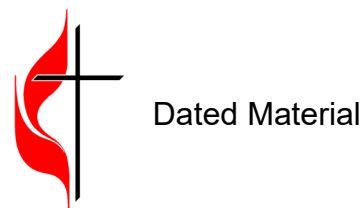


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# Chapel Challenge

**From Julie's Journal**

It is hard to believe that I am finishing my 6th year here at the church. As our conference year and appointment year is from July 1 to June 30th....it makes June a month of endings. And July one of new beginnings. This past year has been an interesting year and I can actually say one that I have never had anything like it in the past. I have learned so many new ways of doing ministry (not always by choice!) It has been challenging and exhausting and seeing new strands of God's grace. I know I am incredibly blessed to have an amazing family and a supportive church. Thank you for that!. This June is going to be different as the world begins to open up slowly again to life as we used to be...but we must know we have to let it grow to so much more. We can use what we learned and add it to the arsenal of tools to help us move into a better and brighter future. I know I have mentioned this before but I just feel it deep in my soul...we are at a crossroads place. We have to choose a way to go....we have to step out into a new future with boldness and vision and hope.

Last month I wrote about kintsugi...the ancient Japanese art of fixing broken pottery with gold or

silver and turning it into a new beautiful piece of art. I shared that I was working on this for Annual Conference. In my work, I wrote a poem that I would like to share with you now.

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Golden Strands of Grace

I am plain... I am simple...Often, I am overlooked...or not even seen  
 At times, I am over-used  
 And then...  
 Life drops me...leaves me in pieces...I am broken...  
 left alone...viewed as useless  
 My purpose, my story goes unwritten...stays silent  
 Then the Artist picks up the pieces of me  
 And gently puts me together lovingly  
 Using gold strands of grace  
 Silver strands of compassion  
 Precious strands of love  
 To bring beauty to my jagged pieces  
 I am no longer plain...  
 I am no longer simple  
 I am a work of art...redesigned by the Artist  
 I start a new chapter of my story  
 My scars and brokenness have been restored  
 Redeemed  
 Golden Strands of Grace save me.



In June we will continue having our modified in-person indoor services every Sunday. See the next page for details. We also will still have our online presence and modified devotion guides for those who still do not feel they can do the in-person service.

June 6 *Building a Spiritual Home*  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
**Communion**

June 13 *In Between*  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17

June 20 *My Father's Heart*  
Mark 4:35-41  
**Father's Day**

June 27 *New Conspirators*  
Mark 4:26-34

July 4 *Tell the Next Generation*  
Psalm 48  
**Communion**

### From Julie's Journal

I wrote that as the start of a centering time of prayer and meditation for conference. I encourage you to use that as a time to center yourself and take the time to give thanks to God the Artist for the strands of Grace in your life. May you be blessed during this month. See you around town.

Together on the Journey, Pastor Julie

A big thanks to the Aranicos for the extra special beautifying of the front area of the church and the prayer garden area. Also, to Phyllis Lyle, Candy Schauer, Stuart Harvey, Edna Munro, Joyce Lueders, Eddie and Wanda LeCluer for help around the church and being on call to help me and the church out during my vacation and when I have called when I was sick. Thank you so much!



### Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for June 23. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by June 21. Please join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day.

**Financial Update**—Just wanted to share that our pledged giving has been doing well and that we are close to paying off the capital campaign/roof loan early because of your generosity. We are a bit behind when it comes to our apportionments but we are hoping to turn that around soon. As summer comes around, we are asking for you to remember the church when you go on vacation (since that might now be possible!) Thank you for all that you do to help us move the ministry forward!

### COTV Staff

|                 |                   |             |              |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pastor:         | Rev. Julie Elkins | Lay Leader: | Edna Munro   |
| Organist:       | Mary Ellett       | Treasurer : | Phyllis Lyle |
| Choir Director: | Elaine Harvey     |             |              |

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Kathryn Pulsifer         | 06/01 |
| Gwenyth Crise            | 06/09 |
| Paul Messenger           | 06/15 |
| Nancy Goyings            | 06/22 |
| Kathryn McCreary         | 06/30 |
| Frank & Kathryn Pulsifer | 06/12 |
| Stuart & Elaine Harvey   | 06/16 |

Family & Friends of Henry Brown  
Robert and Ellen Draper  
Patsy McKinney  
Becca McLachlan  
Vi Moore  
Steve Mohr  
Donna & Jim Seaton  
Renee Calsmer  
Lee Carrick  
The Schauer Family



Betty Rudolph  
Kay Roberts  
All Healthcare workers  
1st Responders and all others having to work in different ways  
*Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

### Church Administrative Board Meeting

The Church Administrative Board will have our monthly meeting by zoom on June 14. If you do not get the zoom information, please contact Pastor Julie.



### In-Person, Indoor Worship Services—Updated Information

We will be continuing our modified in-person indoor services every Sunday. Masks will still be required even after the mandate is lifted June 15. Because not all are vaccinated and we are singing, in an abundance of caution and care for one another and those not able to get the vaccine, we will continue with the masks for the near future. It will be reviewed monthly. We will also have a registration and health questions as well. We will still be following social distancing. Pews will be marked. When services include communion it will be with individually wrapped communion elements. Check in begins at 10:00 am. We are continuing to follow the guidelines of the United Methodist Conference, the County and the decision of the Church Administrative Board. If you still feel the need to stay at home, we will continue to record the services and then edit and post them on Facebook and on our webpage. We will also still sending out devotion guides. We hope you join us for these services.

### Annual Conference is Coming

Each year, each church in our conference sends their pastor and a lay representative to the Annual Conference in June to do the business of the conference for the next year. This year the conference will be done on Zoom starting June 17 through June 19. Edna Munro and I will be attending the zoom conference. I am also the co-chairperson in charge of the worship services for the conference, so I will be busy the weeks before putting together the services for our zoom gatherings. It should be an interesting event and we ask for your prayers during this gathering.

### Christmas Craft Fair Planning!

As you know we are planning on having our Christmas Craft Fair this year on December 4. We are having an organizational meeting on June 26 at 10:00 am outside in the prayer garden area. Bring your own chair. Gather with us as we begin to make plans for this fundraising event for our benevolences. We need your ideas and your help. Come and join us!

