

June and July 2018

Sixth Sense

From the Pastor

I am at a sweet spot in my life.

When I was younger, I was like a fast moving stream, racing down every possible ravine to get down to the bottom. I hardly enjoyed any part of the journey, scrambling over stones and fallen down trees. Everything was a bubbling brook of anxiety. I could seldom celebrate milestones, because I was always consumed by the next thing.

I don't know when I quit being as worried and anxious, but one day, my life began to feel more like a slow, deep moving current. High winds and storms did not stop in my life, they just did not penetrate the surface and stir up the depths as they had done before. I just have more of a sense of what I know and don't know. I am more comfortable in my own skin. I have given myself permission to be whom I am, because everybody else is taken. I am convinced that we are all deeply loved from an unfathomable resource of well-being, which gives me hope, even when things seem very disturbing.

A significant part of that has finally been finding my tribe. It is a honor and a privilege to be your Pastor at Sixth. Have a wonderful summer.

Namaste.

Vincent

Youth Happenings, June

Weekly Youth Fellowship: Youth are invited for coffee and conversation at Crazy Mocha on Murray Ave. from 6 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 14.

Youth Movie and Game Night: Youth 7th through 12th are invited to come for fellowship, food, movies and games at the church from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 29. Please let Jenny know if you will be attending.

For more info Contact *Jenny Newman* at (412) 720-6392 or Jennyrunew@gmail.com

Summer Worship Begins June 10 at 10 am!

Summer Child Care: Nursery care for our infants and toddlers will be available throughout the summer from 9:55- 11:15. Extended Session for children in preschool through second grade will be held as well; children will be dismissed from worship following the Time for Children. The Extended Session for the older children will not meet during the summer.

Children are always welcome in worship!



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June Worship and Preaching

June 3 – Mark 3:1-5, “Called to Sabbath” (Picnic Sunday in Highland Park)

June 10 – I Samuel 8:4-17, “Give Us a King”

June 17 – Rev. Alan Olson preaching

June 24 – I Samuel 17:32-37, “Taking a Stand”

July Worship and Preaching

July 1 – Mark 5:21-43, “Interrupted”

July 8 – II Samuel 5:1-19, “Holy Ground, Unholy Places”

July 15 – Ephesians 1:3-14, “Called to Holy Community”

July 22 – Ephesians 2:10-14, “No Longer Strangers”

July 29 – Guest Preacher

Sixth Church and God's Creation

Environmental News

May 11 was National Public Gardens Day. A number of area gardens were open, including the Rodef Shalom Biblical Garden, Carrie Furnaces, the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and the Chatham University Arboretum. Also, the city's first ADA-accessible flower garden opened beside First United Methodist Church in Shadyside.

A rare "hellbender" salamander was found in the Kiskiminetas River in Parks Township, Armstrong County. This type of salamander can live up to 50 years, and its discovery demonstrates improved water quality in the river; the unusual amphibian needs clean water and lots of crayfish to eat.

One 2018 goal for Tree Pittsburgh is to plant 4,000 trees in the city. The organization is expanding its tree nursery to accommodate the increased number of seedlings. The region continues to lose tree canopy due to land development, disease, and other factors.

Swissvale Rotary International planted 19 trees on May 5, at vacant lots on the corner of S. Braddock and Church Street. More greenery is coming soon to the corner, which looks pretty rough at the moment.

The Frick Environmental Center achieved a Living Building Challenge Certification, the first municipal building in the world to become certified. The structure is net-zero in use of energy, meaning that it produces as much energy as it uses. The building won LEED Platinum status plus many other awards for its green design.

Sierra Club, PA Chapter, intends to sue the Cheswick Generating Station in Springdale, PA. It is the only coal-fired plant in Allegheny County. Residents near the plant have complained for years of black soot coating their properties, and Sierra Club wants to see a reduction in coal ash, soot, and other pollutants from the plant. On a related note, *US News and World Report* recently ranked Pennsylvania as 45 out of 50 states concerning the natural environment, with low scores given for both air and water quality.

Consider shopping at local farmer's markets as summer progresses! It's a win-win, supporting the region's economy, and getting fresh and delicious produce to take home.

Allegheny SolarFest is on June 24 at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. It features solar vendors and installers, live music, food, and more.

–Heather Lyle

Recycling

Let's celebrate Sixth Church's recycling program: yay! Our collectors have taken many pounds and many bags of hard-to-recycle items brought in by you: we thank you for your awareness and diligence. And if you're bringing your hard-to-recycle items to our program, that means that you're taking part in your own municipality's recycling program for paper, glass, aluminum, and many kinds of plastic, as well as the Giant Eagle plastic bag collection program.



We'd like to recognize an organization that has been helping to keep our environment free of litter for nearly 80 years: the **PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCES COUNCIL** was founded in 1939, and their interesting history can be found at prc.org. For information about what Pennsylvania is doing to keep electronic waste out of landfills, go to <http://prc.org/12-things-about-cdra/> Today, the PRC organizes collection events that help us keep our no-longer-usable belongings out of the trash. Here are lists of their collection events for household chemicals and hard-to-recycle items:

[HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTIONS](#)

Individuals can drop off automotive fluids, household cleaners, pesticides, paints and other household chemicals for a cost of \$3/gallon (a few exceptions apply), cash only. *New in 2018: Collections will accept smoke detectors for a fee of \$3/each.*

2018 household chemical collection schedule:

- June 23 (Fairgrounds, Fayette County)
- July 21 (Wild Things Park, Washington County)
- August 18 (Boyce Park, Allegheny County)
- September 22 (South Park, Allegheny County)
- October 13 (Bradys Run Park, Beaver County)

[HARD-TO-RECYCLE COLLECTIONS](#)

Individuals can drop off "e-waste" such as computers, cell phones, printer/toner cartridges, CFLs and expandable polystyrene packaging material at no cost.

For a fee, individuals can drop off alkaline batteries, televisions, computer monitors, fluorescent tubes, small Freon appliances and tires.

2018 hard-to-recycle collection schedule:

- June 16 (Bethel Park High School, Allegheny County)
- June 30 (Quaker Valley High School, Leetsdale, Allegheny County)
- August 25 (Century III Mall, West Mifflin, Allegheny County)
- October 6 (Settlers Cabin Park, Robinson Township, Allegheny County)

—Nora Johnson

Session Notes: May 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from stated meeting on 4/25/18 was seconded and approved without alteration.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Worship Attendance: 4/29: 130; 5/6: 110 (Marathon); 5/13: 104 (Family Camp); 5/20: 114
- The Pastor officiated the wedding of Colin Burke O'Malley and Elizabeth Jane Sielen on April 28, 2018.
- The Pastor celebrated home communion with Doris Bell, Nancy Wells, Lois Carrico, Stuart Gaul, and Jan Maxwell.

- **Motion** to approve the letters of transfer for Larry Chan and Wendy Sevilla from Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN was seconded and approved unanimously.
- **Motion** to approve the baptism of Caroline Sevilla Chan on June 10, 2018 was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Committee Fellowship Responsibilities – 2018’s monthly committee assignments for fellowship food were reviewed. September is now Earth Care, no other changes made.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Erik presented the April financial report, no concerns/surprises noted. Christian Ed is in the black again.

Financial Operations: Discussion around bringing accounting in house. Pros anticipated: more accurate reports, can be edited on the fly, items easier to track. Sixth has had the same external company for years, they cost \$550/mo, the feeling is that they don’t prioritize the church, “we’re small potatoes”, and we wouldn’t be losing a checks-and-balances advantage since they only report on info we give them. We already pay for all the needed modules in Church Windows software programs. The job would fall under the treasurer role. No decision needed at this time.

HOUSE: Motion to approve computer proposal for Pastor Kolb was seconded, approved unanimously.

Painting Work: Guide One insurance came through with \$136,500+ for the painting needed due to water damage before roof repair...they give \$119,000 upfront payment, then we submit for the rest, our total deductible is \$2,500. Scaffolding might take up to a month, discussion around possible lighting/sound equipment changes that may be needed during that time to accommodate normal church functions. No wall/ceiling colors will change. Suggestion was made that the capital campaign goal amount not change since there are many other projects that can be done (i.e., identified in the recent walk through safety report) that we might now be able to fund instead.

- **Motion** to approve signing contract with Kress Brothers Builders for the painting work (already approved through insurance)...seconded, approved unanimously.
- **Motion** to take money from line item 257 of capital campaign to cover the \$2500 insurance deductible needed for the painting work was seconded and approved unanimously.

Other: Re-leading stained glass windows was again discussed (Hunt Glass was approved by session last month to do the work). Independent contractor Catherine Berard reviewed the bids Sixth Church received, agreed that full restoration at this time makes sense given that the windows will get worse as time continues to degrade the current lead.

Getting concrete estimates for crumbling retaining wall on Murray w/ black fence and steps going down the walk (one of the 4 step sections) is in the works.

PERSONNEL: Motion to approve Pastor’s vacation (July 23-Aug 6) was seconded and approved unanimously.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Draft Roster: This was generated for discussion about where various church members might fit in leadership for annual and capital campaigns in the fall. Advanced gift donors will be approached by late September so the bulk of the capital asks can be completed before the annual campaign gets underway. Goal is to raise as much money as able, going over is good (this can be fuel for the endowments) so that nothing like this is needed again for 20+ yrs. Discussion also around possible fundraising activities that could involve many community members over the course of the 3 year campaign (to allow for meaningful contributions

regardless of income).

External consultant for large gift asking: Consensus is that paying someone with much experience to train Sixth Church volunteers to ask peers for money would be well worth it and could help the campaign succeed.

Motion to allow Lauren to extend contract offer to Joseph Bull was seconded and approved unanimously.

Time line: The campaigns will overlap, unfortunately....congregation will be handing in annual and capital campaign donations on 11/4 (leading up to that with appeals from lectern and congregation Q&A session in the weeks preceding (10/21, 10/28). Leslie and Lauren will work on case for support for August.

Discussion resurfaced about whether insurance money to help cover the painting changes the capital campaign asking amount or the mission allocation of the asking amount and/or for surplus if any.

Motion to approve 5% mission allocation of the stated goal for the fall capital campaign...motion carried...9 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.

DEACON'S REPORT: (no questions/concerns reported)

OLD BUSINESS

- Fracking Event Follow Up ...Joe DeLucia to offer a different perspective in the fall for this.
- Emergency Management Report...will be folding in church security measures, need to accomplish for liability/safety...will be moving on this in the summer (before and separate from the capital campaign)
- Dispose of financial papers over 7 yrs old...church secretary Amy wants to shred old document if possible.
- Digitizing Records...the Historical Society can digitalize records. Amy plans to learn more about these options this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- LGBTQIA Debrief – Multiple session members expressed that speaker Ted Hoover was helpful in laying a foundation to give us a baseline shared language. Not clear where to go from here, or how to further address the catalyst for the training...polyamory relationships being excluded in Presbytery seminary. More Light committee to further discuss. Also...next Sunday 5/27 there will be a speaker at 10am sharing her personal journey related to LGBTQIA issues.
- **Motion** to Approve a Clean Air Council “Groups of Ten” Monthly Training meeting --Nora Johnson wants to lead a group, wants a key ...no objections, motion carries
- **Motion** to allow and support Pastor Kolb in pursuing role as Senior Vice Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery, a 3 year commitment, Pastor Kolb would be happy to serve. All were in favor, approved.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

WORSHIP:

- **Motion** to approve Rev. Alan Olson to preach on 6/17/18 and to be paid by session discretionary funds line item 556...seconded, approved unanimously.
- **Motion** to approve 2018 Communion Dates of 2/4, 3/4, 3/29 (Maundy Thurs), 4/1 (Easter), 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 9/30 (women's retreat), 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 12/24 (Christmas Eve), and 1/6/19 (Epiphany).
Seconded, approved unanimously.

NEXT SESSION MEETING: Wednesday June 27 @ 7:30pm

—Jen Joy, Clerk of Session

New Choral Piece Commissioned

Members of the choir and I, who have gathered together as a “committee,” are involved in an exciting project which I will now tell you about. A friend of Sixth Presbyterian church, who appreciates music and wants to facilitate its creation, has made a donation to Sixth to fund the commissioning of a new piece of choral music. (Actually, he wants to fund more than one piece, but I am getting ahead of myself.) This initial choral anthem is to be used during worship and is to suit the skills and talents of our choir as well as support the core themes of our liturgical year.

The Session formally approved this generous gift at a recent meeting this spring, so the project is “official.” I hope you are as excited about this development as I am!

How will this all happen? In order to create a choral anthem you need text and music. Several choir members are assisting me in researching and selecting texts from 3 categories: traditional/classical, scripture and sacred contemporary. Once the lists have been shortened, the choir and I will select one from each category.

I have also compiled a list of composers who have a catalog of sacred choral compositions to their credit, and together with several choir members are reviewing the pieces they have written. Once again, we will cull the list to a manageable size and, with the choir’s help, rate our choices.

Finally, I will approach the selected composer and offer him, or her, the opportunity to set one of our chosen texts to music. I am not sure when the composition will be ready, but we have set a target date of fall 2019. I will keep you posted with our project from time to time. In the meantime I hope you will notice the texts and music of the anthems the choir currently sings and the breadth, beauty and variety of the compositions.

—Gail Luley, Director of Music

A Poem by Alina Vinyarsky

We want our chains and barriers to go.
We seek a way out of our sorrow.
Why is it that we're still afraid
To stand on mountain top unchained?

We grasp at remnants of the past,
Afraid that the familiar won't last —
The chains and cages that we build
And the illusions that they shield.

But our souls long to soar
High up above the ocean shore,
The woods and rivers, peaks and glens.
They're ready to fly free... And then

The lightning strikes, the chains are gone, The cages
broken, barriers torn.
We're standing on the mountain top
Unchained.

It takes a moment to realize
That it is time for us to fly
And that without bars and chains
We're safe.

Remembering what we saw in dreams
We stand and open our wings.
We gaze at beauty of the earth
In awe.

Though still afraid, we feel the joy
Course through us, and we make the choice.
We leap and fly, and we're afraid
No more.



Attention All Women! Women's Retreat 2018



The Women's Retreat Weekend will be at Crestfield, Friday evening, September 28th through Sunday morning September 30th. There will also be an option for coming Saturday only. The Rev. Susan Rothenberg will be our retreat leader. More information on details and cost will be forthcoming. Any questions, please contact Pam Howe at howepjs@yahoo.com or 412-343-7438.

Susan has given us this description of the topic for the weekend:

God, Improv, and the Art of Living: Getting from "Yes But" to "Yes And"

When most of us think about improvisation, often referred to as "improv," we might think about Second City in Chicago, an improv troupe which counts among its alumni such comedy greats as Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, and Jim Belushi among many others.

What does the art of improvisation have to say to the Church which often says that God has a plan for our lives, whereas improv teaches there is no master plan at all? But what if God isn't an immutable taskmaster, but a creative collaborator?

This September at the Sixth Church Women's Retreat, Rev. Susan Rothenberg will lead us through an exploration of improv, guided by a new book entitled, *God, Improv, and the Art of Living* by Presbyterian pastor and improv enthusiast MaryAnn McKibben Dana. In her book, Dana suggests that the principles of improv are present in Scripture, and continue to be experienced in the lives of God's people today. She believes the lessons learned in improv translate into tools and practices that can guide our emotional, social, vocational, and spiritual lives.

At Crestfield, we'll think about Scripture texts which reveal God's improvisational nature, and consider how we are invited into God's creative work. We'll look at our own personal stories and see how we are all improvisers, particularly when life surprises or challenges us. Plus, we'll enjoy some reflective group exercises and fun activities taken from the world of improv.

Still not convinced that improv is for you? Maybe a quote about improvisation from Tina Fey's *Bossypants* will convince you:

"It plays among the arts.

It's indispensable in parenting.

It shows up in business, science, and sports.

It can help sharpen memory, stave off dementia, and combat writer's block.

And it will change your life and reduce belly fat"

Sadly, the fine print in *Bossypants* admits that improv does not really reduce belly fat. But it will change your life! See you in September!

Head's Up – Summer Sanctuary Upkeep

Don't be surprised to see the sanctuary full of scaffolding this summer! Our insurance company, Guide One, is generously paying for re-plastering and painting the sanctuary, the Narthex, the office, and the hallway to repair the water damaged walls. The cost of all this work is estimated to be \$136,559.61. Guide one has already sent us around \$120,000, with the remainder paid upon completion of the work. (we will have a \$2,500 copay). We have already had the roof repaired, so the damage should not reoccur.

Surprisingly, almost half of this amount is for scaffolding: the ceiling height and floor slope of the sanctuary make scaffolding difficult to erect. Kress Restoration's solution is to erect a 15-foot-high scaffolding 'floor' with a rolling scaffold on top that they can move to work on different sections. We will continue to worship as usual, though the ambiance will be interesting! The office, narthex and hallway will also be replastered and painted, though not in as dramatic a fashion.

Fixing the sanctuary and hall finishes was an important component of the Fall Capital Campaign. You may ask, "Does this mean we will have a lower goal for the campaign?" The projects we selected for the campaign (see the 'Case for Support' issued in January 2018) were the highest priority and most expensive projects on our long list, but by no means the only high priority ones. Our Feasibility study indicated that there was support for this amount in the congregation. Our ultimate goal for this campaign is to make the long-needed improvements to our building that will carry us well into the future.

The House Committee, the staff and the capital campaign committee will consider adding other projects to the remaining list (the sanctuary windows, the kitchen refurbishment, the handicap accessibility improvements). At the August Session meeting, a revised 'Case for Support' will be submitted for approval, and subsequently presented to the congregation.

Stay tuned!

– Leslie Kaplan, House Committee Chair

Christian Education Year-End Wrap-up

Dear friends,

This is the time of year that we recognize many special people in our church family and I have so much to say!

Graduates:

We have some high school students from our Sixth family that are graduating this year and I want you all to join me in congratulating them:

Anne Ward is graduating from the Ellis School and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh

Megan Sindhi is graduating from Alderdice High School and will be attending the University of Virginia

And Gabriel Yancey is graduating from CAPP and will be attending Fordham University.

To all of our graduates, we wish you love and luck as you fly away in to the world and please know that your family here at Sixth Church is always here to pray for you and support you as begin your next adventures.

Bible Presentations:

I recently attended a Christian Education conference and I signed up for a workshop called "Embracing your

imperfect Children's Ministry." During that workshop I heard people from church after church saying that their "imperfection" was that their congregation had little or no children – or had inconsistent attendance of kids in Sunday school and worship. The whole time I sat there thinking about how blessed we are here at Sixth Church to not have that problem. I won't name the person – but a congregation member approached to me at coffee hour recently and said, "Isn't it wonderful how many children we have here at church. They are everywhere!"

So, to our families – I say thank you for making church and Sunday school a commitment in your lives. And to our congregation I say – thank you for making this a church a place where children are fully a part of the life of the church.

It is our tradition at Sixth Church to present young people Bibles when they have completed 3rd grade and this year we have many!

These students will be receiving Bibles this year:

Thoren Vaux, Dante McDonald, Sadie DeLucia, Brian Lazarus, Derek Tudek, Tiarnan Macbay, and Calvin Tantalo

Teacher Recognition:

This is the time of year that we recognize and say "thank you" to our Sunday School teachers. Here is what I want you to know about these wonderful people: They are not simply teachers or volunteers. They are people who have committed themselves to investing in the lives our young people. These are adults who have made it part of their faith and their way of serving God and the church. Our kids are not only taught the Bible stories, but they are made to feel welcome, loved and to feel that they are a part of God's family.

Our teachers do so much more than help prepare crafts and lesson. They hug, they listen, they dry tears, they laugh at silly stories, they teach life skills, they sit with and teach our kids to worship, and they share themselves.

I think there is a statement that is commonly made about children and church that is a very misleading and possibly false. Many people say that "children are the future of our church." I think that's rubbish. I think that our young people ARE the church right now. Our Sunday school teachers are people that fully embrace that second statement.

So to our teachers:

Megan Fogt, Malena Howe, Linda May, Cyndi Dickson, Verna Robinson, Chris Pistoruis, Amy Whipple

I say thank you. Our congregation prays for you. And we thank God for you.

Will you join us?

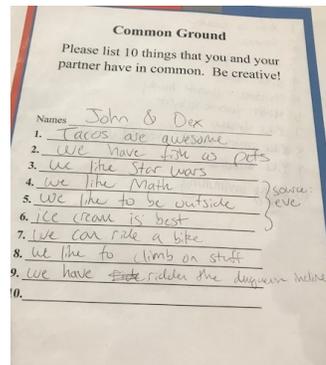
As we are looking and planning for the future, we need and invite more people to join us in our ministry with children and youth. Please know that we are not looking for people who are experts in teaching kids, know all the Bible stories, and are capable of crowd control and doing behind the scenes tasks. Those things are things we can teach you how to do and guide you along the way. We are looking for people who love young people and are interested in investing themselves in helping our kids have a meaningful church experience. I encourage you to talk to our teachers and listen to their stories about our kids. And if you feel like this is an area you are being called to serve – please reach out to me! My door is always open and my phone is always on!

Many Blessings,

Jenny Newman

Family Retreat 2018, Camp Crestfield

Thank you to Marnie Bertolet, Jen Joy, and Julie Mull for sharing your photos



Families from Sixth Church had a great weekend playing, worshiping and learning about each other during our annual Family Retreat. Visit our church website and click on the Children and Youth Blog link to see more photos and read more about our weekend.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday Fun Days

Children ages preschool - 5th grade are invited for VBS from 10 a.m. to noon for three Sundays in July. We will begin each week in worship. Children will be dismissed from worship following the Time for Children to participate in VBS activities including Bible stories, snack, music, crafts, science experiments, and outside play.

July 15
July 22
July 29



**Please visit our church website
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June 2018 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 am, Fiberarts Guild 7:00 pm, NA
3 11:00 am, Worship in the Park 8:00 pm, NA	4 David DeJong 7:00 pm, NA	5	6 10:30 am, Bible Study	7 Jack Farquhar 7:00 pm, Clean Air Council Group of Ten	8	9 7:00 pm, NA
10 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	11 Mary Lang 7:00 pm, NA	12 Margaret Miller Kate Brennan	13 Andrew Morgan Colin Miller 10:30 am, Bible Study 7:00 pm, 14th Ward Democrats	14 5:30 pm, Career Links 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)	15 7:00 pm, Three Rivers Tibetan Cultural Center	16 10:00 am, Three Rivers Tibetan Cultural Center 7:00 pm, NA
17 10:00 am, Worship 6:00 pm 8:00 pm, NA	18 Isabella Berg Eve Guyette Rainer Loyd 7:00 pm, NA	19 Jean Moore	20 Christine Tyndall 10:30 am, Bible Study 7:15 pm, Deacons	21	22 Kyle Miller	23 7:00 pm, NA
24 Chris McAdams 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	25 7:00 pm, NA	26	27 10:30 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Session dinner 7:30 pm, Session	28 Lori Swensson	29 Liam Greenley Malachi Cornelius- Bates 6:00 pm, Youth Movie and Game night	30 Jim Funderburgh 7:00 pm, NA

July 2018 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	2 Brenda Flores 7:00 pm, NA	3	4 Office closed	5	6 Virginia McQuown Heather Vallone	7 Malena Howe 7:00 pm, NA
8 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm NA	9 David Miller Melynda Nestor 7:00 pm, NA	10	11 10:30 am, Bible Study	12 Judy Matta Joseph Ashenden	13 Heather Lyle	14 Carole Anderson 7:00 pm, NA
15 Cyndi Dickson 10:00 am, VBS Sunday Funday 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	16 7:00 pm, NA	17	18 Nathan Cooper 10:30 am, Bible Study	19	20 Pamela Bower	21 7:00 pm, NA
22 10:00 am, VBS Sunday Funday 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	23 7:00 pm, NA	24 Olivia McCann 6:00 pm, Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point	25	26	27	28 7:00 pm, NA
29 Thoren Vaux 10:00 am, VBS Sunday Funday 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	30 7:00 pm, NA	31 Cheryl Kubelick				

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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 August newsletter is July 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...

“Summer was on the way; Jem and I awaited it with impatience. Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the treehouse; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all. summer was Dill.”

—Harper Lee

“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

“There was only one night game a year. On the Fourth of July, the whole sky would brighten up with fireworks, giving us just enough light for a game. We played better then too. Because I guess, we all felt like Big Leaguers under the lights at some great stadium. Benny felt like that all the time.”

— *The Sandlot*

“One always expects something of the summer; but somehow, it never seems to happen.” — Emma Vaughan