

# NATIVITY NEWS – JUNE 2026

## Pastor's Conversation

Seasons come and go. Seasons come and go in our lives, and the church calendar is also built around seasons. We have just made it through “church season” and are entering into the longest of the church calendar seasons – Pentecost, or “time after Pentecost” as we technically call it.

Pentecost's color is green. All summer, all the way until Reformation Sunday in October, our church paraments will be green. This is to signify that Pentecost is a season of growth. We expend great effort during “church season,” Advent-Easter, and now it is time to rest. Now it is time to recover. Now it is time, and this is where the green comes in, it is time to grow.

As I have entered into my thirties, I have noticed that I have not necessarily “lost a step” physically, but that it takes more concentration, and far more recovery time, for me to be at my best. It has reminded me of something I learned as a swimmer at the University of Tennessee – a person's ability to improve is only as good as their ability to recover.

Taking this mindset, while Pentecost might seem like a low stakes season, it is in fact a very, very important season. If we do not take this time during Pentecost to concentrate on growing and recovering mentally/spiritually/emotionally, it will be that much harder to embrace Christmas and Easter and the other high holidays during those church seasons. It takes recovery to grow, and this long green season of Pentecost gives us time for both. Let's not take it for granted and blow off church this summer.

What in your life do you feel like you might need some time to recover from? What areas of your life would you like to see growth in? What are your plans to make these things happen? Let me know!

+Shalom

Pastor Isaac Taylor



## ***Congratulations to Nativity's 2026 Graduates!***

**Katie Mae Rials and Cameron Kirby  
Please plan to attend a reception in their honor  
following the 10:30 service on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**



## **FILL THE FOOD PANTRY in JUNE**

The South Central Community Action Agency has a continuing need for non-perishable food pantry items. The Agency fills numerous requests each week for emergency food needs for families. Please pick up a list from the table in the narthex and think of these folks when you do your weekly shopping & **bring items by Sunday, June 28th.**

### ***Stewpot Summer Kids Camp***

For almost 40 years, kids & teens have come to Stewpot as a fun & safe place to escape the stresses of their lives. In return, Stewpot comes to them with enrichment opportunities such as field trips, sports clinics and art experiences; a nutritious breakfast & lunch; one on one tutoring; a safe, nurturing & welcoming environment; and some plain old-fashioned summer fun! Because Stewpot relies heavily on volunteers & donations, they can offer a 7 week camp for 100 kids for only \$400 per child.

Nativity, through social ministry, is sponsoring two children to give them an opportunity to have a loving, secure and safe place for this summer.



## **June & July Birthdays**

## **Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Burford	6/13
Kash Bettiga	6/22
Ann McClellan	6/25
Dianne Echols	6/27
Billy Loper	7/04
Sylvia Walston	7/11
Ann Starr	7/23
Pamela Kirby	7/26
Mathew Templeton	7/27
Beau Bettiga	7/28
Tony Caldwell	7/29

Geoff & Michele Hampe	6/06
Ronald & Barbara Barnes	6/18
Chuck & Carol Gallagher	6/21
Derek & Heather Stevens	6/26
Lewis & Dianne Echols	7/20

If you wish to participate, please look for narthex and provide your birthday and/or anniversary **month & day only** by your name so we can **wish you a Happy Day!**

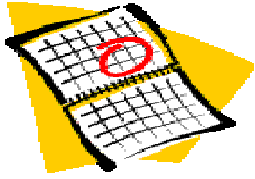
**Happy Birthday & Anniversary to All !!!!!**

## **Nativity Prayer List**

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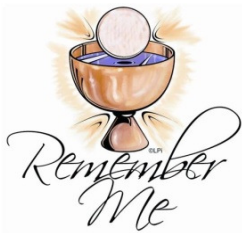
Grant, Fran, Chuck & Tracy, Bobby, Arnie & Linda, Carol, Barbara, Joe, Judy, Pastor Ruth, Billie, Caitlyn, Dave & Carol.





## CALENDAR OF JUNE EVENTS

June	4	Social Ministry Meeting – 6:30 PM
June	7	10:30 AM Holy Communion Service
June	9	Ladies Coffee & Devotional – 10 AM
June	14	10:30 AM Holy Communion Service
June	21	10:30 AM Holy Communion Service
June	23	Ladies Coffee & Devotional – 10 AM
June	28	10:30 AM Holy Communion Service Healing Service Graduates Reception Food Pantry Due
June	30	Church Council Meeting – 6:00 PM



Noon Holy Communion with Bible Study following on Wednesdays will resume on July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Please plan to attend either or both.

## NLC June 2026 Volunteer List - 10:30 Service

### June 7

Coffee – Ellie Halverson  
Greeter – Jim & Pat Moulds  
Ushers – Kathy Peters & Dave Braband  
Lector – John Halverson  
Comm. Asst. – John Halverson  
Nursery – Pamela Kirby  
Counters – Cindy & Stephen Braatz  
Altar Care – Michele Hampe

### June 14

Coffee – Kathy Peters  
Greeter – Barbara Barnes  
Ushers – Renate & Joe Hunt  
Lector – Bart Bettiga  
Comm. Asst. – Sandy Bettiga  
Nursery – Lynn Templeton  
Counters – K. Peters & L. Langele  
Altar Care – Michele Hampe

### June 21

Coffee – Kathy Peters  
Greeters – Tommy Templeton  
Ushers – Halverson Family  
Lector – Beau Bettiga  
Comm. Asst. – Cindy Braatz  
Nursery – Miranda Loper  
Counters – Sandy Bettiga & Sue Caldwell  
Altar Care – Michele Hampe

### June 28

Coffee – Ellie Halverson  
Greeter – Renate Hunt  
Ushers – Stephen & Cindy Braatz  
Lector – Taylor Langele  
Comm. Asst. – Keith Anderson  
Psalmist – Ellie Halverson  
Nursery – Lauren Langele  
Counters – K. Anderson/L. Templeton  
Altar Care – Michele Hampe

***If you cannot serve on the dates shown, please try to swap with someone and let the office know of the change. Thanks.***