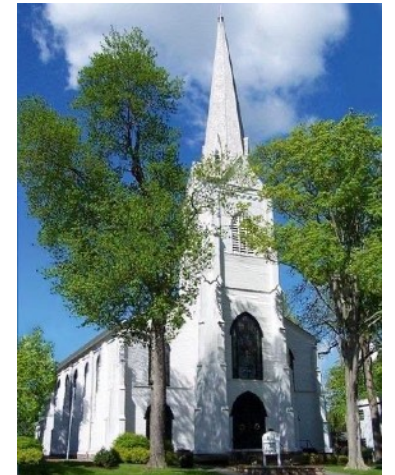


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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR

Happy Summer, FPCH.

Welcome to the Summer publication of *Light from the Steeple*. June was a busy month but July and August prove to be equally as busy. Most of our monthly gourmet groups will not meet during the summer; however, the Ladies' breakfast at the River Star Diner will continue. Donna Erickson will send out an email to inquire about interest. Summer Bible study will commence on July 9th at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room and will continue each Wednesday through August. In June we had many celebrated Teacher and Student recognition Sunday and our Scout Troops' Recognition of Eagle Scout honors.

Take a look at opportunities to purchase a FPCH polo shirt or access a prayer shawl or blanket made with love by our Yarn Girls.

The Christian Education Committee is glad to welcome back to our teaching staff - Emily Tischler and Gwenn Bartku (grades PreK - 1), John Mark Wojcicki (grades 5-6), and Jan Courtright (confirmation class grades 7-9). We would like to welcome Betsy and Nadia Hanson, who will teach grades 2-4. Our children are blessed to have such dedicated teachers.

In keeping with the spirit of Pastor Erin's message about her sermons throughout the summer, I will provide some reading suggestions regarding Earth conservation and awareness of the beauty of our planet. I have also penned prayer opportunities for our children, so please be sure to let me know your thoughts once you engage in these activities.

Be sure to also take note of the financial report our treasurer Al Ravo provides on a monthly basis, and kids, enjoy the coloring pages I have included in this issue.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all in church at worship.

Until next time...
Yours in Christ,

MaryAnn Simmons

DATES TO REMEMBER-JULY/AUG 2025

JULY:

- 01: Christian Education Committee Meeting - 2 PM in the Conference Room
- 02: Personnel Meeting - 1 PM in the Conference Room
- 03: Yarn Girls - 1 PM - Conference Room; Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Conference Room
- 04: Happy Independence Day!
- 06: Worship and Communion - 10 AM, livestream through Facebook
- 09: Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Conference Room
- 13: Worship - 10 AM, livestream through Facebook
- 13: Second Sunday 11:30-1:30 PM
- 16: Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Conference Room
- 19: Ladies breakfast - 9 AM at the River Star Diner, Hackettstown
- 20: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; start of school supplies collection for Backpack Program
- 23: Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Conference Room
- 27: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; collecting backpack supplies
- 28: World Nature Conservation Day
- 30: Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Conference Room

AUGUST

- 03: Worship and communion - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; collecting Backpack Program supplies; National Sisters Day AND International Day of Friendship
- 05: Complete Background Checks on Elders and Deacons
- 06: Yarn Girls - 1 PM - Conference Room
- 06: Bible Study - 6:30-8 PM in the Conference Room
- 10: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; collecting backpack donations end today; Second Sunday - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- 11: National Son's and Daughters Day
- 12: Deacon's Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Conference Room
- 12: International Youth Day
- 13: Bible Study - 6:30-8 PM in the Conference Room
- 16: Ladies breakfast - 9 AM at the River Star Diner, Hackettstown
- 17: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; Public Education Sunday
- 19: World Humanitarian Day
- 19: Session Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Conference Room
- 20: Bible Study - 6:30-8 PM in the Conference Room
- 24: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook
- 27: Bible Study - 6:30-8 PM in the Conference Room
- 31: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Over the summer we will explore the stories of scripture as it pertains to creation. We will travel through the oceans and waterways. I hope to take us on a journey through the sacred lands and explore our connection to the land. This is all part of an exciting journey about God's good creation.

Each week we will receive an invitation about how we can help care for our water, land, and animals in God's good world.

I pray that this summer you might find a way to reconnect with God's creation and your spirit. May you find joy in the colorful sunrises and sunsets! May you find comfort in the glow of light at night. May you find rejuvenation in all that the season of summer brings. And as always, know that I am up for grabbing coffee, going for a walk or a chat on the phone whenever you need!

Pastor Erin



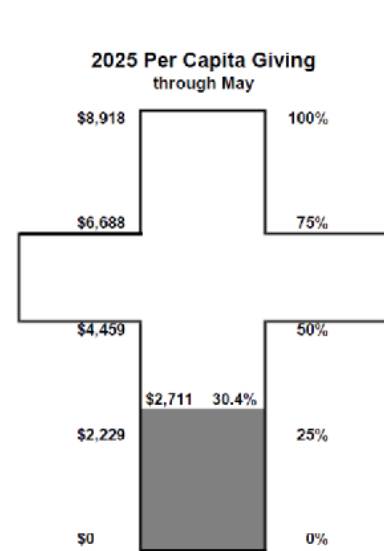
MAY 2025 FINANCIAL \$NAPSHOT

BY: AL RAVO

The Expenses Paid and Income amounts below do not include the funds transferred from the Endowment to meet the church operating expenses.

	MAY	Year to Date
Income	\$17,265.57	\$ 88,662.14
Expenses Paid	\$17,554.22	\$110,918.15
Net Operating Income /Deficit	(\$ 288.65)	(\$ 22,256.01)
Amount of Schwab / Edward Jones funds used to pay operating expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00
Amount Needed from Endowment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
Total	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

Financial Comments / Observations:



- 1.The five largest operating expenses in May were:
 - 1.) **\$8,148.41** – Pastoral expenses (payroll, Board of Pensions, etc.).
 - 2.) **\$3,969.87** – Staff payroll & payroll processing expenses.
 - 3.) **\$1,279.52** – Gas (3 buildings).
 - 5.) **\$1,262.00** – Water & Sewer (3 buildings).
 - 4.) **\$573.15** – Facilities Supplies & Maintenance (3 buildings).
- 2.The operating net income / (deficits) were **(288.65)** in May and **(\$22,256.01)** Year To Date.
 - The actual May operating expenses were **\$2,779.11** below the average monthly budgeted expenses.
 - The actual May operating incomes were **\$598.90** above the average monthly budgeted incomes.

- The Year-To-Date operating expenses were **\$9,251.48** above the average YTD budgeted amounts.
- The Year-To-Date operating incomes were **\$5,328.81** above the average YTD budgeted amount.

MAY 2025 FINANCIAL \$NAPSHOT

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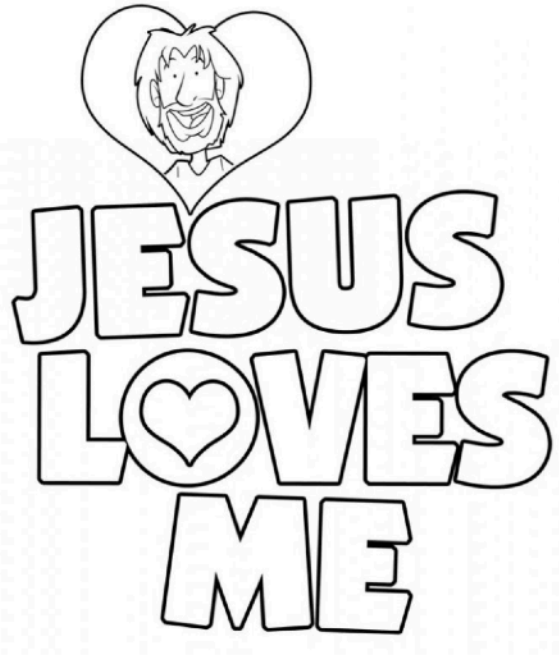
- 3. In May, the value of the MassMutual Investment accounts increased **\$11,890.46** to **\$340,632.63**.
 - 4. In May, the value of the total Endowment Fund increased **\$3,918.01** to **\$347,305.26**. This reflects the \$8,000.00 used to pay operating expenses.
 - 5. The May Second Saturday Free Community Dinner was not held. The total cost to the church of all community dinners since September 2021 remains at **\$693.02**.
 - 6. The May Men’s breakfast was held at River Star Diner.
- The 2025 Per Capita is \$43.50 for each of the 205 members of our Church. (The number is the membership of FPCH on December 31, 2023.) The total amount due in 2025 is \$8,917.50 or \$743.13 monthly. In May, **\$43.50** was received for Per Capita bringing the total received in 2025 to **\$2,711.12** or **30.4%** of the amount due. No payment was sent to the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ in May (the \$43.50 will be included with the June payment) leaving the total sent in 2025 at **\$2,667.62** or **29.9%** of the total amount due.

BUILDING ON GENEROSITY (BOG) CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Donations received during May, **\$405.00**.
- Total donations received from church members, non-members and anonymous from September 2019 (the BOG Kickoff dinner) through the last day of May 2025, **\$650,796.02**.
- Expenses paid using the BOG funds in May, **\$1,780.00**. The payment was to Jensen Tree Experts for pruning trees at the Church and Chapel.
- The total available BOG funds are **\$6,789.28**. The breakdown is **\$1,539.28** for the next BOG project with an additional **\$2,500.00** designated for repairs to the center front doors of the Church and **\$2,750.00** designated for the Chapel range hood replacement.
- Donations breakdown by source:
 - **5.3%** - **\$34,293.76** from nonmembers
 - **86.0%** - **\$560,177.05** from members
 - **8.7%** - **\$56,325.21** from anonymous & dinners
 - **100.0%** - **\$650,796.02** Total

Please contact Al Ravo if you have any questions or would like to discuss the Church’s operational finances, the Endowment Funds, Per Capita or the Building On Generosity Capital Campaign.

CONTINUED - SEE MAY 2025 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



FPCH POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

BY: WINNIE SLACHETKA

It is that time again to spruce up your wardrobe and what better way than to purchase a shirt which sports the logo of our very own church? The shirts are available in all colors and can be purchased for \$20.00. For more information or to order your polo, see me, Winnie Slachetka, or contact me via email or phone: wchetka@gmail.com or 908-391-0719.

Thank you.



WHAT ARE THE DEACONS DOING?

BY: PAT BUTTS

As we enter the summer months, the deacons are continuing to stock our Little Pantry to serve our community, especially to help with children home from school. Every summer we decide on a need and have a collection with new items each week. This year we will be making suggestions for food items for the Pantry. The "item of the week" will be in the weekly bulletin and on the email sent out with the bulletin. We've set up a summer pool display for all the items that you so generously donate which will be added to the Pantry. We appreciate your continued support for this outreach.

Here are the suggested donations for the months of July and August:

- 7/6: Snack items: granola bars, fruit pouches, crackers, etc.
- 7/13: Cleaning/laundry supplies
- 7/20: Boxed pastas, rice, potatoes
- 7/27: Proteins: tuna, canned meat, stews,
- 8/3: Canned fruits and veggies
- 8/10: Juices, shelf stable milk
- 8/17: Personal care items
- 8/24: Breakfast items
- 8/31: Soups and canned pastas

Looking ahead to the Fall, our next clothing drive will be on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

We appreciate the support of this compassionate ministry.

Any questions, feel free to seek out one of the Deacons who can discuss your concerns or ideas for ways to reach out to our community. Thank you.

SIX SCOUTS EARN EAGLE STATUS

BY: JONATHAN GOHLICH

Did you know that less than 4% of all scouts earn their Eagle Scout Award? Six scouts here in Hackettstown, between July 10, 2021 and February 2, 2025, earned their Eagle Scout status. Attainment of this goal is no easy feat and the five boys, all from Troop 158, and sole girl from Troop 143, were recognized on June 8th at their Court of Honor ceremony, held at the FPCH.

Andrew Kmetz (7/6/21) distributed cards to patients at Hackettstown Medical Center and placed signs on the lawn of the hospital to encourage and cheer up those who were receiving care at the hospital. Andrew and his team of scouts also made 50 fleece blankets for patients at the hospital battling cancer.



Ryan Due (10/29/23) worked with FPCH to create a message board outside of the Chapel. With the assistance of Mr. Kosiuk, a man with construction background, Ryan designed a new board which would have solar lights. As part of this project, he scraped and painted the building where the sign is posted, restored the historical sign on the building, cleaned and repainted the railing and added yellow safety paint on the stairs and doorstep. He spent over 200 hours completing this project just six months before his 18th birthday.



Matthew Kmetz (11/27/23) worked with Willow Grove and Hatchery Hill Elementary Schools to create five sensory hallways at the schools. These hallways included sensory corners and buckets to allow special needs students to calm down, refocus, and return to class ready to learn after using them.



John Trinneer (1/22/24) worked with American Legion Post 164 and the Union Cemetery Association of Hackettstown to demolish, restore, and reconstruct the Pergola located near the river. He replaced broken bricks, cinder blocks, and stair treads on the foundation of the structure. He also removed, sanded, and painted metal benches, handrails, and decorative pieces and reinstalled the pergola, devoting over 280 hours.



Autumn Hoover (6/26/24) earned her Eagle status by working with the FPCH to build a new outdoor food pantry/food cabinet outside the Chapel for the food insecure within the community to have access to food any time during the day. She then held a food drive for the church and collected over 1200 pounds of food.



Bryce Stagg (2/10/25) planned and developed an outside reading area for the Hackettstown Free Public Library, creating an area surrounded by native vegetation in raised plant beds for visitors of all ages to have a quiet escape outdoors for their reading pleasure.

Congratulations to all of these scouts for enriching our community.

Sharing God's Bounty

Checking on our Job as Stewards

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "Could I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly can," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man says, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy inquires, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work."

What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as his stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and treasures in ways that please him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to his church? Would God tell you, "Well done, good and faithful steward?"

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God's grace given to us through his Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God's work well.

JULY GREETERS

JULY 6: Pete and Carol Miller
JULY 13: Sharon Stymacks and Kathy Maier
JULY 20: Geof and Pat Gohlich
JULY 27: Pat Butts and Janette Hendershot

GREETER

AUGUST GREETERS

AUG 3: Al and Jen Aquino
AUG 10: MaryAnn Simmons and Bev Saunders
AUG 17: Dennis and Pattie Huff
AUG 24: Pat Butts and Ellen Bergman
AUG 31: The Roguso Family

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I have decided to include an inspirational Bible verse for all to consider as we journey into the summer. It is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

G.R.O.W. TEAM NEWS

BY: BILL CORS

This month, we wish to highlight information regarding the various ways to provide your weekly or monthly contributions to the church collection during Sunday worship and provide you with an understanding of the summer backpack program.

Did You Know...?
You Can Donate Online!

Donations can be made directly on the church website.

General Offering
Donations are used for the general mission of the church. Consider donating today! Visit FCHackettstown.org for more information.

Building Fund
Donations are used to maintain facilities.

Per Capita
The 2025 Per Capita is \$43.50 per member.

Did You Know...?
The First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown has an annual backpack program?

What is the backpack program?
Each summer, the church collects backpacks and other school supplies that will be donated to local families in need.

Consider donating today!
Contact Donna Brisson for more information on how you can help.

If you have any questions or if you have any ideas, contact Bill Cors or any member of his G.R.O.W. Team Committee.

GET READY FOR SUMMER SECOND SUNDAYS

BY: MARYANN SIMMONS

In June, 16 kids enjoyed a fun day creating their own fidgets. Once lunch was over the kids gathered for an opportunity to make their own enjoyable spinning gadgets.

July 14 we will enjoy a new opportunity based on the story of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, with Betsy and Nadia Hanson taking charge while Mrs. Ravo is away. On August 10 we'll have our Fourth Annual Super Soaker Sunday! You won't want to miss that!



Please join us on one or both of these Second Sundays.

Once the Fall commences, we will need some suggestions for our Second Sunday activities. If you happen to know of some fun activities, inform Lorinda of your recommendations.

As always, we look forward to your input and any assistance you are willing to provide on any given month.

SUNSHINE BAGS AVAILABLE IN SUMMER

Did you know that each Sunday, a Sunshine Station Bag is available for kids to enjoy during worship? Filled with coloring pages, games, a craft project, crayons and a clip board, along with a special prize, they are located on the front pew for anyone to grab as they come into church. We ask that they be returned to the front pew after church so that they can be refilled for the next week.

BACKPACK PROGRAM 2025 SET TO COMMENCE

BY: DONNA ERICKSON

As we enter July, we need to get ready for September and the reopening of the school season. To that end, we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies from July 20th through August 10th.



We are in need of backpacks, note books (spiral-bound, 3-ring with filler paper, and composition books). Most of the children who receive the backpacks are in elementary and middle school, so we would appreciate that the notebooks and filler paper be wide-ruled. We will also be collecting rulers, glue sticks, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, zippered pencil bags or cases, crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, children's scissors, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The filled backpacks will be distributed to families involved with the NJ Department of Children and Families in Warren County.

As always, we thank you for your generous support of this program. Any questions, contact Donna Erickson.



CONFIRMATION CLASS RETREAT TO OCCUR IN DECEMBER AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG

BY: JAN COURTRIGHT AND MARYANN SIMMONS

Camp Johnsonburg is a retreat center for various Christian Education endeavors and FPCH is no stranger to this locale. Nestled in rural Warren County off of Route 519, this camp is a wonderful place for our students of all ages to enjoy a learning experience like no other.

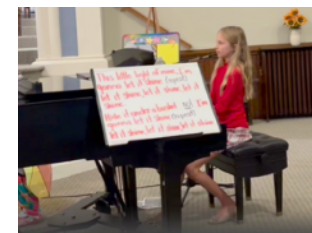
It is our hope that our seven confirmation students will be able to attend a retreat during the first weekend in December (5th through the 7th). The Middle School Retreat is tailored to engage and entertain all students, whether they come as part of a youth group, a class, or on their own. It is a time to make friends outside of the church and school, hang out with others, and enjoy some of Johnsonburg's staple activities like the zip line, high ropes, boating, gathering around a camp fire, rock wall climbing, or hiking (weather permitting, of course)

Parents, please be on the lookout for an email from both Jan and MaryAnn regarding the specific details about this opportunity which we hope the girls will be able to attend. For more information please contact Jan Courtright, MaryAnn Simmons, or Pastor Erin.

Registration must be completed for this opportunity by Nov 21st. Jan and I will put together all of the details regarding cost, items needed for this weekend retreat, and other pertinent information. If you would like to speak directly to someone at Johnsonburg Retreat Center, you can call 908-852-2349.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2025

We are so pleased to share the following highlights of our church worship during the month of June. Photos include celebration of students and teachers, musical events, and a presentation to Blessing Anyangwe from the Yarn Girls.



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO PRAY LOOKING AT GOD'S CREATIONS

BY: MARYANN SIMMONS

For this issue, since I have included in May a lesson about "Focus on God's Beautiful Creation," from Traci Smith's book, I decided to create a message based on a similar theme of my own. These ideas can be used with kids of all ages. I hope you enjoy these opportunities.

Consider one of the following activities. Then, read the suggested passage(s) from the Bible and hold a discussion about the beauty of God's creation based on the activity and passage chosen.

Activities:

Bird watching, bat hunting, biking trails, camping, canoeing, kayaking, gardening, hiking, visiting a park, rock climbing, building a bird bath, pressing flowers and leaves, stargazing, nature journaling, nature photography.

Suggested Bible Passages:

Water:

Genesis 6-9/1:6-10/1:2; Psalms 23:2/42:1; Isaiah 55:1/55:11/43:2; John 4:10/7:38; Revelation 21:6; Exodus 14:15; Amos 5:24

Land:

Psalms 24:/68:6/37:3/143:6; Leviticus 25:23; Genesis 12:7/15:18; Deuteronomy 1:8; Amos 9:14-15; Matthew 5:5; Exodus 20:12; Hosea 13:4

Animals:

Genesis 1:20-25/1:30/1:21/2:19-20/1:24-25/9:23; Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalms 50:10-11/104:21/148:10; Proverbs 6:6-8 (ants)/12:10; Matthew 6:26 (birds); Job 12:7-10; James 3:7

Please give these activities a try and let me know your thoughts about the time you spent reflecting about God's beautiful creations.

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FPCH CELEBRATES ITS CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

BY: MARYANN SIMMONS

Sunday school has been a blessing this year as the church has witnessed a growth in our program over the past few years. Currently, we have a total of 27 students ranging from grades PreK through 8 and the numbers will continue to grow as we have witnessed a number of families with young children requesting to join the church.

On June 8th, FPCH celebrated its children and teachers with a program that incorporated the words of the children themselves, explaining what they liked most about being in Sunday School. Our youngest ones loved coloring, the 3-5th graders enjoyed the crafts, music, and friendships, and our confirmation class students liked learning about the motif of the number 40 in the Bible, the importance of Lenten season, and the resurrection of Jesus. All students enjoyed Pastor Erin's messages during the children's sermons. Students received their pins, participation certificates, and traveling passports regarding all of the countries of songs they learned throughout the year. All posed for a group photo with their teachers.

Next it was time to acknowledge the 12 teachers and volunteers who were instrumental in helping these children grow spiritually. MaryAnn Simmons and Pastor Erin presented the adults with a gift bag filled with various teacher related items as a token of their appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication from September through May. See all of the photos under the Highlights from June

A special thank you goes out to Pattie Huff who was instrumental in ordering curriculum and other needed items throughout the school year. Without her patience and dedication, I would not have been able to complete all of the tasks required of this mission here at FPCH.

Congratulations, students and teachers, on another great year of learning about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. May they abide in your lives forever.

COLORING FUN



BOOKS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

BY: MARYANN SIMMONS

I encourage you to take on the challenge of Pastor Erin in her message to us at the start of this newsletter: look for ways to enjoy the world that God created and consider ways to care for the earth. To that end, I am providing suggestions for all age groups.



Children of the Earth Remember: Schim Schimmel is an Australian author and artist who cleverly shows children through the animals of the world why it is important to care for the earth.

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry shows people of all ages the importance of preserving the Great Kapok which allows the ecosystem of the rainforest to exist in harmony. When a lumberjack arrives and wishes to cut down the tree, the Yanomamo tribe explain how everything is interconnected and the trees allow for the survival of the rainforest.



Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving Earth's Ocean, Lakes, Rivers, and Wetlands: Cathryn Berger Kaye and Philippe Cousteau help teens understand how to care for and preserve the beauty of the waters that exist on our earth.

Becoming Earth: How Our Planet Came to Life by Ferris Jabr allows us to understand that Earth is not an inanimate planet on which life evolved; it is a planet that came to life.



Celebrate National Book Lovers Day
on August 9th!

SUMMER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2: Kelsey Gulick Johnston
3: Stephen Carpenter
Al Ravo
4: Chris Bramley
6: Terry Gretchen
7: Jan Courtright
8: Linnea Pierson
9: Richard Gregory
13: Samantha Roome
14: Kaitlyn Cameron
Fred Sentner
17: Cynthia Luques
18: James Grover
Jay Grover
19: Chris Fleischman
20: Russ Reed
22: Judy Eckroth
25: Marsha Gulick
31: Jacqueline Fernandez

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

5: Ron & Deborah Shepherd
15: Al & Lorinda Ravo
18: Tim & Tracey Gelsinger
20: Ryan & Cathy VanOrden
21: Roy & Cindy Pierson
31: Jim & MaryAnn Simmons

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2: Jodie Grover
3: Emily Ligarzewski
5: Kim Newton
8: Daniel Gardner
Carl Erickson, Jr.
11: Garrett Kimble
12: Jane Petty
15: Shawn Gelsinger
Lawrence Cook
16: Barbara Hall
Emma Fraumeni
17: Donna Annunziata
19: Zayden Chetangie
21: Lucas Spranger
22: Maria Koskulics
25: Aaron Bartku
Jim Pippas

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8: Tom & Alisa Dartnell
9: Brian & Kim
Ligarzewski
11: Tony & Pam Venturini
26: Paul & Kate
Sobolewski

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Members of Centenary
University
Eugenie Chetangie
Churches throughout
the U.S.
Shirley DeLoia, sister of Phyllis
Prestopine
FPCH and Friends of
FPCH
Dan Gardner
Terry Gretchen
Joan Grover
Barbara Hall
Maikuu congregation,
Kibwezi Kenya
Members of the Armed
Forces

Barbara Pace, niece of the
Prestopines
Alice Phoebus
The Family of Shirley Roe
Jim Simmons
Carol Spitzer
Students moving onto the next
level of education
The food insecure
The homeless
Those struggling with
addictions and mental health
Those recovering from surgery
Those traveling
Richard Westby

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Beginning June 29th and then each month there is a fifth Sunday, the Yarn Girls are making available their creations to all who desire one.

Each Wednesday of the month, the Yarn Girls meet to create prayer shawls, blankets, and crosses, among other items, to be provided for all who need comfort during a time of illness or sadness in their lives. Now, anyone who would like one of these items will have the opportunity to choose one on the fifth Sunday of each month.

For more information, contact Deb Gulick-Shepherd.