

# The Herald

## June 2025



### SEASON OF PENTECOST In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service  
5:00 PM

Sunday Services  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion  
is celebrated at  
all services.

### ..... Music Rehearsal

The choir is on hiatus  
for the summer, but  
rehearsals will  
resume in  
September. We  
rehearse on Sunday  
mornings at 9:30. All  
are welcome.

### PASTOR'S PAGE

"I will pray for you" ~ Jesus

The Gospel reading on June 1 is first and foremost a prayer. It is Jesus' prayer, and we are given the privilege of listening in as he prays on behalf of his disciples and people of all times and places. As The Easter Season draws to a close we are given a glimpse of Jesus' mission for the world—that all may be drawn into the life of the triune God.

What is it Jesus is doing when he prays?

What is it the church does when it prays on behalf of the world and other people?

To be prayed for by another is to know your life is cared for and has value to the one praying on your behalf. It is to know that much of the future is out of your control, and rests instead in the care of the Triune God. To be prayed for is to be vulnerable, dependent, and deeply loved.

Here is the astoundingly good news: Jesus prays for you, and for the communities in which you find yourself. Whether your cup is empty or full, whether your community is in crisis or experiencing joy, whether your future is foggy or clear, Jesus loves you deeply and your life is bound to the God who loved you before the foundations of the world.

By the time June ends we will have launched into the long season of The Time After Pentecost. On June 29<sup>th</sup> we will consider together what it means to be a disciple. The readings for this day will answer this question in various ways.

We will hear how Elisha was given the burdensome mantle of Elijah. Up until this point he'd simply been a student of the great prophet. Then, suddenly, Elijah passed the leadership responsibility onto him and transitioned dramatically from this life into the next. Because it was an immense responsibility, Elisha asked for and received from his master a double portion of his spirit.

Paul will spell out the mission that is before us, explaining that with the Spirit of God within, our lives should be different. He contrasts the work of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit, reminding us that we are called to use our freedom in Christ for good, and that God can transform our lives and empower us for ministry.

In the gospel, Jesus faces more resistance from those he's called. People conjure up all sorts of excuses why they can't start right away, but Jesus will have none of it. He's calling and he wants a straight answer now. You're in or you're out.

These bible passages show how much God is demanding of those who wish to follow. Those called are asked to give everything. No wonder we resist these calls on our lives. However, these bible lessons remind us that the Spirit will support our work and provide us with everything we need to answer God's call.

Have a great start to your summer!


*Pastor Andy*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## June 2025

*On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Worship 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship	2	3	4	5 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Flute Ensemble	6	7 5:00 Worship
8 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	9 AA Meeting	10	11 6:30 Council Meeting	12 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	13 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	14 5:00 Worship FLAG DAY 
15 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 AA Meeting	17	18	19 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Flute Ensemble JUNETEENTH	20 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	21 5:00 Worship
22 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	23 AA Meeting	24	25 Church BBQ (5-7 pm)	26 11:00 Bible Study	27 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	28 5:00 Worship
29 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	30 AA Meeting					

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# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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### PRAYER LIST

*The ministry of Pope Leo XIV, Holly & Duane, Dawn Allen, The friends and family of John Austino as they mourn his passing, Hal Battindorf, Nicholas Baud, Wanda Brown, Madelene Budd, Emerson Bulk, Richard Burroughs, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Aja DelRio, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Scott Fey, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, The friends and family of Susan Gavin as they mourn her passing, Gavin Gigliotti, The family of Michael Gilletti as they mourn his death, Marie Giliberti, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, the Hatcher family, Ron Herrmann, the Hogan family, The family of Ken Jakubiak as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, Elise Kelm and the Kelm family, Corinne Klotz, Doris Lail, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, The Lyons family in the loss of their brother, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, The McCall family in their time of grief and loss, Rob and Nona McDonough & family, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, The family and friends of Carol Nardi as they mourn her death, Bob and Sue Nevins (suffering with a brain tumor), The family of Robert O'Connor, Lazslo Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, The family of Joseph Ostrowski as they mourn his death, Lucas Otey, Otis, Danielle Peters, The Pressley family in the loss of their cousin, Jan Pressley (and all victims of the recent hurricanes), The family of Harry Rees as they mourn his death, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, The family and friends of Glenn Shirley as they mourn his passing, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsad, Samantha Sumner, Richard Sylvester, Eileen Simpson, The family of Dot Stagg as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Donna Testa, Corey Temean, Ed Tutka, Sharon Walker, The family and friends of Larry Wall as they mourn his passing, Rosie Ward, Winfield Watson, Wayne Weaver, Dolores Whilleson, The family of Michelle Whiting as they mourn her passing, the Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Sue Willard, Jill Wilt, Avery and Lillian Marie Wrigley, Jerry, Pat and Kelly who are battling cancer.*

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: [hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com](mailto:hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com).)

***Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!***

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Total received year-to-date--\$50407.06. Amount needed to meet the spending plan--\$52458.00. (We are currently about \$2050 behind what is needed to meet our spending plan. Please don't forget the church if you plan to be away!)**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS

**Sunday School is on hiatus until September. However, lesson materials are still available on the church website throughout the summer months.**

### SAVE THE DATE:

- **Wednesday, June 25—Church BBQ—5-7 pm**
- **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>—God's Work, Our Hands (this is also Wenonah's Fall cleanup event)**

### JUNE CELEBRATIONS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Donna Cuevas, Milton Cuevas, Tony DiRienzo, Dane Galbraith, Vince Montana, Marge Newkirk, Fay Stafford-Rambo**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Marilyn & Bill Kaiser, Christine & Ken Regan, Jackie & John Ricketts**

### COFFEE HOUR

**The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.**

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM—Go and Do the Same—Share the Gospel

**Our generosity can promote healing. It can help raise the dead. In the strange way that things sometimes happen with God, our generosity can become a source of healing for us. Our giving can actually bring us back to life.**

**Today we think about stewardship from another point of view—a call to share the gospel. The biblical story is the conversion of the first Gentiles. You might wonder, "What does that have to do with sharing the gospel through stewardship?"**

**A part of the answer is that when left to themselves, Gentiles have problems, including idolatry and misusing our resources—such as money, time, talent, and material goods. In fact, Gentiles who do not know God often use resources in ways that are self-centered, exploitative, divisive, and even violent.**

*But when Gentiles come to God, as we do through Jesus Christ, they center themselves on God and on loving others. They seek to be mutually supportive. They work for true community, and a world of peace. Those who share in the gospel in these ways receive the very things they share in the form of a renewed church and world.*

**ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY** is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, June 21, 2025.



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