



*Finley
Focus*
June 2011



June Is Bursting Out All Over

*The crowd of doubting Thomas's
would never come.
But it's coming by dawn,
You can feel it come.*

*You can feel it in your heart,
You can see it in the ground,
You can see it in the trees,
You can smell it in the breeze.*

*Look around! Look around!
June is bursting out all over,
All over the meadow and the hill,
Buds are bursting out of bushes,
Fresh and alive and young.*

June is a love song sweetly sung!



Our Ministers Message.

Greetings Everybody,

I've been out of the routine this month! I spent the first two weeks of May touring Canada and attending my brother-in-law's wedding in (very) Northern Nova Scotia. I returned to the office for a week to just turn around and leave again for three days to attend a preacher's conference in Pennsylvania. I am back in the office now with the hopes that my life will return to a relative state of normalcy.

It also is the first time that I have been able to reflect upon my time in Canada. The highlights are as follows:

- The transmission on our car broke, 50 miles from my in-law's house. The car was in the shop for a week!
- Over 16 days, we only saw the sun 3 times!...In Nova Scotia, it rained everyday!
- We slept in 8 different beds, drove 3 cars, and unloaded our luggage at least 532 times! (OK, the last number might be an exaggeration...but you get the idea.)
- In over 40 hrs of travel in a car, my son only wanted two DVD's...I now know every line to Mickey's Choo-Choo Express...it still haunts my dreams!
- My wife spilled scolding hot chocolate down her dress in the moments between the wedding and the formal dinner...her nearest change of clothes was 30 miles away. The rental car is still smoking!
- The wheel bearing broke on the way home! My Ford Explorer sounded like a Harley the whole way back!

One of the gapping flaws in my personality is that I tend to only remember the red lights. The law of averages tells us that over our lifetime, we will experience an equal number of green lights and red lights. Yet if you were to talk to me about driving, you might get the impression that the whole world is conspiring against me to turn every intersection into a test of my patience. Likewise, by reading the above recollections of the highlights of my vacation, you would think that I had a horrible time.

But my recollections are skewed; what about the green lights? What about the hand-in-hand walk with my wife on the very same beach we honeymooned? What about the generosity of my in-laws to pay the bill on our broken transmission? What about the taste of the freshest bowl of seafood chowder while dining on the coast of Nova Scotia? How could I possibly forget the look of sheer happiness on the face of my son as he took his first ride on a subway? Its only now, in the moments of reflection, where my perspective is shifting to a more accurate reality. The fact is, I am a very Blessed Man for having experienced such a wonderful time with my family, and with God!

If you're like me and you tend to instinctively wonder why the world has a way of stacking the odds against you; if you wonder when the blessings of God will shower upon you, then perhaps it's time for you to take a few moments to remember the 'green lights' in your life. Odds are, the blessings of God have been there all along!

I pray that in all phases of life, we take the time to reflect upon the many blessing of God. If we simply blitz through life without serious reflection, we may miss the fact that His presence is with us, even in the mist of a broken transmission.

Blessings

Rev. Don LaRue

Recent Bible Reading & Study Suggestions

The weekly bulletin features a daily, different passage of Scripture given to reinforce themes highlighted from our last worship. On Thursday, the passages shift to reflect the anticipated sermon. Including this simple outline as part of your daily devotions, it is my hope that you will further enhance your spiritual nourishment by immersing yourself in Scripture. May it continue to be a 'lamp to your feet', illuminating your journey with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

How we are Baptized into Christ	1 Peter 3:13-22	Mom's Advice - 1	2 Tim 2: 15
Live According to your new Life	Ephesians 4:17-24	Mom's Advice - 2	Acts 17: 28
Rules For New Life	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	When we got our name	Acts 11: 26
Sermon Passage	Mark 14: 26-31	Daddy's Advice - 1	Romans 1: 16
They Sang Hymns	Ephesians 5:15-20	Daddy's Advice - 2	Proverbs 3: 5-10
Possible Example of a Hymn Sung	Psalms 47	Tell it as it is!	John 15: 16
'The Sheep will be Scattered'	Zechariah 13:7-9	Always Be Prepared	Matt 25: 1-13
'After I am Raised Up'	1 Corinthians 15:3-11	We Belong To HIM!	John 3: 29
We're not in Control	Jeremiah 10:23-24	Sermon Passage	Mark 14: 32-42
Spread The Word:	Luke 4: 43	Answered Prayer	Ezra 8: 23
Keep Spreading The Word!	Acts 5: 42	Trust & Pray	1 Chron 5: 20
'You Can Do It'	1 Corinthians 14:31	Trust & Devotion	Titus 3: 8

Butternut Squash Soup

**Kitchen
Korner**
with
Jenn LaRue

While we were in Canada, I was blessed to spend a weekend with one of my dearest friends and her family. She is "Auntie" to Philip (and the new little LaRue) and Philip calls her girls his "cousins."

Beside the fact that we were able to do some serious catch-up, she made this amazing soup for us one night for dinner. It's now one of my favorite recipes. It freezes really well, so you can make it ahead of time. I adjusted her recipe a little bit, so here is my version.

- 6 cups (approx.) cubed butternut squash (About one whole squash)
- 2-3 cans of vegetable stock, depending on your desired consistency
- ½ Vidalia onion, diced
- 1/3 cup Neufchatel or cream cheese
- ¼ tsp fresh grated nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cayenne pepper to taste (optional—if you'd like a little more kick)

Add squash, onion and stock to large stock pot. Bring stock to boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium/medium high. Continue to cook until squash is tender. Add contents of pot to blender (or use an immersion blender) and puree until smooth. Add Neufchatel cheese and blend until combined. Return soup to pot and season to taste.



I like a thicker consistency soup. This is yummy with a little grated parmesan on top, or with some garlic bread to dunk in the soup. Or both!

Treasurer's Notes - From Jack Blacka

April 2011 Financials

April 2011 Bank Balance	
Beginning balance	\$1,752.27
Total receipts	\$10,843.89
Transfers	\$1,300.00
Sub total income	\$13,896.16
Less total expenses	(\$12,377.10)
Ending Bank Balance	\$1,519.06

I mentioned last month that I would probably have to transfer \$1300.00 in April to make ends meet.

Well, it happened! It's a little too early to tell since we have one more Sunday to go but so far May looks like we will be OK without any transfers.

April 30, 2011 Balance Sheet	
Cash / Checking	\$1,519.06
Money Market General Fund	\$10,069.44
Money Market Building Fund	\$1,111.36
Money Market Tech Upgrade	\$8,839.06
Money Market Paving Fund	\$21.88
Money Market Pavilion Fund	\$1705.93
Mission & Outreach Fund	\$113.01
Actual Income less Expenses	(\$1,533.21)
Cert of Deposit 1	\$6,247.06
Cert of Deposit 3	\$12,186.59
Savings Account	\$26.43
Total Current Assets	\$41,839.82

In this month's report, the money market fund figures have been broken out into the 3 individual accounts.

As always you are to be commended for your financial stewardship, particularly with all the other demands on your resources. Thank you.

Jack



Many, many thanks to all the BoxTop\$ collectors in the congregation!

This year, thanks to your help, the library earned a total of \$433 in BoxTop\$ money which I used to update VSDB library's print and audio collection.

Even though I am retiring June 30, you can still continue to collect BoxTop\$.

My successor is a woman I have mentored for the past 5 years and she will be continuing BoxTop\$ fundraising for the library.

You can either put the BoxTop\$ you collect in the BoxTop\$ box outside the secretary's office or give them to me. Either way, I'll be sure they get to VSDB.

Many thanks for your BoxTop\$ support through the years! - Margie Robison

hear all, see all and spread the WORD!



Technology Upgrade Update:



Since Finley Session approved the 2-phase Audio Visual Upgrade of the Sanctuary on Feb 22nd, we have collected \$11,000!

If we include the \$10,000 allocated from the trustee capital improvement fund, the church is now able to proceed with the first phase of the project.

Phase one is the larger of the two phases in both amount of equipment and cost. Phase one focuses primarily on the audio upgrade of the sanctuary, but it also includes the inductive loop system for the hearing impaired.

In the original estimate of Phase one, \$2000 was quoted for a sound equipment roll top desk. This desk would replace the existing setup in the balcony and house the new mixing board, computer, and other miscellaneous A/V equipment. Both the worship and buildings/grounds committees believed that a comparable desk could be built by the church at a fraction of the cost. Once the desk is assembled in the balcony, Integrity Sound will install the first phase!

After phase one is installed, we will review how much money will need to be raised to install the second phase (the video phase)!

Thanks to all who are supporting this project! We're not that far away now so stay tuned!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting school supplies again this year.

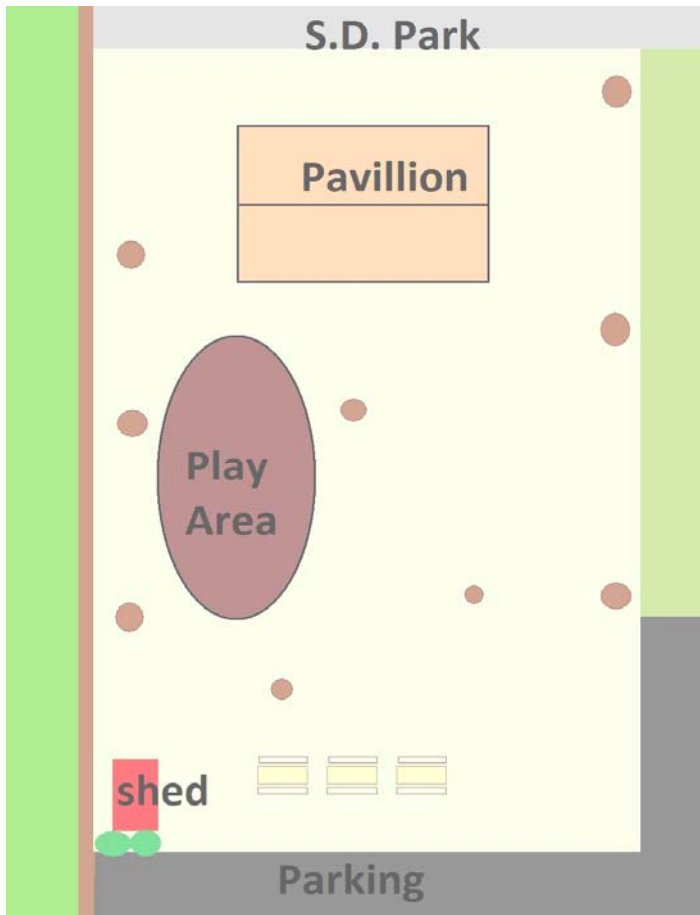
These supplies are for the needy students of our elementary schools.

We do this each year during the month of July. As the time draws nearer, we will put a list of materials needed in the bulletin and in the July focus.

The Presbyterian Women thank you and wish everyone a happy summer.

The Gil Harig Memorial Pavillion

For years, Finley has desired to have a pavilion built in the backyard of the church. After a generous donation, that vision can finally be realized. On May 1st, the Finley Session unanimously approved a recommendation by the Buildings & Grounds committee to commence with the Gil Harig Memorial Pavillion!



The Pavillion is located 25 feet from the back line of the property and its size will be 28 feet wide and 48 feet long. To put this dimension in perspective, the pavillion will be able to easily accommodate 3 rows of picnic tables! The floor of the pavillion will be paved in concrete.

The goal is to have the pavillion lighted and filled with electrical outlets for ease of function!

Removal of the majority of the 27 trees in the backyard has already commenced. Building of the Pavillion is to commence once the stumps have been removed. The playground is set to start once the floor is poured for the pavillion.



Perhaps the most visually ascetic feature of the pavilion will be the roof trusses! Instead of the usual stud framed trusses, arched laminate boards will span the entire 28 feet! This design prevents birds from nesting in the trusses, thus making the entire area cleaner!



Simultaneously, space in the backyard is being allocated to build a playground as part of an Eagle Scout project for Jacob Flickinger. The final design of the playground is still in progress.

If you have any questions regarding this wonderful transformation of our property, contact the following persons: Dan Hatter is the site supervisor for the entire project. Gary Brubaker is responsible for tree removal. Brain Blacka will be the General Contractor for the building of the pavilion. Jacob Flickinger is the playground construction coordinator. Buck Earhart is the Session Liaison and Chairperson of the Building & Grounds Committee.

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a celebration of fathers inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting. On June 19, 1910, an independently-invented Father's Day observance was celebrated through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. After listening to a church sermon at Spokane's Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909 about the newly recognized Mother's Day, Dodd felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition, as well. She wanted a celebration that honored fathers like her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran who was left to raise his family alone when his wife died giving birth to their sixth child when Sonora was 16 years old.

The following year with the assistance of Reverend Dr. Conrad Bluhm, her pastor at Old Centenary Presbyterian Church (now Knox Presbyterian Church), Sonora took the idea to the Spokane YMCA. The Spokane YMCA, along with the Ministerial Alliance, endorsed Dodd's idea and helped it spread by celebrating the first Father's Day in 1910. Sonora suggested her father's birthday, June 5, be established as the day to honor all Fathers. However, the pastors wanted more time to prepare, so on June 19, 1910, young members of the YMCA went to church wearing roses: a red rose to honor a living father, and a white rose to honor a deceased one. Dodd traveled through the city in a horse-drawn carriage, carrying gifts to shut-in fathers confined indoors by illness.

It took many years to make the holiday official. In spite of support from the YWCA, the YMCA, and churches, Father's Day ran the risk of disappearing from the calendar. Where Mother's Day was met with enthusiasm, Father's Day was often met with laughter. The holiday was gathering attention slowly, but for the wrong reasons. It was the target of much satire, parody and derision, including jokes from the local newspaper. Many people saw it as the first step in filling the calendar with mindless promotions.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents" In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Contrary to popular belief, the first observance of Father's Day actually took place in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. It was organized by Grace Golden Clayton, who wanted to celebrate the lives of the 210 fathers who had been lost in the Monongah, WV Mining disaster several months earlier. Clayton chose the Sunday nearest to the birthday of her recently deceased father.

Unfortunately, West Virginia did not officially register the holiday, and it was not celebrated again. All the credit for Father's Day went to Sonora Dodd, who invented independently her own celebration of Father's Day just two years later. Clayton's celebration was forgotten until 1972, when one of the attendants to the celebration saw Nixon's proclamation of Father's Day, and worked to recover its legacy. The celebration is now held every year in the Central United Methodist Church and Fairmont is now promoted as the "Home of the First Father's Day Service".

The Associated Men's Wear Retailers formed a National Father's Day Committee in New York City in the 1930s, which was renamed in 1938 to National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day. This council had the goals of legitimizing the holiday in the mind of the people and managing the holiday as a commercial event in a more systematic way, in order to boost the sales during the holiday. This council always had the support of Dodd, who had no problem with the commercialization of the holiday and endorsed several promotions to increase the amount of gifts. The merchants recognized the tendency to parody and satirize the holiday, and used it to their benefit by mocking the holiday on the same advertisements where they promoted the gifts for fathers. People felt compelled to buy gifts even though they saw through the commercial façade, and the custom of giving gifts on that day became progressively more accepted. By 1937 the Father's Day Council calculated that only one father in six had received a present on that day. However, by the 1980s, the Council proclaimed that they had achieved their goal: the one-day event had become a three-week commercial event, a "second Christmas". Its executive director explained back in 1949 that, without the coordinated efforts of the Council and of the groups supporting it, the holiday would have disappeared.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Father's Day!

Vacation Bible School

July 11-14

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PANDAMANIA

Where God is Wild about You!

Psalm 139

**Volunteers needed to help with this year's
VBS program.**

Please contact Amber Hosey if you can help

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Summer Sun Sense!

Every summer, millions of Americans dig out their bathing suits and flock to their favorite beaches. No matter if their goal is a friendly game of beach volleyball, relaxing in the sand, splashing in the waves, or building a sandcastle; they all have to worry about ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun. Intense exposure to UV rays can increase your chances of getting premature wrinkles, liver spots, and skin cancer.



Facts from the Sun Safety Alliance:

- You can get a sunburn on a cloudy day
- Concrete, sand, water, and snow reflect 85 to 95 percent of the sun's UV rays
- More than 1.2 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the U.S.
- Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, kills 1 person every hour
- A blistering sunburn can double a child's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.

This does not mean that you shouldn't go out and enjoy the summer weather; there are plenty of products out there to help you enjoy summer while staying safe from harmful sunburns.

Sunscreen is the most common form of sun protection. Sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes prior to sun exposure, and must be reapplied every hour to ensure protection. Broad spectrum sunscreens protect from both UVA and UVB rays and are considered to be the most effective. Don't forget to protect your lips by using lip balm or cream of at least SPF 30!

Sun protective clothing is also used to prevent sunburn. The fabrics used are tightly woven, making them more difficult for rays to penetrate. Some companies treat the fabric with chemicals that help absorb UV light. Sun protective clothing is usually marked with a UV protection factor (UPF) to show how protective it is; the higher the number, the more effective. Treated clothing can be expensive; an alternative would be wearing loose fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Wide-brimmed hats will help block the sunlight from your head and neck.

The best way to avoid sunburn is to stay out of the sun by avoiding direct sunlight between 10am and 4pm. If you are outdoors during peak sun hours, find shade. Bring an umbrella to cast some shade while at the beach. Enjoy the summer weather and be sun safe!

Article provided by Stephanie Monger, Intern at James Madison University working with Dana Breeding, RN Health Educator of Community Wellness at Augusta Health. To contact Dana Breeding, RN related to the information above, please call (540) 332- 4988 or (540) 932-4988.

For more information regarding sun safety, visit Sun Safety Alliance at <http://www.sunsafetyalliance.org>.

Who's Who At Staff & Key Folk

<u>Session Members</u>	
Clerk of Session	Allison Fink
Buildings & Grounds	Buck Earhart 2011 Gary Brubaker 2013
Christian Education	David Seaman 2012 Linda Peery 2013
Congregational Care	Debbie McCormick 2011 Sheri Nelson 2013
Fellowship & Stewardship	Keith Boswell 2011 Beth Gibson 2012
Finance & Personnel	Debbie McCormick 2011
Mission & Outreach	Yvonne Simmons 2011
Worship & Music	Jenny Coyner 2012 Tony Forbes
Presbyterian Women	Karen Brown, <i>Moderator</i> June Craft, <i>Co-Moderator</i> Esther Winton, <i>Treasurer</i> Joan Batten, <i>Secretary</i>
Treasurers	Jack R. Blacka, <i>Disbursing</i> Ann E. Willey, <i>Receiving</i>
Trustees	David Brubaker Dan Hatter Donald Splaun

Minister	Reverend Donald H. LaRue
Music Director	Kelly Ward Hughes
Choir Director	Elise Blacka
Bell Choir Director	Jenn LaRue
Church School Supt.	David Seaman
Administrator	Laura Latimer-Nolan
We're Here	
Sunday School	9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00am
Church Office	Tue - Fri - 9am - 2pm
Choir Practice	Sunday 10:15am - 10:50am 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm
Handbell Practice	Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30pm
Session	2nd Monday 7:00pm
Men's Fellowship & Devotions	1st Sunday 8:30am
Women's Bible Study	1st Tuesday 7:00pm

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- Please call or email the church when.....**
-  A member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
 -  There is a death in your family.
 -  Your class or group would like to use the church facilities.
 -  Your address, phone number or email address changes.
 -  You or your children get engaged or are getting married.
 -  There is a birth in your family.
 -  A member of your family leaves for college or the military.
 -  You change your name.
 -  You have news / information piece for the Finley Focus.
 -  You have an announcement for the weekly bulletin.
 -  You have news about our community or a community event.
 -  You have ideas for growing our Church Family.
 -  You need assistance from Rev. LaRue or any church staff.

The

Finley Calendar

JUNE
FINLEY
2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	June 01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	July 01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09

June Notable Dates

May 30 Ben Schumin Birthday Memorial Day	Jun 18 Jackie May Birthday
May 31 Isabelle Hosey Birthday	Jun 19 Father's Day Steve & Sheri Nelson Anniversary
Jun 01 Elise & Harold Blacka Anniversary Hand Bell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm Jonathan Smith Birthday	Jun 20 Jeff Crist Birthday Joe Crist Birthday Linda Peery Birthday
Jun 05 Men's Breakfast 8:30pm Finley Hunger Relief Communion Sunday	Jun 22 Hand Bell Practice 6:30pm
Jun 06 Fellowship 6:30pm Margie Robison Birthday	Jun 23 Mike & Linda Peery Anniversary
Jun 07 Brianna Early Birthday	Jun 26 GW & Amanda Argenbright Anniv. Zackary Allen Birthday
Jun 08 Jackie & Gloyd May Anniversary Hand Bell Practice 6:30pm	Jun 29 Mary Beth Early Birthday Hand Bell Practice 6:30pm
Jun 14 Session 7pm	Jun 30 Paul & Donna Swink Anniversary
Jun 15 Hand Bell Practice 6:30pm	Jul 03 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Finley Hunger Relief
	Jul 04 Independence Day