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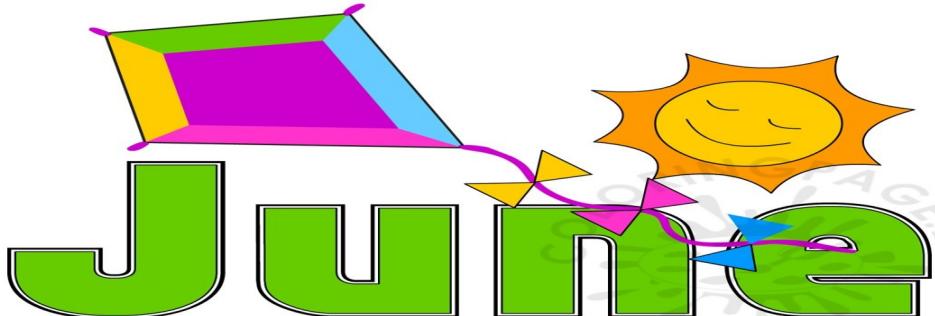
*"God Is Still Speaking"*

*Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher*



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## In the Life of Our Congregation ... from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the Risen Christ, in whose name we gather and serve the Living God.

In Matthew 7:7 Jesus tells his listeners:

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

I believe this means that we are to be continually seeking and questioning so that we might grow in our faith and better understand how we are called to serve God and God's creation. This understanding helps me to see that one of the most important responsibilities of a pastor is to provide for the congregation opportunities to study the Scriptures so as to mature in faith. With this in mind, for the next few months I am going to devote my space to looking at some of what I consider to be Jesus' more difficult teachings. Obviously, within the confines of two or three pages it will be impossible to do a full exegetical study (the act of interpreting or explaining the meaning of verses or passages of Scripture) on any given pericope (a particular text usually defined by containing one story, event or parable in the synoptic Gospels). My hope is that it might spark curiosity that will lead you to delve further into the Scriptures, allowing them to speak to you so that they may speak through you.

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power  
and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he  
sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor  
bag, nor bread, nor money -- not even an extra tunic. Whatever  
house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever  
they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake  
the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

Luke 9:1-5

This story is included in all three synoptic gospels and is part of the narrative referred to as "The sending out of the twelve." The narrative begins with Jesus empowering the disciples to go out into surrounding areas and begin to heal and preach the Gospel on their own, in preparation for the time when Jesus would not be with them.

Jesus instructs the disciples to take nothing with them for their journey. On the surface, this seems like pretty bad advice. If you are going on a trip it is common sense that certain preparations must be made, so the trip will be safe and productive. Not taking a staff, for protection against bandits and wild animals, would be ludicrous. Who, in their right mind, would not take food, money or a change of clothes when embarking upon a trip? What was Jesus thinking? The disciples were to trust in God and the hospitality of those witnessing the healings they would perform and hearing the words they would be preaching. All that was necessary would be provided for them, if they remained faithful to their calling and did as Jesus directed. It is hard for us to read these words.

The world tells us that we must plan every facet of our lives, leaving nothing to chance. A "successful person" anticipates every eventuality and has a number of contingency plans on which to fall back. In these verses Jesus tells the disciples, and us, that our only "plan" should be to proclaim the Gospel message wherever we are planted, and to trust in God.

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In the second half of this pericope, Jesus tells the disciples to shake the dust off their feet when leaving a place where their ministry of healing and preaching is not accepted. This seems to be a harsh directive. Jesus does not say that these people are damned, only that the disciples are not to take any more time or expend additional energy witnessing to them.

This is also hard for us to hear. We are taught never to give up on anyone. If someone doesn't understand what we are proclaiming, then we must find a new way to say it to enable the message to be heard. Jesus seems to be telling us as disciples that sometimes people will not accept our teaching, preaching or ministry, no matter how we might say or do it. We must accept this fact and move on, to others who will hear and accept our proclamation of the Good News. If people will not offer Christian hospitality, we are to go someplace where others will.

In these five short verses Jesus gives us our mission, empowers us for this mission, and tells us how we are to accomplish it. Jesus tells us that if we are faithful in the proclamation of the Gospel in our words and deeds, and our witness is not accepted, then we are to leave them and witness to those who will open their hearts, souls and minds to hear the Word of God as we are called to proclaim it.

"Let anyone with **ears** to hear listen!"

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

Howdy Parents,

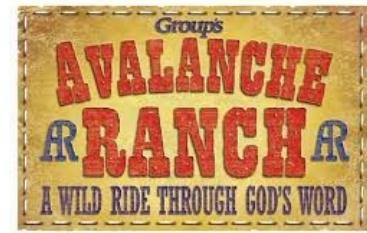
Do you want your child(ren) to take a wild ride through God's word? That's just what will happen while attending Avalanche Ranch VBS located at St. Peter's United Church of Christ 12 W. Sauk Trail in Frankfort, IL.

For \$5.00 your child will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, and touch. Team-building games, lively Bible songs, and active Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.

Avalanche Ranch VBS is great fun for children 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; older children (4<sup>th</sup> grade through Young Adult) will enjoy signing on as assistants for the younger children.

The fun takes place July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00-11:30. To register for this life-changing adventure return the registration form with payment by June 23, 2019 to St. Peter's U.C.C. 12 W. Sauk Trail Frankfort, IL 60423. Feel free to register your friends also.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Dutro at 815-469-3788 or [cathleendutro@gmail.com](mailto:cathleendutro@gmail.com).



**Avalanche Ranch VBS  
Registration Form  
(one per child)**

Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Check #\_\_\_\_\_

For Church Use Only

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last School Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of emergency, contact:**

(Name of contact) \_\_\_\_\_ at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of contact) \_\_\_\_\_ at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns \_\_\_\_\_ Other concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to St. Peter's U.C.C. 12 W. Sauk Trail Frankfort, IL 60423 by June 23, 2019 with payment of \$5.00 for one child or \$10.00 for two or more children from the same family.

We will be posting pictures of VBS activities on Facebook and St. Peter's website. Please inform us if you do not want us to include your child in the photos we will be posting.



## A Message from Your Church Council President, Darrell Stephen

Well! What a terrible spring we have had weather-wise! Just ask any of our members who are farmers. We are not used to seeing them sitting in the pews during the spring planting season. But this year, each Sunday we were sympathizing with them with hopes for a good, dry weather the following week. Now, with Memorial Day behind us, let's hope for better weather for all of us this summer.

On Memorial Day, St. Peter's continued the tradition of flying flags belonging to many of our deceased veterans. This year, we had twenty-five members and youth assist with the displaying of ten flags. Although the weather made us take them down early (surprise!), what a beautiful reminder of the cost of our freedom!



I realize that the summer offers all of us many additional activities and opportunities for travel. St. Peter's is still a great destination to visit during the summer months! St. Peter's will still be up and running and providing wonderful services during the summer. Since we operate year-round, our expenses don't take a vacation. So please continue with your regular giving during this busy time. We hope to see as many as possible each Sunday for worship.

In closing, I would like to mention that the facilities committee and the church council are considering a few needed improvements to St. Peter's. Most of these changes are big ticket items. The majority of our air conditioning units are functioning poorly as they are past their life expectancy. The carpeting in the sanctuary is looking rather worn these days. Our A-V equipment needs updating in order for us to live stream our Sunday worship services. The lighting improvements in the sanctuary are yet to be finalized. If we were to go forth with these projects, we will have to determine how they would be funded. Any ideas? We are always open to suggestions.

Here's hoping for a great summer for one & all!!

Yours in Christ,  
Darrell Stephen



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER/FALL BOOK CLUB

Women's fellowship is hosting a summer/fall book club. The book will be read during the summer: while you're sitting on the beach, around the pool, between your kid's games, while taking a long relaxing bath....wherever your heart desires. Then on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, following worship service (and few moments at "Coffee And..." to get a drink & snack), we'll meet in the Friendship Room to discuss our thoughts about this book.

The book chosen to be read is *Joshua: A Parable for Today* by Joseph Girzone. Following is a summary/introduction to the book:

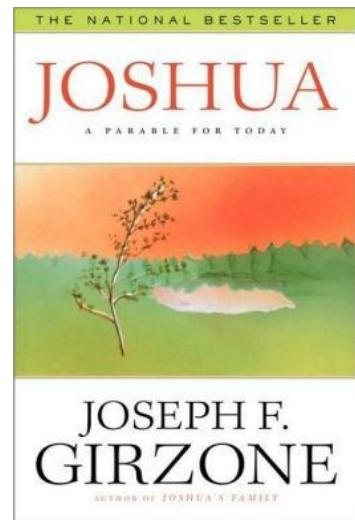
*When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.*

*What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.*

*Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, Joshua is confronted by the local church leaders.*

If you are interested in reading this book, Women's Fellowship will have them available in paperback for \$5.00. Please let the office or Cathy Dutro know that you would like one and we will get it to you ASAP so you can begin reading this fascinating book.

We hope you enjoy reading this book and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Church Nursery Update

The church nursery is always available for parents to use. However, due to the attendants' busy summer schedule, it will be **unattended** from Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday. Please feel free to utilize the area, toys, etc. during this time, being aware that you will need to stay with your child(ren).

We look forward to serving your nursery needs & seeing your little ones again in the fall.



## Women's Fellowship Officers Election

It's almost time to elect officers for Women's Fellowship. Positions are President, Vice -President, Secretary & Treasurer. If you are interested in being an officer in Women's Fellowship, please contact the office or one of the nominating committee members (Delores Kratzenberg, Helen Simpkins, & Carol Bracken) by Monday, August 5, 2019.

## Cinco De Meow a Success

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the K.F.C. youth group held their fifth & final Cinco de Meow fundraiser by selling walking tacos, chips & salsa, chips & nacho cheese, and baked goods. One-hundred percent of the money raised that day went to the Tinley Park P.A.W.S. no-kill animal shelter. This year we were able to raise \$500. A check for that amount, along with a trunk-load of needed supplies (paper towels, TP, cleaning products, garbage bags, etc.) was delivered by some of the youth, parents, and volunteer youth director Jennifer Stephen. They were given a tour of the facilities and enjoyed seeing how the animals are cared for until they find their 'fur'ever home! What a way to end this worthwhile service project: Held for the 5<sup>th</sup> year on 5/5 & raised \$500!!



'Mucho gracias' to everyone who has helped over the years by cooking, buying supplies, baking, serving, purchasing and enjoying the food!



## Congratulations to St. Peter's Confirmands and Newest Members. Welcome!!!

**(l-r) William Miller, Nathan Gaines, Ayden Bettenhausen, Evan Sparenberg**





As a safety precaution, all exterior doors, EXCEPT FOR THE SANCTUARY doors will be locked at 9:45 am on Sunday's.

*To the members and friends of St. Peter's UCC,*

*It was a great pleasure to have Pastor Mark's visit and bring the very nice gift. Yes, we made a great choice to become members of the church. Our 43 years in Frankfort we should have joined a lot earlier. Hard to break old tides. We enjoy the service, the church and people.*

*Bob's eye surgery was put off until 5.20, the other eye 6.17.*

*Thank you again, we LOVE the people of the church!*

*The Yehnert's*

### SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

2019 dates: Monday, 7/29  
 Thursday, 8/29  
 Monday, 9/30  
 Thursday, 10/31  
 Monday, 12/30



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



Summer Office Hours:  
 M-F, 9:00 am - Noon

### Mark Your Social Calendar for these upcoming events:



**Friday, June 7, 6pm – Progressive Grazing** – Instead of a "progressive dinner," we are hosting a "Progressive Grazing." In small groups we will visit several members' homes for small plates and appetizers meeting at the church for our assigned routes and returning to the church for dessert! This is a great opportunity to get to know your church family and sample good food.

Sign up on Sundays after Worship (or call the office) to volunteer to host a "grazing" or bring a dessert.

**Tuesday, July 23 – Senior and Senior Wannabe Luncheon** – 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided by Membership and Evangelism. Please call the office to R.S.V.P.



**Sunday, October 6 – St. Peter's Golf Outing at Green Garden Country Club** starting at noon. \$20.00 for golf cart and 9 holes. \$20.00 for buffet meal afterwards. Those who do not golf are invited to come for the buffet meal also \$20.00.

Sponsored by Membership and Evangelism

### Don't Forget ...

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, except in June. Communion will be celebrated on June 9.

Coffee And... is only served on the first Sunday of the month for June, July & August.

**In our prayers...**

*Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Bryant Ebert, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Mary Ann Morrison, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers!*

**PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:**  
**Email: mmmrev@att.net**



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**Membership and Evangelism**

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests! The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.



CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

LINDSAY JOHNSON  
Y20859  
P.O. BOX 1000  
LINCOLN, IL 62656

**Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.**

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard	Joey Sparenberg
Paul Muenchow	Lyle Tewes
T-Kay Nagy	Rev. Tom Norwalk
Helen Simpkins	Rev. Mark Milligan

Happy Summer Blessings from your prayer chain..

Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or Delores, 815-469-5106 so we can lift those in need up in prayer.



FOR JUNE MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, GRANOLA BARS & BOXES OF RAISINS

**June Responsibilities**

USHERS: Rachel Muenchow, David VanderLaan

COFFEE AND... Stewardship

LITURGIST:	6/2	Paul Muenchow
	6/9	Kate Dougherty
	6/23	Ilse Vogelmann

**Your 2019 Council Officers Are:**

President - Darrell Stephen  
Vice-President - Bruce Wille  
Secretary - Rachael Muenchow  
Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

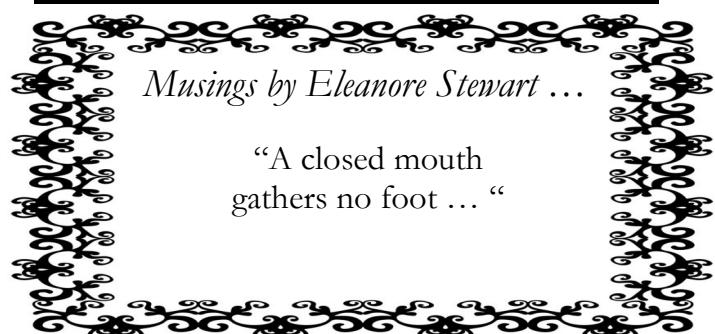
**LUMES**  
**(new larger venue)**  
8:00 am

Come for good food,  
lively conversation and  
friendly fellowship!!!



*Musings by Eleanore Stewart ...*

"A closed mouth  
gathers no foot ... "



**Birthday Greetings:**

6/2 *Kyle Gissler  
Aiden Lattz*



6/3 *Ken Capps*

6/4 *Conor McGarry  
Brenda Sparenberg  
Darrell Stephen*

6/5 *Clarence Carlson  
Christine Cleveland*

6/6 *Jake Gissler*

6/10 *Lisa Hellriegel  
Rachael Muenchow*

6/11 *Mark Eaton  
Jill Hossbach*

6/12 *Ken Hawke*

6/16 *Norma Schneider*

6/17 *Courtney Stillman*

6/18 *Keith Schram  
Violet Yehnert*

6/19 *Elana Pomes*

6/20 *Christine Delgau*

6/21 *Jill Bishop  
Joshua Gravitt*

6/22 *Elizabeth Ber*

6/23 *Diane Creer  
Nancy Kooyenga*

6/25 *Tyler Bettenhausen  
Alexander Lucas  
John Scaletta*

6/26 *Marilyn Knater*

6/27 *Nancy Tewes-Srednicki*

6/28 *Gail Roy*

**Birthday Greetings cont ...**

6/29 *Allison Hess  
Jordan Walden*

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

6/6/1959 *George & Delores Kratzenberg*

6/6/2003 *Joshua & Cheryl Miller*

6/7/1975 *Gary & Barbara Niedermeier*

6/10/1967 *Robert & Patricia Allen*

6/10/1995 *David Kandow & Sheri Bracken*

6/11/1977 *Wayne & Charlene Stewart*

6/19/1971 *Al & Jean Taylor*

6/22/1968 *James & Sandra Donovan*

6/22/1968 *Roger & Barbara Rainford*

6/25/1960 *John & Trisha Nystrom*

6/29/1975 *Carl & Audrey Yoshioka*

6/29/1991 *William & Amy Goldsmith*

6/30/1984 *James & Cheryl Ber*



FRIDAY, JUNE 7  
PROGRESSIVE GRAZING, 6PM AT  
ST. PETERS

*the* **Save  
Date**

TUESDAY, JULY 23  
SENIOR AND SENIOR WANNABE LUNCHEON

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE UPCOMING  
BULLETINS AND KEYS

Don't forget to "give" and "get" at the same time!!!

Remember to Support St. Peter's with your  
Amazon Smile Order!!!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2924265>

**Support  
Saint Peter's United  
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When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

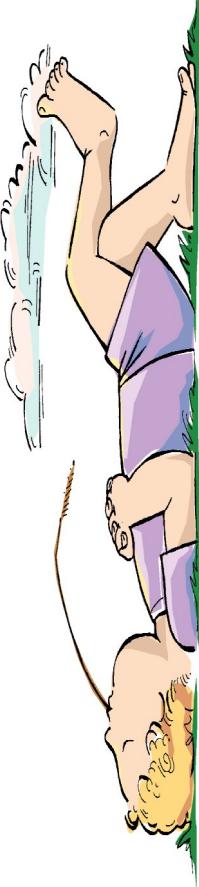
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**Ushers this Month:**  
 Rachel Muenchow  
 David VanderLaan

**Coffee And...**  
 Stewardship

Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.  
 Enter off the east parking lot entrance.



# JUNE 2019

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
						1 “Sew What” 9am
2 Worship 9:30 am Coffee And ... KFC 10:30am	3 Constitution & By-Law Meeting, 6pm M&M Meeting, 7pm	4 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	5 Revelation Study - 10am	6 “Sew What” 9am	7 Progressive Grazing 6pm at St. Peter’s	8
9 Worship 9:30am Communion pentecost	10 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	11 Worship Meeting 6pm	12 Revelation Study - 10am	13 Council Reports Due A.M <b>LUMES</b>	14 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8am	15 “Sew What” 9am
16 Worship 9:30am	17 Council Meeting, 7pm	18 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	19 Revelation Study - 10am	20 “Sew What” 9am	21 KEY ARTICLES DUE	22 General Synod UCC
23 Worship 9:30am General Synod UCC	24 Council Meeting II, 7pm	25 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	26 Revelation Study - 10am	27 UCC Anniversary 1957	28 General Synod UCC	29
30 Worship 9:30am						

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*Address Service Requested.*



<b>SUNDAYS</b> — (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)		
<b>9:30-10:30 am</b>		Sunday School
<b>9:30 am</b>		Worship - Nursery care NOT provided June, July & August
<b>10:30 am</b>		“Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer
<b>WEEKLY</b>		
<b>Tuesdays:</b>		*Open Sew, 6:30 pm
<b>Thursdays:</b>		Bible Study, Revelation, 10:00 am
* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot		
<b>June at a glance:</b>		
June 1	9:00 am	“Sew What”
June 2	10:30 am	K.F.C.
June 3	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Constitution & By-Law Meeting M&M Ministry Meeting
June 7	9:00 am 6:00 pm	“Sew What” Progressive Grazing, start at St. Peter’s
June 9	9:30 am	Worship with Communion
June 12	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Ministry Meeting
June 14	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
June 15	8:00 am 9:00 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast - Lumes “Sew What”
June 16	ALL DAY	“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY”
June 17	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
June 21	9:00 am 9:00 am	“Sew What” KEY Articles DUE
June 22	1:30 pm	Children’s Philharmonic Piano/Cello Concert
June 24	7:00 pm	Council Meeting II
June 25	ALL DAY	UCC Anniversary, 1957