

# June 2023

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### Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

As we welcome summer, I offer this FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!

An oldie from 2018 but a Goodie worth another read...

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase.
He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer

Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and

he got up to leave, but before he had gone only a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God."
But before his mother could
respond, he added, "You know
what? God's got the most beautiful
smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked," Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

We never know where God will meet us?

May your journey this month and during this beautiful summer, bring you a few extra Smiles and Hugs.

May you remember to purposefully take some time to notice the big and the little things in life, as well as the young and the old moments of your days.

This was "LUNCH WITH GOD"

PRAYING YOU THROUGH,

Pastor JoEllyn

### Bette's Bits & Bytes:

Greetings Friends,

Well! the contemplating about Fishing & Flying has changed to, DONE!

Saturday April 8, I went fishing ... Brad took me to a pond stocked with Bass, and after Brad cast out for me, I caught 4 Bass.. Why you ask did Brad have to cast out for me?? Read on for the explanation..... We've went out on his bass boat, on Pine Lake, two times. I caught not ONE fish, but I did catch some mighty fine-looking weeds... I stink (emphasis strongly) at casting... especially with a bait caster... you have to hold your thumb on a button & the fishing line spool and at the just right moment, as you cast out, you have to put thumb back on the line spool, to stop from backlashing, (making a tangled mess of the line), which happens to me most of time, and then you have to straighten out the line before continuing. Most times I can straighten the line out, but more times than I like, I have to ask Brad to please help me get line untangled & wound back on spool! It seems, I do better with a spinning reel... Brad makes it look so easy, he casts out, you can hear the whistle of the line as it sails through the air and lands in the water perfectly several feet beyond the boat. Mine! PLUNK!!! right in front of me... No Whistle, Nada! Nothing! I told Brad, casting shouldn't be this difficult! He smiled and said "It isn't!" So I suppose, I

have much, much more PRACTICE to be done...

The next Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, I took my first ever plane ride... Brad & his son, Mike, have a Cessna 172. Brad didn't want anything to occur that would make me never to want to get in a plane again, so they made sure the day was perfect weather, to take me up. I never knew how totally different and awesome it is to look out a plane window and have a clear view ahead of you, no trees, houses, buildings to block your view... We were going 135 mph, and it seemed we were just inching along. It took 25 minutes by car, to get to the LaPorte airport, from home, but like 5 minutes to be flying over the house, after leaving the airport... From Michigan City you could see the Chicago Skyline and the buildings.. Brad told me if Mike says, to, go, ahead & take over flying the plane, to go for it, but if Mike said "My Plane" to immediately let him take over... I can now say I have even flown a plane, somewhat.... I have been told though that flying isn't always as smooth as that day was, so I guess, like in life, it could get bumpy sometimes... That being said, I am looking forward to another ride..

Brad told me when he went for his pilot's license, as does everyone, he had to know how to fly a plane even if the engine might quit while up in the air.. You couldn't pull over and make a call to AAA to come help you.. You are flying at 3000 feet and the instructor tells you that the plane has stalled.. WHAT? STALLED? What you going to do? Falling the 3000 feet won't hurt. It will be the sudden stop when you hit the ground that will hurt. In spite of worries & fears, you still have to fly that plane if that engine quits or stalls. Chances of engine failure are not likely, but God gave Brad, Mike & others going for that pilots license, all they need to

know on how to bring that plane down to safety. All they have to do is use it..

My first plane ride was smooth, uneventful, awesome...... In life, times are generally smooth, relaxed, but then troubles creep in... Engine failure in an airplane has some similarities to troubles in life that cause us upset and spiritual failure. Our spirits sputter, fail, causing us to be panicky & fearful.. Jesus doesn't say, if, or we might have, but "Here on earth YOU WILL HAVE many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has given us that same know how, when troubles do come, to navigate our lives through those storms.. So, continue to have faith...and know that as we remain in Him, we will have our peace no matter what storms of life come our way. If you think you can fly alone, without the Holy Spirit, you're in for a crash landing. Let the Holy Spirit heal you of whatever form of spiritual engine failure you might have.

The most important thing to do when the spiritual engine fails, is fly with Jesus, and let Him be the pilot.

Some info Excerpted from: Dr. Tom Doubt, Senior Pastor Four Mile Creek Baptist Church Richmond, VA Fly with Jesus...

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Bette



The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Best Years met at Jenny Rae's,

hosted by Iva Wasielewski. Iva said grace. Then reported Birthdays up to May 17<sup>th</sup>. Gail Daily 4/21, Lisa tucker 4/29, Deborah Wordinger 4/30, Bette Schaefer 5/10, Arlos Scofield, 5/16.. Anniversaries: 5/8, Dave & Virginia Bradford, 56 yrs. 5/17 Mike & Deb Harris, 43 years,

Pastor JoEllyn then sang Jesus Loves Me with the words changed to Senior Traits. We all joined in for the chorus..

Attendance Prizes were won by, Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick, Mike & Deb Harris, Jack Cook, Linda Everingham, Cathy Reese, Gail Daily, Caroline Warren, & Annette Clark. Others present were: Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Joyce Blint, Connie Galloway, Mary Kessler, Bob Russell, Dave & Virginia Bradford, Vada Pulver, Bette Schaefer.. Pam Pask will host the May 17<sup>th</sup> at Little Tavern....

The May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of BEST YEARS, met at Little Tavern II hosted by Pam Pask. 21 in attendance.. Iva said grace.

Birthday's from today to June 21<sup>st</sup> are: Steve Everingham 5/21, Annette Clark 5/21, Linda Everingham 6/5m Vada Pulver 6/21.. Anniversaries: 5/30 Ben & Karen Rison, 59 yrs, 6/16 John & Mary Smith, 55 yrs.

Attendance prizes of homemade pies were won by Cathy Reese, Virginia Bradford, Pastor JoEllyn, Jean Snyder, & Annette Clark...

Others present were: Linda Everingham, Gail Daily, Susan Knowlton, Dave Bradford, Mary Kessler, Ben & Karen Rison, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Lester Chadwick, Bob Russell, Jack Cook, Bobette Elkins, & Bette Schaefer.. The next meeting will be Wed 6/21..

### JESUS LOVES ME - (Senior Citizen Version)

Jesus loves me this I know, tho' my hair is white as snow, tho' my sight is growing dim still He bids me trust in Him.

Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells

me so.

Tho' my steps are oh so slow, with my hand in His I'll go, on thru life let come what may,

He'll be there to lead the way.

Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

When the nights are dark and long, in my heart He puts a song, telling me in words so clear — have no fear for I am near.

Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

When my work on Earth is done, and my victories are won, He will take me home above, learn the fullness of His love.

Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We continue with the Study, **The Rapture** of His Bride – Opening the Sixth Seal..

Is Jesus coming back for a church, or is He coming back for His Bride.
Suppose the letters written to the Seven Churches of Asia were written for the purpose of discerning who that Bride is? Only one of those churches had no concerns...and only one was told that they would be Raptured and kept from the Tribulation.

Come join us for the discussion.

#### CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We still are in need of teachers... We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher.. Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. But in order to do that, we need your help in prayerfully considering to take on a week...

# Figure - July-August Every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.



#### June 8-10 Annual Conference

Pastor JoEllyn gone

### United Women in Faith Meeting

(UWF) Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m

**Board/Council Meeting** 

June 13<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

**Blood Drive** June 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 3

#### **Best Years**

Wednesday June 21, Noon place to be yet determined Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> Noon Place to be determined

**Trustees Gathering** July 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

COMING AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

**Spread the Word** Rolling Prairie United Women in Faith (UWF)

### Trunk of Treasures Outdoor Market Place

Saturday Aug 26th, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m (cst) Church Parking Lot

Do you have treasures, you'd like to sell, out of your trunk or set up a table... whatever that should be: handcrafted items, jewelry, Avon, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Books, Fruits & Vegetables, Flowers, etc. and to those who have garage sale treasures they would like to sell. Ask for an App....



Missions & Outreach..

Mission & Outreach Report
No Report this month

### **June Anniversary**

01 Steve & Cheryl Lenig

- 06 Mike & Gretchen Krivak
- 13 Jason & Susv Lenig
- 14 Bruce & Barbara Parker
- 18 Spike & Diane Siford
- 24 Tom & Jackie Wheatbrook
- 28 Mark & Carol Dillon Schuck
- 30 Scott & Jeannee Nordin

### **June Birthday**

- 03 Michael Swanson
- 05 Linda Everingham
- 05 Bailey Lenig
- 06 Jason Lenig
- 08 Scott Hakes
- 09 Megan Lenig
- 11 Rick Novak
- 12 Alex Thresh
- 12 Elliot Thresh
- 16 Cheryl Lenig
- 16 Clifford Hughes
- 18 Paul Iwaszewski
- 20 Dean Tuholski
- 20 Kevin Wheatbrook
- 22 Cody Williamson
- 24 Erik Richardson
- 24 Art Wasielewski Jr
- 25 June Lenig
- 28 Sharon Campos

#### July Anniversary

- 2 Chris & Monica Stouffer
- 8 Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain
- 10 David & Sandy Wasielewski
- 21 Barry & Cheryl Pumroy
- 23 Harold & Carrie Carlson
- 27 Jim & Dottie Sue Davis
- 29 Joseph & Pam Pask
- 31 Bruce & Deborah Wordinger

### July Birthdays

- 01 Carrie Chadwick Nye
- 02 Suzanne Jarka
- 05 Monica Stouffer
- 05 Aaron Richardson
- 08 Jean Dare
- 09 Richard Livinghouse
- 12 Amanda Lullenberg
- 14 Marc Tuholski
- 15 Eli Adams

- 17 Matthew Chadwick
- 17 Evelin Hamilton
- 19 Haley Schuck
- 19 Abigail Siford
- 19 Lea Richardson
- 21 Carmen Fuentes -
  - \* Garrido
- 22 Thomas Thresh
- 23 Grant Krivak
- 25 Barbara Parker
- 26 Kim Richardson
- 28 Ryan Nickerson
- 29 Julie Phillips
- 29 Daniel Siford
- 29 Gunner Ray
- 30 Mike Krivak
- 31 Jared Dare
- 31 Ella Wheatbrook

### **August Anniversary**

- 06 Dave & Cheri Ringer
- 19 Paul & Sherry Iwaszewski
- 19 John & Patty Sardeson
- 20 Kris & Stacey Moody
- 23 Glenn & Karen Swanson
- 28 William & Jean Dare
- 28 Joe & Jackie Watnick

### **August Birthdays**

- 02 Michael Reese
- 04 Karen Rison
- 04 Dalton Huegel
- 05 Patty Sardeson
- 06 Colin Syverson
- 07 Scott Nordin
- 07 Brian Goodspeed
- 09 Lester Chadwick
- 09 Dan Hartwick
- 10 Susan Knowlton
- 10 Patricia Sue Hughes
- 10 Glenn Swanson
- 11 Alice Lenig
- 11 David McSurley
- 12 Kevin Swanson
- 13 Amy Manuszak
- 14 Grace Siford
- 15 Jennifer McSurley
- 16 Greg Snapp
- 19 Paula McCleland
- 21 Sue Hartwick
- 22 Sharon Reuer

- 23 Hugh Porter
- 24 Jayden Flagg
- 24 Jacey Dare
- 27 Connie Galloway
- 28 Brian Witkowski
- 29 Carrie Carlson

Food

29 Harold Carlson30 JoAnn Nickerson

#### June

**Food Pantry Needs...** Need plastic bags Any Jelly, Peanut Butter, applesauce, any canned fruit

### **STAFF/PARISH NEWS**No Report this month





### The Power Of Open Eyes

in the drama troupe with Doc Edevean.
I brought my Illinois youth group to
Epworth Forest when I was in
seminary. And I didn't miss a chance to
spend the week with my youth at
Epworth Forest when I served the local
church here in Indiana.
I am pleased my relationship with
Epworth Forest continues in my role as
Superintendent. For the second
summer in a row, I will have the

Epworth Forest has a very special place

in my heart. As a college student I was

I love our doctrine and polity! I love teaching it, especially to young people.

privilege of leading a "Learning Lab" at

That Thing. The session is entitled

"United Methodism 101."

There is incredible power when eyes are opened to the role EACH United

Methodist Christian has to play within the church. Every voice in the pew matters and our structure lives that out in how laity and churches are represented at every level.

There is incredible power when eyes are opened to understand that God calls a wide variety of people to vocational ministry.

There is incredible power when eyes are opened to the fact that we believe in personal holiness AND social justice. It is not either/or, but both/and!

There is incredible power when eyes are opened to the transforming function of the Grace of Jesus Christ to change everyone.

May we never let go of who we are as United Methodist Christians!

Marti

Blessings!



Our April and
May meetings have
both been fun.
We had a really

interesting program in April led by Ann Werner about hydroponics. Ann is a self taught hydroponic gardener. She showed us some of the ways of growing plants and things we might need to start our own garden. Bette and Cheryl started lettuce seeds in containers that Ann gave us to try our luck! Cheryl brought hers to the May meeting to show everyone how much it had grown.

Our May meeting program was given by Sue Aikman, who is the director of nutritional services for our New Prairie school district. We learned a lot about the services that our school provides. We give a yearly budgeted amount to the Angel fund that helps out families struggling to pay for school lunches and fall outside of the cutoff for free lunch. We also took up a love collection to give to the fund for an added amount. We will look at what is left at the end of the year to see if we have any additional funds to donate again. Our district services over 3000 students so the district can use any additional money.

We had the annual U Women of Faith district spring meeting at our church and although there weren't as many women as we had planned for, we still gad a wonderful day. We are now planning for Trunks of Treasures August 26 from 9-3. Booths or spaces will cost \$25 and will be in the church parking lot. Vendors can set up their own table or use their vehicle trunk to sell from. All items not sold will need to be taken back home as we are not allowing things to be left for us to dispose of. Iva is setting up a table for the church and will make sure the items are in good or new condition. We will have a lunch available to purchase also.

It's been a busy couple of months. We are looking forward to summer! Cheryl Lenig, secretary We will save you a seat!



Dear RPUMC Congregation,
Thank you for your
continued support of the
Community Food Pantry.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and you truly are a blessing. Thank you again, Sincerely Phyllis Austin, Panty Board Member

### A note From Jean

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the delicious lunch provided after Bill's service. It was truly



appreciated. I also appreciate all the prayers, support and cards. It has meant a lot to me. Thank you also Pastor for your visit to Bill and for the lovely service,

Love, Jean

### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustees continue to check things off their to-do list...

A new flag, rope & hardware were put up on the flagpole in time for Memorial Day.. Thanks to Wayne Kirkham reaching out to Ernie Livinghouse, who came with his lift to accomplish that task...

Thank You Ernie!

New lights have been installed in the parking lot... Making it brighter & safer at night.... AEP was contacted and they came out & assessed the old lights and decided to change them to LED Flood lights.. The light that was out toward highway & 350 E was moved to pole closer to the entrance of parking lot... The light back by pavilion was turned to shine on the parking lot...

### With heartfelt sympathies to the families of:

**Braydon Flagg 5-**25-2023 Grandson Sue (Greg Snapp) Flagg

### **Bill Dare** 5-7-2023

Husband of Jean, children Amy/Rob, Lisa/Tom, James/Celeste and all the grandchildren...

<u>Frank Buss</u> 5-1-2023 Friend Bette/Brad – Wayne & Shirley

Elizabeth Bachman 4-22-2023 Wife of former Pastor to this Church Clyde Bachman...

Joe Knowlton 4-14-2023 Husband of Susan Knowlton Sherry Waters, 4-14-2023
Friend of Mason & June
Connie Bishop,
Friend of Susan Knowlton

Mic Bearss good friend Carlena Metts

Murphy Harris 5-7-2023 Crossed over to Rainbow Bridge Furbaby of Mike & Deb Harris



Denice Boyce (Rehab for knee, sister Sherry Iwaszewski), Ray (non Hodgkin's lymphnoma, Renee's grandson,

Brendan's, girlfriend), Chris Adams (healing after recent fall), Elissa Wagoner ( struggling with healing after car accident in Jan., greatniece Bobette), Cheryl Pumroy (home after fibroid tumor surgery), Nancy Klute (health issues, mother Becky Bacevicius, friend of Bette), Vada Pulver (surgery to correct nose from accident year ago, friend of Pastor JoEllyn), Cheri Taylor (Doing well after Open heart Surgery Sue Flagg Sister-in-law, (Mike's Sister)) Myrna Everill (Therapy Brickyard Countryside), Amy Luther (surgery went well, Cancer, daughter Renee Meyers), Arsenious Clemons (4 months old, open heart surgery went well, great nephew June), Gayle Schloesser (struggling with leg/back pain, friend Bette), Ron Albertson (infection in muscle, brother Monica Stouffer,) Mary Ann Bearss (prayers of comfort & Peace, friend Carlena), Marolyn Klockow, (Millers rehab broke ball of hip friend Pastor), Dorothy Bagweiler Obrien, (lymphoma & Parkinson's, aunt of Jeannie Scott Nordin), Gail Gross, (battling Cancer, friend Karen Fitzgerald) Delores McVay (cancer, June Lenig's sister-inlaw), Betty Armstrong, (cardiac Health, Jean Snyder granddaughter), Allison Howard, (Cancer, Jeff/Bobette Cousin), John VanWinkle (MDS Blood Disorder, Chemo to keep from Leukemia, friend Sue Flagg & Greg Snap), Pam Dixon (cancer returned, Chemo), Tammy MerilL (personal struggle Mom Shannon Merill), Diane Sudman (Lung Cancer friend Karen Fitzgerald), Bob Wideman (health, Cheryl/Steve Lenig's dad), Bobette Elkins (health isuues), Denice Boyce (Continue Rehab, sister Sherry Iwaszewski), Diane Bali

(Acute Amiloid Leukemia, Rose's cousin), Susan (Health, peace & comfort) Sharon Campos (Macular Degeneration, Health

If you want someone on the prayer list, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910

If someone needs immediate prayer because of emergency, or a surgery taking place, or anything you believe just can't wait till Sunday, call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette to get the Prayer Chain activated...

There is power in prayer. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.



Kaily Collins Tirone, US
Army
granddaughter
Marjorie Olah
David Armstrong US
Army –
grandson-in-law of Jean

Snyder <u>Garrett Obenchain</u>

Air Force Reserves Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain.
Grandson Rose Lenig
Dylan Elkins Air Force —
brother of Brandon Elkins
Jacob Adams Armygrandson Chris Adams

<u>Craig Carlson</u> (pilot) Air Force – son Harold & Carrie Carlson <u>Michael Showalter</u> Marines grandson, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew, Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

<u>Katelyn Williamson</u> Marines -Granddaughter of Jim Williamson

Service has ended....
Thank you Eric, for your service...
<u>Eric Nieto</u> US Armygrandson-in-law June Lenig

### From my stack of stuff..

<u>Just two weekends ago we celebrated</u>

<u>Memorial Day...</u> the unofficial beginning of summer..

### What is the real meaning of Memorial Day?

All those who served, gave some, but Some Gave All.

Parades take place, the grill is dusted off for the first time. Actually, it is more than that. It is about gratitude. Memorial Day is a federal holiday reserved as a day of remembrance for those American Service Members who gave the ultimate sacrifice and died in service to our country. The observance occurs every year on the last Monday of May. However, in the past, the occasion was previously called "Decoration Day" and observed on 30 May from 1868 to 1971.

We, here at RPUMC, also remembered those service men who are currently serving and those who served, in the past... We also remembered members of our church, who served, who are no longer with us.

Thank you to all who served so we can have the freedoms we do...

Memorial Day also reminds us of our loved ones, who may not have served but are no longer here to celebrate with us..

We Miss Them!!

In July we will celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our independence from Britain.. Interesting 4th of July facts every American should know

The history of the 4th of July is fascinating, but there are other interesting 4th of July facts every American should know. Here are six notable ones:

Some colonists celebrated Independence Day during the summer of 1776 by putting on mock funerals for King George III of England—symbolizing the death of the Crown's rule on America.

The first annual commemoration of Independence Day happened on July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia.

John Adams, a Founding Father and the second <u>president</u> of the United States, strongly believed Independence Day should be celebrated on July 2nd. He even refused to attend 4th of July events because he felt so strongly about July 2nd being the correct date.

Adams and Thomas Jefferson, a fellow Founding Father, both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe, another U.S. president, also died on July 4th, but he passed in 1831.

Thomas Jefferson was the first president to celebrate Independence Day at the White House, in 1801. The celebration featured horse races, parades, food, and drinks—similar to the 4th of July celebrations we see today.

Although the 4th of July has been celebrated each year since 1776, it didn't become a federal holiday until 1870. And it didn't become a paid holiday for federal employees until 1941.

You may wonder, "Why do we celebrate the 4th of July? What does it mean?" Well, this day is incredibly significant in American history, as it marks the day the United States officially became its own nation. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, 1776—and thus, America was born. American citizens celebrate America's birthday with festivals, parades, fireworks,

barbecues, sparklers, and other festive activities. Have a Happy & Safe 4<sup>th</sup>

### Jesus Loves Me

https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/jesus-loves-me/
Anna Bartlett Warner
The Bible tells us that God loves each and every one of us, despite our sins and faults. Be comforted by the simple lyrics of 'Jesus Loves Me' and remember that our Creator is almighty and all-loving. He is with us each step of the day and will never leave our side. We may be weak, but He is our strength.

### The Story Behind Jesus Loves Me

"Jesus Loves Me" is one of the most popular Christian hymns around the world, especially among children.
Anna B. Warner first wrote the hymn as a poem. Anna's sister Susan requested a poem for a dying child and Anna wrote the beautiful words of Jesus Loves Me to bring comfort and peace.

Anna's poem appeared in a novel, *Say and Seal*, and was composed by William Bradbury in 1862.

"Jesus Loves Me," with its simple, direct message, is one of the first hymns missionaries teach to new converts. It was the favorite hymn of Francis Schaeffer, who recognized that, ultimately, intellectuals and children need the simple message of Jesus. Amy Carmichael, the Irish missionary to India, was converted after hearing this hymn at a children's mission in Yorkshire, England.

### Jesus Loves Me Lyrics

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. **Refrain:** 

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago, Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way, Wanting as a friend to give Light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way; Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. SongwritersWillam B. BradburyPublished byPublic Domain

The African American Church of God in Christ (COGIC) hymnal, Yes, Lord! (Memphis, 1982) substituted the following unattributed stanza of commitment for Warner's final two, echoing Psalm 51:10 And John 3:16:

Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine; On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee.

### Bible Inspiration for "Jesus Loves Me"

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34)

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." (1 John 3:16) https://www.godtube.com/popularhymns/jesus-loves-me/ Julie Andrews made a special appearance at the Radio City Music Hall on her 69<sup>th</sup> birthday.. One of her musical numbers she performed was to the tune of My Favorite Things, Seniors Version...

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting. Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings, Bundles of magazines tied up in string. These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs, cataracts, hearing aids, glasses, Polident, Fixodent, false teeth in glasses. Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, These are a few of my favorite things.

When pipes leak and bones creak, when knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things, and then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions, No spicy food or food cooked with onions, Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring. These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains and no fear of sinnin', Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin', And we won't mention our short shrunken frames, When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break, When the eyes grow dim, Then I remember the great life I've had and then I don't feel so bad...

Julie received a standing ovation lasting for 4 minutes and repeated encores...

### Next newsletter September...

Team Chairs let us know what your gatherings are doing or if anyone Wants an article or something in the newsletter.. Have to Bette by Wednesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>..

Have a great Summer everyone...



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

June 2023

Dated Material

### June 4, 2023 TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

June 11, 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## June 2023 SCRIPTURE READINGS

From UMC Lectionary Calendar

Visit the Website at:

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### **Church Office Hours**

Mon – Wed 10.- 2 Thurs 12 - 4

### Pastor JoEllyn Hours:

Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m.
Other times by appointment

June 18, 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

> Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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