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From the Pastor

Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer, and the official beginning of our summer worship series *Faces of Faith*. Throughout the summer we will explore lesser known stories of scripture, ponder those who are ignored and/or overlooked in scripture and what we can learn from them, celebrate the "faces of faith" in our own lives that have influenced our journeys and hopefully discern how the Spirit might be leading us as individual disciples and as a faith family to journey with others. I encourage to begin thinking about those who have shaped your faith journey and to begin to wonder how God might use you and us to share God's love.

We will have LOTS of opportunities to share God's love for ALL of creation in June! It's Pride month, and we will celebrate all month long. (See article below) It is also Vacation Bible School month (see article below). Fun opportunities abound to share the journey with young believers and to get a fresh perspective on how the Spirit moves in the world. I know it's often a time for travel and refreshment and a break from the normal routine; however, I encourage you to stay in touch with all the exciting things the Spirit is doing in our midst and in our community.

We begin our summer series this Sunday in the beginning of scripture and by celebrating the sacrament of communion to be fed in body and and spirit for the journey. In preparation I encourage you to read the two stories of creation found in Genesis 1 and 2. Many people do not realize there are two separate accounts of creation because our common understanding is generally a smash-up of the two. What details are the same? What details are different? Does it matter? How do you/we reconcile two distinct stories with our overall understanding of scripture?

Then, think and pray about how the Spirit might have used those stories throughout history to help people understand creation, understand their role in it, and to understand God. How might the Spirit be moving among us as individual disciples and as a faith family and using these scriptures to challenge us and to encourage us in our journeys of faith

In the meantime dick [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa



Happy Pride 2024!

Of course, we believe all of God's creation is beloved year-round. In June we join siblings around the globe in celebrating the struggles and achievements of our LGBTQ+ siblings and

hopefully raise awareness of the challenges still to be addressed. Wonder how Pride came to be? Click [here](#) for the history of Pride.

UPC's *We are all Beloved* banner will go up this afternoon, and we will participate in NKY Pride tomorrow (see details below). There are also countless opportunities in the area for education, fellowship, advocacy, worship, and celebration. Please contact the [church office](#) if you know of opportunities not included on the list below:

Sunday, June 2nd NKY Pride Parade and Festival Noon - 5pm

The parade begins at noon at W. 6th and Madison and ends near Goebel Park. The festival lasts until 5pm. UPC is #23 in the parade and booth #64 in Goebel Park for the festival. Come join the fun! Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you have any questions.

Friday, June 7th Cincinnati Reds Pride Night 7:10pm game

Celebrate Pride with the Reds! Click [here](#) for more info.

Wednesday, June 12th Florence Y'all's Pride Night 6:40pm game

Celebrate Pride with family fun at the ballpark. General Admission tickets are \$10.50. Click [here](#) for more info.

Thursday, June 20th Pride Multifaith Celebration 7pm - 9pm

First Unitarian Church in Cincinnati is the site of this multifaith worship service filled with music from community groups. Click [here](#) for more information. Would you like to carpool? Sign up in narthex or contact [church office](#).

Saturday, June 22nd Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival 11am - 9pm

UPC is not marching in Cincy Pride; however, lots of our Presbyterian siblings are. Go, support them and join the fun. Click here for more info.

MANY more activities can be found on the [Cincinnati Pride](#) website.

Abraham's Pantry Service

On May 1st Abraham's Pantry served its 1000th neighborhood since January 2022. We are currently on pace to serve almost that many neighbors in 2024 alone. Inflation is real, and food insecurity in our area is growing. While we pray for the day that Abraham's Pantry closes because all our neighbors are fed, we will continue to work our partners to make sure all of our neighbors are fed until that happens.



In May, Abraham's Pantry served 22 families

comprised of 90 individuals including 55 youth 18 and under.

From January through May, Abraham's Pantry served 81 families comprised of 325 individuals including 161 youth aged 18 and under.

Abraham's Pantry to be recognized

On Monday, June 3rd, the city of Union will present Abraham's Pantry with a resolution of appreciation for its collaborative work to feed our neighbors. The meeting is at 6pm at the City Building located at 1843 Bristow Drive, Union. All are welcome!

Front Porch Singers Concerts

Colonial Heights Front Porch Singers under the direction of Elaine Johnson with assistance from Sue Kozlowski will present two gospel concerts this month. (They have already performed one show at Colonial Gardens.) On **Tuesday, June 4th**, they will perform at **2:00 pm** at **Colonial Heights 6900 Hopeful Road, Florence**. On **Tuesday, June 11th**, they will perform at **2pm** at **Magnolia Springs, 7665 Ewing Blvd, Florence**.

Weird Animals Vacation Bible School June 10th – 13th 6pm – 8pm!

Children ages 3 through completed 5th grade are invited for an amazing time of fellowship and of learning about God's unbounded love for all of the weird and wonderful creation. Sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#). Contact [Bethany Brewer Ball](#) or [Heather Dern](#) if you would like to be involved.



Disciples needed to prepare and/or serve simple dinners for VBS for approximately 20 people Are you willing and able to make lemonade, set out pizza, cook chicken fingers, and/or boil pasta? You have all the skills to help our VBS-ers teach and learn because they have food in their bellies. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) ASAP to learn more.

Schedule for This Week

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 2nd
10am Worship w/ communion

NKY Pride parade noon
NKY Pride festival until 5 pm
3pm Resplandor de Gloria



BIRTHDAYS

5/31 - Brennen Ball
6/3 - Olive Kieffer
6/4 - Devon Golden



Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the UPC

Monday, June 3rd
9am Yoga
6pm Abraham's Pantry
recognized at Union
Commission mtg
7pm Boy Scout 805

Tuesday, June 4th
5:30pm Welcoming Ministry
6:30pm Deacons

Wednesday, June 5th
9am Yoga
8pm AA

Thursday, June 6th
7pm Resplandor de Gloria

Friday, June 7th
9am Yoga
6:30pm Girl Scouts #2146

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 9th
10am Worship
Falling Upward study after
worship

3pm Resplandor de Gloria

6/5 - Kevin Ball
6/10 - Ross Hillman,
Donna Shupe
6/11 - Phil Ruwe
6/14 - Jeff Hansel
6/15 - Sarah Huddleston
6/16 - Asher Pears
6/22 - Mark Highland
6/23 - Janice Highland
6/24 - Neva Martin
6/27 - Bethany Brewer
Ball
6/29 - Hannah Fry
7/3 - Ray Fowler,
Albert Vessa



ANNIVERSARIES

6/3 - Gwen Coleman &
Mark Highland,
Bob & Jacque Sherwood
6/9 - Ed & Sue
Dobryzkowski
6/11 - Tim & JaNay
Lastivka
6/18 - Kevin & Holly
Hillman
Bill & Kathy Martin
6/22 - Doug & Dottie
Dawson
6/26 - Neil Fairweather &
Stacy Cole
6/27 - Dave & Ginny
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recurring gift. You may make
a memorial or honorary gift
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