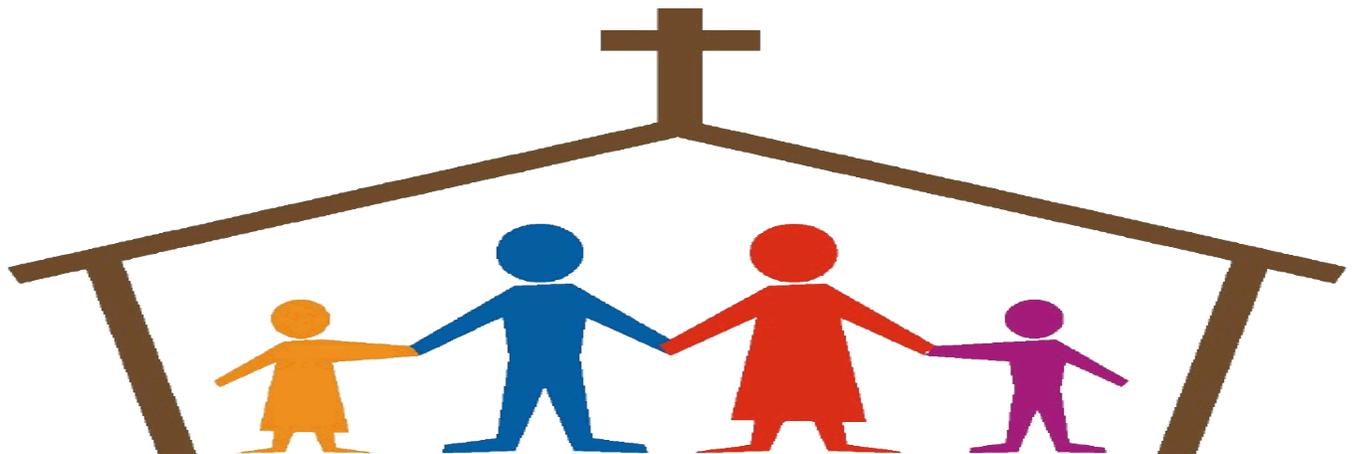
How long, O Lord? Still I trust in your steadfast love.

Romans 6:12–23

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life in Christ.

Matthew 10:40–42

Jesus sends disciples: whoever welcomes you welcomes me.



Presbytery of Redstone

*Communicate the Word...
Carry on the Work...
Change the World...Together!*

May Gathering Highlights

In a first of its kind, we met in distributed mode through videoconferencing. One side benefit of gathering through this medium was the inclusion of Redstone presbyters who now live in another part of the country.

The Presbytery recognized those elected to serve as commissioners to the upcoming General Assembly (Rev. Laura Blank, Bobbi Jo Huebner, Joshua Scully, Rev. Susan Blank). Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of commissioning of them for this calling.

Even before the pandemic, the Board of Pensions approved new options within the BOP offerings that include both short term disability and options for non-installed Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Additionally, he reviewed the option for requesting dues deferment as the result of financial hardship.

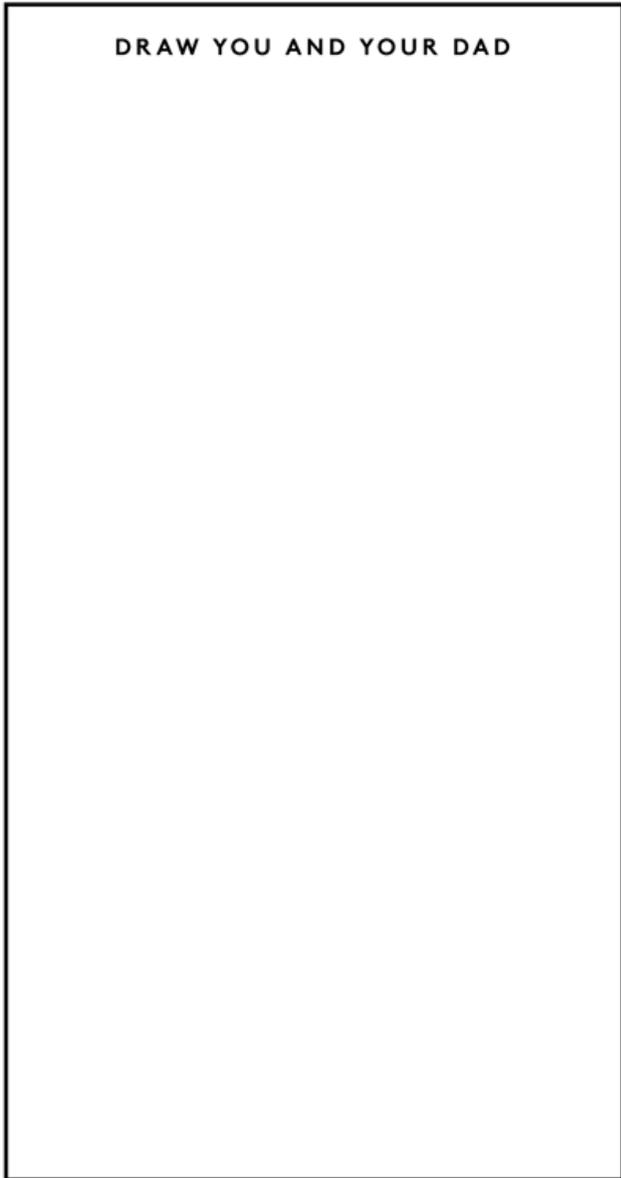
EP Skip Noftzger emphasized the need for wise and gracious decision making by leadership during this “blinking yellow” phase (“Pandemic Context Planning and Decision Making”). A tribute was presented giving thanks for all those pastors who have adapted so quickly to alternatives from in-person worship.

The Presbytery examined Rev. Brian Kilbert and approved his call to serve as Pastor of the Puckety Presbyterian Church, effective June 21.

Sadly, Pine Springs Camp Executive Greg Davis announced that the Board of Directors has suspended the summer camp program for 2020. Additional decision for the fall will be made at a later date.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

DRAW YOU AND YOUR DAD

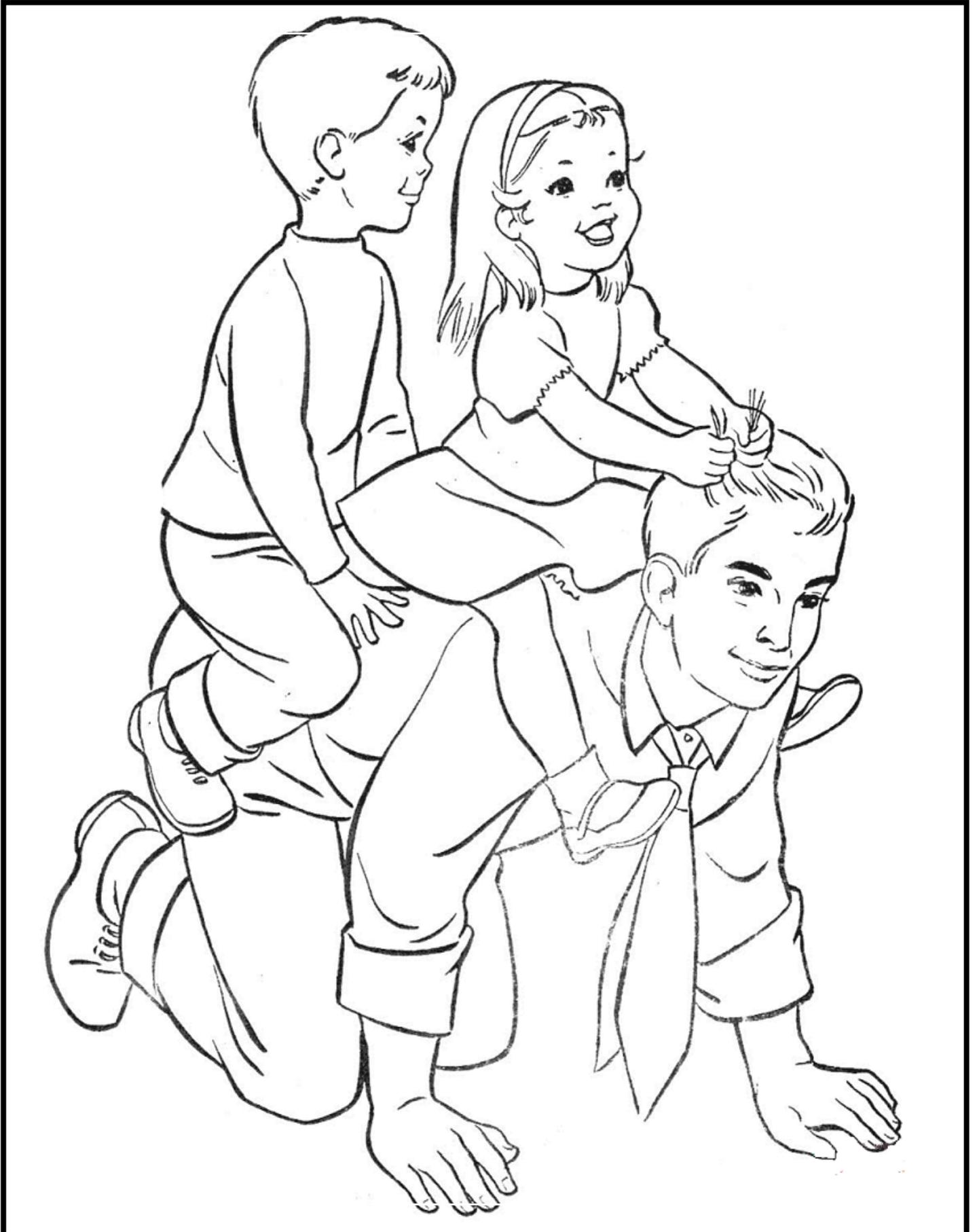


DRAW DAD'S FAVORITE FOOD



DRAW DAD'S
FAVORITE ACTIVITY





If you need to contact Rev. Owar Ojulu for any pastoral needs below is his contact information:

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Pine Springs Camp — Updated Information

The Pine Springs Camp will be closed for the 2020 Season. The Mission Committee will continue to support Pine Springs. Any additional donations received from the congregation designated for Pine Springs Camp will be sent through the Mission Committee.



Reminder!!

INFORMATION UPDATE

It is time to update the church records for 2020.

Please provide the following information for all members of your family.

Return the form to the church office or email your information to the church ebgpresby@gmail.com.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

Graduate Sunday

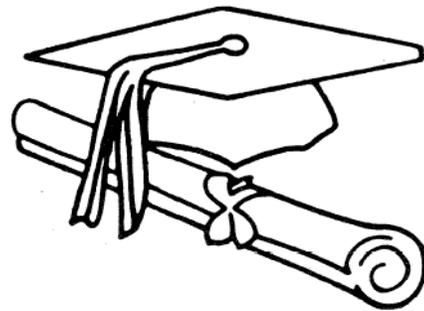
Graduate Sunday will be held when in-person worship services resume. If you know of a graduate to add to our list of honorees, please contact the church office. Graduates can be from kindergarten, elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, high school and college.

If you have a graduate in your family, please include bio. information for that graduate.

Please submit information to church office by June 8th.

Thank you.

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EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of April, 2020

Actual Operating Income: \$20,469.43

Actual Operating Expenses: \$28,080.98

Gain/Loss: (\$7,611.55)



2019 Per Capita

2020 Per Capita – Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the presbytery, synod and general assembly, has been set at **\$42.50**. We are a connectional church, and we encourage you to submit your per capita as soon as possible! Just mark your envelope or the memo line on your check. We are then responsible for sending this full amount to the Redstone Presbytery. Thank you!

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:45 AM Facebook and Zoom Trinity Sunday Happy Birthday, Lisa Wesley	8	9 Bible Study on Zoom Bible 2020 Happy Anniv. Bill and "R" McKim, Duane & Pat Mohney	10 Session—7 PM	11	12 Happy Birthday, Emily Wesley	13
14 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:45 AM Facebook and Zoom Flag Day 	15	16	17 Happy Birthday, Rebecca Bracken, Kristy Forberger	18	19 Happy Birthday, Lynn Ann Hrabosky	20 First Day of Summer 
21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:45 AM Facebook and Zoom Communion Happy Birthday, Scott Magley, Mary Lou Carlisle Father's Day	22 Happy Birthday, James Lyons, III Happy Anniv. Jim & Jani Stratton	23 Happy Birthday, Magdalene Bracken, Brooke Lyons	24	25 Happy Anniv., Jim & Shirley Cassidy	26	27
28 4th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:45 AM Facebook and Zoom	29 Happy Birthday, June Fedora, Doug Weber	30				

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