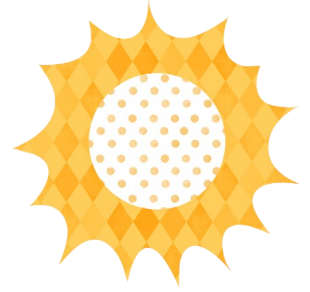


Methodist Message

June 2024



Pastor's Page....

We are entering the longest season of the Christian Year, the Sundays after Pentecost, or what is also called Ordinary Time. For many the days feel ordinary, week after week of the long spring and summer and the early fall season. It is the time when attendance patterns shift, and folks find it hard to maintain a regular weekly presence. Ordinary. Yet, it could be argued that this season is where our faith gets put to the test. From Advent through Pentecost Sunday, we are walking with Jesus, learning, growing, and inviting alongside him; observing and listening as he makes his earthly journey. Then on Pentecost, the church takes the stage and seeks to live out all that has been learned as we show the world what living in the kingdom looks like.

We don't walk alone, however. That is why the first worship series of this lone season of Pentecost is about the God we proclaim. We want to keep a proper perspective as we live out our faith and realize that while our efforts are important, it is by the grace of God that we can be the church we are called to be. Even here, in the season after Pentecost, we ascribe to God all the glory, all the wonder, all the joy that is within us. To help us in that task, we will turn to the songbook of the Bible: the assigned psalms.

Alex Smalley wants everyone to wake up earlier— or perhaps pause more at day's end. Why? To gaze at sunrises and sunsets. Those fleeting moments are the most beautiful, awe-inspiring times of the day, according to Smalley, the lead researcher of a British study on awe-inducing weather effects. A stunning sunrise or sunset can improve mood, increase positive emotions, and decrease stress. Smalley says, "When you see something vast and overwhelming or something that produces this feeling of awe, your own problems can feel diminished and so you don't worry so much about them."

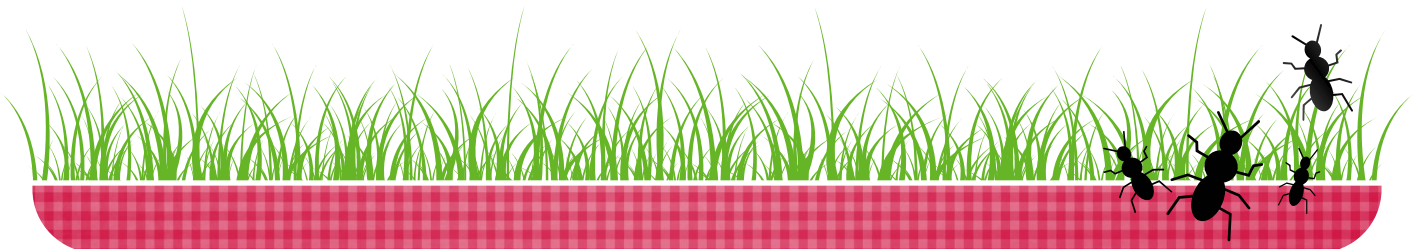
King David beheld God's creation, declaring, "The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge" (*PSALM 19: 1-2*) As for the sun, "It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth" (*v.6*). God's glorious creation reflects the all-powerful Creator. Why not take time today to look to the skies and marvel in God!

Our Daily Bread, May 2024

Where is your favorite place to view a sunrise or sunset?

In Your glorious heavens, Lord, You show us the wonder of Your power.

Pastor Billie Lou





2. Molly Gulick
4. Dustin Shelley
8. Bev Bott
13. Raegan Harrison
14. Victoria Posey
15. Kenton SanMiguel
17. Karen Stoneman
19. Granleigh Stoneman
21. Paula Brown
22. Ava Wright
25. Joyce Short



Josh and Molly Gulick - June 7, 2014—10 years!

Jerry and Wendy Hurst – June 28

Class of 2024

Congratulations go out to all our area graduates, but a special congratulations goes out to the graduates of our congregation.

- **Gracey Brown, granddaughter of Jim and Paula Brown** graduated from Link Learning in St. Louis .
- **Clayton William Rossmann, grandson of Nancy Gee** graduated from Zion-Benton Township High School in Zion Illinois

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



The SLFUMC and BUMC will be attending the Great Lakes Loons game on **Friday, July 12th. The game starts at 7:05.** If you would like to attend, please sign up at the table in the Narthex. Space is limited, so sign up early. Ticket prices are \$12.50 per person . It's \$1 Family Feast/ Fellowship Night, so come hungry and eager to watch a great game of ball!

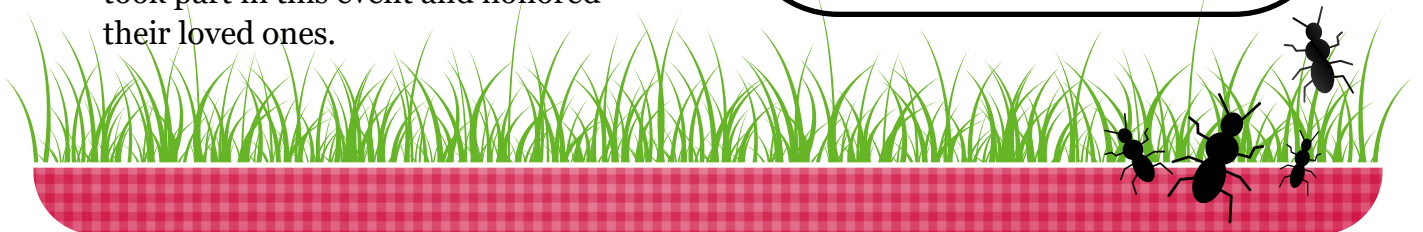


Memorial Sunday Flowers have been purchased and planted around the church. Make sure you check them out the next time you are at the church. Thank you to everyone who took part in this event and honored their loved ones.



Historical Society Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser

The Society will have their strawberry shortcake fundraiser again this year. Orders will be taken at the Farmer's Market on June 6th, 13th and 20th . **You may pick up your orders on June 27th at the Farmer's Market.** The cost per order is \$5.00.



Music & Arts Camp

Where: SLFUMC, 116 S. Franklin St. St. Louis

When: Mon. June 17-Wed. June 19
9 am-12 noon

What: Learn about different instruments
And
Learn about different artists and styles of art;
complete several projects to take home

Who: Kindergarten-Middle School
Nursery available 18 mo-4/5 yr.
Parents are welcome to participate

How Much\$: FREE!!

Join us **Thursday, June 20th from 7-8 pm** for a
Gallery Open House where family members can view
all the projects and then take the projects home.

Pre-register by leaving a message at
989-681-3320



June Events

Sun. June 9—Graduation Sunday @ 9:30 AM

Tues. June 11—BHMW Food Pantry @ BUMC 10am-1pm

Wed. June 12—The Chosen Bible Study @ BUMC - 7-8:30 PM

Thur, June 13—Training for Art Camp 1:30 or 6:30 @ SLF

Sun. June 16—Father's Day -Last day for the Baby Bottle Drive, please bring bottles back with your change

Mon June 17-Wed. June 19 -Music and Art Camp 9-12 At SLFUMC

Thur. June 20—Music and Art Camp Open House @ 7-8 PM SLFUMC

Mon. June 24-Wed. June 29—Music and Art Camp at BUMC 9-12

Tuesday, June 25—Free Community Sandwich Supper—4:30 @ SLFUMC

Thur. June 27—Open House for BUMC Music and Art

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who so promptly and generously supplied the needs for the recent funeral dinner. The salads and desserts were delicious. The help was eager and efficient. You are a blessing to your church and your community. We also thank all those who helped clean the church kitchen, top to bottom. It sparkles with your expert touch!

Lois Arthur and Angie Sherwood

Care Team

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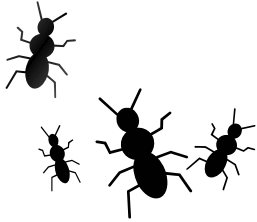
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SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:

Nancy—Thursday.. 8am—1 pm

Email Address:

breckenridgeumc@yahoo.com



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Billie Lou Gillespie-Brown—Pastor

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9:30 AM worship

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open
Doors.”

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