



COVENANT NEWS

The Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves

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FROM THE PASTOR

A Summer of Conversations

Now [on the day of resurrection] two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. (Luke 24:13-15)

When we speak the Covenant of our church each Sunday, we pledge “to experience the joy and struggle of discipleship.” Because we speak these words as part of a covenant, we imply that we will have many of these experiences *together*.

The last fourteen months have severely limited our “together” experiences. To rejuvenate our sense of community we are initiating **A Summer of Conversations** at First Church. This initiative will encourage conversations among our members that help people get to know one another, talk about why First Congregational is important to them, and get a sense of our “being called of God.”

During this **Summer of Conversations** a group of leaders will invite members to have 30-minute, one-on-one conversations with them over coffee, tea, on Sunday morning, either in person, by telephone, or using a virtual medium (Zoom, Facetime, Skype, etc.). The intent is simple – have a conversation, listen to one another about what is important to each of you, talk about where you find joy or sense your passion for life and ministry, and dare to dream a little about what you wish you or your church could accomplish.

This **Summer of Conversations** is an initiative that can be a transformative experience for First Church. Imagine 200 or more conversations that would not have happened without this project. I encourage you to take a risk. If you receive an invitation to have a 30-minute conversation with a leader of our church, accept it as an opportunity to get to better know someone in this faith community.

There is no agenda behind this conversation, it is meant to be a time to listen and share. Allow yourself to get to know someone new at First Church (or if not new, then more deeply), and perhaps you can continue the practice of intentionally getting to know others. Developing the art of one-on-one conversation at First Church could be one of the most radical things we will do as a community. Who knows where listening to one another and the movement of God's Spirit might lead?

Peace.

Pastor Dave Deacon



WORSHIP NOTES FOR JUNE

This schedule is subject to change, as need may arise.

Sunday worship each week will be shared in person for those who wish to attend and live streamed on YouTube, starting at 9:55am (bit.ly/FCCWG-YT).

In-person worshipers will be masking and social distancing while in the hallways and sanctuary.

A Time for Fellowship will be provided in Memorial Hall and the Jubilee Garden, each Sunday after worship for those in person. Masking and distancing are optional in Memorial Hall and outdoors. Our Virtual Coffee Fellowship is no longer available.

Sunday, June 6, 10:00am – Second Sunday after Pentecost; Sacrament of Christ's Table. – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Psalm 138. In a passage that is almost poetic with its prose, Paul conveys his understanding of what it means to have God in charge of our outcomes. When I read these words, I contemplate loved ones who have died and God's "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (5:1). Message of the Day: "Good Grief."

Sunday, June 13, 10:00am – Third Sunday after Pentecost; Jazz Worship. The Rev. Janice Edwards Barnes offers our Message of the Day in a worship service centered on the imagery that will be featured in Sunday afternoon's final installment of our *Journey through Creation* series, "Earth Walk" (see article elsewhere in this issue, about "Earth Walk," at 3:00 pm).

Sunday, June 20, 10:00am – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Summer Solstice; Fathers Day. Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13. Many of us have traveled to places where it seems that there is no middle class, but that you are either among the very few rich or the very many poor. This was how all the world was in the First Century, when Paul was writing – a study in contrasts. The Church he helped found, in every place he went, would bring together people from all walks of life into communities that must have been profoundly confusing to the people around them. In my message on this day, *"Open Wide,"* I will reflect with you on how Paul did this and how we can continue in the same way.

Sunday, June 27, 10:00am – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Pride Weekend. Corinthians 8:7-15. You know those fund drives when the "ask" tugs at your heart strings, especially with tugs of guilt? Charities, public media, arts organizations, maybe even churches, will often appeal to our feelings of inadequacy or competition in order to optimize their incomes. The Epistle reading this week finds Paul doing that, too. My sermon for this Sunday has the title, *"Unpacking Affluence."* We'll ponder together different meanings of that phrase – what it means to be affluent, how this sort of "ask" influences us to give, why the first leaders of the Church divested themselves of their affluence, and whether affluence is appropriate for faithful people.

OFFICE HOURS AND PROTOCOLS

Now that pandemic restrictions are easing, the professional and operations staff of the Church are keeping regular hours again.

- **Office Administrator Debbie Tolstoi** is in the office, from 9:00AM until 3:00PM, Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the office is open on a limited basis.
- **Building Manager Chip Isringhaus** is at the church, from 7:00AM until 2:00PM, Monday through Friday.
- **Custodian Darrell Lakies** is on-site, from 1:00 until 9:00PM, Monday through Thursday, and from 7:00AM until 2:00PM, Sunday.
- **Pastor Dave Denoon** is in the office, 9:00AM to 3:00PM, Monday through Thursday, and available on Sunday from 8:30AM until 12:30PM. He is available by appointment inside and outside these hours, Sunday through Thursday.
- **Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim** is in the office, 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Tuesday through Friday, and on Sundays, 9:00AM until noon.
- **Director of Music and Organist Dr. Leon Burke, III**, is in the office, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM on Monday and Tuesday; 1:00PM to 9:00PM on Thursday; other times, he is available by appointment.

It is always advisable to call ahead, although drop-in visits are welcome. All of these staff members are fully vaccinated, but it is requested that all office visitors arrive in masks. Once you are meeting in your office-destination, you and the staff member may decide whether to remain with masks and distance between you. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

Restrictions during the COVID pandemic prevented a number of celebrations from taking place at the church. Two weddings that had been scheduled for the latter part of 2020 were relocated, and memorial services for some of our beloved members were delayed. Some of these memorials have since been scheduled, and this article serves as notice to the Congregation of those events.

- A memorial service celebrating **Carol McCoy's** life will take place on **Saturday, June 5, at 2:00PM**.
- The celebration of life for **Dennis Fales** will be held on **Saturday, June 19, at 10:00AM**.
- **James H. Bennett, Jr.'s** celebration will occur at **1:00PM on Tuesday, June 29**.
- A service celebrating **Fred Kaul** will be conducted at **10:00AM on Tuesday, July 6**.

All these services will follow the same health protocols as for Sunday mornings – masks and social distance required in the sanctuary and hallways; masks and distance optional in Memorial Hall.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS, TUESDAY, JUNE 8

A group of nine students will assemble on Tuesday, June 8, with leaders Pastor Dave Denoon and Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim at 6:30PM in the William Sample Chapel, to begin their regular, twice-monthly meetings. Using the curriculum, *Confirm Not Conform*, students will become acquainted with Christianity, our church, and our denomination.

The Confirmation Class will have all the parts you have come to expect – adult mentors (please see the following article), experiences at houses of worship of other religions, a lock-in at the church, and service opportunities. The class will be in recess during the months of July and December, but the remaining ten months will accommodate the twenty sessions planned and our celebration of their work – the “iConfirm” worship service on June 5, 2022.

If you know someone who ought to be enrolled in Confirmation, this year, please have them contact Halley at (314) 962-0475, ext. 12 or Halley.Kim@FirstChurchWG.org.

SEEKING CONFIRMATION MENTORS

If you read the article above, then you can imagine that we are seeking adults who are church members who would be interested in serving as mentors for the Class of 2022. Would you please consider serving as a mentor, to accompany one of these vibrant young people on an exploration of faith and discipleship? If so, please contact the Pastor (with a call to 314-962-0475, ext. 11; or an email to DDenoon@FirstChurchWG.org).

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT TO OUR YOUTH

I can confirm: it's Confirmation time! (Sorry, I couldn't resist). I am really excited about entering into this process with you all. Just as Confirmation is new to you, it's also new to me. I do not come from a background that practiced Confirmation so we will be learning together.

I could tell from the title of this program that I was going to like it: *Confirm, Not Conform*. Something you'll find out about me quickly is that I hate conformity. If someone wants to make me go left, I'll go right. If I'm supposed to stand up in worship, it's entirely possible I'll remain seated just to be contrary. For better or worse, I want to do things my own way.

Plenty of times this headstrong individuality of mine is pure stubbornness and not one of my best qualities, but if there's anything worth being stubbornly true to yourself about, it's faith.

I invite you to approach Confirmation with utter honesty. I've been all over the place with faith, from none at all, to conservative doctrine, to intense confusion and throwing it all away, to a progressive and agnostic theology (basically, a focus on justice with a strong dash of doubt). I hope that I can be an ironically helpful guide to you by NOT actually knowing where your road-map leads or what your answers are. Pastor Dave and I will instead hold non-judgmental space for you to discern your own faith journey. The offer is for you to confirm your own values and beliefs, not to conform to ours.

Madeleine L'Engle wrote, “Those who believe they believe in God, but without passion in the heart, without anguish of mind, without uncertainty, without doubt, and even at times without despair, believe only in the idea of God, and not in God Himself” (or Herself! Or Themselves!).

You can truly bring your whole self to Confirmation (and to God, for that matter). I'm sure there will be Tuesdays that we gather that I don't think anyone's listening to our prayers. There will be others that I'll get annoyed with some Bible verse we're talking about and want to gripe about it. I'll be honest about my faith and doubts too, and I hope you'll feel encouraged to do the same.

Bring your questions, frustrations, doubts, and heresies – they are holy. See you June 8th.

MODERATOR'S CORNER JUNE 2021

This is the first of what is likely to be twenty-two installments of Joan's Moderator's Corner. I am nervous about meeting the challenges of the two years to come and cognizant of the awesome responsibility of following in the size-14-footsteps of Mark Edwards. His footprints are large in so many important ways.

One day during the shut down I was waiting alone in the Inglis Room to meet Halley Kim. I passed the time by flipping through the pages containing pictures of past Moderators, stalwarts like: Fred Kaul, Earl Rinne, Jane Porchey, Phil Shoulberg, Linda Kopetti, Nancy Rudolph, Phil Roush, Val Paci, Herb Niemeyer, Paul Wentzien, Margaret Stroup, Mary Parker, Anne Moller, El Burr & El Hamsher. I nearly resigned as Moderator-Elect on the spot; following such a group seemed overwhelming, but there was no one on the spot to resign to!! I am reassured knowing that many of these wonderful and experienced people are still among us to help me. The legacy of those departed endures. My years on Parish Life Ministry taught me that there is a host of skillful, dedicated and willing members and friends who also feel "called of God into this Christian community." It is a joy to be among them and a privilege, even though a formidable challenge, to lead.

I have been attending First Congregational Church for over fifty years, but only engaged in serious church work since my retirement from teaching. I was reared in a church-twice-on-Sunday tradition, so worship is very important to me. If you have not yet experienced the renewed joy of in-person worship, do so soon. The thrill of joining voice in our covenant, in prayer, readings and singing the Doxology was even more than I expected. It is good to "be in community" with all of you.

To renew and promote that sense of community, the Parish Life Ministry approved Pastor Denoon's recommendation to institute a Summer In Conversation for all of us. We have been too long apart. We have members we do not know well. We have visitors with whom we would like to be acquainted. Through this summer activity we hope to break the isolation of the past year and deepen our relationships. We hope to know each other better and thus move ahead together with hope and joy. When a member of Parish Life, Stewardship or the Strategic Planning Committee calls, agree to meet them for conversation. We will ask you to share, listen, envision with us; nothing more will be asked of you.

Many decades ago in high school chorus we sang a poem, put to music. The words have been ever with me, especially now.

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
Give me a light that I may tread safely, into the unknown.
And he replied, 'Go forth and put your hand into the hand of God.
And he shall be better than a light, and safer than a known way.'
And so, I went forth, and finding the hand of God,
Strode gladly into the night, into the unknown.

Let us all grasp the hand of God and stride together into what the new church year opens for us.

Joan Musbach

FROM THE ORGANIST'S BENCH



Welcome to Summer!

How to signal that our church is open again as people leave for their summer schedules? I know: let's have a mini music festival! During the month of June our music program will combine with MICA to present four music concerts to feed the soul.

MICA will conclude its series, Journey Through Creation, with the Earthwalk concert on Sunday, June 13 at 3:00PM. This free concert will feature the Oikos Ensemble with the SkyStone Conservatory Dance Ensemble, the Logos Interpretive Readers, and special guest, Jean Ponzi.

This concert will focus on today's environmental challenges and how we fit

into God's plan to care for the earth.

Saturday, June 19 at 3:00PM, in cooperation with Price Ruben and Partners, we will present a piano recital in the Sanctuary by Swiss artist, Christina Harnisch. She will present an astonishing program of familiar and unfamiliar piano classics with brilliance and artistry. This free concert is also open to all!

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00PM we will have Bebop, Ballads, Blues & Bossas! A benefit concert for the 25th annual International Summer Jazz Academy. Performers include current and former faculty members and alumni from Webster University's jazz studies program. General admission \$10

Last, the planned 25th anniversary of our Cassavant organ, had to be put on hold for a year due to COVID-19. Finally, we will celebrate it by presenting Polish organist, Andrzej Zahorski, in a program of French, Italian, and German Baroque organ masterpieces. This free concert will take place on June 27 at 3:00pm and is open to all!

I hope this whets your appetite for great concerts. Starting in the fall I hope to have at least one such concert every month to share with you and the community. For example, we are planning for the St. Louis Chamber Chorus to give a concert here in February.

See you in church!

Leon Burke, *Music Director*

2021 GRADUATES

Merrimon Boyd – Master of Divinity, Eden Seminary

Antonio DeVoto – graduated Farmington High School. Antonio is Chris von Weise's nephew, who has made it through high school despite living with a brain tumor and experiencing many medical and personal challenges as a result.

Tracey Harris – Master of Divinity, Eden Seminary

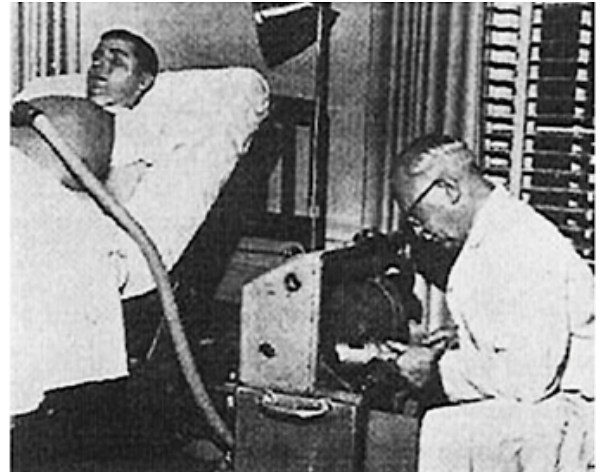
Sarah Kaul – graduated Webster Groves High School summa cum laude. She was offered a total of 8 scholarships and will be attending Washington University in the fall. She is the proud granddaughter of BJ Kaul.

Shelby Schuster – graduated from Lindbergh High School. She is the daughter of Karen and David Schuster; granddaughter of Kay and Phil Roush.



OUR CHURCH DURING CHALLENGING TIMES POLIO EPIDEMIC, *continued*

When Dodie Kishlar and her unborn child died of polio in 1952 church members decided to dedicate the Sleeper Creeper Room to her. She had been interested in supporting this type of room for our church. Gifts, in her memory, were used to add equipment to the room. The old Webster Room, located where the office is now, was renamed the Kishlar Room. Caroline Kishlar decided to redecorate this room as a memorial to her son, Lamar, Jr. after his death in 1969. Dodie and Lamar's son, James, raised by his grandparents, became an artist/architect. Several of his paintings hung in the Kishlar Room until 1992-1993 when our present office and sanctuary were built in that space and a second floor room acquired the name, Kishlar Room and was redecorated again.



The senior Kishlar worked for Ralston Purina in the research and development area. When his son was in the iron lung, quoting from a 1960 St. Louis Dispatch article, "One night Lamar's iron lung broke down. There was no one in St. Louis we could call to make the necessary repairs. It was a frantic time for me. My son's life was hanging in the balance. I decided right there I would learn how to be a respirator technician." With his research and technical skills he was soon getting calls from hospitals and patients. He was rather busy as iron lungs were constantly breaking down. For his own son he invented and built an unusual breathing device that Lamar Jr. used when he was out of his iron lung. There were other inventions he made. Among them was an electric frame in which he suspended an electric typewriter on which his son could type with a mouth stick, and a stethoscope he used to listen to the bearings of a respirator to keep it properly lubricated.

Kay Roush
Historian

A NOTE FROM DANA ROMEIS

Sincere thanks to our church family for the cards and calls and prayers that have come my way over the past weeks following Jim's death. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated very much.

I recently came across a quote from an Ovid poem that reads "Omnia mutantur nihil interit" or "Everything changes, nothing is lost." How true it is at the loss of someone you loved for 55 years – everything does change but nothing is lost.

Grace and peace,
Dana Romeis

Earth Walk



A Live Concert for Mother Earth

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves

Featuring

The Oîkos Ensemble

Cliff Aerie, saxophone | Kim Fuller Barnes & Arianna Aerie, vocals
Tim Osiek, trumpet & Flugelhorn
Carolbeth True, piano | Glen Smith, bass | David True, drums

SkyStone Conservatory Dance Ensemble
(under the direction of Jennifer Medina)

Logos Interpretive Readers

Special Guest Presenter Jean Ponzi

Jazz, dance, and earth stories celebrating
the artistry of God's Creation and the challenges
of climate change facing the global community.

(Concert will be available on our YouTube Channel at a later date.)

*This program is a ministry of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, UCC
and is made possible through a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship,
Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below are the church operating results for the two months ending April:

Statement of Financial Activities					
	2021	2020	Budget	Change to Prior Year	Change to Budget
Income				Higher/(Lower) Income	
Pledges and Gifts	\$ 164,421	\$ 155,564	\$ 105,000	\$ 8,857	\$ 59,421
Transfer from Endowment	40,000	40,000	86,333	-	(46,333)
Benevolence	23,527	24,049	5,000	(522)	18,527
Use of Space and Miscellaneous	11,642	16,452	15,705	(4,810)	(4,063)
Interest Income	4,430	4,837	3,867	(407)	563
Total Revenue	244,019	240,902	215,905	3,117	28,114
Expenses				(Higher)/Lower Expense	
Human Resources Expense	\$ 138,357	\$ 133,689	\$ 143,444	(4,668)	5,087
Facilities and Finance Expense	\$ 43,434	\$ 47,649	\$ 54,059	4,216	10,625
Benevolence Expense	\$ 7,465	\$ 29,049	\$ 10,667	21,584	3,202
Christian Education Ministry Expense	\$ 71	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,367	963	1,295
Parish Life Ministry Expense	\$ 2,477	\$ 598	\$ 3,733	(1,879)	1,256
Executive Ministry Expense	\$ 502	\$ 10	\$ 2,400	(492)	1,898
Total Expenses	192,306	212,030	215,670	19,724	23,364
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 51,713	\$ 28,871	\$ 235	\$ 22,842	\$ 51,478

Statement of Financial Position			
	2021	2020	Variance
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,628	\$ 199,541	\$ 6,087
Prepaid expenses	65	552	(487)
Pledges receivable	171,828	186,632	(14,804)
Property and equipment	29,464	30,921	(1,457)
Minister housing long term receivable	60,000	60,000	-
Total Assets	\$ 466,985	\$ 477,647	\$ (10,661)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted Designated Funds	37,588	44,081	(6,493)
Restricted funds for:			
The Endowment Trust	45,815	39,419	6,396
Churchyard	36,007	33,760	2,247
Kishlar/Dickens Room Maintenance	58,096	58,096	-
Temporarily restricted funds for pledges	171,828	186,632	(14,804)
Memorial Funds	63,352	83,714	(20,363)
Long term liabilities	60,000	60,000	-
Unrestricted Net Assets	(5,700)	(28,055)	22,355
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 466,985	\$ 477,647	\$ (10,661)

To keep everyone employed during the pandemic, the church applied for loans through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) of the CARES Act. In total, the church has received \$124,600 from the CARES Act programs. Our first loan was forgiven in December 2020 and we will work with Enterprise Bank to apply for forgiveness of the second loan also. Without this help, our cash balance would only be approximately \$80k which is less than two months of cash operating needs for the church. Thankfully, our pledge income continues to be strong. If you have any other questions or want further detail, please let me know.

Thanks to all!
Jennifer Jones, Treasurer

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE AT FIRST CHURCH

Tuesday June 1

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Communications Team

Wednesday 2

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room
6:00 PM Summer of Conversations Leader Training

Thursday, June 3

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Saturday, June 5

2:00 PM Memorial Service: Carol McCoy

Sunday, June 6

Sacrament of Christ's Table
9:00 AM Brown Baggers
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Nursery Care Available
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden
2:00 PM "Spread the Love" Parade

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

* 10:30 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM - Practicing Our Faith (Inglis Room)

Wednesday, June 9

9:30 AM - Yoga with Jeanene (Inglis Room)
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Thursday, June 10

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Sunday, June 13

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Nursery Care Available
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden
3:00 PM Earthwalk Concert

Monday, June 14

7:00 PM Three Ministries (Zoom)

* Tuesday, June 15

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

9:30 AM - Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Thursday, June 17

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
6:30 PM - Boy and Girl Troop #301 Court of Honor
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Saturday, June 19

Juneteenth
10:00 AM Memorial Service: Dennis Fales
3:00 PM Concert: Christina Harnisch – Piano

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Nursery Care Available
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden

Monday, June 21

First Day of Summer
4:00 PM Executive Ministry (Zoom)

* Tuesday, June 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM - International Summer Jazz Academy Benefit Concert (Polish Jazz)

Wednesday, June 23

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Thursday, June 24

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Canterbury Bells - Practice
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Chancel Choir - Practice

Sunday, June 27

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Nursery Care Available
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden
3:00 PM Concert: Andrzej Zahorski – Pipe Organ

* Tuesday, June 29

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Memorial Service: James H. Bennett Jr.

Wednesday, June 30

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

* Staff will be unavailable on Tuesdays, during meetings from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM



The Field House Museum is proud to host Julius B. Anthony, President of St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature, and Linda M. Nance, Founding President of The Annie Malone Historical Society, for this special event jointly celebrating our partnerships and Juneteenth. It has been the Museum's honor to display these beautifully diverse exhibits offering unique educational opportunities. Join us at the Museum to view these fascinating exhibits before they're gone, hear from our partners, enjoy a wonderful lunch, and listen to festive music! **This is a free event, but reservations are required, and space is limited.** (Sign up on Eventbrite at: <https://tinyurl.com/5c5bhkt5>)

A brief presentation will begin at 2:00 pm featuring a guest speaker talking on the importance of Juneteenth, performances by the St. Louis Gospel Choral Union Alumni, and words of inspiration from our partnering organizations. Lunch will be available for the duration of the event from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Field House Museum and exhibitions will be open until 4:00 pm.

The Exhibits

The Power of Words: The Ongoing Tale of Black Children's Literature

The Power of Words the continued efforts towards equitable representation in children's and young adult literature. Learn about the trail blazers of Black storytelling like Langston Hughes and discover the impressive work of modern African American authors like Patricia McKissack, whose books continue to inspire new generations.

Moving Forward: Exploring the Legacy of Annie Malone

Celebrate Annie Malone, a pioneer African American entrepreneur, charitable organizer, and civil rights activist. Produced by the Annie Malone Historical Society, this exhibit uses eye-catching displays of photos and artifacts to tell the story of this magnificent woman's contributions to African American history. The society hopes Moving Forward will bolster their mission to open their own museum.

Donna Hull June 01
Jennifer Jones June 03
Christina Hood June 05
Charles Griffith June 09
Lauren Bakker-Arkema June 11
Suzie Barnes June 11
Ginnie Conlee June 16



Laszlo Kopetti June 17
Cliff Aerie June 19
Jonathan Brader June 24
Bob McCoy June 24
Rosemary Hensley June 27
Ron Gomez June 29
Jane Bolliger June 30



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Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JUNE MEAL-A-MONTH

Boxed Whole Wheat Pasta
Pasta Sauce (Low salt and sugar)
Canned Mixed Vegetables (low or no salt)
Canned Fruit in own juices
Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk
Baby Fruits • Baby Vegetables • Baby Cereal

MISSING SOMEONE?

Have you been missing someone for a while from worship and other church events? Please, let Pastor Dave Denoon or Mary Edwards, know. Either will be happy to follow up for you.

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