

# First Presbyterian Church of Alma

## A Note from Rev. Katrina

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Reading John 21:1-19 I have been thinking about the disciples and how they exemplify the human experience. As we have considered what it means to live our lives with the Risen Christ, the disciples were the OGs at navigating this new concept. They got in their boats and went back to work. If you've ever gotten tragic news, you've felt that odd sense that the world keeps going even though perhaps you feel stuck in a moment. Or even as the world changes perhaps you try to find some stability in what is consistent for you.

The disciples' world is rocked when Jesus resurrects, so they might have just been going through the motions as they get in their boat to fish. All night they catch nothing. Jesus appears on the shore and asks if they have caught any fish (they haven't) then suggests they move their net to the right side of the boat. Did it even occur to them to move the net? That feels like some Fishing 101 to me - but I'm no expert. I also know that when we are in shock and processing information, we aren't always thinking as our best selves.

They move the net, they catch the fish. This passage brings to mind a book I recently read: *Who Moved My Cheese?* Apologies to session and those who have heard this story before. It's been around for a minute.

The story focuses on two mice and two people. I'm going to simplify for space saving measures. Every day the mice and the people go into the maze and find the cheese. The cheese is always in the same spot, and they return day after day. One mouse can smell that the cheese is turning one day, and begins to seek other cheese. One day, all the cheese in that one spot is gone, and the mice are gone. The people go through anger (who took my cheese?!) and giving up (we'll never find the cheese!). One person boldly decides to seek out new cheese. It takes energy and planning and false starts, but they eventually find new cheese - better cheese! The other human could not break out of their complaining long enough to seek new cheese.

This version of the story is simplified, and we're not looking for cheese - but if we look at where we are headed for the future, what is our "cheese?" What are we seeking? And rather than lamenting who took it, how do we find it now? Are we willing to put in some effort for a new cheese? The author of the book, Spencer Johnson, said: "The quicker you let go of old cheese the faster you find new cheese."

## Coffee Hour

June 1<sup>st</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup> Joyce Elsea

June 15<sup>th</sup> Michael Selmon

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Sue Malone

June 29<sup>th</sup> Sue Deel



# Summer Worship

June 1st is Ascension Sunday and we will worship in the Sanctuary.

June 8<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost and we will worship in the Sanctuary - remember to wear red!

June 15<sup>th</sup> will be led by the Synod of the Covenant and will be in the Sanctuary.

Beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the summer.

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You are invited! Please join us for Nick and Jeri Piccolo's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday, June 7th from 1-4pm at First Presbyterian Church.

RSVP or send memories to [piccoloanniversary@gmail.com](mailto:piccoloanniversary@gmail.com)



6-1 Kim McCracken

6-2 Megan Setterlund

6-3 Davie Store

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 John McCormack



6-14 Tadd and Lisa Godfrey

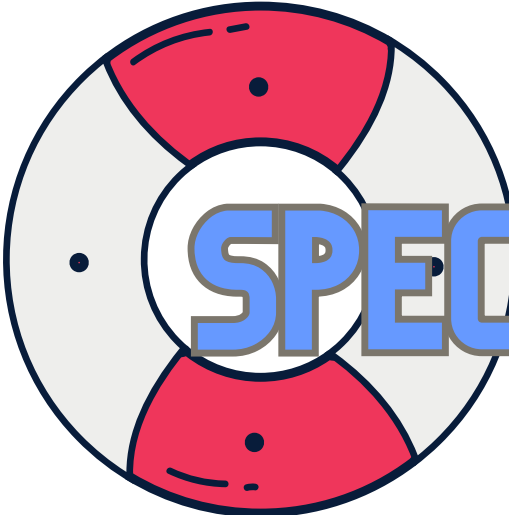
6-14 Ron and Marsha Turner

6-17 Daniel and Jean Fahey

6-18 Miles and Mona Hirson

6-28 David and Mary Anne J





# JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING



The special offering for June is for the Pentecost Offering.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.

Please consider giving to this fund!



Cleaning out the closets, the basement, the garage?

Please remember to save your unwanted items for the rummage sale! The sale will be held on Tuesday, July 29 and Wednesday, July 30. We will be collecting items on Saturday, July 26, Sunday, July 27, and Monday, July 28. We will also accept items from the community, so spread the word! Please do not donate clothes or outdated electronics. Do you need help moving something? Call Carol Rosan (989-463-6679) or Jimm Lyon (989-463-6558). If you have any other questions, please call Sarah Horn (989-463-1178).





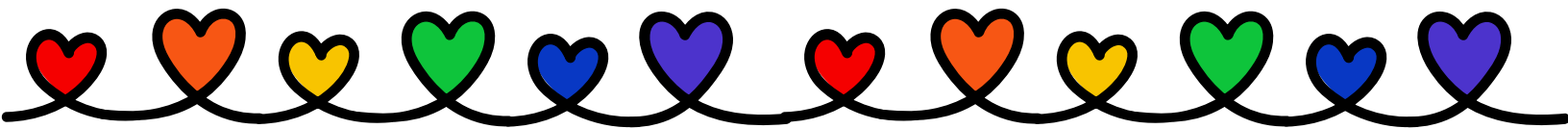



**Introducing...**

**our first ever Administrative Assistant, Matthew Midgett! In 2023, the church took the bold step of redesigning the church secretary position. Not only did it become part-time at 20 hours a week, the duties and responsibilities were revised. Where previously the church secretary served all members, committees, special events and session, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for performing, overseeing, coordinating and organizing the clerical functions of the office and no longer types for committees. He has already upgraded our hardware and software, managed document retention and reduced paper files, and inventoried clerical supplies and reduced unnecessary purchase and overstock. He provides clerical support to Rev. Katrina and is the person responsible for our monthly newsletter. If that isn't enough for a part-time position, he assumed all the duties of the Financial Recording Secretary when Ellie Freed resigned without expanding his hours. Another hat he wears is volunteer as Community Café cook once a month with his husband, Cody. In his "off" time, he is a bus driver for Ithaca Public Schools! You may have seen his and Cody's creative decorating skills when they won the lighted float award in 3 Christmas parades for 2 years running. They are devoted to their 2 dogs and a cat all of whom come with them when they go camping and trail riding at their vacation property in West Branch.**



# JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div>  <p>Worship in Sanctuary</p> </div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div> <p>1:30pm Food Pantry</p> <p>Presbytery Meeting</p> </div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div> <p>5:30pm Community Café</p> </div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div> <p>Worship in Sanctuary</p> </div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div> <p>1:30pm Food Pantry</p> </div>	<div>11</div> <div> <p>Session Training 12:30-2:30</p> </div>	<div>12</div> <div> <p>10:30am Outreach</p> <p>5:30pm Community Café</p> </div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div> <p>Worship led by the Synod of the Covenant &amp; Luncheon</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p> </div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div> <p>1:30pm Food Pantry</p> <p>12-6pm Blood Drive</p> </div>	<div>18</div> <div> <p>5pm Spiritual Growth</p> </div>	<div>19</div> <div> <p>5:30pm Community Café</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> </div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div> <p>Worship in Fellowship Hall</p> </div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div> <p>1:30pm Food Pantry</p> </div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div> <p>5:30pm Community Café</p> </div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div> <p>Worship in Fellowship Hall</p> </div>	<div>30</div>					