

# Good News Letter

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Last year, for a summer activity, we learned about stained glass, its history and role in church architecture and worship. In particular, we studied the meaning of the images found in our church. In a similar vein, this year I am suggesting we have the same kind of emphasis, only lending our attention to the hymnody of the church and its significance.

Beginning in July, there will be a couple of Sunday evening hymn sings, at which we will gather to sing some of the songs of the faith, and learn about the stories of a couple of the more prolific writers whose songs we sing. On Sunday July 14th, the hymns of Isaac Watts will be featured, and on August 11, it will be the hymns of Fanny Crosby (I realize that I am looking past the month of June, with the Tools of Hope offering on Father's Day and the month long emphasis on the One Great Hour of Sharing, but I hope I can be forgiven for getting ahead of things a little).

The hymns of the faith is admittedly way too big of a category to do much justice in only two meetings, and to focus on the contributions of just two writers doesn't even begin to touch the tip of the



iceberg. With that concession, they provide a place to start, and to become better acquainted with the musical aspect of our worship tradition, as we did the artistic setting last summer.

So put the dates on the calendar and make plans to attend. The hymn sings will begin at 5 P.M. I am sure that in addition to a time of learning, it will also provide an opportunity for both worship and fellowship.

One of the strengths of the hymns that have stood the test of time and become a part of the Church's collection of sacred music is its thoughtful theological reflection. Good theology can and should be sung. It finds its way into our minds and hearts more easily when it is shared musically.

So as a devotion I will lead off this month with the lyrics of one of my favorite Isaac Watt's hymns from the time of the

First Great Awakening in the 18th century, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," which has always reminded me of a couple of texts in Philippians; 2:1-11, and mainly 3:4-11.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Blessings,  
- Mark**

## June Panera Volunteers

**Wed**                      **Thur**

June 5-Brown      June 6-Lee  
June 12-Brown    June 13-Faulk  
June 19-Lee        June 20-Brown  
June 26-Gosser    June 27-Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet for the Summer Quarter in the Gathering Place.  
Thanks to all who volunteer.

## PERSONALS

-Please keep Darlene Caulkins in your prayers for undergoing knee replacement surgery.

-Richard and Laura Brown's daughter Rachel and her husband are moving to St. Louis for her new job promotion.

-Pastor Allison had an article published in the May 4 Delaware Gazette. It can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

-Brennan Howe graduated Cum Laude from Hayes High School on May 17th.

- Deb Lovell and Rolf Remlinger were married on May 25 at Maumee Bay.

## THANK YOU

We recently received the following thank you note which can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Thank you so very much for the wonderful treats you were kind enough to provide our staff at Conger Elementary. Everyone (including me) enjoyed the

goodies and appreciated being thought of.

Blessings,  
Sandy Kincaid

## THANKS

Thanks to Mary Lou Lovell, the choir, Randy Turner, Claire Pierce, and Will Fogle for all the beautiful special music for the Mother's Day church service.

## ABW - Women's Fellowship

In May Women's Fellowship met on the Mother's Day weekend, as there were members away for graduation and also because Delaware Arts Fair was during our regular meeting week. We enjoyed lunch and plans for our June meeting. Our plan for June meeting is as follows -

**Women's Fellowship will prepare a joint breakfast for the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. It will be on June 15th (regular meeting week) at 9 AM. We are looking forward to social fellowship together! Everyone is invited.**

- Laura Brown

## SHARE THE LIGHT

"Let me tell you why you are here... You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...Keep open house; be generous with your lives."  
Matthew 5:13-16.

The verses in Matthew 5 give us the commission to show up brightly in the world and to be generous with our lives. That is the invitation extended in this year's One Great Hour of Sharing

(OGHS) theme, "Share the Light." The OGHS is an opportunity to do just that. When we participate in OGHS, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. We offer hope to people forced to flee their homes in search of safety. We support life-giving recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities and lives. We empower partners in their labors to build sustainable futures. We plant seeds of peace where war has multiplied despair and destruction. This is why we are here: to be shining witnesses of uncommon love and enduring hope and to be generous with our lives. Won't you share your light and give generously to the OGHS in June? Our goal is \$1000.

- Pam Faulk

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### June

- 4 Dwight Davidson
- 8 Pam Faulk
- 10 Aidan Ferguson  
    Dave & MaryLou Lovell  
    Mike & Cathy Reynolds  
    Mike & Emilie Showalter
- 11 Randy & Jennifer Turner
- 12 Jay & Joyce Roberts
- 16 Chad Myford  
    Kennedy Turner
- 17 Matt & Marci Cooper
- 21 Dan & Sherry Chambers
- 24 Beth Trigg
- 27 Dwight & Kari Davidson

*Please report any errors.*

## Mission/Outreach News

### Teacher Appreciation Bags Delivered

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks, candy, and packets of flower seeds to fill the bags for the staff at Conger Elementary School. The bags were delivered on May 14th and we were met with smiles and thank you's for them. Thanks to all who purchased the bags, packed the bags, and delivered them.

### Honors and Memorials of Mothers on Blanket Sunday

On Mother's Day, May 12th, slips of paper with names of women (mother's or special woman in your life) with monetary gifts were placed on a blanket hanging in the front of the church. This represented helping purchase blankets for those in need around the world. The blankets provide warmth and shelter for women and children. They are distributed by Church World Service.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

During the month of June, we take offerings to provide money to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and the development projects of the American Baptist Churches.

### Tools for Hope Sunday

On Father's Day, June 16th, we will have an offering to buy tools and supplies for needs around the world. With many floods and tornados this year, there is much need for reconstruction and

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.  
Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Trigg Family	Continued Prayers
Darlene Caulkins	Condolences and Recovery

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

building. Paper slips will be available for you to list the names of fathers or men in your lives that you wish to honor or remember. You will pin the slips and your monetary gift on the blanket hanging in the front of the church during the worship service.

### People In Need

People In Need appreciates your gifts of food for those in need. Thank you for continuing to fill the boxes each month.

### Panera Pick Up

Panera pick up continues each week on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Repacking and delivery to Willis School food pantry occurs on Thursday morning. Repacking and delivery to Andrews House occurs on Friday morning. Thanks to ALL who are doing this outreach mission.

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering room if you would like to help. If you want more information, talk with Larry Faulk.

## Financial Update

Through the first four months of 2024, expenses have exceeded income in our general fund by \$2,547. Missions contributions are on track to meet our goals and commitments. Your faithful offerings are appreciated.

## Possible Church Tower Project

With the continued loss of some slate tiles on the roof of the tower and some obvious decay in the eaves, we have reached a point where we must consider major renovation of the tower. Trustee Peter White is seeking bids from companies who specialize in such repair and/or replacement. Once we have multiple quotes for the extent of the necessary work, we will present info to the fellowship for consideration and commitment to the project.

**Blanket Sunday Dedications**

5/12/2024

Given by:	In memory/honor of:
Mark Allison	In memory: Fern Allison
Richard and Laura Brown	In honor: Marie
Darlene Caulkins	In honor: Martha Rittenhouse
Jeanne Ekelberry	In memory: Ethel Trogden
Erin and Larry Faulk	In honor: Pam Faulk
Larry and Pam Faulk	In memory: Evoleno Cole
	Florence Faulk
	Mary Anderson
	Jean Wickum
	In honor: Erin Faulk
	Laurie Faulk
	Patricia Rose
	Donna Mann
Pat Gosser	In honor: All the Ladies Of First Baptist
Carol Grubbs	In memory: Ruth Brown
Brennan Howe	In honor: Candy Lee
Patricia Lauver	In memory: Blanche Aurand
	Mildred Lauver
Candy Lee	In memory: Jean Scott
	Chris Lee
Dave and Mary Lou Lovell	In memory: Margaret Morby
	Jennie Lovell
	In honor: BarbaraSmith
	Deborah Lovell
	Mary Lou Lovell
Deb Lovell	in memory: Carol Serviss
	Ida Morby
	Jenny Lovell
	Margaret Morby
	Hermina Remlinger
	In honor: Mary Lou Lovell
Jay and Joyce Roberts	In memory: Pauline Curry Roberts
	Grace Thompson Jones
Randy Turner	In honor: Jennifer Turner
	Claire Pierce
	Taylor Turner
	Bailey Brooks

# First Baptist Church

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# June

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	6 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	7	1 8
9 10:00 am Worship Service	10 5:30 Deacons	11	12 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	13 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	14 Flag Day 	15 9:00 am ABM / ABW Brunch Fellowship Hall
<b>Father's Day Tools of Hope Sunday</b> 16 10:00 am Worship Service 	17	18	<b>Juneteenth</b> 19  8:45 Panera Pickup - Lee	<b>First Day of Summer</b> 20  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship Service July newsletter deadline	24	25	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser	27 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship Service July newsletter available today	July 1	2	3 8:45 Panera Pickup - Open	<b>Independence Day</b> 4  8:45 Panera Pickup - Open	<b>June Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One Great Hour of Sharing</li><li>• Tools of Hope Sunday</li></ul>	