



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

June 2021 Newsletter

Ordinary Time

As we enter the summer and fall months, we leave the white of Trinity Sunday and our paraments on the altar turn to green for **Ordinary Time**. I think green is a good color for the summer months as everything has leafed out and is flowering. Ordinary Time is a time when we look at the teaching, miracles, and actions of Jesus. It is called Ordinary Time not because it is unexceptional, but because it is numbered weeks that were named after the Latin word from which we get the English word ordinals. Here we are, in the season after Pentecost that we sometimes refer to simply as “ordinary time.” It’s a long season, welcomed by the long days of summer. We might have preferred to settle into this liturgical season with a more relaxed approach, but the Gospel readings include stories like Jesus interrupting a funeral procession to raise the dead.

Everyone is understandably shocked.

Jesus has dinner and dishes out forgiveness to an uninvited woman who knew all too well of her sinfulness. The other dinner guests are left with more questions than before her interruption. After being turned away from a Samaritan village, the disciples suggest what sounds like divine genocide. Unsurprisingly, Jesus rejects that idea, and instead he reminds his followers of the interrupting cost of discipleship.

Whatever is “ordinary” about this season is surely overshadowed by narratives of interruption, by the sudden plot turns and by the incredible character conversions along the way. We may call it ordinary time because of its regular numbering within the liturgical calendar, but these stories invite us to wonder about our lives of faith between the ordinary and the extraordinary, between what we expect of Jesus and his ministry of interruptions.

As we settle into summer and into this long season after Pentecost, perhaps we should take stock of our expectations, of what it is we consider the “ordinary” work of the church. After all, Jesus may very well have something else in mind.

God of the (extra) ordinary, send now your interrupting Spirit upon our ordinary lives, our ordinary stories and our ordinary churches. Raise us from the dead. Forgive us. Convert us and invite us again into costly discipleship.

Peace and Prayers For All, *Pastor TroyAnn*

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June 2021 Worship Services

IMPORTANT: Worship time is now 9 am Sunday morning, both for in-person and Zoom worship services.

In-person worship services continue to be offered via Zoom for those who are unable or unwilling to attend worship in person. Holy Communion is offered at all in-person worship services. **MASK GUIDELINES:** Masks are now optional for fully vaccinated people at our Sunday worship services. Those not vaccinated or have not met the requirements for “fully vaccinated” should continue to wear their masks. Please follow reasonable social distancing as much as possible, and be respectful and sensitive to those wearing a mask regardless of the reason. ***Please join us following the worship service for coffee fellowship - it's a great opportunity to meet and get to know our CPC friends as well!***



**All Sunday worship services are held in person
at Collierville Presbyterian Church
and via Zoom at 9 am followed by coffee fellowship!**

June 6, 2021 Worship Service - Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021 Worship Service - Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021 Worship Service - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021 Worship Service - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zoom information for ALL worship services in June

[Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095)

Meeting ID: 816 2793 2095

Dial-In Number: +1 312 626 6799



Worship Servants Needed!

Please [click here](#) to sign up to serve as a worship assistant at an upcoming worship service. We need assisting ministers/lectors, altar guild, cleaners, greeters, ushers, PowerPoint and music tech assistance and help with coffee fellowship.

Epiphany's Core Values — Faithfulness, Inclusion, Love

Our Guiding Principles

We accept and appreciate your presence.

We serve everyone.

We grow personally through the word of God.

We are God's hands, feet, and voice to serve our community.

We rejoice and share in the love of God.

Our Purpose — to welcome all, sharing God's promises and love through our actions.

Epiphany Financial Update

April was another good month for Epiphany. Tithing was almost identical to budget. Expenses continue to be less than budget due to a renegotiated mortgage contract, reduced rent, and other activities being curtailed by pandemic restrictions.

	Apr. 2021			2021 YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Net	Actual	Budget	Net
Revenue	\$ 10,143	\$ 10,156	-\$ 14	\$ 45,926	\$ 40,626	\$ 5,300
Expenses	\$ 9,239	\$ 10,380	-\$ 1,141	\$ 35,320	\$ 41,458	-\$ 6,138
Net	\$ 904	-\$ 224	\$ 1,128	\$ 10,606	-\$ 832	\$ 11,438

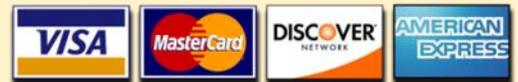
Donate

As always, you may mail your check to Epiphany (see address below) or give via ACH bank draft ([click here for instructions](#)).

We also accept tithes and offerings as well as payments to special funds (Property Fund, Food Pantry Fund, **NEW** - Hispanic Ministry Food Box) through PayPal. [Please visit our website](#) and

click on the PayPal button at the top of the home page to donate. (You may have to refresh your website or delete cookies to use the button more than once.) You may also click on the PayPal logo here.

You may also mail checks to: Epiphany Lutheran Church. P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027



Amazon Smile - Don't forget! Sign up for [Amazon Smile](#) - 0.5% of the price of all your eligible Amazon purchases go directly to Epiphany!

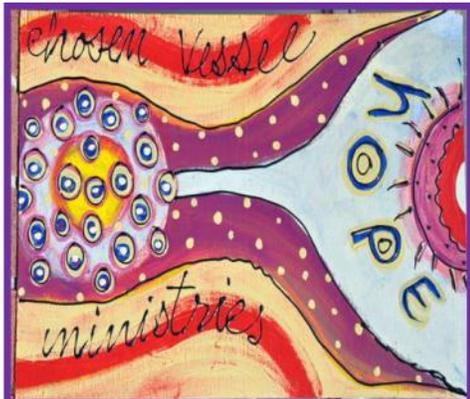
Kroger Community Rewards - [Click here to register](#) with Kroger's Community Rewards program. We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.



June 2021 Social Ministries/Outreach Project - Hispanic Ministry Food Boxes

For June 2021, together with other area churches, our outreach project is to collect funds to help put together a total of 80 boxes of food for [El Redentor](#), a United Methodist church and ministry which serves the Hispanic Community in the Memphis area. Only \$20 will help fill a box for a family! Contributions may be made by sending a check to Epiphany (P.O. Box 1805, Collierville, TN 38027) marked in the memo section "Food Boxes" or by [donating via PayPal](#) (please select the option "Hispanic Ministry Food Boxes"). Donations must be received no later than June 21, 2021.

Thank you for helping those in our community who need assistance!



Thank you from Chosen Vessel Ministries!

On May 15, 2021, Linda Barnes had the opportunity to visit with the women of Chosen Vessel Ministries for the first time in over a year! The women told her how much they love receiving the cards and letters from Epiphany members, and were especially appreciate of the Mother's Day cards. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry!

Are you signed up?

Between February 1 and April 30, 2021, 10 households contributed \$44.02 in total donations to Epiphany Lutheran Church! Thank you to all who are signed up for the Community Rewards program. If you haven't already joined, click [here to find out more](#) and join (it's free!) - We are registered as Epiphany Lutheran Church, organization #39854.



Happiest of Birthdays and God's Blessings!

Diane Kruse - June 3rd
Twila Hooverson - June 15th
Anil Lankapalli - June 30th

Have we missed **your** birthday?
[Please send the month/day to Carol Webster](#)
(carolepiphanylutheran@gmail.com)
so you can be included!



Can you see us now???

A big thank you to our sign design team - Becca & Ed Schumacher, Martha and John Garner and Chris and John Kelyman for their help in getting our new sign designed and made!

Look for it outside Collierville Presbyterian Church!



June 2021 Prayers



Every month, the ELCA provides its Prayer Ventures for member congregations. The link to the monthly prayers can always be found on our website on the [Christian Education page](#), along with an ELCA Daily Bible Reading and Luther Seminary's God Pause Daily Devotion.

[Here is the link for this month's prayers.](#) These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. You may also

access our Epiphany Lutheran Church prayer list [here](#). If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, [please e-mail Carol Webster](#).



During the month of June, the Southeastern Synod will be releasing videos and social media posts throughout the month to celebrate Pride Month. These will be shared as a way to show our support to all who consider themselves within the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. This will be a chance for allies to walk alongside the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as a way to create safe and affirming spaces for those who are still uncertain about where and to whom they should their thoughts on their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Keep an eye on the SE Synod social media accounts ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) for the posts!



What is Juneteenth?

The ELCA commemorates June 17 as a day of repentance and commemoration for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine. We also recognize June 19 as Juneteenth, the day that marked the effective end of slavery in the United States.

During the week of June 14-20, 2020, the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and the African Descent Lutheran Association Southeastern Chapter have planned several activities to recognize these important moments in our communities and to work towards the Beloved Community. [Find out more...](#)

On Wednesday, June 17, we especially invite you to consider taking part in the NINE ACTION STEPS that you (adults and children) can take to bring about the Beloved Community. [Download the action steps here...](#)



SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD
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June Synod Events

June 5 - [Synod Assembly](#)

June 26 - [AFFIRM](#)

What's Happening at Home Place

The garden is growing and producing already! Lots of weeding and bed prepping accomplished in May, and we planted eggplants, cherry tomatoes, tomato varieties, zucchini, and more!

We're keeping our lawn equipment in good working order thanks to our mechanically minded volunteers. We are especially thankful for our new Judge's Club volunteers, who are a tremendous help in the garden, and for all the community members who have generously donated plants and other materials to grow our garden.

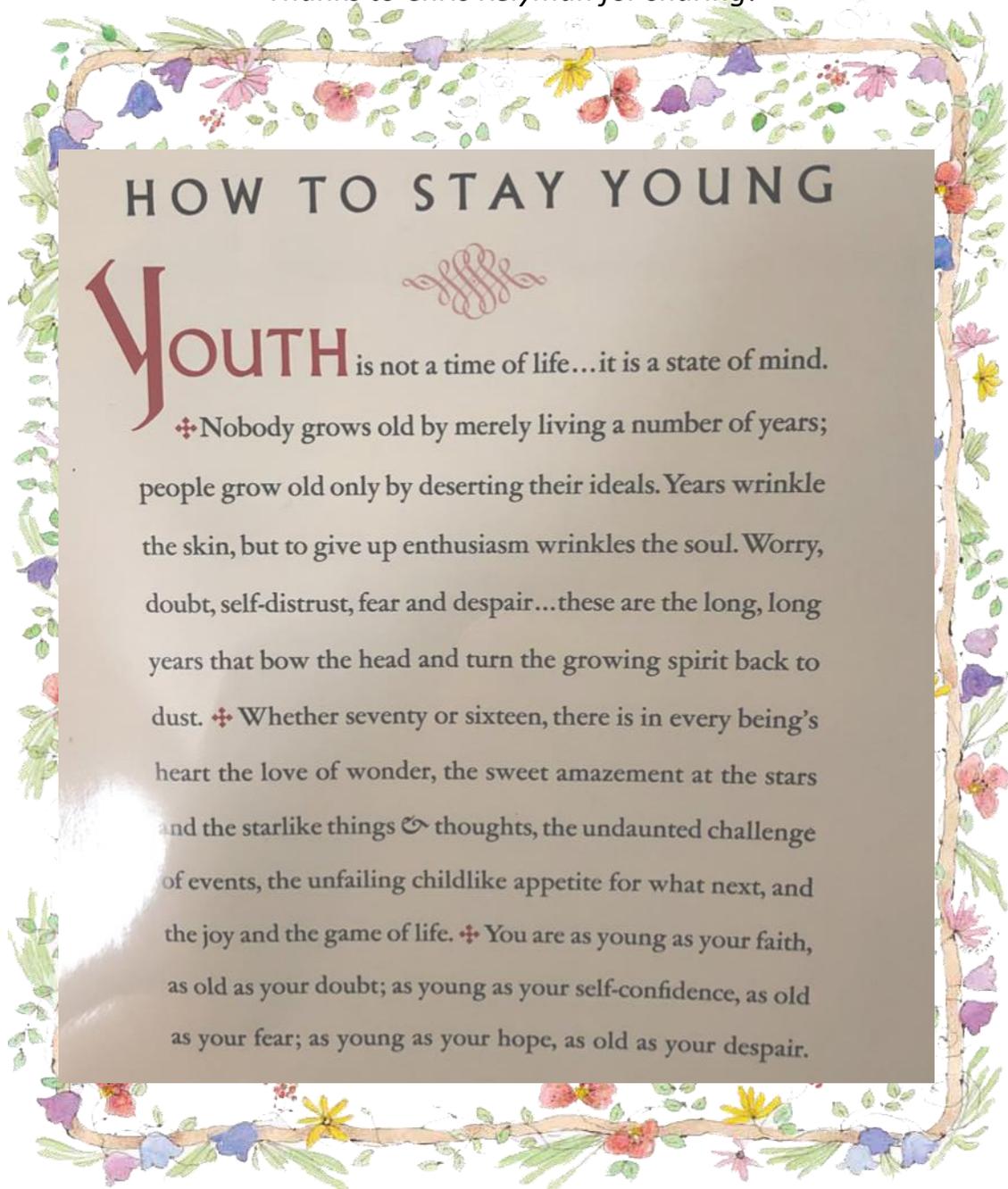
We also had members of Praharsh Lankapalli's Scout troop visit with us for several hours on May 22nd! During the first hour, we gave them presentations about the history of the garden, what we grow, how we're structured, where we donate, building healthy soil, garden rules, and Dick Wieland's excellent instruction on tools (name, what they're for, how to use) and the basics in using gas engine machines (tillers, mowers, weed eaters). For the second hour, the boys (& dads) spread compost & mulch on various beds in D. Thanks for your help!

AND we've already harvested over 75 pounds of veggies (turnip greens, collard greens, onions and turnips) which were donated to the Collierville Food Pantry!



*Thanks to all our volunteers!
All are welcome to come work with us
Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am -
11:30 am!*

Thanks to Chris Kelyman for sharing!



2022–2024 Children and Family Fellowship®

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is seeking nominations and applications for the twelfth class of its signature [Children and Family Fellowship®](#) — an intensive executive leadership program, now in its third decade, designed to give more child- and family-serving professionals the confidence and competence to lead major system reforms and community change initiatives that get equitable results.

[Find out more here...](#)

Thanks to Linda Barnes for sharing!

June 2021 Calendar of Events

(Please [check our calendar online](#) for the most up-to-date information)

Wed 6/2	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 6/5	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/6	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/9	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sat 6/12	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/13	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/16	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Thurs 6/17	7 pm - Via Zoom	Church Council Meeting Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84180128078
Sat 6/19	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/20	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	4th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095
Wed 6/23	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place 7 pm - Via Zoom	Community Garden Workday Social Ministries Committee Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471582878
Sat 6/26	8:30 - 11:30 am - Home Place	Community Garden Workday
Sun 6/27	9 am - Collierville Presbyterian Church and via Zoom	5th Sunday after Pentecost - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81627932095

Gals of Epiphany

*Stay tuned to hear about our next study -
more information coming soon!*



MOE (Men of Epiphany) Study & Fellowship On Hiatus

The MOE meetings are currently on hiatus. We hope everyone is staying healthy and look forward to being together again soon!



May 2021 Worship Servants

Worship servants still needed for all Sundays in June - please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about serving for either in-person or Zoom worship, please contact [Pastor TroyAnn](#).



Want to know more about being a worship servant? [You can review the duties and guidelines here.](#)

Worship Servant SignUp Genius



[2021 SignUp](#)

If you need assistance, [e-mail Carol Webster](#) - she will be happy to help you sign up if you have any issues!

[View current prayers](#)

Please [send your prayer requests to Carol Webster](#). You may also [submit a prayer request online here](#).

Thank You!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Epiphany Lutheran Church
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