



This Month
JULY

THE NEWSLETTER

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 (NRSVUE)

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts to us. It is not reserved for the eloquent, the confident, or the spiritually mature. Prayer is simply a conversation between a loving Father and His beloved child. The beautiful truth is that nothing is too small or too large to bring before God. He welcomes our every concern, every joy, every fear, and every hope.

Sometimes we think that prayer must be lengthy or perfectly worded to be effective. Yet throughout Scripture, God responded to sincere hearts, not polished speeches. A whispered prayer while cooking a meal, a silent prayer while sitting in a doctor's office, or a tearful prayer in the middle of the night is precious to Him.

Prayer does not always change our circumstances, but it often changes us. As we spend time with God, our hearts become more peaceful, our perspective becomes clearer, and our trust grows stronger. Prayer reminds us that we are never carrying life's burdens alone.

When answers seem delayed, continue praying. When you are uncertain, continue praying. When your heart is full of gratitude, continue praying. Prayer is not merely about receiving answers; it's about deepening a relationship with the One who loves you most.

God never grows weary of hearing from you. Every prayer matters. Every tear is seen. Every whispered request is heard. The same God who created the stars listens attentively when you call upon Him.

Devotional—Source not identified



What We Prayed For In June

Keep In Prayer:

J.J. Giddions, Gail Chrysler, Dwight and Janice Stahl, Jamie LeBouef, Shaun LaBreck, Sandra Clarke, Kevin Crouch, Richard Wright, Charles Brown, McKenna Buchanan, Shirley Plotts, Jim and Sandra Barnett, Ken and Sandra Gragert, Cindy Massingill, Kriztopher Alvarez, Marilyn Shockley, Jan Weber, Katie Weber, Timothy Kelly, Tommy Carter, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Betty Thacker, Veronica Grindle, Paul Erwin, Debbie Cole, Yolanda Castro, Lowesa Terral, Shelby Kelley, HuNoMi Rodda, Steve Pruett, Alvis Jacks, Nancy Oertli, Debbie Piantinada, Barbara Ferrel, Jesse and Wendy Abbott, Wendy Abbott, Cindy Massingill, Nancy Boyd Diane Edwards

Comfort and Hope:

Family and friends of Patty Cole (at her passing).
Family and friends of Cindy Massingill (at her passing). Families affected by extreme weather.
Peace of Christ for our neighbors, our country and the world [Cuba, Mexico, Israel, Iran, Ukraine...], Air Canada flight crash with fire truck. Islamic Center of San Diego, Peace of Christ for our country and the world

Other Prayers:

Feed My lambs, Volunteers, children during Summer Break-meals, childcare, April Levesque Rain, Margarita, Blake, Marilyn, Emma Dodge and Harley, Karen, Scott, and Chase, Cole Buchanan, First Responders [firefighters, police officers, EMS, dispatchers, volunteers, Military. Students SAT/ACT tests
Amalea (1 1/2lbs, NICU), our church, our families, education, arts, entertainment, social media...
Mission (Food Pantry, Blessing Box).

Sharing the Joy: ...The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16



God Bless America (250th Birthday)

Pray for our country 250 years of freedom,

Wisdom for our leaders, families, neighbors...
Peace...

1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone

Prayer Group Ministry

Congregational Care

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.



During the month of May

We served 44 families during the month of May.

The Food Pantry could use the following:

Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Bleach
Personal Hygiene Products, Cereal,
Juices, Pancake Mix, Syrup, eggs, can chicken or tuna,, Mustard, Mayo.
For more information please call
Nelda 979-799-7681

WORSHIP NEWS



Attendance	Total	Elders	Facebook
June 7	18	6	
June 14	16	5	
June 21	28	6	
June 28	35	7	



You are invited to study God's word
on Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome (all ages). A
light breakfast is provided.



*** TREASURER REPORT ***

April Income	\$7,319.08
April Expenses	\$20,584.08
May Income	\$
May Expenses	\$



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box needs:

Water

**Easily opened canned soups, Ravioli,
Spaghetti...**

Vienna sausages, Beanie Weenies

Tuna packets

Crackers

Anything that is easy to open.



Online giving to our church is now available
through a program designed by the
Presbyterian Foundation. Our online giving
page can be accessed by clicking on the Give
Now button on our website. When you click on
the button, it takes you to a secure webpage
OR you can scan the QR code below.





July Birthday

7/1 Nancy Boyd
 7/2 HuNoMi Rodda
 7/3 Nelda Gragert
 7/5 RJ Herrera
 7/9 Gene Raska
 7/11 Owen Boyd
 7/19 Killian Tinnon
 7/20 Grady Gragert
 7/24 Alan Rodda

July Anniversaries

7/4 Mike & Barbara Sullivan
 7/11 William & Mary Clarke
 7/27 Doug & Norma Petterson



In July we will continue our Bible Study about the Ten Commandments and begin a new study on Tuesdays from 11am until noon. We are also continuing our monthly Horizons Bible study on the fourth Sunday after worship, but with a new study.

Ginny Raska

CHURCH DINNER



Feed My Lambs will not deliver on July 2, but we will continue preparing and delivering lunches on Mondays and Thursdays through the end of July. We have been averaging over 140 meals each day. Thanks to all who have been helping. We start at 10 a.m. and need volunteers to do a variety of tasks: preparing sandwiches and hot dogs, sacking lunches, folding agape, delivering meals. We welcome donations of cookies, your time and talents, and monetary contributions. For any questions, please call :
 Ginny Raska @ 798-1628.

Thank you to all who brought the delicious desserts along with Mary Alice's birthday cake. The peach dump pie recipe is included in this newsletter. I also appreciate everyone who brought all the additions for the salad and potatoes. You could definitely customize your dinner this month! It was wonderful having so many people to share dinner with last month. Next Month's dinner will be on July 26th with a "Picnic theme". Think about baked beans, sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, watermelon, etc. After church dinner we will have our first session meeting in three months with the return of Pastor Tracy.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Robin 979-482-3750

Mission Report

Food Pantry

Everyone has been so generous when it comes to donating food for the food pantry. Because of your generosity, we were able to assist 44 families during the month of May. During the month of June, we have assisted 34 families. A special thank you goes out to Nancy and Richard McLaren for their assistance on Friday mornings since my daughter Linda is no longer available during the week. If anyone has a couple of free hours on Friday mornings, your help would be greatly appreciated at the food pantry. Just let me know when you are available. Also, would like to send out a thank you to Ginny for braving the heat, mosquitos, and humidity collecting vegetables from the garden for the food pantry on Friday mornings. Thanks to all for donations to the food pantry. Every item donated makes a difference. If you have a food donation and are unable to deliver to the church, leave a message at the church or call my cell. Food items always needed: Juices, oil, eggs(and egg cartons), ½ gal milk, box or bag cereal, 2# sugar, pancake mix, syrup, mayo or Mircale Whip, canned chicken or tuna, dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, and personal hygiene products. We also have freezers for frozen foods.

Clothes Closet is getting closer to opening. Hopefully within the next 2-3 weeks if all goes well. Could still use clothes for school-age children. Thanks to all the ladies who have been helping to hang clothes. Still got ways to go. All help is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to donate school supplies to help children get off to a good start for the school year, we will accept the supplies in the food pantry or clothes closet. Everyone please remember that we are having a Garage Sale and Bake Sale on July 25th. Exact time has not been set yet. Most likely 8-2 or 9-3. Everything will be in the fellowship hall. Not out in heat. So, get those items together that you have been thinking about getting rid of that you no longer need and donate to the garage sale. Remember-“Your trash could be someone else’s treasure.” Also remember that since the bake sale is inside, you may can make those cool summer desserts for the bake sale.

All proceeds will benefit our church’s Missions

Nelda

Apple Dump Pie

Ingredients:

3 Cups Apples

1/2 Tsp Cinnamon

2 Tbsp Sugar

1 Cup Flour

1/2 Cup Sugar

1/2 Cup Oatmeal

1/8 Tsp Salt?

2/3 Cup cold Butter

Directions:

Drain most of the liquid off the jar of apples and place them in a well greased pie pan. Add back some of the liquid just enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle the first two ingredients over the apples. In a medium bowl combine the next four ingredients, mix well, then cut cold butter in until thoroughly incorporated and sprinkle evenly over apples. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

From Nancy Oertli

Blackberry Gelatin Salad

Ingredients:

2 (3oz) pkgs blackberry jello

1 (15oz) can blueberries

1 (8oz) can crushed pineapple

1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese

1/2 pint sour cream (1 cup)

1/2 cup chopped pecans (or more)

2/3 rds container cool whip

Drain and reserve juice from pineapple and enough water to make one cup of liquid. Bring liquid to a boil and dissolve jello. Add room temperature and cubed cream cheese to hot liquid and blend until incorporated. Add pineapple, blueberries, sour cream, and pecans and blend well.

Receipe calls for 1 tsp of vanilla but I omitted the vanilla. I was unable to find blackberry jello so I substituted strawberry/cherry (which ever I could find). I wanted a red color so I omitted the Blackberries also to retain a redder color.

From Anita

Every Sunday**9:15 a.m. Breakfast****9:30 a.m. Sunday School****10:30 a.m. Worship****Every Tuesday****10 a.m. Prayer Group****11a.m. Bible Study****6 p.m. Game Night**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 10– Noon Food Pantry	4
5	6 Church office closed Feed My Lambs 10am	7	8	9 Feed My Lambs 10am	10 10– Noon Food Pantry	11
12	13 Feed My Lambs 10am	14	15	16 Feed My Lambs 10am	17 10– Noon Food Pantry	18
19	20 Feed My Lambs 10am	21	22	23 Feed My Lambs 10am	24 10– Noon Food Pantry	25 Church Garage Sale
26 Horizon Bible Study Church Dinner Session	27 Feed My Lambs 10am	28	29	30 Feed My Lambs 10am	31 10– Noon Food Pantry	