

The Herald



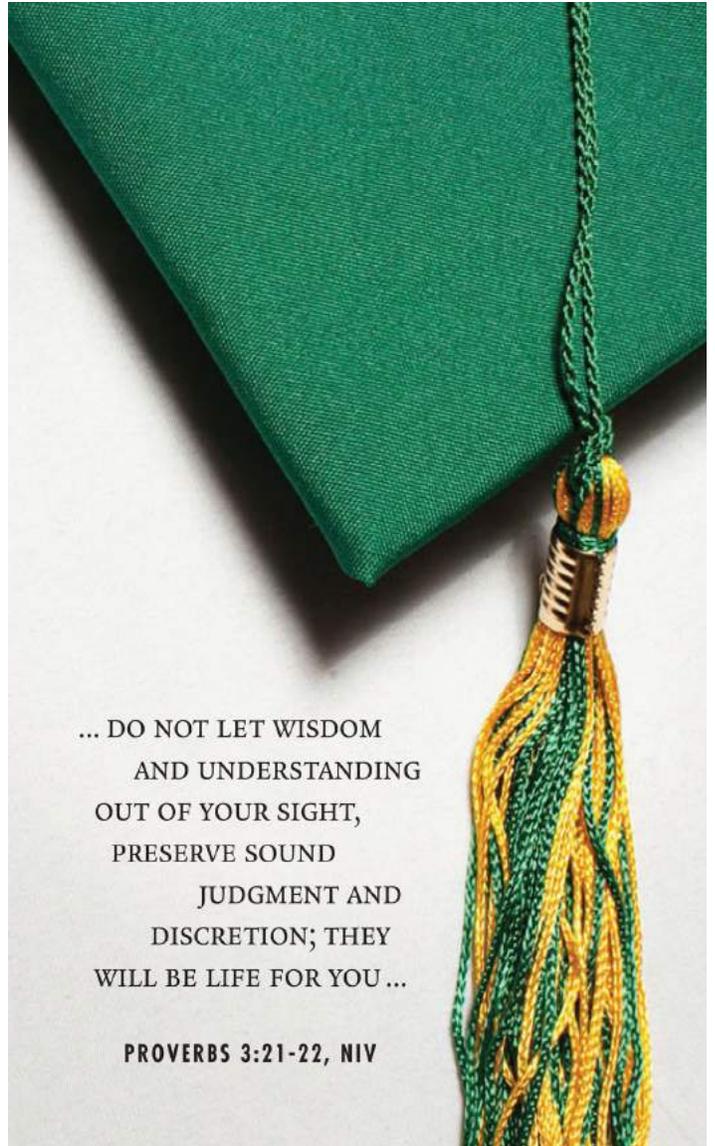
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Open the door

We seem to have lost touch with the God of surprises. We forget that he is always up to something wondrous and unexpected where you and I are concerned. He taps on our heart's door, waiting for us to open up and discover what he holds for us. If we manage to hear his knock, sometimes what we find is almost unbearably precious. It turns out to be the one thing we need most in life, or as my daughter Ann used to say, "the onliest thing," meaning there is nothing more splendid in the universe.

—Sue Monk Kidd,
God's Joyful Surprise



... DO NOT LET WISDOM
AND UNDERSTANDING
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
PRESERVE SOUND
JUDGMENT AND
DISCRETION; THEY
WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU ...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV

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In honor of our two lovely young graduates this month: Erin Nichols and Halley Allen. Your family has given you both roots and wings, and your Church has given you the roots of Faith. May these roots sustain you as you go off to College and continue to learn and grow. May you continue to walk in God's light and counsel. Congratulations Graduates!



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Keep Praying!

Trevor Hudson, in his book, "Holy Spirit: Here and Now," writes about how "the Holy Spirit helps us to pray;" Hudson calls it "affirmative prayer" (p. 104-106). We have been trying to say this kind of prayer at the Sunday morning Bible study. For our purpose here, I'll say this prayer has at least three parts.

For one, we must realize that God is our Father and loves us dearly. Just as Jesus called out, "Abba, Father" (Mark 14:36), we, too, have "received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (Romans 8:15-16). Abba is an endearment along the lines of daddy or mommy. Father God and Son Jesus want a close relationship with us. We pray within that confidence: "Abba, Father." We are children of God!

Secondly, we are the beloved of God. Hudson emphasizes that "we belong to God" (p. 106). We say in prayer over and over to God: "I belong to you." Jesus came not to condemn, but to save (John 3:17)!

Thirdly, we are not alone in praying, but "the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). At any time, the Holy Spirit helps us get our prayers out to God!

With these three parts together, we begin our affirmative prayer speaking a word of endearment; knowing we are each a daughter or a son of God who belongs to God; who helps us pray any day and at any time. Keep praying!

Make God bless you today, Pastor Dan Carr



SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR – 9:00 A.M.

The Church Council has decided to try starting our **Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. for the Summer.** "Summer" is defined as from June 18 until September 3. On Sept. 10, we will resume our 10:00 a.m. start time, along with the return of Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. and the Choir and Chime choir. Please let the Worship Committee know how you feel about this Summers' earlier 9:00 a.m. start time.

Members of the Worship Committee are Sue Josephson, Gretchen Golibersuch, Dee Colwell, Martha Kline, Ellen Farnham, Janet Snyder and Pastor Dan Carr.

Thank you and God Bless you.



**Serving in
Worship
June 2017**

**Thank You for
Serving
this Month!**



***Liturgy is
the Work of
the People***

***for the Glory
of God***

Liturgist

6/04 Eileen Gill
6/11 Sue Josephson
6/18 Susann Brainard
6/25 Sandy Wulff

Greeters

6/04 Ellen Farnham
6/11 Doris Frediani
6/18 Bea Tyson
6/25 Kathy Krisher

Ushers

6/04 Bob & Dianne Arazy
6/11 Martha & Jim Kline
6/18 Gail P., Sharon Kelly
6/25 Don Fernberg, Bob Kuder

Communion Servers:

6/04 Cliff C., Bob K., Peg W.

Acolytes

6/04 Erin Nichols
6/11 Erin Nichols
6/18 Jessica Archer
6/25 Don Allis

Altar

6/04 Randi Wachter
6/11 Dee Colwell
6/18 Martha Kline
6/25 Ruth Mori

Media Booth

6/04 Randy & Carol Bloechl
6/11 Randy & Carol Bloechl
6/18 Rodney Nichols
6/25 Todd Hochgraf

Media Presentation

6/04 Carol Bloechl
6/11 Carol Bloechl

Coffee Hour:

Volunteers Needed. Please consider signing up for refreshments this month!



To the who Education Team
who provided refreshments for
the month of May!



June 4 Day of Pentecost: John 7:37-39; Psalm 104; Communion
June 11 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 28:16-20, Psalm 8; Peace with Justice
June 18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 9:35-10:8, Psalm 116; Father's Day
June 25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost: Matthew 10:24-39; Psalm 86;

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

June 3rd, 2017 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice

Coffee or Tea

Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3



Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!



Garage Sale July 29th

Sale Hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sponsored by United Methodist Women

Let us share our abundance!

Take in of items for the sale will be

Monday July 24 through Thursday July 27

6–8 p.m.

Tuesday 7/25 & Thursday 7/26

10 a.m.—noon.

Volunteers are needed for take in , pricing night and the day of the sale. Watch for a sign-up sheet coming soon.



Farmer's Market Report

The very first edition of what could become an annual plant sale went very well. We had three vendors. Two were selling plants, the other was offering free samples of his "micro greens." The two vendors that participated were Liese Farms and Potted Gold. The vendors both seemed very happy with the results. There were never a lot of shoppers at one time, but overall there was a good response. Most of the shoppers we talked with said they responded because of the sign in front of church. A couple had seen the community bulletin board on Spectrum News. One lady said she was just driving by and decided to stop. Our plain and simple advertising seemed to pay off.

After this apparent success, we can be very positive about the successfulness of the 2017 Farmer's Market which opens for the 43rd year on June 17th. We will be looking for and recruiting "market day managers." There will be a sign-up sheet on the Farmer's Market bulletin board. If you don't know what this is all about, please ask either John or Roger.

We mentioned that this is the 43rd year of the market. We as a church should be very proud of this long running event and be very grateful to the many people who have chaired the market and served as the weekly market managers. To every one of you we say THANK YOU!

Market Organizers,

Roger Dart &
John Standinger



Souls Harbor

Southern Gospel
Concert

Friday June 23 at
7:00 PM

Right here at our
Church!

Tickets \$12 from
Church / \$18 at
the door

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday June 18 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help.

Drivers for June are Ruth Mori and Norma Hochgraf.



Erin Nichols

Graduation Celebration

July 8 from 2 to 6 PM,
Dinner served at 3 PM.

In Adams Hall

the Nichols invite all their Church Family to celebrate this special occasion.

Please RSVP to 594-5684

Or email:

rnnichols@frontiernet.net

Thank you, Rodney & Nancy Nichols



June Birthdays

6/1 Dick Bowers 6/14 Lyla Weinreber
6/18 Martha Kline 6/18 Stephanie Bloechl
6/22 Randi Wachter 6/30 Todd Hochgraf



To the Trustees for the new
Shades in the Office!

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Prayer Concerns for June

Prayers for: Carm L., Nicole, Carolyn, Sharon's niece Sarah, Sean, Donna G., Joyce, Mary, Tom K., Shirley, Erich H., Neil H., Rose, Ruth, Lena E.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: family of Chris Z, family of Bud A.



In Our Prayers



Virginia Allen, Dolores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber, John DeBack.

Save Money while helping our Church

How many people do you know that would like to save money on their electricity and heating bills? The North Chili UMC has partnered with Ambit Energy to save money on utility expenses. Relatives, friends & neighbors can support our church by switching their gas and/or electric service to Ambit Energy and will save money on their home energy supply at the same time. Ambit guarantees at least a 1% savings over RG&E. With Ambit, as with any ESCO, the incumbent provider (like RG&E or National Grid) still reads your meter, sends your bill, and will do any service in the event of a power outage. Contact Lyle Tague at [585-352-0837](tel:585-352-0837) (leave a message if we aren't there) or contact him at Lyletague@iCloud.com for more information or to sign up. Thanks for your help!!

Generosity and Giving

God calls us to be a generous people. Are we?

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;" - Psalm 24:1

John Wesley believed if those who "gain all they can, save all they can, and give all they can" then the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven."

I'm sure you have seen and read these verses from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

When is the last time you really thought about the whole idea of "sowing bountifully" and "giving cheerfully", and "sharing abundantly"?

What is it we should sow? Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit? Time, energy, money? Food, fabric, books? Ideas, creativity, advice? Kindness, mercy, love? Our skills, our hands, our hearts?

Maybe we need to look at what we would like to reap? More food, more money for "things", more time for sowing, or playing? More love in our lives or more friends? More forgiveness?

Do you look at your life as a "gift from God?" The things that you have as gifts from God?

Because that is what they are: gifts from God! And how do we use our "gifts"? Are we all living "within" our means and "storing up treasure in heaven"? Or are we trying to get "more" do more, have more? Are we "keeping up with the Jones'"? Or have we finally figured out that all that "stuff" isn't really making us happy. I have figured out that spending time with friends in Church and in social groups is more fulfilling than new stuff. I have figured out that I can increase my generosity and giving to Church, to Missions, to ministries both inside and outside the Church and still have plenty left to cover basic needs. And yes, some "wants" too. I can give time and materials to Cuddle Quilts, Senior Care Quilts, to the Food Pantry, Coffee hour, Card making, UMW and Missions. I can give my time to serve in Worship and more. I can pray for those who need help that I can't reach. And every day I can find at least five things to be grateful for! Will you join me?

Let's be abundantly generous, grateful, cheerful givers!

Susann Brainard

The most
important
things in life
aren't things





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