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# THE VOICE

*We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God’s love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.*

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June, 2021

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### MINISTER’S MESSAGE

*Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and saith of him,  
“Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile!”  
John 1:47.*

Dear Friends,

Summer will be here very soon and it is shaping up to be delicious! Masks are coming off, or being cautiously lowered, and people are returning to a semblance of the lives that have cocooned them for the past 15 months. And just like the onset of summertime brings a new energy and fresh hope, so too, does any good beginning. For example, in 2021’s nearly ended spring season, many of us were privileged to attend (at least virtually!) one or more graduations of loved ones who completed their studies. These events came with some sadness, but mostly excitement, as we witnessed the graduates commence forward into the next stage of their lives. Of course, a commencement is just the start, so it’s proper that everyone’s expectations should be high and emotions heady with limitless possibilities.

Another way to think of summer is as a space for innocence. I do not mean the guilty-not guilty meaning this term carries, but rather the idea of an inward purity, or hopefulness, where optimism is queen and one’s sincerity and curiosity reign unhindered. Because there is so much

cynicism afoot in our culture, when we see a true and honest expression of guilelessness our reflex is often to become suspicious or at least a little envious. This is distressing, especially when this kind of sighting should instead work to melt such toxicities of spirit. To be sure, youth doesn’t have a corner on perpetual innocence any more than the aged have a monopoly on a carefully manicured root of bitterness. One fact seems clear: the positivity and energy of most young people can remind us that the future will be just fine, thank you very much!

The ruminations, plans, and visions of youth should not be doused with a so-called, more ‘mature’ and therefore, pessimistic understanding of life’s offerings. To think about dreamy young adults imagining their futures -and whether they finally melt and buckle under the weight of the years as multiple disappointments seek to rob them of true joys- is not in the best interests of their elders, anyway. Instead, may we use these sunny hours to express appreciation to the younger generation for reminding us why it is that we are here anyway: to live and laugh and dance and weep together, which is not limited to any specific date or age on the calendar! May God be praised for all of the days of summer and for all the hope and pleasure these warm days bring, whether we be marked by wrinkled skin or otherwise.

*With affection, Pastor Wayne*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A vision for the future! Many thanks to all who joined us at our kick off meeting in May to share thoughts on what growing faith in our children, youth, and families truly means. Some ideas that have surfaced which we would like to explore further are increasing our faith experiences for our nursery aged children with story and song, intergenerational service projects and worship involvement, and learning experiences that build knowledge of faith as it applies to our life choices today which gives room for exploration and questioning.

We will hold two meetings this month, one virtual and one in person to continue our planning. All parents, present and past CE Committee members and volunteers, and any member of the church interested in our planning for the next school year and beyond is invited to join us in person following worship on June 13<sup>th</sup> or via Zoom on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will hope for sun so please bring a lawn chair and water bottle to meet with us outside, rain location we will meet socially distanced in Fellowship Hall. Please let me know if you would like to attend on the 15<sup>th</sup> so that I can share Zoom invite details. If you have any ideas and are unable to join a meeting please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Is your child celebrating a milestone graduation this year? Be it pre-school, high school, or anything in between or beyond we'd love to be able to celebrate and bless this occasion in a manner that works for your family in these special times. Feel free to join either meeting to share your thoughts or contact me directly.

Many thanks as well to the families who joined us for Sunday School this year. I greatly enjoyed the journeys we were able to explore with the Lord's Prayer, the story of the Mayflower and the interaction with the native people, Advent, Lent, and the Beatitudes. We would like to have a special intergenerational Children's Day worship in the fall celebrating these journeys when hopefully more of us can be together in person.

As always, if you have any questions or ideas please feel to reach out to me.

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## OUTREACH & MISSIONS



The theme this year for One Great Hour of Sharing is "*Let Love Flow.*" Our collection ended on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for extending assistance globally. We will share the total collected in the September VOICE.

The **Food Pantry** will be "open for business" on **Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall. The volunteers distributed bags of assorted products to 22 families in April and 23 families in May. Thank you for your generous donations of money and supplies. Spaghetti sauce, cereals, real fruit juices, canned fruit, baked beans, tuna, spam, peanut butter, hearty soups, corned beef hash, detergent, toiletries, and female hygiene products are always welcome. The drop-off site is in the Narthex or the kitchen for the time being. Contact: Betsey Pray, [rlpbbp@verizon.net](mailto:rlpbbp@verizon.net).

The **Family Café** is temporarily closed. Contact: Linda Wiswall, [wiswalllinda@gmail.com](mailto:wiswalllinda@gmail.com).

Please save **Saturday, September 25, 2021** for a **Family Friendly Oktoberfest Celebration, 6 to 8:30 pm.** in Fellowship Hall with the Double Eagle Oktoberfest Band. Mark your calendars and practice your polka dancing. Invite your family and friends for an *OOMPAAH* load of fun!

Come to **Paula's Pretzel Workshop** on **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the church kitchen. We will be preparing these delicious doughy treats for our Oktoberfest Celebration. Contact: [paulaforesman@gmail.com](mailto:paulaforesman@gmail.com).

The next Outreach and Missions Committee meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9 am on Zoom.

Please let us know if you would like to join our committee, attend meetings, or have any concerns. Contact: Janet Blair, [janblair@aol.com](mailto:janblair@aol.com).



We are very busy wrapping up another wonderful year of memory making below the stairs. I am so happy that this school year has been so amazing! In addition to this being my first year as director we were also navigating preschool in a pandemic. The families and staff have all worked together as a team to make this a successful school year. I am looking forward to many more exciting school years ahead!

Above and beyond all of their regular responsibilities, the teachers have spent their spring creating amazing portfolios for EACH child! Over the course of the year, the teachers collect work samples in the form of drawings, paintings and photographs in order to create a "memory book" which we bind and gift to each child at the end of their school year. This is a true labor of love! I adore receiving texts from the teachers when they are working from their "command centers" long after school hours. They truly appreciate the visuals and reflection time that visualizes the growth of each child! The families really treasure these portfolios and children tend to look through them as they get older.

The teachers were celebrated in early May with a beautiful appreciation week. The parents in our program worked together to gift the teachers with a special treat each day of the week. It was a wonderful week and we certainly all felt much appreciated.

We are graduating 24 children from our program this year. Our commencement exercises will take place on **THURSDAY JUNE 3rd**. Admission price is one canned good to support the Second Congregational Church's food pantry.

We are offering 2 weeks of summer camp this summer. Week One is entitled “Super Scientists” and Week Two is “Ocean Adventures.”

We will also be offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp from 8/16 to 8/19 for children who have graduated from our program and are headed off to Kindergarten in the fall. The curriculum will include a review of K readiness skills and experiences with some of the things they will be doing in the fall. All 3 of our camp weeks are full and we are excited for camp weeks!

We do have limited openings available in our programs for the 2021-2022 school year, so please, send your friends our way. I can be reached at 508-222-1149 or [jackandjill@attleborosecondchurch.org](mailto:jackandjill@attleborosecondchurch.org) for a tour of the program..

*Warmly, Katrina Lay  
Executive Director*

**Did You Know?**

As is my usual practice, I cannot take entire credit for this wonderful story. Most of it comes from an old Readers Digest story that I found to be truly amazing.

Quite a number of years ago, an archeologist named Gabriel Barkay was staring through his microscope at a tiny silver scroll. On the scroll were four letters that he could read clearly Y H W H.

“Yahweh” he said softly, the name of God. This tiny scroll was the first object found anywhere in the holy city of Jerusalem that had the name of God inscribed on it. An artist had inscribed those tiny letters 2600 years ago. Solomon’s Temple still stood and the Dead Sea scrolls would not even be written for another 400 years.

There were more letters written but they were all jumbled together and “Gabi” as he was known could not decipher them. This was a moment that transcended science. Gabi thought he felt the air tremble and the hair on the back of his neck stood on end.

As time passed, Gabi found the necessary backing for a new dig under the Scottish Church of St. Andrew’s. Soon the trench began to give up its treasure. The crew found many items,

but Gabi wanted more. Down through the century’s they dug until finally they were digging in the level of the late Iron Age. One day a graduate student discovered what looked like a cigarette butt. She called to Gabi, and what they were staring at was a small purple, much corroded silver amulet. For the next two and one half years Gabi tried to unroll the bracelet. After many tries, he was finally successful and that’s when he first noticed the letters Y H W H. Looking through his microscope he noticed another Y H W H but there the matter stood until 1986. At that time the Israel Museum was preparing artifacts for an exhibition. A graphic artist was retained to make a drawing of the amulet. In the course of her work she noticed something that the others had missed, a third Y H W H. She realized that the only time the name of God is used three times is in the Priestly Benediction. They are the words that Moses brought from God to Aaron to bless the people. In the same language that these words were etched on the silver scrolls 2600 years ago, in the same city of Jerusalem, they are said in synagogues today. They are also said in Catholic and Protestant churches including our own.

This is the prayer almost word for word the Priestly Benediction in Numbers 6:24-26 and very close to the blessings in Psalms 67-1 and 4-6 that was etched on those ancient scrolls

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*“The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;*

*“The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and grant you peace.”*

Thanks Gabi.

*Ted Moxham*

- Each Sunday Service, 10 am
- In-person if possible, live streamed on our website!
- View later as well.
- Staff Meeting
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am
- CE Parent In-person Meeting, June 13<sup>th</sup>, after worship
- CE Parent Virtual Meeting, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- J&J Board of Directors Meeting, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- Board of Deacons Virtual Meeting, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm
- O&M Committee Virtual Meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am
- Facilities Committee Virtual Meeting, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm.
- Admin Committee Virtual Meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm
- Church Council Virtual Meeting, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm.
- Food Pantry Distribution, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
- September VOICE Deadline August 19<sup>th</sup>**

## June Birthdays

- 2 Mike Cotsalas
- 3 Derek Hall
- 4 Rebecca Minville  
Annabella Minville  
Andrew Minville  
Ray Turcotte
- 5 Julia Bozzi  
Kathy Durgin  
Nick Vecchioli
- 8 Alexis Ladner  
Michelle Minville
- 9 Ashley Keith
- 10 Jay Miller, Sr.  
Gloria Walsh
- 11 Jessica Priesing
- 12 David Bliss
- 15 David Broden
- 18 Ann Haskel  
Deb Hawes  
Kristin Keith  
Andrew Saunders  
Lily Saunders
- 19 Bob Bliss
- 20 Karen Girczyc  
Dave Webb
- 21 Jeremy Woodward
- 24 Laura Hauerwas  
Nicole Mernin
- 26 Dianne Ordog
- 28 Bette Renoni
- 30 Bob Follett  
Chuck Opdycke



## July Birthdays

- 5 Sheila T McKenna
- 7 Lyra Osborne
- 9 Barb Withers
- 10 Sharon Reiley
- 11 D'Anne Olsen
- 14 Alan MacDonald  
Diane Robinson
- 18 Sue Costello  
Lorraine Fry  
Jackson Laramee
- 19 Jen Turcotte
- 20 Dave Ramsay  
Lisa Vecchioli
- 21 Kacey Janson
- 22 Bob Withers
- 24 George Freeman  
Molly Kay
- 27 Claudette Newport
- 29 Paula Foresman  
David Vecchioli
- 30 Stacey Alsfeld  
Lynne Holden  
Janda Nuovo

## August Birthdays

- 1 Dave Lunt  
Maria Smith  
Roberta Zarrella
- 2 Nicole Laramee
- 4 Laila Brodeur  
Anne Reiley
- 5 Tina Middleton  
Jackie Sampson
- 7 Ty Waterman
- 9 Amanda Deavellar  
Elizabeth Griffin
- 10 Cathy LaPorte-Jewett
- 11 Joel Bozzi
- 12 Mark Bassler  
Mason Bourdeau  
Gary Middleton
- 13 Russell Deavellar
- 17 Susan Brown
- 18 Curtis Robinson
- 19 Debbie Smith
- 21 Kathy Morton
- 22 Wilma Johnson  
Hank Reiley
- 23 Jeannine Sousa
- 24 Bowie Lancaster
- 25 Alex Brown  
Madi Saunders
- 26 Elaine Killough  
Wendy Oliver
- 30 Paige Reiley



## Daily Lectionary Scripture References –June 2021 (Year B)

**Tues., June 1**  
Psalm 99  
1 Samuel 2:18-21  
Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

**Wed., June 2**  
Psalm 99  
1 Samuel 2:22-36  
John 5:1-18

**Thurs., June 3**  
Psalm 138  
1 Samuel 4:1-22  
1 Peter 4:7-19

**Fri., June 4**  
Psalm 138  
1 Samuel 5:1-12  
2 Corinthians 5:1-5

**Sat., June 5**  
Psalm 138  
1 Samuel 6:1-18  
Luke 8:4-15

**Sun., June 6**  
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15]  
16-20 [11:14-15]  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**Mon., June 7**  
Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 7:3-15  
Revelation 20:1-6

**Tues., June 8**  
Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 8:1-22  
Revelation 20:7-15

**Wed., June 9**  
Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 9:1-14  
Luke 11:14-28

**Thurs., June 10**  
Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 9:15-27  
Hebrews 2:5-9

**Fri., June 11**  
Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 10:1-8  
Hebrews 11:4-7

**Sat., June 12**  
Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 13:1-15a  
Mark 4:1-20

**Sun. June 13**  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
1 Samuel 15:34–16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**Mon., June 14**  
Psalm 53  
1 Samuel 13:23–14:23  
Galatians 6:11-18

**Tues., June 15**  
Psalm 53  
1 Samuel 15:10-23  
Revelation 21:22–22:5

**Wed., June 16**  
Psalm 53  
1 Samuel 15:24-31  
Luke 6:43-45

**Thurs., June 17**  
Psalm 9:9-20  
1 Samuel 16:14-23  
Acts 20:1-16

**Fri., June 18**  
Psalm 9:9-20  
1 Samuel 17:55–18:5  
Acts 21:1-16

**Sat., June 19**  
Psalm 9:9-20  
1 Samuel 18:1-4  
Luke 21:25-28

**Sun., June 20**  
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20  
OR 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13;  
Mark 4:35-41

**Mon., June 21**  
Psalm 119:113-128  
1 Samuel 18:6-30  
Acts 27:13-38

**Tues., June 22**  
Psalm 119:113-128  
1 Samuel 19:1-7  
Acts 27:39-44

**Wed., June 23**  
Psalm 119:113-128  
1 Samuel 19:8-17  
Mark 6:45-52

**Thurs., June 24**  
Psalm 130  
1 Samuel 19:18-24  
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

**Fri., June 25**  
Psalm 130  
1 Samuel 20:1-25  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

**Sat., June 26**  
Psalm 130  
1 Samuel 20:27-42  
Luke 4:31-37

**Sun., June 27**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

**Mon., June 28**  
Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50  
1 Samuel 23:14-18  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

**Tues., June 29**  
Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50  
1 Samuel 31:1-13  
2 Corinthians 9:1-5

**Wed., June 30**  
Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50  
1 Chronicles 10:1-14  
Mark 9:14-29

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