

GraceNotes



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THEME: "CAMPFIRE LIGHT"

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 – THURSDAY, JUNE 13

PLATEAU UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SET-UP AT PLATEAU – JUNE 7 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Grace Church is partnering with Zion, Sardis and Plateau to ensure that enough youth participate. The theme this year is "Campfire Light." There will be classes and activities for every age, including adults.

Please contact Stormy Shull if you are available to volunteer for those 5 days.
Everyone is welcome! Come and join the fun!

Congratulations to our Graduates!



CHEYENNE JARRETT graduated from Fred T. Foard High School.
Cheyenne is the granddaughter of Jacob and Tawanna Jarrett.

LANDON MOSS graduated from Maiden High School.
Landon is the son of Aaron Moss and the grandson of Jane Moss.

TREY MCCRARY graduated from St. Stephens High School.
Trey is the grandson of Herb and Libby Travis.

MAKAYLA HALL graduated from Appalachian State University.
Makayla is the daughter of Wanda and Michael Hall and
granddaughter of James Hall.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS graduated from Bandys High School.
Christopher is the great-grandson of Rachel Heavner.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

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| ❖ Lector | Tim Eckard |
| ❖ Ushers | Jack Wilfong and James Hall |
| ❖ Communion Assistants | Rick and Cindy Bivens |
| ❖ Altar Preparation | Herb and Libby Travis |
| ❖ Offering Tabulators | Todd Childers and Libby Travis |

*Please be mindful of your commitment to serve. If you are unable to fulfill that commitment, be reminded that it is **your** responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*



FLOWER CHART FOR JUNE

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| 6/02 | OPEN | 6/16 | Lisa Childers Fox |
| 6/09 | Kim Parker and Harvey Leatherman | 6/23 | OPEN |
| | | 6/30 | OPEN |

If you wish to give the flowers for a given Sunday, please list your name on the chart in the narthex. *You are responsible for ordering the flowers from a florist of your choice; we do not have a standing order with any florist.* The liturgical color of the day is listed to assist you in selecting flowers appropriate for that Sunday. You should contact the Church Office so that the correct information is placed in the bulletin for that Sunday. Please notify the Church Office the Tuesday prior to your selected Sunday. You can call the Church Office between 8:00 AM and Noon on Monday - Thursday, leave a note on the desk, or send an email to let us know the occasion or memorial for this wonderful gift of beatification of the worship.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING TO OUR LORD'S WORK FOR APRIL/MAY

| | 4/28/24 | 5/5/24 | 5/12/24 | 5/19/24 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 12 | 8 | 10 | 8 |
| Worship | 41 | 38 | 42 | 31 |
| General Fund Offerings | \$2,690.00 | \$5,470.00 | \$1,705.00 | \$1,295.00 |

Needed Each Week = \$3,268.54
General Fund Offerings, April, 2024 = \$13,686.00
General Fund Expenses, April, 2024 = \$8,710.35
Difference = +\$4,975.65 (offerings exceeded expenses)

REPORT FROM CALL COMMITTEE - The Call Committee has completed the profile for a new pastor, and it has been uploaded to the NALC website. Also, Jason Yoder has updated the Grace website that now includes pictures, bulletins, and newsletters. If you have any additional recent pictures (family reunion, VBS, etc.), please give them to Jason. Thank you for your help!

THE GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on **Saturday, June 8th at 9:00 AM** at Four Peas in a Pod Restaurant on Highway 70 in Conover. Great food and great fellowship! Please come and bring a friend!

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION will be held on **Monday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT THE GRACE PRAYER LUNCHEON WILL NOT BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. Betty Wilfong said she appreciates everyone who has been attending the luncheons, and she looks forward to seeing you all again this fall!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LEADERSHIP MINISTRY BOARD is scheduled for **Monday, June 17th at 6:00 pm.**

THE ASHURE (FORMERLY ECCCM) FOOD ASK FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE is cereal. The food pantry will accept any food donations; however, the monthly food ask is a way to help make sure that certain items are stocked. Ashure is also currently low on grocery bags. It's a real way to make a difference right here in Catawba County...AND

HERE'S AN AMAZING FACT! The Disciples of Grace, for the 5-month period of January – May, have donated **466** pounds of food to Ashure!

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX SHIPPING FEES! There is now a supply of special envelopes specifically for Christmas Shoebox Shipping Fees located in the Narthex, and another supply is located with the supply of shoeboxes in the children's choir section. These envelopes can be used any Sunday. **AND PLEASE REMEMBER...**There are empty shoeboxes (located in the children's choir section) that are ready to be filled. When finished, please place them back in the children's choir section on an empty pew. Hopefully, these early reminders will give us more time to be able to budget and stretch our dollars!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! - Please offer your services as a Lector, Usher, or Communion Assistant for the upcoming months. Worship Assistants help to make our worship experience more meaningful. If you would like to serve during a particular month, please notify Tim Eckard.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Father's Day is celebrated on Sunday, June 16th. Thanks to our Earthly Fathers and to our Heavenly Father! Did you know that Father's Day was first celebrated in the State of Washington on June 19, 1910? But it was not until 1972 – 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day as official – that a day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

FLAG DAY is observed on June 14th in the United States and commemorates the date when the United States approved the design for its first national flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949, US Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day.



REMEMBER, CHURCH IS OPEN ALL SUMMER LONG!

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER (SUMMER SOLSTICE)

The first day of Summer (the Summer Solstice) takes place on Thursday, June 20, 2024. This marks the official beginning of Summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the longest day of the calendar year (longest period of sunlight hours) and the shortest night of the calendar year.

Summer Solstice Quiz

See how much you know about the summer solstice with these 10 questions!

1. How often do solstices happen?
2. Where does the word solstice come from (hint: Latin words)?
3. Does the solstice occur at the same time or at different times across the world?
4. Is the June solstice always on June 21?
5. Is the June solstice the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere?
6. On the solstice, is the Earth the closest or farthest from the Sun?
7. Does the earliest sunrise happen on the summer solstice?
8. Is it the longest day of the year everywhere on Earth?
9. On the summer solstice, the Sun reaches its most northernmost position in the sky. What is this called? (Hint: Tropic of ?).
10. Why isn't the summer solstice the hottest day of the year?

Quiz Answers

1. Twice a year (June and December)
2. Latin words *sol*, meaning Sun and *sistere*, meaning to come to a stop or stand still
3. The exact same instant of time.
4. Usually, but can range from June 20 to June 22.
5. To astronomers, yes. But to meteorologists, it's June 1.
6. Farthest! Surprised? It's not the distance but Earth's tilt that matters.
7. Nope. Neither the earliest sunrise nor the latest sunsets are on this day.
8. It's the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere (the shortest day of the year).
9. On the summer solstice, the Sun is directly overhead the Tropic of Cancer.
10. It takes a few more weeks for the oceans and air to warm up!

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MINUTES
Of Leadership Ministry Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024

Call to Order Called to order at 6:00 pm by Tim Eckard.

Devotions By Libby Travis and prayer by Alan Shull.

Roll Call **Present:** Tim Eckard, Jason Yoder, Rick Bivens, Todd Childers, Libby Travis, Jeff Scronce, Alan Shull
Absent: Sheila Drum

New Business

- A. Interview with Kristi Tucker for the Secretary/Administrative Assistant position. A motion was made and seconded to extend an offer. Motion carried. The offer was accepted, she will begin work on June 3, and will shadow Pam Tallent until she retires on June 27.
- B. Minutes for the April Meeting were approved as written.
- C. The love offering collected for Pastor Coble’s family was presented to him on Sunday, May 12th.

Old Business:

Ministry Team Reports:

- A. Praise and Worship – Tim Eckard
 - 1. June 2nd – Gary Coble; June 9th – Brack East; June 16th – Gary Coble; June 23rd – Brack East; June 30th – Gary Coble
 - 2. Supply Organists have been arranged for the Sundays that Sandi Tallant will be on vacation in June.
 - 3. The organ needs some repair. Rick Bivens will contact someone to provide service.
- B. Youth Ministry/Christian Education – Alan Shull
 - 1. Vacation Bible School preparations are complete and will be held from June 9th through June 13th at Plateau Community Church.
- C. Call Committee – Jason Yoder
 - 1. The church profile has been posted to the NALC website.
- D. Fellowship/Hospitality – Rick Bivens
 - 1. Nathan Yoder has confirmed that he will preach at Homecoming.
 - 2. The senior lunches will not take place during the summer months. They will resume in the fall.

E. Finance/Stewardship – Rick Bivens

1. The Building Fund expenditures for the month of April were significant, but it remains in good shape.
2. Rick Bivens recommends changing the fiscal year to run from October 1st to September 30th. A motion was made and seconded to change the fiscal year. Motion carried.
3. Rick Bivens reported on the Carolinas Mission District Convocation that he attended recently in South Carolina.

F. Property/Facilities

1. Jason Yoder completed a landscaping project around the Columbarium.

Adjournment:

There being no further business ***a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. MOTION CARRIED.***

Next meeting: Monday, June 17 at 6:00 PM

Devotions – Todd Childers Offering Tabulators – Todd Childers and Libby Travis

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