



## LOOKING AHEAD

### June

- 6<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout End of Year BBQ
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday
- 12<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 16<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday/Father's Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars

### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day  
(Office Closed)

### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rally Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 12<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair & Flea Market
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars



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# June Birthdays



- 5 Adrienne Liana
- 9 Valerie Jacobson
- 10 Abigail Blissenbach
- 11 Mary Brower  
John David Conca
- 15 Casey Lynne Reiman
- 26 Thomas Coffey
- 27 Christine Matthius  
Roseann Sorensen

# Coffee Hour



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## June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustees
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday
- 16<sup>th</sup> Church Board
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 30<sup>th</sup> Adult Fellowship

## July

- 7<sup>th</sup> Trustees
- 14<sup>th</sup> Church Board
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 28<sup>th</sup> Adult Fellowship

## From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of the Sure and Certain Savior,

A pastor tells the story of being dropped by his insurance company because he had one too many speeding tickets and a minor fender bender that wasn't his fault. One day he received a letter in the mail, informing him to seek coverage elsewhere. As he reflected on how he wasn't good enough for his insurance company, the spiritual tie-in was too obvious. "Many people fear receiving such a letter from God," the pastor wrote. "Some worry they already have."

He then imagines this correspondence, straight from the Pearly Gates Underwriting Division:

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I'm writing in response to this morning's request for forgiveness. I'm sorry to inform you that you have reached your quota of *sins*. *Our records show that, since employing our services, you have erred seven times in the area of greed, and your prayer life is substandard when compared to others of like age and circumstance.*

*Further review reveals that your understanding of doctrine is in the lower 20 percentile and you have excessive tendencies to gossip. Because of your sins you are a high-risk candidate for heaven. You understand that grace has its limits. Jesus sends his regrets and kindest regards and hopes that you will find some other form of coverage.*

*This is how it goes for a slave, who constantly lives in fear not knowing enough, not doing enough, not ever measuring up.*

In the first epistle of John in Chapter 5 vs. 13 he writes the reason for the letter: ***"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know [for certain] that you have eternal life"***.

I've been in the ministry for over 30 years and still find it amazing when I hear the consistent responses for long time church attendees concerning their assurance of salvation. I ordinarily ask the question, *"If you were to die today do you know for certain that you would have eternal life?"* Again, these are church attendees who usually answer the same way.

## From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

After reading this you're probably mulling this question over in your own head. After all, this is perhaps the most important matter of life, or more specifically of death. All of us have pondered our eternal destiny in light of whether or not we *know enough or have done enough, and have measured up* enough to God's requirements in order to be assured a welcome into His Heavenly Kingdom.

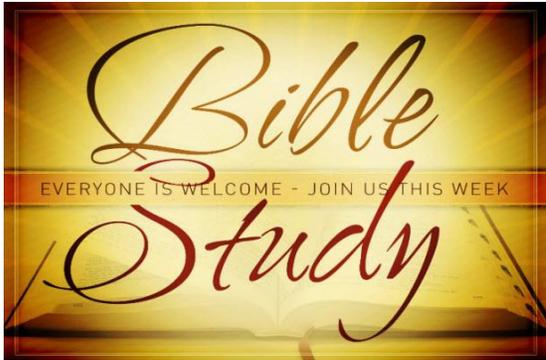
I am sure many of you remember the actor, Steve McQueen. It is said that he led a life as tough as the ones he portrayed on the screen. Success filled his life until alcohol and a failed marriage left him empty. In his despair he attended a crusade led by one of Billy Graham's associates. McQueen made a profession of faith and requested an opportunity to speak with Billy Graham. A connecting flight in Los Angeles allowed Billy to spend a couple of hours with Mr. McQueen in the actor's limousine. Billy shared numerous scriptures in his quest to give spiritual hope and assurance. Steve McQueen struggled with the thought of God giving eternal life to a man who had such a checkered past.

In Titus 1:2, however, he found a promise that spoke to him - "***the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago***" He requested something to write down the verse, but Billy Graham gave McQueen his Bible instead. Later, Steve McQueen died in Mexico while seeking experimental treatment for his terminal cancer. He passed into eternity with his Bible opened to Titus 1 and his finger resting on verse 2. Regardless of our past, we have the assurance of our eternal salvation because of the sure promises of God's Word made real by through the certainty of the death and resurrection of God's own Son.

Your Servant For Jesus' Sake,

*Pastor Charlie*

# Bible Studies



The Sunday School series discussing the concerns of those who attend will be held on Sundays, at 9:00 AM in the workroom.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study is held in the workroom at 6:30 PM.

## Note From the Church Council

There is a significant need for more volunteers to serve on the Church Board and the Board of Trustees. The limited number of persons currently serving is a detriment to the proper and efficient running of our beloved church.

# Order Your Geraniums



The color of Pentecost is red. This year, we would like to have a profusion of red geraniums on the Altar to make Pentecost Sunday even more special. If you normally plant red geraniums in your garden, could you wait? The Worship and Music Committee would like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for June 9<sup>th</sup>. You would then take your plants home after the Service. **It is your responsibility to take your plants home!** The cost would be \$4 per plant. Please let Sam Colucci know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flower display this year. Mention how many you would like to order then submit a check for the cost. Orders must be received by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	3	4 Westerleigh Improvement Society  Bible Study 6:30	5	6 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	7	8
9 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	10	11 Bible Study 6:30	12 AARP	13	14	15
16 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 <b>Trinity Sunday Father's Day</b>	17	18 Bible Study 6:30	19	20	21	22
23 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	24	25 Bible Study 6:30	26 Tall Cedars	27	28	29
30 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00						

# Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2019. A flower chart is on the bulletin board at the back of the Church Hall. Sign up on a Sunday. The price is \$25. Please indicate whether or not

you are going to take your flowers or if they should go to a shut-in.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

Information for the July/August Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

Need to talk? Want spiritual counsel? Have an emergency? If so, you can reach Pastor Charlie through the Church office from Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at 718-448-1584. If you have an urgent matter off-hours, call Charlie's cell phone: 718-290-3726. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will reply. He is usually off on Friday; however, if you have a need, he is always available- any time, day or night. Please don't hesitate to call him!

## **How you can help the Hungry and Homeless:**

**Help Re-stock Food Pantries:** non-perishable boxed or canned food items are needed: canned meat, tuna, vegetables, and fruits, rice and instant potatoes, tomato sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned and instant soups, peanut butter and jellies, baby foods and disposable diapers. No glass jars, please. When you come to Church on Sundays, you can place donations in our Food Basket. Thank you all for sharing.

FYI – Richmond Senior Services has relocated to 729 Delafield Avenue, between Clove Road and Taylor Street.

## Prayer List

Please keep the following:

### Health Issues:

Baldini Family  
Laney Dahl  
Carina DeGiulio  
Karen McCarthy  
Jason Proceszyn  
Jan Wiggin  
Alan Yurich

### Serving our Country:

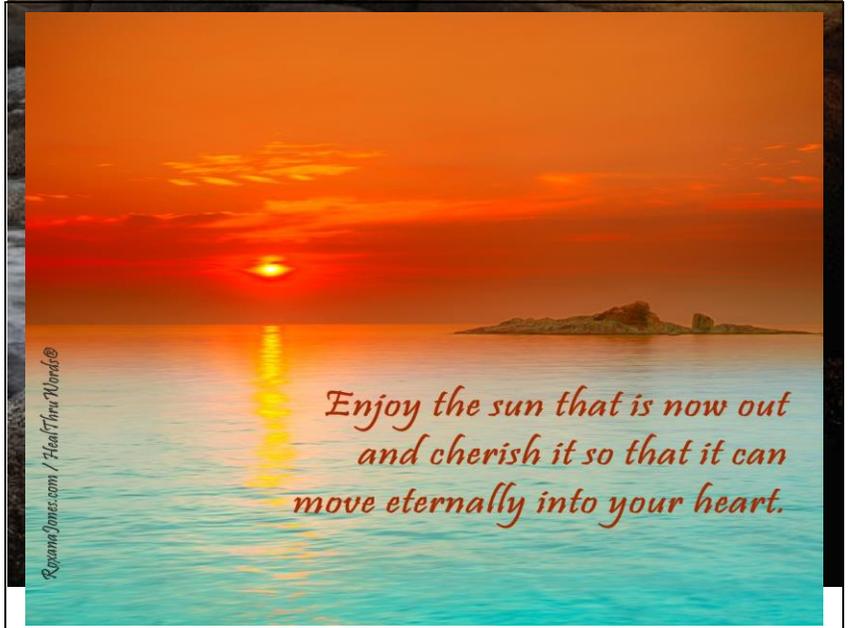
Matthew Ciccone, USMC  
Grand-nephew of Ann Holland

### Shut-Ins:

Ethel Thomas

in your prayers!!!

If you would like to be on the Prayer List or would like to add someone, please call Gina in the Church Office at 718 448-1584.



*Enjoy the sun that is now out  
and cherish it so that it can  
move eternally into your heart.*

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