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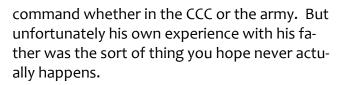
SUMMER 2018

Happy June.

One great difficulty is when the monthly deadline for a newsletter arrives. The difficulty comes in deciding what exactly to use for material. Sometimes it helps when there is a special day coming like Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day. The arrival of a special season of the church calendar can also provide ample options. However there are some times where instead of one option you are presented with a cornucopia of options. One month seems to stand out more than others for this problem. June. June where Sunday School and school ends. Summer begins in June. The General Synod of our denomination meets in June. Then there is also Father's Day.

In my own life I have a genuine preference to avoid Father's Day. On the one hand my father and grandfathers have all passed. And it usually reminds me that I am unable to celebrate this day with my son Luka. But my own hesitation to celebrate the day only highlights a few of the struggles which people experience on such a day. What is the Father's Day experience like for those who never knew their father? What does the day represent for someone who had a contentious relationship with their father? What about those whose father was not as a father ever should be?

In my Dad's family, fathers are something. My dad committed suicide when his children were 16, 13, 11 and 9. My grandfather tried ^F to be a good dad but even he owned his own shortcomings as a father. He treated my Dad and uncle like they were the soldiers under his



I don't usually refer to his father by his name or his title. I have unaffectionately dubbed him the Monster. My grandfather had two scars on his torso. One was from a deflected German bayonet. The other ran from his ribcage to his hip on a diagonal slant where his father had hit him with the blade of a saw. He was known to hit his four sons with a shovel. Once, my great Aunt fell off a horse near the farm house, he beat the older three boys because though they were in the field acres away from the house, they should have done something to keep her from falling. He didn't restrict his abuse to his children but would regularly abuse his wife. He was cruel, sadistic and just unpleasant.

So what do you do with Father's Day? Do you avoid it and ignore it? My own view is that it is a call to action: a reminder of how im-

portant it is to model for young people what a father should be.

Peace,

Rev. Bill





SUMMER EVENTS

June 2	Town of Hurley Yard Sale
June 5	Roger Vogt's Memorial Service
June 7	Hurley Senior Citizens
June 10	Children's Day Sunday
June 11	Consistory
June 13	Social Solos
June 15	Nursery School Graduation
June 16	Rocky Rockwell's Memorial Service
June 17	Father's Day
June 24	Graduation Sunday
June 29	Movies with Meaning
June 30	Red Cross Blood Drive
July 4	Independence Day
July 14	Stone House Day
August 13	Consistory









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After church on **Sunday, June 10th**, join us for a potluck luncheon and program in Schadewald Hall. The program will be presented by Lori Baker, Rev. Bill and Rev. Sara, entitled "When Others Can No Longer Remember." It will be very informative, with helpful hints, facts and even view some role playing. Become educated in communicating with seniors that have dementiatype memory concerns. Learn how to approach and talk with your loved ones or friends and therefore making the visit enjoyable. This event is sponsored by Women's Ministries. You can sign up for the potluck/program in Schadewald Hall after church on the following Sundays: May 20, May 27 or June 3rd.





June's mission will be "Shelter Kids" which provides food for those children who are living in motels and are not receiving any other support program help while school is out.

The Mission Committee, Linda Caddy, Deb Tucker, Lee Gable, Rebecca Masters and I will be shopping for the staples for households throughout the area.

March and April's totals were \$900 and a big thank is due to all of you who helped make the Water Walk such an inspiration of hope.

Marilyn, Chair





MOVIE WITH A MEANING & POTLUCK DINNER

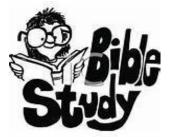
Now Showing: I Can Only Imagine

June 29, 2018

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Movie at 6:30 pm

The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues this month on June 19 from 1-3 pm in the Dutch Room. We continue our reading of the book, "The Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible" The book is available at our meetings; its price is \$11. There are refreshments, laughter and fellowship! See Debbie Zuill.

We are on Summer break for July and August.

WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!

Stone House Day will be happening again this year, and it is only a matter of some weeks. We are in badly need of the following:

1. A person to be in charge of the kitchen (does not have to do any cooking, mostly organizing the workers)

2. Tour Guide for one of the small busses that runs to the Wynkoop House on Hurley Mtn. Rd. and the Houghtaling House on

3. Old Rt. 209. We have all the information for you if you are interested. It is a fun job.

4. Docents for several of the houses. If you like to meet and greet new people, this is the job for you. You will be given the information about the houses ahead of time. Your shift is only 3 hours, either 10 - 1, or 1 - 4.

As we all know, Stone House Day is our biggest fundraiser, and also the most fun fundraiser of the year. We will have visitors from all over the United States, and often from abroad, and it is a good time to show off our very unique and historic hamlet, which we should be very proud of. Besides 8 or 9 open houses (only open once a year), we will have musical performances, a very popular play (Sojourner Truth), craftspeople such as spinners and weavers and a blacksmith, a colonial militia, Indian dancers and music, and last but not least a wonderful kitchen with lots of goodies. It is a wonderful day for us all.



Ellen Richards, Chairperson



GOLF TOURNAMENT

2018

Plans are being made for The Hurley Reformed Church's annual golf tournament this sum-

mer. Alapaha Golf Course will be the setting at 3pm, captain and crew format. If you are interested, no

matter your ability, the fun is yours so sign up after church in Schadewald Hall. A meal and awards are to follow at the Hurley Mountain Inn. Watch for further details to come in

the Sunday bulletins. If you would like to help, please contact Marilyn Lowe at 845-853-9720.

REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THEIR DAY TODAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Bill Hannis is at Golden Hill for rehab. Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; Stephen Bliss is home; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; May Kowalenko, Clarence Jansen and Shirley Ruth are in Mountain Valley Manor; Bud Dussol at Golden Hill; Don Kent at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Betty Pirro, Bev Chrisey, Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Wayne Waligurski;ill Charlotte Gill; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); Esther Keator; Lori Pink-ham in Wingate at Ulster, Peter Jackson from Hurley, England; William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother).



WOMEN'S GUILD

Thank you to everyone that brought in a geranium on May 20 for Pentecost Sunday. Our altar looked great. Now these flowers will be planted in the flower boxes in front of the church & in the window boxes of the parsonage. They sure look great. Thanks everyone!!

Our quilt that we raffle off during Stone House Day is coming along very nicely. Be on the lookout in the mail for the raffle tickets. Thank you to Barbara Kindt for the donation of putting the quilt together. Thank you Barbara!!!

We will be holding our annual bake sale during Stone House Day. If you get a call from Debbie Tucker asking for a donation of a baked good for this please let her know that you can help or if you can't help with this one that you will help at another time. But, the more baked goods that we have the more funds we will be able to raise to help with our December benevolences. Thank you for your help!!

If you are in need of plain pecans. I still have several bags. Please let me know how many you need & I'll bring them to you.

God Bless, Sandy Emrich

Summer Stars

By Carl Sandburg

Bend low again, night of summer stars. So near you are, sky of summer stars, So near, a long-arm man can pick off stars, Pick off what he wants in the sky bowl, So near you are, summer stars, So near, strumming, strumming,

So lazy and hum-strumming.



I hate it when the organist is away on holiday!

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