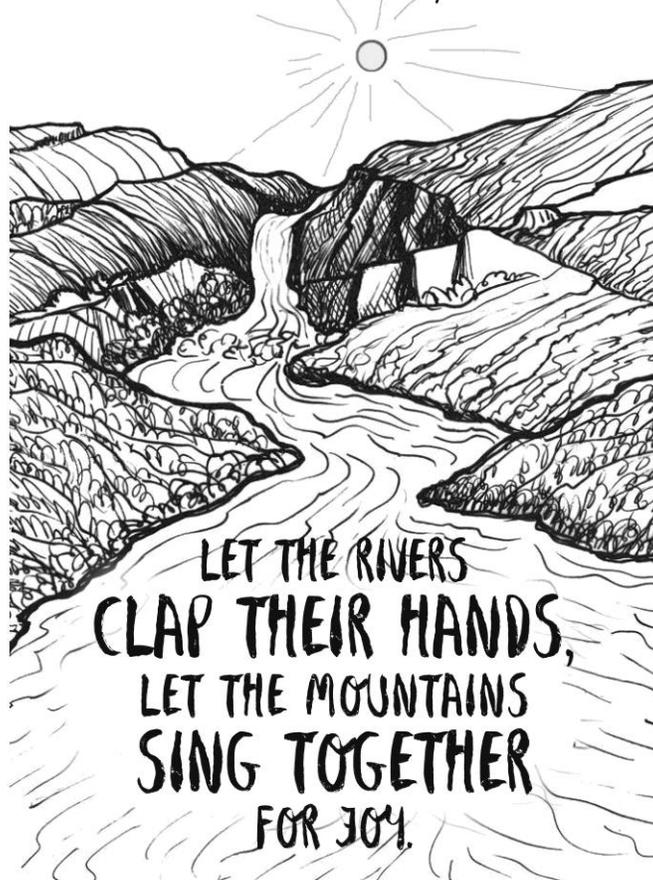


Trinity Tidings

June 2018

Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ with all.

PSALM 98:8, NIV



Confirmation Sunday
New Horizons Seminar
Pastor Jenny's Farewell Lunch

From the Pastor

Living the Christ-Centered Life

On April 28th, I gave a eulogy for the most significant man in my life. My spiritual mentor of 47 years, Rev. Clark Hunt, died on Easter Sunday at age 101. I have occasionally spoken and written of him because he was the wisest man I knew, and taught me and us a great deal.

In our last face-to-face conversation last July, I asked him about his attitude regarding death. He said, "I'm ready when God is. But I tell Him that until then, if He has work for me to do, I will do it if He will give me the strength."

What so moves me about Clark's life is that he used his hours, days and years so effectively and consistently for things that truly matter – the things of God. His prayer was answered even into his 101st year as he prayed for people regularly, for that was all his failing body allowed him to do.

BUT HE DID IT!

What a holy example to me and us – calling us to use our time and energy, our talent and money for the cause of Christ. Perhaps I – and we – need to realign more of our lives with things that truly matter to God.

Together in Christ's service,

Frank

Confirmation Sunday: June 3rd

On Sunday June 3rd, we'll participate in an ancient rite by confirming youth into the Christian faith and into the membership of the church. Our 8th graders have been studying and meeting in small groups all year. They've gone on field trips and participated in mission projects. And on June 3rd they'll stand at the altar of the church and affirm that they're Christians. Please make a special effort to attend this worship service to bear witness to and support this vital moment in the church of Jesus Christ.

The Bulletin Board

Martha Friendship Circle: September

Martha Friendship Circle had its last meeting for the season on Monday, May 7th. It was a glorious time! We enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thirty-five people, including five men, attended. We're outgrowing our room. What a wonderful thought. Uncle Claude serenaded us with great music of the 1940s. Everyone was singing along, clapping hands and smiling all afternoon. What a terrific time was had by all. Our next meeting is Monday, September 10th. Enjoy the summer, be safe and God bless you all, Ginny and Lauren. If you have any questions, call 908-852-6431.

Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, June 9th

The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome.

New Members Reception: Sunday, June 10th

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, June 9th, and on the 10th, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet.

Baptism: Sunday, July 8th

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website. The next baptism will be on September 23rd.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: June 24th - July 1st

Safe Harbor Ministry: Saturday, June 23rd

Midnight Run: Friday, June 15th

Needed: Clean and gently-used items for adults. Men's jeans sizes 30-38, hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, women's jeans sizes 8-14, hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, sneakers for men and women. New items needed are men's white socks, deodorant and washcloths. Items may be left in the bins in the Rotunda or the side porch of the office building.

Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Jenny on June 10th

We'll be celebrating Pastor Jenny's six years of service at Trinity, as well as her recent appointment to the Princeton United Methodist Church by giving a luncheon in her honor on Sunday, June 10th after the 10:45 a.m. service. Pastor Jenny will move from our church parsonage the week of June 18th and begin her ministry at Princeton UMC on July 1st. We wish her Godspeed and say a sincere "thank you" for her years of ministry at Trinity.

Breaking News!

Trinity's Caravan of Hope

We're feeding 5,000 people in 2 days.

September 8th and 9th

Plan to join us.

John 6: 1-15

New Horizons Seminar on June 24th

Trinity Church has many people who come to us from a formerly Roman Catholic experience. On Sunday, June 24th, 12:15 - 2:30 p.m., Dr. Frank Fowler will offer a seminar exploring the origins of many Methodist and Roman Catholic practices and beliefs and their similarities and differences. The seminar will be in the Blue Room in the church office building. Please RSVP to the church office at 908-852-3020.

Greetings Ministry ~ June 10th

Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall on Sunday, June 10th. We have cards, envelopes, stamps and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity. All YOU need to do is just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of care, compassion and hope. Or you may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting. We also want to send mail to service men and women to let them know we remember. Send name and current mailing address for any military folks to Edna Barrier at nebarrier@aol.com or Sue Bernard at bernards1963@aol.com.



June GAIN Packing Event: June 19th – 23rd

Joan Caldwell

Last October, 20 people (adults and youth) traveled to the GAIN Logistics Center in Mt. Joy (Lancaster County), Pennsylvania for a day of packing humanitarian aid. Many came home saying how much they enjoyed this hands-on mission activity.

The next packing event at GAIN is Tuesday, June 19th - Saturday, June 23rd. You can go for one day or two days or more! For those who want to carpool and travel as a church group, we'll be going on Saturday, June 23rd.

A packing event involves preparing shipments for humanitarian aid to be sent where they're most needed all around the world. Some of the tasks that are done at a packing event include:

- ✓ Sorting and packing clothing and shoes
- ✓ Packing school supplies
- ✓ Assembling or sewing luopads (women's reusable feminine hygiene products)
- ✓ Sewing (both hand and by machine) quilts and blankets
- ✓ Assembling small irrigation systems
- ✓ Making gospel bracelets
- ✓ Packing rice or bean food packets (There is a per-person charge for doing this.)

Some of you may want to attend one or more of the weekdays. A group will leave from Trinity on the morning of the 23rd. Please let me know if you plan to be part of this group, if you have room in your car for additional people or need a ride. Children must be accompanied by an adult family member or be under the supervision of a Trinity person who has the Safe Sanctuary clearance.

For more information about GAIN and the packing events and to register: Google [GAIN Logistics Center](#). Click on [Volunteer](#). Click on (June Packing Project) [More](#). Click on [Register for Event](#). If you prefer that I complete your reservation, just let me know. If you choose to do your own reservation, please list your group as Trinity United Methodist Church - Group 9795. If you've already registered - great! Let me know when you're going, the names of your family/group attending, cell phone number and e-mail address. Contact Joan Caldwell at jmccaldwell512@gmail.com.

For GPS purposes, the address is 1506 Quarry Road, Mt. Joy, PA 17552. It takes about two hours to get from Trinity Church to the warehouse.

Savor Suppers



Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a simple meal and rich conversation. Suppers include no more than five women plus the host allowing for women to really connect with one another over a simple meal. If you're willing to open your home for a Savor Supper, please email Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org. You choose the date and time! Please include that information in your email, as well. **The next supper is June 19th, 7 p.m. in Long Valley.**

With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Mary Ellen Vitello on the death of her father, Arthur C. Wood
- ❖ Jill Fedon and family on the death of her grandfather, Chuck Beardslee
- ❖ The Hom family on the death of Robert's mother, Alice Hom
- ❖ LaNelle Hoffmann on the death of her husband, Harry
- ❖ Belinda Brown on the death of her father
- ❖ Jane Friedland on the death of her brother

Thank You

To the Trinity United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you for being such a caring and loving church. Thank you for all of the support and planning for my father's Celebration of Life. Most of all, thank you for all of the loving care you gave my father.

Gratefully yours,
The Wagoner Family

Thrift Shop News

Maureen Storey

Spring is fully here (hopefully), blossoms everywhere, heavenly scents in the air, and we're blessed with the feeling of renewal. The Thrift Shop is in a constant state of renewal and reprise. Reduce, reuse, recycle...our mantra.

Did you know that thrift is going mainstream? Yup! Over 44 million women shopped secondhand last year - that's 1 in 3. And the number is growing. People are realizing that they can get better quality goods for significantly less by shopping secondhand. "Sixty-six percent of consumers use thrift to buy better brands they would otherwise never pay full price for," according to the *thredUP 6th Annual Resale Report*.

The millennials are shoppers extraordinaire. They are both wasteful, according to the *thredUP* report, but hate to waste. "Eighteen to twenty-four-year-olds are the group most likely to discard an item after one to five wears," and nearly 50% of their purchases are impulse buys. On the other hand, *Fashionista* reports that 77% of millennials are more likely to purchase from environmentally-friendly brands. That makes thrift the perfect choice! Over 40% of 18 to 24 year olds shopped resale. They're on the right track!

Thrift helps to offset our rampant throw-away culture. Did you know that over 1/3 of women discard an item that is worn five times or less? Forty-three percent of our purchases are impulse buys? And that 70% of the average woman's closet goes unworn? Wow! However, buying a used garment extends its life 2.2 years, which reduces carbon waste and water footprint by 73%. In addition...the savings! If you buy used for a year, you could save \$2,420, which gets you a massage twice a month or a trip to Hawaii or a cappuccino every day for a year. Your choice! Be thrifty!

The thrill of the hunt keeps many of our customers returning – sometimes daily, as there is a constant stream of new items on the floor every day. Resale is appealing to people looking for cheap(er) designer goods and those who want to be more sustainable. We often have items NWT (New With Tags) and they're priced at 50% to 75% off their retail prices. Deep savings! We currently have wedding dresses from a local bridal shop – never worn – huge savings. Last week, I saw a NWT dress from Selfridges, London, a \$290 dress for \$40. WOW!

The additional bonus of our Thrift is that our enterprise supports Trinity Church missions, not just helping the economy, the environment and your pocketbook, but many in our community and larger world who are in need. That makes us an even better investment for all. Join the growing wave of resale. Stop in, take a look around, see what we have and support a more sustainable, environmentally-friendly shopping experience that supports mission and ministry in a world in desperate need.

UMM Matters

Bill Blaskopf

On April 14th about 20 people went to one of two locations in Hackettstown and helped the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) with its annual cleanup of the Musconetcong River. Many bags of garbage were collected from both the banks and the river itself. Taking care of God's creation is always important. On April 28th, two of our members went to Alumni Field to help the MWA plant 100 trees and bushes along the river to help keep the river clean.

At our May 12th breakfast, Pastor Fowler led us in a discussion of "What does it mean to be a Methodist?" Everyone present received a brochure of that title. Thanks go to Pastor Fowler for leading us in this discussion.

On June 9th, a representative from the Forks of the Delaware Boy Scout Council will speak on "The Future of Scouting." And we'll recognize any boys of Troop 416 who have become Eagle Scouts this year.

Summer 2018: Our Second Annual "Balls and Strikes" will occur. These family friendly events are set up to help provide families an opportunity to participate in two events together: see a baseball game and to go bowling.

We have only 40 tickets to see the Somerset Patriots play the New Britain Bees on Friday, June 15th at 7 p.m. in the TD Bank Ballpark in Somerset, N.J. The game will be followed by a fireworks display. We're selling \$14.50 tickets for \$12.50. Our tickets are on the field level on the third base side facing right field where the fireworks will occur.

And on Saturday, July 28th, we'll be able to bowl 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Oakwood Bowling Lanes in Washington, N.J. The cost is \$10, which includes the cost of a pair of shoes, if needed. This Saturday follows the week of VBS, so we hope to see many families attending.

The registration form for either or both events can be found in the church bulletin and online, or by contacting Bill Blaskopf at: bblaskopf@newarka.edu or 201-841-2284.

Please remember, UMM is not just for men. We invite all members of Trinity to attend. Among our goals is to provide a sense of community, a meaningful presentation and a fantastic breakfast.

There will be no breakfasts in July or August. Have a safe summer and we'll again gather for breakfast on September 8th.

The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us in some way during this year's "Stamp Out Hunger" Postal Food Drive. This is our biggest food drive of the year, and it greatly helped to stock our shelves. We truly appreciate all of the effort that went into that day, whether you placed some food at your mailbox or helped to pick up or sort food at the Pantry.

As we enter the summer months, we ask that you keep our ministry in mind. Many families need a little extra help over the next few months, especially families with children. Schools often supply breakfast and/or lunch to children, and when school is not in session, families need to cover these extra meals at home. Please consider making a donation to help these families. Items such as peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, juice and canned dinners are very popular with the school-age crowd.

Donations of food and funds are always appreciated and put to good use. Donated food goes directly onto our shelves, and funds are used by our volunteer shoppers to purchase food items.

During the month of April we served 1,074 people (359 families): 319 children, 623 adults and 132 seniors.

Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.

What a blessing you can offer your church by including Trinity in your last will and testament. You can add a codicil to an existing will or include the church in a new will. Please consider this as a way to give one final gift to Trinity. For more information, contact Dr. Frank Fowler.



June 21st



VBS Corner

Here's what's happening...

- **SHIPWRECKED VBS is July 23rd – 27th, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**
- **Volunteer Registration is open!** Email Rachel Savokinas at vbs@catchthespirit.org for the link to jump on board and help out. (Call/text at 973-713-2831.)
- **Participant Registration** will open Memorial Day weekend.
- **Memorial Day Parade (Monday, May 28th)** We'll once again participate and need volunteers to march. Contact Vania Stevenson at vstevenson@catchthespirit.org or Cheryl Pami at cpami@catchthespirit.org to sign up.
- **We're in need of donations of the following items** (Can be dropped off at KidVenture Headquarters or Trinity's office.):

White or blue pool noodles

Fishnet-type netting

Sea shells and driftwood

1-cup-sized disposable storage containers (and lids); approx. 200 total

Blue plastic rectangle party tablecloths

Blue or sand-colored fabric/sheets

Paper tubes (wrapping paper or larger)

Transparent blue or clear balloons

Parchment paper

Round paper Chinese lanterns

Juice boxes (to be collected beginning mid-June)

- **We're in need of any nautical decorations or props that we would borrow and return the week after VBS.** (Be sure to put your name and phone number.)
- **The Decorating Crew** needs help up to VBS week. Join us to cut, paint and glue decorations to be used in our sanctuary and throughout the campus! Contact Shannon Kerwin at smkcrochet@gmail.com or 908-798-7066 (talk/text) for information.



Contact Rachel Savokinas at 973-713-2831 (talk/text) or vbs@catchthespirit.org with questions or for more information.



Join the “Shipwrecked” VBS Volunteer Crew

This year it’s even easier to “get on board” and volunteer with our new online registration system.

Many volunteers are needed, adults and students (who will have completed grade 5 or above as of June, 2018), and so we ask you to pray about where God might use you and sign up to embark on the adventure of the summer.

Pre-Set-Up (Friday, July 20th 10 a.m.) - We’ll be moving tables and chairs to prepare our space and gathering supplies and tools needed for Saturday’s transformation.

Set-Up (Saturday, July 21st) – Transform Trinity’s campus into a tropical island.

Crew Leaders – Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of elementary or preschool children through each day’s activities.

Station Helpers – Lead children in music, crafts, games, mission, snacks or Bible adventures for a 20-minute session repeated five times.

VBS Office – Help is needed during VBS that isn’t under the heading of crew leader or station helper. Each of these tasks is important to the success of the week.

VBS Family Fun Night (6 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 25th) – Can’t help during the day this week? We need additional hands this evening to help with all the fun!

Friday Volunteer Lunch (July 27th) – Help coordinate the Volunteer “Thank You Lunch” (includes overseeing set up, ordering lunch and providing a sweet treat after).

Clean-Up (Friday, July 27th, 11 a.m.) – Put away VBS decorations and put the classrooms back together.

Mission Pack-Up (Tuesday, July 31st, 9 a.m. – noon) – Help organize the donations collected and put away the sanctuary decorations.



TO REGISTER



Email vbs@catchthespirit.org. We’ll send you the link to an easy online system that will even allow you to pick your volunteer job on the spot.

- We’re asking for a **VBS Mission Fee of \$15** to help defray the expenses.
- Each **additional family member** volunteering will be asked for **\$10**.
- Checks should be payable to TUMC and submitted via the offering plates at worship, Kidventure HQ or Trinity’s office. Note *VBS* on the memo line.

Contact Rachel Savokinas at 973-713-2831 (talk/text) or vbs@catchthespirit.org with questions or for scholarship information.



Jr. Prayer Shawl Group

Attention Jr. Prayer Shawl small group members *AND* all who are interested in attending this small group fellowship ministry for kids, eight years old and older, who like to knit or crochet *OR* who want to learn to knit or crochet:

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, June 13th, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 104.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at gthorp@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 16 or 908-894-0173.

Please note that we take off the months of July and August because there's a lot of summertime activities and vacations going on! **We will resume our regular meetings on Wednesday, September 12th. Mark your calendars!**

On June 17th, we'll announce the college scholarship recipients at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Beginning Sunday, June 24th and continuing through Sunday, September 2nd, we'll offer Creative Activities for all children ages two - grade four at both the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

4th and 5th Grade Fellowship

Friday, June 8th, is the 4th and 5th grade fellowship "Sleep-Under". Come wearing your PJs and bring a pillow, blanket, etc. We'll meet in Starr Hall at 5 p.m. for pizza, games and an ice cream sundae bar. Then we'll cuddle up in the KidZone for a movie. Pick up is at 9 p.m. RSVP to Danielle Witt by June 4th at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

KidVenture Corner

June 3rd, the students in KidVenture will be finishing up the Good Samaritan unit. They'll be rotating to movement, art or missions.

June 10th will be the end-of-year class parties and practice for Children and Youth Sunday.

June 17th is our final Sunday of KidVenture for this school year. The students will be celebrating by attending and taking part in the 9:15 Children and Youth service. They'll report to their homeroom at 8:30 a.m., and then as a class they'll come to the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions about KidVenture, please contact Danielle Witt, Director of Children's Ministry, at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

Creation Care

Carol Kitchell

As a refresher, here are Trinity's recycling procedures.

If you work at Trinity or participate in a worship service, event, class, meeting or ministry held on campus and you generate materials that can be recycled, you're helping us be good stewards of God's creation if you place them in the appropriate containers. Recyclable materials must originate on the Trinity campus. We're not bringing recycling from our homes.

What can be recycled?

- Paper – computer and printer paper, magazines, junk mail (no brown bags or phone books)
- Glass – clear, green and brown jars and bottles – labels can remain
- Aluminum and bimetal food and beverage cans
- Plastic – only #1 and #2 plastic bottles
- Corrugated cardboard

The View from Here

I've been writing for some time on Facebook about sorting through the material stuff we surround ourselves with and making decisions about what stays and what goes. I call it my Lessville Campaign. I pretty much stick with the model of keeping what's useful or what brings beauty into a life, and jettisoning the things that get socked away and never see the light of day or the things that have outlived their shelf life in the home. The most potent thought that entered my cranium during this process was how sensible and financially responsible it would be if that's the mantra we applied whenever we thought about acquiring the stuff to begin with.

I wrestled with family heirlooms, I vacillated over keeping stuff that "I might use." The excavations unearthed things that were either long forgotten but which opened up a Pandora's box of freighted feelings or were rediscoveries that opened a bright window of memories and associations. And the more I wrote about these experiences, the more my readers identified and offered their own observations and stories of struggle. The hold that material goods have in our lives! Everyone expressed their need or desire to lighten the load. Get out from under the weight of the baggage. Let go when it felt like letting go was like losing a part of themselves.

The whole business becomes a two-sided adventure. In one respect, it feels good to downsize and simplify. On the other hand, dealing with the material stuff of our lives can be fraught with emotion and surprisingly unsettling thoughts. My big takeaways from this ongoing endeavor are: 1) As an inhabitant of a First World country and one who has had advantages, I take a lot of stuff for granted. There's a pretty sharp contrast between a house full of needed and decorative objects and the garbage dump that half the world lives in — the knick knacks of even modest affluence and the vermin-filled blanket of poverty. This is worth remembering. And 2) It's a wonderful thing to surround ourselves with things that help us live our lives comfortably and with beauty and a sense of home and sanctuary. Thank God! Finally, 3) Nobody drives a moving van to a funeral parlor.

What to do? Yes, getting some money for the stuff you don't want is sometimes wise and necessary. But otherwise, why not give it away? To the Thrift Shop or Habitat for Humanity. Because one of the best parts of letting go is knowing that what you're releasing is going into the hands of someone who wants it or needs it. Win win.

Be well and God bless, Carol

Serving God with Us in June

Chapel Ushers

June 3 Dennis & Pattie Huff
 June 10 Rob De Vos
 June 17 Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers
 June 24 Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes

Scripture Readers

June 3 De Adrienne Raines
 June 10 Bob Doelfel
 June 17 Children/Youth Sunday
 June 24 Barbara Lewthwaite

Greeters - 9:15

June 3 TBD
 June 10 Linda Gonia, Karen Riccobono, Bob Doelfel
 June 17 Linda Gonia, Michele Risley
 June 24 Karen Riccobono

Greeters - 10:45

June 3 Liz Falco
 June 10 Cindy Hunt
 June 17 TBD
 June 24 TBD

Ushers – 9:15

June 3 Rich Bonte, Karen Riccobono, Pat Bristow, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Tony Albanese, Gary Droppa, Bill Bippus
 June 10 Donna Re, Michele Risley, Emily Palmieri, Tony Albanese, Roseann & Frank Cavaloro, Gary Droppa, Bill Bippus
 June 17 Rich Bonte, Carolyn Sunday, Edna Burton, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Carol Theys, Doug Powell, Tony Albanese
 June 24 Donna Re, Glenn Ashton, Emily Palmieri, Eileen Buzzuffi, Doug Powell, Pauline Churchill, Tony Albanese, Christina Gleason

Ushers – 10:45

June 3 Nancy & Hank Snover, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Kathryn Twaddell, Bill Blaine, Ed Thomas, Joan Roehrich, Carol Munro
 June 10 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Kathryn Twaddell, Vernon Kilkenny, Ed Thomas, Joan Roehrich, Bill Blaine
 June 17 Nancy & Hank Snover, Pat Mullen, Joan Crouse, Kathryn Twaddell, Ed Thomas, Joan Roehrich, Bill Blaine, Mary Brigode
 June 24 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Nancy Soleau, Joan Crouse, Kathryn Twaddell, Roger Hammond, Ed Thomas, Joan Roehrich, Bill Blaine

Welcome Center – 9:15

June 3 Alf & Del Nicholas
 June 10 Desiree Cogle
 June 17 Dottie Stearns
 June 24 Norm Graule

Welcome Center – 10:45

Cheryl Ferguson, Mike White
 Cheryl Ferguson, Mike White
 Jan Wells
 Harry & Lauren Mount

Audio – 9:15

June 3 Peter Smith
 June 10 Joe Racz
 June 17 Keith Ryan
 June 24 Jacob Philhower

Audio – 10:45

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