



June 2021

The Joy of June!

June brings warmer weather, time off from school, and summer fun. This June brings even more opportunities for fun because many are emerging from precautions and limitations put in place to do everything we could to keep people safe from Covid. Many of us may be planning long delayed travel, visits to family, or vacations.



Perhaps we have thought about or had conversations with friends about things getting back to “normal.” But, like butterflies emerging from a cocoon, we are not the same people we were last June or 15 months ago. Normal may look different than anything we have known before.

These changes have been felt in our lives, in our families, and in our congregation. We have navigated so many challenges and changes and grown closer together through our journeys. We have learned to listen to others in different ways and to do what we can to come together even if we disagree.

The pandemic was a time of soul-searching and growth and has shaped us individually and as a community. As we emerge into the joy of this June, let us do so giving thanks to God and considering all that God is doing in and through this time. Isaiah reminds us all that God is in the business of renewing us in wonderful and exciting ways when Isaiah offers God’s words to us: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?


This June, we are offered the opportunity to see the new things that God is doing, not just in our lives, but in and through our congregation. What is God calling us to do and to be for the summer and the fall? Everything we do is for the glory of God and this season offers us an opportunity to consider God’s will for our lives and ministry.

Pastor Leigh

From the Session

Following are the highlights from the 5/18/2021 monthly stated Session Meeting:

1. Stewardship & Finance will pay off our First Bank of Dalton later this year but will keep our Line of Credit open.
2. Janet Martin and Robert Sims were appointed commissioners to the 6/12/2021 Presbytery Meeting.
3. Our water damaged carpet is in the process of being replaced. New carpet and installation costs have been approved.
4. Our Covid-19 policy is being changed due to new CDC guidelines and will be announced via constant contact.
5. A proposal to change the structure of our Officer Nominating Committee from 6 to 5 members was approved.
6. A called congregational meeting was set for 6/27/2021 for the purposes of (a) electing an ONC, and (2) amending our by-laws to provide for 4 Elders and 4 Deacons.
7. Our 3 high school graduates will be honored on 5/23/2021 during the worship service.
8. We will go to one Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 AM from 5/30/2021 through 8/8/2021.
9. Vacation Bible School will be 7/26-30 from 9:00AM until 12:00 Noon and volunteers are needed.
10. A second nursery worker is in the process of being hired.
11. Work will begin on 5/24/2021 replacing the Educational Building roof with a 30-Year Architectural Shingle and is expected to be completed in less than 5 days.



Summer Worship
One Service, 10:00 AM
May 30th-August 8th

We have exciting plans for summer worship this year. We will have one service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. We will be reflecting on the book of Jonah for the months of June and July. For a short book in the Bible, it is full of rich insights about following God and our lives as disciples, and then, of course, there's the big fish! The sanctuary will look a little different during this time, because we are inviting everyone to immerse themselves into the story. The story of Jonah is our story. Make plans to join us for these special worship services and to be a part of one really big fish story!

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for June 27, 2021 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee and to amend the By-Laws to provide that the Session shall consist of 13 members, divided into 3 classes of 4 people, serving 3 year terms, and 1 member, a youth Elder, serving a 1 year term. The Diaconate shall consist of 13 members, divided into 3 classes of 4 people serving 3 year terms, and 1 member, a youth Deacon, serving a 1 year term.

Worship Task Force Update

The Worship Task force is very grateful to everyone who responded to the survey and who attended a listening session. The Task Force continues its work to discerning God's will for our worship and hope to prayerfully offer recommendations to the Session for their discernment and decision in a few months.

What's happening at FPC...



Pastor Leigh helps lead the National Day of Prayer Service at the Courthouse.



We have a **NEW ROOF ON THE EDUCATION BUILDING!**



Thank You To Our Teachers

In the month of May we celebrated teacher appreciation and gave thanks for all of our teachers.



A Note from the Choir Director



FPC's Book Club will meet on **June 24th at 10:30am** in the Cornerstone Room. The selected book for June is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. All are welcome!



Youth Sunday

On Sunday, May 2, the youth of our congregation led both of our worship services. In preparing for the services, they wrote the prayers, picked and practiced the songs, and practiced the Esther Skit. Margaret Gaines wrote the sermon, and she did an amazing job preaching God’s Message to us all. They all did a wonderful job. Thank you to all of the youth who led worship that day.



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 23, we recognized 3 of our Cartersville High School Graduates: Jackson Cline, Margaret Gaines, and Jake Noble. All three will be attending Georgia Tech in the Fall. We ask God to equip them with all that they need to make a difference in this world. We ask you to continue to pray for each of them.



Help Support our youth going to Montreat

Support our youth going to Montreat by financially helping us with meals. We are need of Ingles Gift Cards, checks (Montreat Meals in the memo line), or give online (<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/> note: Montreat Meals). Please give your donation to Andrea or place in the offering plate by June 6.

VBS Registration & Volunteers Needed



VBS is coming to FPC this Summer! July 26-30, 9 a.m. until noon. VBS is open to all children in our community, and it is a time for kids to hear God’s Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

Registration for your child (Pre-K 4 through 5th grade) will be on the front page of our website soon. www.Cartersvillepres.org

Volunteers with all abilities are needed: teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc.

There is a place for everyone at VBS!

If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

June Birthdays

1	Karen Russell	18	John Herman
2	Anna Godfrey	18	Karen Rodgers
4	Thomas Morrison	19	Mike Rawls
6	Paul Green	21	Susan Ingram
6	Eden Olson	22	Terry Nelson
6	Emily Godfrey	22	Lynn Herman
7	Rebecca Broome	22	Emily Ireland
8	Molly Layne	23	David Gregory
10	Marilynn Devine	24	Georgie Russell
10	Alec Lavender	27	Tom Mendenhall
10	Call Brownlow	27	Phil Bridges
11	Brandy Forbes	27	Susan Panter
11	Edward Shrader		
13	Rachel Keith		
13	James Mukete		
15	Katherine Bowen		
15	Maddie Pullen		
17	Alan Bowen		
17	Skylar Henderson		



In June We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Leigh Jones, Kaylee Wagner (ASP), Lawanna Wilson (ASP), Sheila Rosser (Preschool), Louisa Thacker (Preschool)

Officers: Dennis Collier (Session), Sean Ireland (Diaconate)

Ministries: Mission & Service Ministry

Families: June 1-7: Clark and Mary Hart, Janet Hart, Clay and Catheryn Hembree (Alice, Graham), John and Lynn Herman (Ian), Lois Hill

June 8-14: Katie Hoskins (Luke), Kate Howard, Harvey and Sandy Howell, Brad and Pam Hughes, Colin and Jordan Hughes (Henley, Darcy)

June 15-21: Kent Hughes, Susan and Jerry Ingram, Sean and Rhonda Ireland (Allyson, Emily), Evelyn Itoe (Bemo, Paul), Loveline Itoe

June 22-30: Jean Ivie, Don Jackson, Justin and Emma James (Hayleigh, Hunter, Hayden), Woody and Jodi James (Sydney), Allyson Jenkins (Dalton)

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June Calendar

June 1

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

June 6

12:00pm - Trip to Atlanta Braves Game

June 7

8:00am - HOC Summer Camp 6/7 - 6/11

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

June 8

7:30pm - Faith Development Meeting

June 13-18

High School Montreat

June 14

8:00am - HOC Summer Camp 6/14 - 6/18

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

June 15

7:00pm - Session Meeting

June 21

8:00am - HOC Summer Camp 6/21 - 6/25

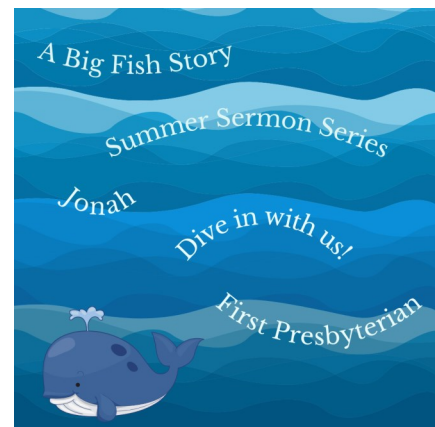
5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

June 24

10:30am - Book Club Meeting

June 28

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting



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10:00 AM

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