

The Herald

June 2026



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.

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Music Rehearsal
Choir is on hiatus
until September.

PASTOR'S PAGE

I'm about to launch into my 71st Summer ... and we are on the eve of the 250th Birthday of our Nation ... These are momentous times ... These are tumultuous times ... Let's dwell for a moment on the spiritual aspects of the upcoming Summer Solstice and how it can enhance our liturgical/spiritual experience.

The spiritual emphasis for the *Summer Solstice* centers on illumination, abundance, and inner growth. Conversely, *Ordinary Time* in the Christian Church invites a grounded, systematic deepening of discipleship. They offer us peaking spiritual energy and steady, everyday spiritual nourishment.

Spiritual Focus: The Summer Solstice

Occurring in the Northern Hemisphere, it occurs around June 21, marking the longest day of the year. This time of longer daylight invites us to open ourselves up to:

It's Summer! A Time for Illumination & Clarity:

The height of solar energy represents the peak of outward growth, providing the opportunities for active manifestation,

- beholding the glory of God's good creation,
- showing gratitude for life's "harvests,"
- reflecting on the light you bring to the world,
- finding *Balance & Rest*.

While it is the season of maximum light, it is also traditionally a spiritual *pivot point* for quiet reflection—balancing the high-energy "doing" of the summer with the internal "being."

Spiritual Focus: Ordinary Time

In the liturgical calendar, we find ourselves entering the long stretch of Ordinary Time that runs from May 25th to late November. It's a time that brings a different kind of spiritual rhythm:

- **Ordered Discipleship:** The term comes from *ordinalis* (meaning numbered or ordered) rather than "plain." It represents the ordered, disciplined, day-to-day journey of living out your faith to the glory of God.
- **Growth and Hope:** Represented by green vestments, this season emphasizes the steady assimilation of Christ's teachings in the Gospel. Rather than the emotional intensity of Lent or Easter, it focuses on long-term, hidden, and sustainable transformation.
- **The "Year of St. Francis":** The year 2026 has been declared as an active Jubilee Year for The Christian Church, focusing us on the life and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. This seamlessly aligns with the summer season, encouraging a renewed focus on simple living, care for creation, and acting as instruments of peace.

Bridging the Two

While the solstice celebrates the sun's physical peak, the Church points spiritually to *Christ as the Light of the World*. You can merge the two by using the high-energy summer days to actively practice the spiritual virtues of patience, service, and intercessory prayer emphasized during Ordinary Time.

Peace in the season! *Pastor Andy*

CHURCH CALENDAR

June 2026

The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the Pentecost season. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light, warmth, and watering to grow and flourish? How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?



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

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they begin their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Prayers for the victims of the shooting at Brown University and in Australia, Prayers for the residents in Washington state who have been evacuated due to flooding, Prayers for the two National Guardsmen who were shot in Washington, DC and their families, Holly & Duane, The family of Norman Albinson as they mourn his passing, Dawn Allen, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of James Barth as they mourn his passing, Nicholas Baud, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Justin Buzby and family, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Sean Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, Nicholas Damiani, Lou Deaine, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Maureen Garrett and family, Stephen and Juliet Genovese, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Andrew Gordon, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Corinne Klotz, Clara Kuter, William & Adrienne Lafleche, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonja, Bill Ludwig, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Laz Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Bill Reese as they mourn his passing, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Dan Richardson, The friends and family of Carole Rund as they mourn her passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, The Sauer family, Mark Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsdad, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Samantha Sumner, Jane Tallman, Donna Testa, Ed Tutka, Lynne Rasmussen Walker, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley, The family of Kevin Yandach as they mourn his passing.

(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.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$57231.06.00 Amount needed to date--\$57508.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Saturday, June 13th—4th Annual Baud/Strong Golf Outing (8:30 am start time)
- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)

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 7th and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE—Journey to Generosity—Jesus is the Gate



JOHN 10:1-18

Jesus is the gate that opens a way that leads to abundant life. Jesus infuses the community with power and takes the lead of the flock as a shepherd. As the Word, Jesus dwells with the community. Like a host at the wedding, Jesus keeps their communion cups filled with wine. Like a companion at the well, Jesus gives them living water (i.e. the Holy Spirit). As the bread of life and the vine nourishing the branches which bear the fruit, Jesus feeds and sustains them. As a shepherd, Jesus cares for the sheep and leads them. Jesus infuses them with the things that sustain life.

The more we engage in stewardship and generosity—the more we love in the way that Jesus loves—the more we discover Jesus' continuing and empowering presence. The more we give, the more satisfying is the act of giving. How can our church budget—and our use of time, talent, and resources—join Jesus in revealing life, love, forgiveness, grace, Spirit, truth, sight (deep perception), abundance, fullness, freedom, community/oneness, and salvation? In the midst of the world with its opposite qualities (death, hate, sin, law, falsehood, misperception, hunger, scarcity, brokenness, fractured community, and condemnation) our generosity is a gateway to abundant life.

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

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 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, June 20th



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WORSHIP TIMES:
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