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A Word from the Rector: *Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

“June is bustin’ out all over!”—so sings the female lead and the chorus in Rodger’s and Hammerstein’s hit musical *Carousel*; a hit still remembered by many because of the numerous revival productions staged around the country. The song celebrates new life, a theme common in “June” songs, and one which explains the popularity of June weddings. It’s easier to focus on new life when it is “bustin’ out all over”.

Which brings us to new life in Christ—new life, abundant life, everlasting life—by and through the One who is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn. 14.6). By the time this newsletter publishes, I will have spent a week in a CREDO conference with about forty other clerics. CREDO (Latin for “I believe,” and the root for our word *creed*) involves working with others in a structured program in which we examine who we are as a person and who we are in ministry, as shaped and empowered by the faith we confess and live. What we believe—that Jesus is Lord, and that God’s will for us is salvation—is life-giving.

A week-long conference is a rare opportunity. It may be tempting, therefore, to think that on a day-to-day basis, and amidst the many trials and frustrations we each face, that new life is an abstraction, a nice idea but not one that I can feel/experience on any given day. Leaving aside the reality that when I focus only on my own feelings I open a wide doorway for Satan to enter and argue that there is no new life, only *this* life, when I focus only on my own feelings I am less likely to pay attention to signs of

life around me, signs of life in others, and signs of new life, new creation in myself.

New life is continually “bustin’ out all over” because Creation is the result of God’s ongoing will. The Bible famously opens the story of creation with “In the beginning God created ...,” and this makes it sound like Creation happened. But Creation happens; new life happens all around us and within us, particularly when we offer ourselves to God. This offering of self, which is the response most called for to God’s supreme self-offering of His Son, is what new life looks like, how new life is experienced. When that deepest part of your being which is the image and likeness of God in which He made each one of us is offered by your will to serve God by serving others, He brings forth new life. You experience new life; those to whom you offer yourself experience new life, and the summation of these offerings and experiences far, far exceeds what any one of us could alone ever even wish for.

When June busts out all over we see blossoms and blooms; we see stalks and fruit rising and ripening; we see the young on wing and foot and in the water begin to explore all. When life-everlasting busts out we see that love is genuine and survives beyond all ugliness, that good triumphs, that truth conquers lies, and that being is magnified in and by the source and summation of all Being, God. The God who gives all of Himself both calls and empowers us to give of ourselves through the offering of

our wills to His. We experience beauty, for example, in the look of another for whom self-giving love is as unexpected as is the magnitude of difference between a bud and a blossom. Just as we long for the blessings of gentle breezes and warm sun; just as we revel in the feel of fresh grass underfoot and the vibrant colors of the fullness of life, may we give thanks that the fullness of life-everlasting is given to us always when we stop, focus outside of ourselves to first experience the self-offering of God, and then in offering of ourselves both give God glory and participate in the glory of new life.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein song may be festive and a big “number”—the song of Creation is one without limits of notes or stanzas— a limitless rejoicing. Happy June; holy June; to God be the glory!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

The Rev. Dr. Karl C. Schaffenburg
Rector

THE KALENDAR by Fr. Karl

The month begins with the Feast of St. Justin, (d. 167), an early witness to the faith in Rome, who is generally remembered as “Justin Martyr” (as if this title were his surname). Justin was a prominent apologist, addressing arguments to the Roman emperor about the truth of the faith. His witness involved both his arguments and his death, and his “surname” recognizes that the meaning of the Greek word *martyr* is “witness”.

A quick look at a Church calendar for June reveals a lot of red and a lot of white. Red days commemorate martyrs. These include those killed under Roman persecution (2 June, The Martyrs of Lyons; and Sts. Peter and Paul, 29 June, both killed under Nero, ca. A.D. 64–66; those killed for taking the faith into a new territory (St. Barnabas the Apostle, 11 June); and those who died witnessing to the faith in their own land (3 June, The Martyrs of Uganda; 18 June, Bernard Mizeki, d. 1896). The word “martyr” is Greek for “witness”. Those who die for the Lord witness to the faith, to the truth that Jesus is Lord; that He is the Way to salvation. As Anglicans we may claim a special relationship with St. Alban (22 June, d. ca. 304), the first martyr recorded in England. Alban was a Roman sol-

dier, a pagan. Alban gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing persecution. The priest spent several days with Alban, and Alban was converted to the faith. When pursuing soldiers arrived, Alban presented himself to them clothed in the priest’s cloak, allowing the priest to escape. It is not clear if Alban was baptized by the priest. Regardless, his martyrdom constituted a “baptism of blood”. He is remembered as the first known witness to the faith in Britain, and commemorated in many parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion.

White days commemorate saints who were not martyred. In June these include notable monastics (Norbert of Magdeburg and Columba of Iona), teachers and theologians (Ephrem of Edessa, Cyril of Alexandria), and the teacher/mystic, Evelyn Underhill (d. 1941). White days also include “high” feasts, even if the saint was martyred (Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 24 June).

Why does the Church calendar matter? Transformation is real but gradual. Just as two people can live together for fifty or more years of marriage, and end up looking very much like each other through daily personal contact

and close identification with each other, we can each become more Christ-like through daily personal contact and close identification with our Lord. Each prayer we make to God orients our being more toward Him. Each time we seek His word in prayer or in Scripture, our being is set more on the path He intends. Each time we receive His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, our own bodies become more identified with His. Each time our hands do His work in helping others we become members attached all the more strongly to His Body. So in journeying onward focus on little steps, little steps in which you are assisted above all by our Lord’s grace, but also by the fact that you take those steps alongside those who journey with you in your parish family. Focus on habits that facilitate those little steps, habits like daily prayer and study.

All journeys involve little steps, and the first ones are the hardest to make. The little steps we each make to our Lord are taken best when practiced in habits of holiness, and when practiced together. Just as the Church observes the calendar as a *habit* of small steps in the life of our Lord, let us become “habitual Christians” worthy of a sentence of everlasting life!

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Community: To refer to community as a ministry might seem unusual. The point is not so much that community is a ministry but that all ministry requires community. Even if as an individual I minister to one other person, community exists. More commonly, we work together; the self-offering of each individual is combined with those of others, and this combined offering is made to a wider group. In other words, to

be able to focus on ministry, and to be effective in ministry, we need to first cultivate community.

The Vestry of this parish has made good progress in how the members know each other, to work together more effectively in leadership. This has resulted from the gifts of the individuals involved, but also because the Vestry has been intentional about meeting for matters beyond “business”. The

Vestry meets not just in a parish meeting room, but in social settings.

This is a good month to look around you and focus on how those who you work with—or who you might want to ask to work with you—can gather. How can you get to know each other better outside of a specific project? How can you build community?

PARISH LIBRARY NOTES

Mary Massey & Bobbie May

This month our Booklist consists of newly catalogued titles!

Raver, Miki. *Listen to her voice : women of the Hebrew Bible. 922 R197L*

Eve, Sarah, Rachel, Delilah, Ruth. Their names live on, but their ancient stories have been obscured. This is a sumptuously illustrated retelling of the lives of 18 women in the Old Testament. Author Miki Raver pairs each vibrant and daring tale with an eloquent meditation on their meaning for modern women. Beautiful reproductions of classic Biblical art from such masters as Rubens, Brueghel, Raphael, and Chagall illustrate these dramatic stories. This rich marriage of art, literature, and spirituality offers substantive and entertaining reading, as well as a fresh entry into traditional faith.

Medwick, Cathleen. *Teresa of Avila : the progress of a soul. B T271m*

A refreshingly modern reconsideration of Saint Teresa (1515-1582), one of the greatest mystics and reformers to emerge within the sixteenth-century Catholic Church, whose writings are a keystone of modern mystical thought. From the very beginning of her life in a convent, following the death of her mother and the marriage of her older sister, it was clear that Teresa's expansive nature, intensity, and energy would not be easily confined. Cathleen Medwick shows us a powerful daughter of the Church and her times who was a very human mass of contradictions: a practical and no-nonsense manager, and yet a flamboyant and intrepid presence who bent the rules of monastic life to accomplish her work—while managing to stay one step ahead of the Inquisition. And she exhibited a very personal brand of spirituality, often experiencing raptures of an unorthodox, arguably erotic, nature that left her frozen in one position for hours, unable to speak. Out of a concern for her soul and her reputation, her superiors insisted that she account for every voice and

vision, as well as the sins that might have engendered them, thus giving us the account of her life that is now considered a literary masterpiece.

Pelikan, Jaroslav. *Jesus through the centuries : His place in the history of culture. 232.904 P36*

Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost twenty centuries. This is an original and compelling study of the impact of Jesus on cultural, political, social, and economic history. Noted historian and theologian Jaroslav Pelikan reveals how the image of Jesus created by each successive epoch - from rabbi in the first century to liberator in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—is a key to understanding the temper and values of that age. Each age created Jesus in its own image, discovering in his life and teachings the answers to fundamental questions of human life and destiny.

Ortberg, John. *If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat. 248.4 Or8i*

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. But walk on water? What does that mean? This 6-session Bible study guide helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Expect a few waves to slap you in the face. Failure comes with the territory—but so does the strong hand of Jesus, pulling you up when the bottom drops out, and every once in a while, we will walk on water!

Lindsley, Art. *Love, the Ultimate apologetic : the heart of Christian witness. 241.4 L496*

Defending the Christian faith is a mul-

tidimensional task. But central to that task must be the presentation and example of the uniqueness of Christian love. Author and apologist Art Lindsley explores the persuasive and illuminating power of Christ-like love expressed in commitment, conscience, community and courage. Such love, Lindsley shows us, does indeed bear ultimate witness to the living truth of Jesus Christ. A simple, clear and effective argument for Christianity as the only worldview that justifies the thing we all, deep down, know is life's highest meaning and value: charity, unselfish love. Simple but irresistible.

Bailey, Kenneth E. *The good shepherd : a thousand-year journey from Psalm 23 to the New Testament. 220.6 B47*

"The Lord is my shepherd." Thus begins the most beloved of all Psalms—and thus begins a thousand-year journey through the Bible. Prophets, apostles and Jesus himself took up this image from David, reshaping it, developing it and applying it to their own situations and needs. Kenneth Bailey uses his celebrated insights into Middle Eastern culture and especially his familiarity with Middle Eastern shepherding customs to bring new light and life to our understanding of this central image of the Christian faith. With each of nine major Old and New Testament passages, Bailey reveals the literary artistry of the Biblical writers and summarizes their key theological features. His work is also enriched by his unique access to very early Middle Eastern commentaries on these passages, bringing fresh understanding from within the mindset of these ancient worlds. The Good Shepherd invites us to experience a rich, biblical feast of ethical, theological and artistic delights.

STATISTICS: (week 21): Average Sunday Attendance was 122, compared to a 2015 figure of 113.

Finances (as of 30 April): Donations/revenues are significantly ahead of budget. This is typical for this time of year. Expenses are 4.1% higher than budget. This is also typical. Both figures reflect that a lot of “front loading” happens in parish giving and expenditures. The overall financial picture is healthy. There is a shortfall of \$3,710 in pledge income, with twenty-four pledges being behind schedule. If you experience any challenge in meeting your pledge commitment, please alert us, so we can adjust budget assumptions.

Worship: To date in 2016:

- Sunday celebrations of Holy Eucharist = 43
- Weekday celebrations of Holy Eucharist = 73
- Private communion = 25
- Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer = 150
- Other prayer offices = 15
- Pastoral visitations to the infirm or incarcerated = 31

Grace Abounds

The Fond du Lac Rule of Life will be presented by The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter each Wednesday in June. The podcast will include an introduction and the five parts of the Rule of Life: Worship in Community, Prayer, Fasting, Sabbath and Examination. You can find these and many other podcasts at www.graceabounds.online

A SHORTER GUIDE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bible, Doctrine, Experience - Anthony C. Thiselton

A clear and concise guide to an often difficult and mysterious topic that many may find daunting by other scholars and clergy. Thiselton is an Anglican priest and eminent biblical scholar. His explanation is reminiscent of C.S. Lewis' deft handling of complex subjects. He writes an approachable book to the layman, sufficiently sourced for the academic, solid for clergy and student alike. Quite often books on these topics are muddled by more jargon than is necessary.

He deals quite fairly with divergent views on the placement and emphasis of the Holy Spirit mostly in a Trinitarian context without giving short shrift to other contextual approaches. The breadth of his coverage and span is quite amazing given it is a relatively short book (200 pages). His book has much to recommend it for brevity and clarity. This clarity has convinced this reader to attempt his longer version on the same topic. *Review by Dale Massey*

OUTREACH UPDATE:

As of the 18 May Vestry report outreach provided in the prior month was to a total \$3,039.90 This includes:

- A \$1,000 parish contribution to LoveINC. Together with gifts from other partnered churches, contributions to LoveINC have allowed for ministry to be provided to 49 neighbors in need in the past month.
- An \$800 contribution for LoveINC rent, as paid by a parishioner through the Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- \$1,239.90 was paid in support of new ministry initiatives: (1) CCV parish forum; (2) Cadre Ministries training; (3) Vestry retreat.

Wayne and Pat Sather Renew their Wedding Vows

As Wayne and I renewed our marriage vows at early mass on Pentecost, we felt the presence of all the people who have worshiped with us over more than 50 years. Many have died or have moved away, but many remain, including Art and Nancy Imig, who invited us to their home for pizza when we were newcomers. We started at Grace Church as a young, going-together couple. Wayne was confirmed and I was received the month before we got married. Then we became a newly married couple, then parents, then empty nesters, and now retirees. Our niches are reserved in the columbarium. Wayne's and my immediate families lived states away, so our Grace Church family has been a very special family to us. It has been a privilege to grow in our faith here. In the last few weeks we celebrated our 50th anniversary with our children and grandchildren and with our friends, but the celebration was not complete until we renewed our vows before God and in the presence of our church family.

The celebration of our anniversary has been a time of thankfulness to God: thankfulness that our decision those many years ago turned out to be a good one; thankfulness for the blessing of children, grandchildren, and friends; thankfulness for good health, meaningful work, and wonderful adventures; and thankfulness for the Grace Church family with whom we have shared and will continue to share our spiritual walk.

We always hear from the pulpit and in other settings that, come what may—the joyful times and the hard times—we at Grace Church are on our spiritual journey together. Wayne and I are thankful that we are together in our marriage and that we are together with everyone in the Body of Christ at Grace Church—in sickness and in health. We give thanks for the Grace Church family of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

—Wayne and Pat Sather



Spring Cheer

In May daffodils, cards, and cookies were delivered to our parishioners who are unable to attend church. All efforts by volunteers (Ben Dobey, Barb Drewery -Zimmerman, Jennifer Pawlus, Pat Sather, Mary Kohler, Mary Snyder, Elizabeth Schaffenburg, Deb Gagin, Bev Evans, Jane Hanson , Jessica Ambelang , Katy Larson, Barb MacEwen, Bernie Markevitch, and Joyce Wessel) were greatly appreciated by the recipients! Thank you everyone for bringing joy and a short visit to our elderly and/or home bound parishioners.



CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES

We are so very blessed here at Grace Church. On Sunday, May 22 we celebrated most the ministries that we as a congregation engage in. We gathered as many as 49 different ministries all represented by a symbol that was placed on the altar by someone engaged in that ministry. Thank you to all who participated.



GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN BY BEN DOBEY

The Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725-1807) is perhaps best known as the author of the hymn “Amazing grace,” which he wrote when he became an advocate for the abolition of slavery, an institution which he had for years participated in as a slave trader himself. The fascinating story of his life has inspired a number of films including the 2006 “Amazing Grace,” a movie in which Newton is portrayed by the actor Albert Finney.

But “Amazing Grace” is not his only legacy. After his conversion to Christianity, he spent much of his life writing hymns at the rate of about one a week. “Glorious things of thee are spoken” (number 522 and 523 in our hymnal) is one of these. He wrote it at the same time as a sermon he preached based on Isaiah 33, verses 20-21:

Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities:
thine eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation,
a tabernacle that shall not be taken down;
not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed,
neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place
of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley
with oars, neither shall gallant ships pass thereby.

There is also a connection to Psalm 87:

His foundation is in the holy mountains.
The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than
all the dwellings of Jacob.
Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God, Selah.

and to Psalm 46:

There is a river, the streams whereof
make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

The first verse of Newton’s hymn is:

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God,
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,

What can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

We have sometimes used the second verse of Newton’s poem by itself, for Holy Baptism, as the congregation is sprinkled with Holy Water when the sanctuary party returns to the chancel from the font after the Baptism:

See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Omitted from our hymnal is Newton’s fifth verse:

Saviour, if of Zion’s city
I, through grace a member am;
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion’s children know.

Was this verse omitted because the first two lines seemed to refer to the Calvinist doctrine of election?

Sung to the famous tune by Haydn, or to a twentieth century melody written especially for it called ‘Abbot’s Leigh,’ it is one of the most popular hymns in all Christian denominations. The ‘Abbot’s Leigh’ tune was composed for it in 1941 by the head of religious broadcasting at the wartime BBC headquarters in Bristol. At this time the traditional tune (the one by Haydn) was being used for the German national anthem “Deutschland, Deutschland über alles,” making it unusable in Britain.

Also in our hymnal by John Newton is a hymn for Holy Matrimony, “May the grace of Christ our Savior,” and the hymn “How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear.”

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	SERVER	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
6/5	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Gardner & W. Sather	M Evans
6/12	B. Imig	B. Imig	L&C Schneider	J. Gardner
6/19	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Whitford & J. Gardner	L&C Schneider
6/26	B. Wood	B. Wood	L&C Schneider	M Evans

10:15 AM	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
6/5	Jasmine Palmer	E. Clabots & S. Gedemer	Z&D Whitford
6/12	Bernie Markevitch	J. Stagner & E. Clabots	B&B MacEwen
6/19	Ben Crouse	S&M Gallimore	J. Hanson
6/26	Katy Larson	J. Whitford & B. Evans	J. Stagner

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 2	9:30am	Bible Study
June 7	7:00am	Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant
June 9	9:30am	Bible Study
June 10	7:15am	Mass –St. Barnabas –transferred
June 9	10:00-2:00pm	Clergy Day –Deanery, St. Thomas
June 13-16	Fr. Karl away	
June 13-16	No Masses or Bible Study	
June 13-18	Michele Gone –Continuing Ed	
June 14	7:00am	Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant
June 21	7:00am	Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant
June 23	9:30am	Bible Study
June 24	7:15am	Mass –Nativity of St. John the
June 26	11:45am	Vestry Meeting
June 28	7:00am	Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant
June 29	5:30pm	Mass –St. Peter and St. Paul
June 30	9:30am	Bible Study

2016 JUNE

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Grace Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Said Mass
10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass

MONDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:10 p.m. Mass
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers with Rosary. Intercessions, healing prayer, and sprinkling of Holy Water are offered after the Shrine prayers

TUESDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
5:30 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
5:30 p.m. Mass

THURSDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Mass †

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:15 a.m. Mass
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

SATURDAY

No services/church closed.

* Evening Prayer is followed each day by intercessory prayers in the chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham. On Mondays, intercessory prayer is offered in a corporate Rosary.

† Mass is followed immediately by bible study

Feast days will be celebrated as announced in the monthly calendar.

BIRTHDAYS

6/2	Thomas Crouse	6/11	Elaine Dinstuhl	6/19	Sidonia Kim
6/4	Jonathn Adleman	6/12	MaryAnn Portz	6/19	Beatrice Kim
6/4	Leslie Kohler	6/12	Andrew Hammes	6/20	Deanna Yang
6/5	Cha Yang Vue	6/14	George Hanson	6/24	Caleb Bronson
6/5	Neng Her Yang	6/16	Nicci Beeck	6/25	Teagan Yedica
6/6	Eric Meulemans	6/16	Kyle Yedica	6/28	Michael Burg
6/6	Jennifer Pawlus	6/17	Lillian Bailey	6/30	Josten McMillan
6/7	Judy Goes	6/17	Danielle Whitford		
6/8	Jay Gosse	6/17	Dana Yedica		

ANNIVERSARIES

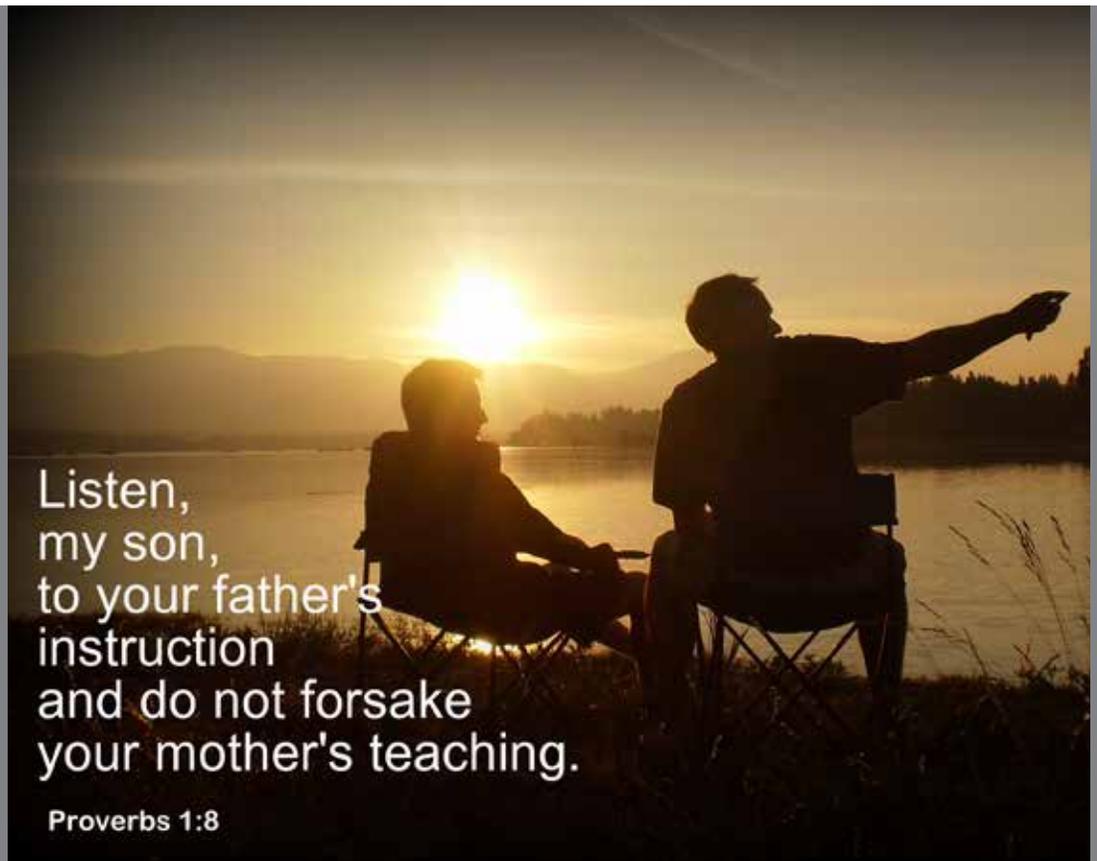
6/10	Jon & Michele Whitford
6/15	Robert & Barbara MacEwen
6/16	Don & Nicci Beeck
6/19	Tony & Leda Fessler
6/21	Thomas & Hannah Sanders

PARISH STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter, Bishop of Fond du Lac; The Rev. Dr. Schaffenburg, Rector; The Rev. Michael Burg, Deacon; The Ven. Michele Whitford, Associate Minister, Deacon; Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey, Organist Choirmaster; Ellen Aparicio, Parish Administrator; Nick Whitford, Director of Youth and Family; Mr. William May, Sexton

THE VESTRY

The Rector
Senior Warden: Paul Aparicio
Junior Warden: Randie Barrows
Treasurer: Brian Heck
New Vestry: John Davis, Steve Gallimore, Scott Gedemer, Jane Hanson, Leslie Kohler, Jennifer Pawlus, Traci Revis, Hannah Sanders, Bryan Stenz.



Listen,
my son,
to your father's
instruction
and do not forsake
your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 1:8

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