

# First Presbyterian Church of Alma

## A Note from Rev. Katrina

June  
2024

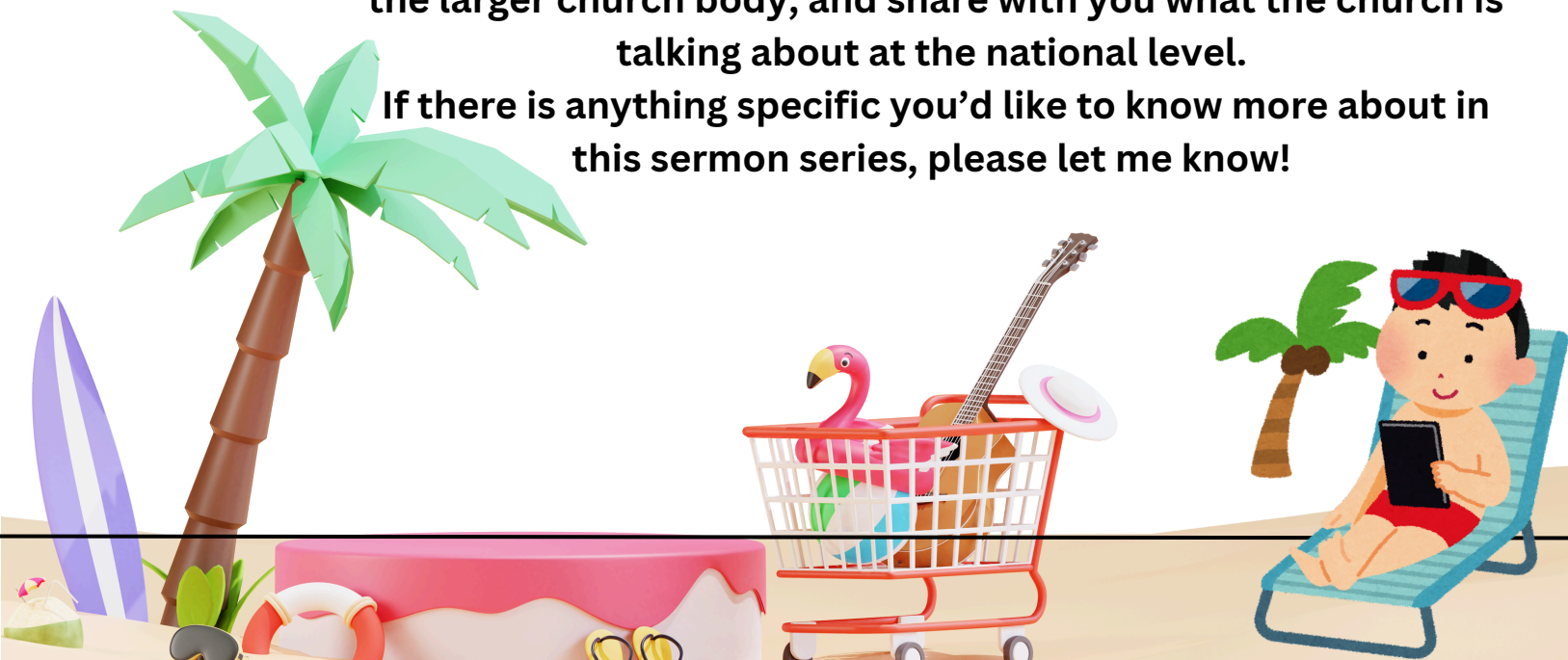


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Why are you Presbyterian? There are many answers to this question. Some of you might have been raised in the PCUSA church (cradle Presbys), some of you may have stumbled upon this church specifically after being in various other churches, and stayed connected because of community more than theology, or some of you might have joined for the theology or stance on social issues. It might be a combination of these things. If you've never considered what it means to be a Presbyterian, I hope you'll join for worship during the months of June and July where I will talk about Presbyterian theology and creeds. Two Sundays I'll be away: June 9th I will be attending the Bicentennial celebration of the church I grew up in Ohio. That Sunday you will have the absolute joy of hearing Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts preach, who is the keynote speaker for the Preaching Initiative happening at Alma College. Rev. Dr. Roberts is president of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, and was one of the organizers I learned under for my community organizing training. He's a phenomenal preacher. The second Sunday I'm gone will be June 30, where I will be serving as a co-leader for Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs) at General Assembly. Being at General Assembly will give me an opportunity to see what important issues go before the larger church body, and share with you what the church is talking about at the national level.

If there is anything specific you'd like to know more about in this sermon series, please let me know!



# Session Notes

Session met on May 20th.

Session met with Rev. Alissa Davis to review the previous year and look towards ideas for connecting with the college in the new academic year. Many great ideas were suggested! A few we'd like you to look ahead to include a craft group with students (perhaps knitting/yarn crafts), cookies for after worship at the Chapel, and donating old winter gear for International students.

More info to come.

Rev. Davis will be on family leave mid-July through the end of September. Rev. Katrina will be filling in a few of the duties only clergy can do while she is away, which will mean Rev. Katrina will temporarily be on campus more often. Look for a revised office schedule in July. You are always welcome to visit Rev. Katrina on campus! It is a great thing for students to see members of the church and connect with them!

The next meeting of session will be June 17th at 6:30pm.



6-1 Kim McCracken

6-2 Megan Setterlund

6-3 Davie Store

6-3 Mark Maslovich

6-8 Topher Goggin

6-10 Al Bartholomew

6-13 Joan Godfrey

6-15 Vivian Blandford

6-17 Pat Daily

6-18 Ray Simcox

6-22 Susan Knarr

6-23 David Blandford

6-27 Jeff Abernathy

6-27 John McCormack

6-14 Tadd and Lisa Godfrey

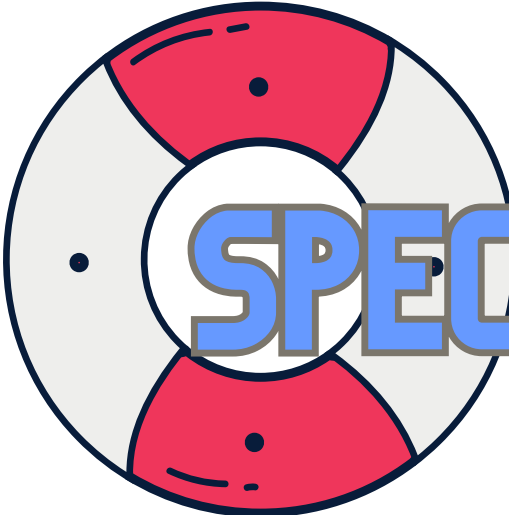
6-14 Ron and Marsha Turner

6-17 Daniel and Jean Fahey

6-18 Miles and Mona Hirson

6-28 David and Mary Anne Justin





# JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING



**The special offering for June is for the food pantry!**

**Our food pantry is every Tuesday (except the fifth Tuesday) from 1:30pm-3pm. People can drive around the back of the church and pick up items that have been provided by the Lansing Food Bank, or donated from the community. Recently the Food Pantry has been serving 12-16 cars each Tuesday, which is an increase in numbers.**

**We are grateful for our many dedicated volunteers, who often spend many hours organizing food and go unseen!**

**Please consider giving to this fund!**

## **Rummage Sale!**

**The rummage sale is planned for July 30th and 31st. Please consider donating your gently used items to the sale. (Please, no clothes or outdated electronics!) We will be collecting items starting on Saturday, July 27th. We will also accept donations from the community, so please spread the word. If you need help moving something, please call Carol Rosan (989-463-6679) or Jimm Lyon (989-463-6558). If you have any questions, please call Sarah Horn (989-463-1178) Help us make this event a success!**



# DIVERSITY RESOURCES

The diversity library is expanding to digital resources! Look here in the newsletter each month for a new topic and resources.

**June is Pride month!**

**Check out some of the books we have on display in the narthex in the Diversity Library:**

**The Stonewall Reader by Jason Bauman, ed.**

**The ABCs of LGBT+ by Ash Hardell**

**The Name by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks**

**Gender Queer: A memoir by Maia Kobabe**

**Read more about PCUSA organizations that support LGBTQIA+:**

**More Light: <https://sites.google.com/mlp.org/tempsite/home>**

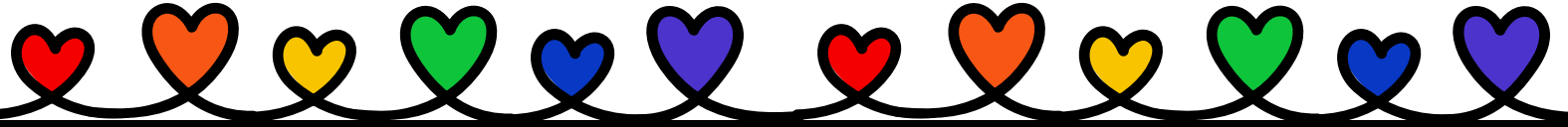
**Covenant Network: <https://covnetpres.org/>**






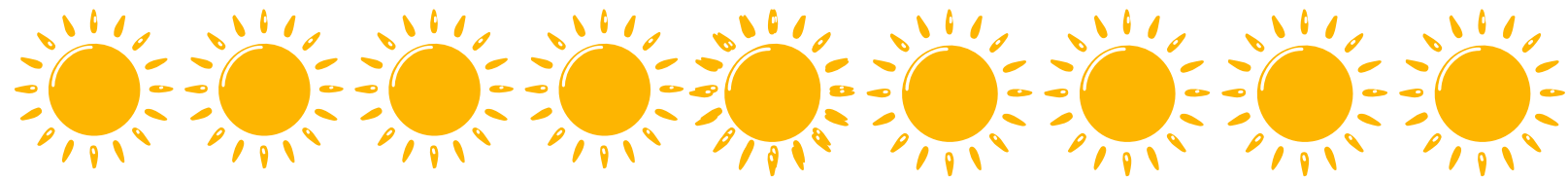
**Join us for a potluck meal and game night  
June 22!**

**We will have a family friendly night of board  
games and food - bring your favorite games  
and dishes to share!**

# JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 11am Donna Howe Memorial
2	3 6:30pm Pine River Arts	4 Presbytery Meeting 1:30pm Food Pantry	5	6 5:30pm Community Café Rev. Katrina out of office June 6-10	7	8
9 Worship led by the Synod of the Covenant	10	11 1:30pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Child Advocacy	12 5pm Spiritual Growth	13 5:30pm Community Café	14	15
 16 Matthew 25 Fellowship Hall	17 6:30pm Session Meeting	18 1:30pm Food Pantry 12-6pm Blood Drive	 19	20 5:30pm Community Café	21	22 5pm Potluck and Game Night!
23 Worship in Fellowship Hall 30 Hymn Sing FH	24	25 1:30pm Food Pantry	26	27 5:30pm Community Café Rev. Katrina out of office June 28- July 6	28	29



**Class of 2024**  
**Sue Beckett**  
**Sue Deel**  
**Michael Selmon**

**Class of 2025**  
**Sue Malone**  
**Joyce Elsea**

**Deacons for Fellowship and Congregational Life**

**Class of 2024**  
**Carlene Lyon**  
**Tincy Goggin**  
**Joanne Allman**  
**Mona Hirson**

**Class of 2025**  
**Sarah Horn**  
**Nick Piccolo**

**Deacons for Parish Care**

**Class of 2024**  
**Susan Dinwoody**  
**Jean Kimball**  
**One Open Spot**

**Class of 2025**  
**Sheryle Dixon**  
**Kathy Smith**  
**One Open Spot**

# Coffee Hour

**June: 6-2 Sue Deel, 6-9 Michael Selmon 6-16 Jimm & Carlene Lyon 6-23 Sue Malone & Sue Beckett 6-30 Joyce Elsea**  
**All of July Deacons for Parish Care**  
**All of August Deacons for Fellowship**

