

July/August 2017

# Sixth Sense

From the Pastor



Do you know this window?

It is in our sanctuary, the first window on the Murray side of our building. It remembers Ruling Elder Joseph H. Gray, who 125 years ago today, the day on which I am writing this newsletter cover, stood in front of the Pinkerton guards, imploring them to head back up the Monongahela, and not engage in battle with the Homestead workers and their families who were striking for dignity and a living wage.

I am very proud to be the Pastor of a congregation that enjoys this rich legacy of standing in the breach, working for peace and justice, offering its life and witness for the voiceless and the deprived. In some respects, the commemoration of the Battle of Homestead is cause for discouragement: so little has changed, the haves grab more, the have nots fight for a few scraps. But for me, it is a reminder that the fervor for truth and justice cannot be extinguished in the hearts of God's creatures.

As the long summer of 2017 unfolds with harsh news for the powerless, let us continue to uphold the legacy that motivated Joseph H. Gray to stand in the breach.

Peace and Justice!

Vincent

**The Nominating Committee is soliciting names from the congregation of potential candidates for church leadership. Please email chair Kate Davoli (kdavoli@gmail.com) with your suggestions!**



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## July/August Worship and Preaching

July 23 – Matthew 13:24-30,  
“Weeds in the Garden”

July 30 – Rev. Myra  
Kazanjian preaching

August 6 – Rev. Andy  
Greenhow preaching

August 13 – Matthew 14:22-  
33, “Stepping Out of the  
Boat”

August 20 – Matthew 15:21-  
28, “Crossing the Line”

August 27 – Ruling Elder  
Kate Davoli preaching

## What the Pastor's Reading

- *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, Matthew Desmond
- *The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle*, Lillian Federman
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, Ibram X. Kendi

# Important End-of-Life Issues: An Interactive Discussion and Lunch

Led by Carolyn Spicer Russ, Esq.; Sponsored by the Board of Deacons

Carolyn Spicer Russ is an attorney specializing in estates and elder law and is a member of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, where she serves on the Health Ministry Committee. She will cover the important legal and medical decisions and other considerations that will be encountered in the last third of our lives. She will provide some detail regarding written documents and legal instruments that may be prepared in advance. Primarily, though, Ms. Russ will offer guidance in how best to ensure that our wishes are met, while minimizing the chance for confusion or anger playing out among our survivors and caregivers.

Ms. Russ speaks with clarity from a wealth of experience and knowledge, has a great sense of humor, and openly acknowledges spiritual questions and emotional issues surrounding end-of-life.

RSVP: Rob Beswick, 412-337-6045, [rob@beswickcommunications.com](mailto:rob@beswickcommunications.com)

*Sunday, October 15, 2017  
1 – 3 pm, in the Chapel  
A light lunch will be served*

## Don't Forget Household Helpers!

When Larry Van Dyke was a Deacon, he created Household Helpers and, for a while, folks used this program often. The Deacons still have this handy service, but it is seldom used. It is currently run by Deacon Pam Howe (412-343-7438).

We have an all-purpose email for requests ([sixthchurchdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:sixthchurchdeacons@gmail.com)); forms for both becoming a Helper and needing a Helper are available on the Sixth Church website. If you need help, you'll be paired with someone who is able to do the task. Some examples are turning mattresses, moving heavy furniture, hanging framed pictures, changing lightbulbs, getting rid of heavy items, etc.

Make the Deacons happy by using this *free* service!

– Louise Craft



## Elusive Peace

On Tuesday, July 11, 50 people from Sixth and the surrounding community gathered to hear Tina Whitehead tell her story of the plight of Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank. Tina lives in Jerusalem 6 months out of the year and spends time in Bethlehem, educating Holy Land pilgrims about the history of the Palestinian people before and after the Occupation. She was joined by Ahmed Arafat, a Palestinian ex-patriate who offered a stirring account of the resilience of his family in the face of persecution in Gaza. Big thanks to Leila Richards, Tom Twiss, and Peter Gilmore, who organized the event!

# Sixth Church and God's Creation

## Pittsburgh Water Challenges

Over the last few years, Pittsburgh has found itself confronted with a cascade of water problems. Our storm water system has to be renovated so that raw sewage no longer pollutes our rivers, and our water authority, PWSA, has to fix big problems with pipes which increasingly deliver lead-tainted water into our homes. Environmental, financial and technical considerations challenge solutions to both these problems.

Sixth Church has been involved for several years with storm water mediation. We were part of the fight to ensure that low-income water users were protected from eviction, and our voices were heard: there is a consumer assistance program now in place because of our work. We also called for a green solution to the storm water runoff problem.

Now we are learning that like Flint, Michigan, Pittsburgh has too much lead in our water. But unlike in Flint, our lead problem has been growing over many years as our water pipes have corroded and been stressed. Again, we need to satisfy the environmental requirement for clean water using appropriate technology, and we need to keep our water affordable for those among us who won't be able to pay as much as this very expensive project will require.

—Nora Johnson

## 4 Mile Run Campaign



On Wednesday, July 12, 75 people gathered in our Chapel to hear about the Phase I plans for green infrastructure in Panther Hollow that could create a way for a region-wide plan for green infrastructure for our storm shed. Sponsored by PIIN, the Sierra Club, and the Clean Rivers Campaign, participants committed to canvassing for grassroots support of the project,

communicating with civic groups about the benefits of the plan, and contacting elected officials to create political support for the work. It is all a part of our effort at Sixth to be "stewards of God's creation."

## Upcoming Guest Preacher, Andy Greenhow

Before coming to Pittsburgh, Andy Greenhow was the Pastor and Director of Faith and Worship at Broad Street Ministry, a missional faith community in Philadelphia. He has also served young adults in the suburbs of Philadelphia and homeowners rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. His primary current call is supporting his spouse, Rev. Karen Rohrer, as she directs the Church Planting Initiative at PTS.

## Event Notices

A Rally for Climate Action was held on June 10 at Fred Kraybill's solar house in Point Breeze. Part of a national day of action, the event featured speakers such as coal miner, Dan Kremer, plus representatives from Sierra Club, PennEnvironment, One PA, and the Center for Coalfield Justice. All spoke about the importance of a just transition to renewable energy. We were encouraged to contact our legislators and governor to demand protection for the environment.

## Upcoming Events

- July 20 – Phipps Conservatory will hold a Summer Short Course with Tovah Martin. Martin is an Organic Land Care Professional and horticultural writer. See the Phipps web site to register for the day-long gardening talks.

—Heather Lyle

## Recycling News

We're adding a new product in our recycling lineup: Brita water filter products. We'll be accepting Brita dispensers, bottles, all types of Brita filters and filter packaging, faucet filtration systems, and pitchers. Look for the Brita box in the basement recycling room!

# Supported By Church and Community: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

## MISSION and VISION:

*"Our mission is to feed people in need and mobilize our community to eliminate hunger."*

*"Our vision is a hunger-free southwestern Pennsylvania."*

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

Based on a conversation with CEO Lisa Scales, the strategic plan of the Food Bank is to reduce hunger in the 12 counties of Southwestern PA by half by 2025 through partnership with others by acting as a connector between persons in need and provider agencies. This includes educational opportunities at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), job training programs, health programs at Allegheny Health Network (AHN) and University Presbyterian Medical Center (UPMC), and other programs run by nonprofit, for-profit, government, education, and faith-based agencies.

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## HISTORY:

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) originated in 1980 and has been part of the Second Harvest Network and a member of Feeding America. They have received several awards over the years, including from Feeding America: "Food Bank of the Year" in 1995, the Alfred E. Wishart Award for Excellence in 2001, and two Hunger's Hope awards for its Choosing Healthy Options Program.

## 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2014 Annual Report and Charity Navigator)

Distribution: More than 360,000 people served annually: 76,000 children, 92,000 seniors, 59,300 veterans.

Fully 95% of money donated goes directly to food and services for families in need. 21,492,465 meals distributed in 11-county service area. 43.6% of distributed meals are attributed to city, state and government resources.

Advocacy: A goal is to increase "the public's knowledge and awareness of the issue of hunger, assisting in public policy change and impacting the government support of our programs." To this end there were 72 people per day participating in social media, 369 speakers' bureau events, and 3,100 paper plate messages about childhood hunger being collected for delivery to elected officials.

## Volunteers

7113 individual volunteers contributed 60,604 hours of time – equivalent to 29 full time employees (\$1,272,684). (Public Disclosure Form 990 lists estimate of 10,232 for FY 2015)

## Financial Stability

I have examined the Annual Financial Reports from 2012 through 2015, as well as the 2014 rankings complied

by Charity Navigator. From 2011 through 2013, Charity Navigator rated the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) 4 stars (of 4) with numerical rating ranging from 90 to 96. In 2014 the rating was 3 stars with a numerical value of 89. This was just off the edge of the 4-star rating. The numerical ranking for Accountability and Transparency was a perfect 100.

The most recent Charity Navigator report, completed in October 2016 based on FY 2015 information, gave GPCFB its top rating of 4 with an overall numerical rating of 90.83. Its Accountability and Transparency rating was again a perfect 100.

As in past years, Charity Navigator reported that 95% of income is spent on goods and services.

Below is a brief table of financial information based on Annual Reports. The table shows that the net assets, total public support and revenue, and total expenses of GPCFB have all been steadily increasing since 2013, resulting in an increase of about \$2.7 million (25.3%) in Net Assets, \$2.3 million (5.8%) in program services, and an increase in total public support and revenue of \$3.3 million (8.1%) over that of 2013.

### **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Table of Finances from Annual Reports**

	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
Net Assets	\$13,494,473	\$12,943,721	\$10,759,917
Inc/(Dec) in Net Assets	\$ 550,752	\$ 2,183,804	\$ (324,493)
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$44,088,389	\$43,926,661	\$40,768,849
Program Services	\$41,324,849	\$39,224,694	\$39,043,871
Supporting Services Total	\$ 2,627,155	\$ 2,518,163	\$ 2,049,871
Total Expenses	\$43,952,004	\$41,742,857	\$41,093,742

*Fiscal year ends on June 30. More recent financial information was not posted on the GPCFB website.*

#### **RECENT GIVING HISTORY:**

During the 2013-2105 period, GPCFB was one of the leading recipients of Sixth Church’s local mission giving, with an average donation of \$2,400 during that period. Although large by the standards of our congregation, this donation represented less than 0.01% of total community giving to GPCFB. When the Church and Community Committee decided to devote more resources to advocacy last year, the Committee’s contribution to GPCFB was reduced to \$1,090. However, this year our contribution was increased to \$1,265 as the result of our withdrawal of support for the food programs of the East End Cooperative Ministry.

#### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Based on this brief study, it appears that the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is stable, in good financial position, and well run. Based on our history with GPCFB and the general need for their services in the surrounding community, I would oppose deleting it entirely from our benevolence list. If desired, we could consider earmarking our donation for food advocacy work. I feel their good work is something Sixth Church should be proud to support.

– Bill Beggs

***Note:** This is the fifth in a series of articles that will be published in the Sixth Sense each month to acquaint the members and friends of Sixth Church with the organizations that the Church and Community Committee supports with our funds for locally directed missions. Previous articles highlighted the work of Just Harvest, the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN), MHY Family Services, and the El Porvenir Community in Nicaragua.*

## June Session Notes

The Clerk reported that the Worship Attendance was 98 on 5/28, 89 on 6/4 (church picnic), 80 on 6/11, 89 on 8/18, 72 on 6/25.

The Pastor performed the wedding of Nicholas Barilar and Danielle Watt on May 27 in Reynoldsville ,PA.

A **Motion** was made, seconded and passed to approve the Baptism of Marcus Robinson on 6/25/17.

The Pastor introduced April Clisura, the Clerk of Session of the Greenfield Presbyterian Church who told the history of the church and its present position. The remaining members would like to dissolve the church and transfer their membership to Sixth. Before this can occur, there have to be some actions with regard to financial assets and the dissolution of the corporation, that must be completed. It is possible that the church could be closed by Presbytery at their September meeting. The Moderator encouraged April to get Greenfield's requests about the future use of transferred funds in writing.

FINANCE: Maggie Ritchey, our Treasurer, reviewed and explained the Financial Report. Our total Income for the month of May was \$20,843.16 and for the year to date is \$160,205.61. Our Expenses for the month of May were \$26,845.30 and for the year are \$164,532.96. Some of the expense is due to the repair of the sewer line under our kitchen. Erik Fogt and Maggie will correct the listing of capital expenditures in the July financial report to Session.

Elder Erik Fogt reported that the 2017 Audit has been completed.

Elder Fogt requested that if committees need additional or less money than they received in the 2017 Budget, their requests should be given to him by August 23. He would like to have a preliminary draft of the 2018 budget for the August 30 Session meeting.

HOUSE: Elder Leslie Kaplan reviewed the reports and estimates she has received for needed repairs to the church building.

A **Motion** was made by the committee and approved that two sets of double door units be installed inside the existing wood frames in the Chapel and the Ridinger Room. These doors are steel and have windows. The cost of the doors is \$5,575.00.

A **Motion** was made and approved to add window tinting to the restoration of the front doors for an additional cost of \$670.

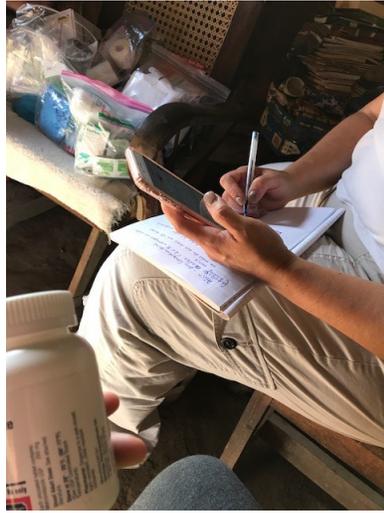
It is hoped that a complete list of bids for all the capital renovations will be ready by the August Session meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: Elder Lauren Ward discussed the need of a Capital Campaign to raise enough money for all the needed repairs in the church. She discussed the advantages of having an outside professional Consultant be involved. Information about the previous internal capital campaigns to replace the roof and organ were shared.

WORSHIP: A **motion** was made and approved that Rev. Andy Greenhow preach on August 6. A **motion** was made and approved that Elder Kate Davoli preach on August 27.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY: A **motion** was made by Peter Gilmore, seconded and approved that Sixth become a part of the New Sanctuary Movement. Peter Kaplan has agreed to be our representative to this for 6 months and Mary Radcliffe agreed to assist him.

Our next Session meeting will be Wednesday, August 30, at 7:30 pm.



*Pictures from Nicaragua, featuring Sara Berg, Jenny Newman, and David Rothenberg!  
Stay tuned for more information about the group's trip on the church's children and youth page.*



# Accessibility and Inclusion: Diversity in Disability

The thing you need to know about our Director of Christian Education, Jenny Newman, is that she's always several steps ahead.

Two years ago, I was trying to figure out what it meant to be Malakai's mom, just in the general survival sense. Jenny, however, already saw the following, months in advance: we would be having the annual Christmas pageant; Malakai-sized people are sheep; and, though my favorite sheep is the wayward one, Malakai isn't mobile and wouldn't be able to parade on his own.

"I was thinking he could ride in a wagon and a shepherd could pull him," she said one day, to which I responded something along the lines of "what now?" The Christmas pageant was so far off my radar, it probably wouldn't even have occurred to me to think about it until maybe the Sunday before.

It should come as no surprise that she's long been thinking about how to make sure Sunday School can be inclusive and accessible when Malakai and his fellow three-year-olds begin preschool this fall.

She's not alone. Right now, our House Committee is busy taking inventory of all the ways to make Sixth into the most safe, accessible, and sustainable place it can be. The Christian Education Committee is doing some of the same, but through the eyes of the church's children. In the overlap of that Venn diagram are things like a chair lift to the second floor and a wheelchair-accessible bathroom by the Sunday School rooms.

Sixth Church has long acted in the belief that we are made stronger through diversity. People within our own congregation – as well as denominational groups such as Presbyterians for Disability Concerns – are now considering what it means to be diverse in mind and body. Toward that end, a line that sticks with me from PDC's 2011 Disability Inclusion Resource Packet is this: "There is, in the end, no hard and fast line between ability and disability, but rather a nexus of reciprocity that is based in our vulnerable humanity." How lovely is that?

Think about the ways we've made Sixth a more accessible space, how we've been acting in that nexus of reciprocity: hearing devices and large-print bulletins, the chair lift to the Ridinger Room, the first-floor changing table, and the handrails to the altar. Even having new carpet in the sanctuary is an act of accessibility in that it no longer bumps and buckles. Smooth walking areas go a long way for people who are not steady on their feet, be they young, old, or the many places in between.

Accessibility and inclusion is also a mindset. I see this in people like Pam Howe, who has offered her expertise as an occupational therapist to make sure Malakai can literally have a seat at the table. Or the women who work in the nursery who don't think twice about running Malakai's feeding tube. More often than not, thinking about Malakai's inclusion in activities at Sixth leaves me in tears of gratitude.

The effect of Jenny's attitude toward Malakai and his potential needs, as well as the way that other adults check in on him, is most apparent to me in our children. Among many other examples, it's in Sadie and Eve being willing/loving shepherds in the Christmas pageant, in Kaelan knowing that Malakai sits on a blanket in the nursery and retrieving it as we walk in the door, in Rohan saying, "'sup, Malakai?" as he would to any other child, and in Beatrice's curiosity about Malakai's feeding tube and his vision.

More than anywhere, the church is a perfect home for the nexus of reciprocity. Where else do we so fully live the entirety of our lives, in all its stages of needing to receive and ability to give? We all, at times, need someone to look ahead for us and all, at times, are able to pull someone else along.

As you look around Sixth, consider ways we could better make accessible both our building and our hearts.

– Amy Whipple

# Youth Happenings

**Confirmation Class** – Saturday, July 8, 10 am to noon: We will meet for breakfast at Bruegger's Bagels (1719 Murray Ave.). The topic for this meeting will be “The Word and the word” – how we use the confessions and the scriptures.

Sunday, July 23, after worship ~11:30 to 1:30 (at the church – there will be pizza!). It would be helpful for you to attend the church service that day because our topic will be “Sacraments and What Happens in Worship.” Gail and possibly Pastor Vincent will visit with us to talk about our worship service and all the things.

**We will begin working with our senior partners when we meet in August (date to be announced) and don't forget to mark August 17th on your calendar – that's the Pirate's baseball game night.**

**Youth Fellowship at Crazy Mocha** – Youth are invited for coffee and conversation at Crazy Mocha on Murray Ave. from 6 to 7:30 pm on Thursdays July 20, 27 and August 3, 10, and 31.

**Volunteers Needed:** Youth volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. Can you help? VBS will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 on July 21 and 28.

**Contact Jenny Newman at (412) 720-6392 or [Jenny@Sixthchurch.org](mailto:Jenny@Sixthchurch.org)**

## Sixth's Commitment to the New Sanctuary Movement

On Wednesday June 28, Session voted unanimously to affiliate with the New Sanctuary Movement of Pittsburgh (NSMP), an organization that works to end injustices against immigrants regardless of their immigration status. In doing so, Session again placed Sixth on the front lines of one of the most important social struggles of our time. But by voting for affiliation, what exactly did Session commit Sixth to?

Most importantly, the commitment of affiliation means that Sixth will be at the table with the many other congregations participating in the NSMP. The principal requirement of affiliation is that each participating organization send a representative to monthly general meetings where NSMP activities are planned. We all owe a big thanks to Peter Kaplan, who has offered to serve as the representative of Sixth for the first six months, and Mary Radcliff, who has offered to provide backup to Peter.

One thing affiliation does *not* do is to commit Sixth Presbyterian Church to provide housing for immigrants. At this point, the NSMP is not working on providing housing. If that changes, churches better equipped than Sixth would be asked to assist. Also, our affiliation does not commit Sixth to engage in civil disobedience. NSMP will be organizing rapid response teams to rally around immigrants threatened with deportation, and the actions of these teams may include civil disobedience. In fact, individual members of Sixth may volunteer to participate in these rapid response teams. But NSMP does not ask *or permit* entire congregations to commit to civil disobedience.

Regarding individual commitments, members of Sixth might consider getting involved in one of the major campaigns of the NSMP. Again, one of these will be the rapid response campaign. Another is a listening campaign designed to discover the needs of the immigrant populations of Pittsburgh through interviews. A third is a program to accompany immigrants in their daily lives: to the school, to a doctor, to the grocery store, etc. There is a real need for such support since immigrants without legal status have no driver's licenses, and are often fearful about leaving their homes. For now, anyone interested in participating in any of these activities should contact Opal Middleton, a regular attendee at Sixth, who has been playing a leading role in the NSMP.

– Tom Twiss

## July 2017 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>Brenda Flores</b> 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	<b>4</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>5</b> 11:00 am, Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>Virginia McQuown</b> <b>Heather Vallone</b> 6:00 pm, PIIN Core Team	<b>7</b> <b>Malena Howe</b> 1:00 pm, PIIN Executive Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00 am, Confirmation Class 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA
<b>9</b> <b>David Miller</b> <b>Melynda Nestor</b> 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm, NA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Judy Matta</b> <b>Joseph Ashenden</b> 11:00 am, Bible Study 7:00 pm, PIIN/Sierra Club 4 Mile Run Community Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>Heather Lyle</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Carole Anderson</b> 5:30 pm, Vacation Bible School	<b>15</b> <b>Cyndi Dickson</b> 7:00 pm, NA
<b>16</b> 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Nominating Committee 8:00 pm, NA	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	<b>18</b> <b>Nathan Cooper</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 am, Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>Pamela Bower</b> 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm, Vacation Bible School	<b>22</b> 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA
<b>23</b> 10:00 am, Worship 11:30 am, Confirmation Class 8:00 pm, NA	<b>24</b> <b>Olivia McCann</b> 6:00 pm, Fenceline Showing 7:00 pm, NA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 pm, Panther Hollow Canvassing 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Thoren Vaux</b> 7:00 pm, NA
<b>30</b> 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	<b>31</b> <b>Cheryl Kubelick</b> 7:00 pm, NA					

## August 2017 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Checkers Delabar</b> <b>Gregson Vaux</b>	2	3 <b>John Sennott</b> 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	4 <b>Bob Gersch</b>	5 <b>Norma Farquhar</b> 7:00 pm, NA
6 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	7 <b>Verna Robinson</b> 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	8 <b>Chris McDonald</b>	9 11:00 am, Bible Study	10 <b>Nora Johnson</b> 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	11 <b>Anna Watt-Morse</b>	12 <b>Denise DeJong</b> <b>Beverly Gaddy</b> 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA
13 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	14 <b>Paul Watt-Morse</b> 7:00 pm, NA	15 <b>Kathi Robinson-Dassell</b> 7:00 pm, Mass Incarceration Educational Event	16 11:00 am, Bible Study	17 <b>Dee Hunter</b> <b>Josh Lowe</b> 6:00 pm, Youth Group at Crazy Mocha	18	19 <b>Lesa Rosamond</b> 7:00 pm, NA
20 <b>Sixth</b> 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	21 <b>Olivia Van Dyke</b> 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	22	23 <b>Malcolm Juring</b> 7:30 pm, Session	24 <b>Dante McDonald</b> 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	25 <b>Dex Guyette</b>	26 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA
27 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	28 7:00 pm, NA	29 <b>Chris Sennott</b> <b>Myra Kazanjian</b> 7:00 pm, Stewardship Committee	30 <b>Robin Bower</b> 11:00 am, Bible Study 7:30 pm, Session	31 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)		

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*We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.*



**The Deadline** for the September newsletter is August 15th. Please email articles and announcements to Amy in the church office (office@sixthchurch.org).

You can also put printed copies on her desk.

Thank you!

## Food for Thought...

“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.” —F. Scott Fitzgerald

“Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the tree house; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all, summer was Dill.” —Harper Lee

“The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color.”  
—Natalie Babbitt