



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2023
NEWSLETTER



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It may not surprise you that, as your pastor, I am a creature of habit. I enjoy the routine and pattern of studying and then preaching from the Word of God each Sunday and Wednesday. (Just a thought: Maybe, this Summer, you might add viewing the Wednesday evening recorded service at DoorVillageChurch.org, as your "Something New.") Some of my habits include eating what I *always* eat and sleeping and waking at the *same time* each day. Each week, my routine includes researching-writing-revising-polishing-presenting those sermons I mentioned earlier. I pray at the *same times* each day. Then, I had a thought. What if... I didn't? What I mean is, what if I switched things up? What if I did something "New"?

***See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
 ~ Isaiah 43:19***

Recently, I started eating healthier to reign-in my A1c blood sugar numbers. My regular routine was just not going to cut it. Health-wise, I wanted something more. So, I found *Something New* to have for breakfast. I found that using a smaller plate helped with portion control. I even cleared the pantry of *most* of my high-carb favorites. I placed delicious, healthy choices in the fridge at eye level instead of in the crisper drawers. These *New* decisions are paying off. I traded OK choices for *Better* choices. This got me thinking. What if I woke 15 minutes earlier and took a one-mile walk in the morning instead of watching tv or staring at my phone? I could add new people to my prayer list, make more phone calls, become a better - a *NEW* - me. I could be the pastor I long to be. Little changes can lead to great outcomes!

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In addition to adding the Weight Loss Group to my life, I also added leading Adult Sunday School to my spiritual practices. It has brought great joy into my life. (Another thought: Consider joining us for one of our TWO adult classes at 9 am Sunday mornings.) This *New Thing* is bringing new inspiration to my soul through great conversation about the church and God.

Consider making small changes in your routine this Summer that challenge you to be a *Brand New* you. I will continue to challenge myself in *New Ways*. I see my health improving; my attitude is brighter. I feel hopeful and inspired. This is a good thing for your pastor to experience. My prayer for you is that you are able to turn a corner, make life-changing choices, and draw closer to the Lord and those you love.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam Polito



Prayer Requests

Mitch & Carla - prayers for good decisions as they go through fire cleanup and rebuild

Dick C - recovery from massive stroke

Co-Worker - thyroid cancer surgery & treatment

Katie - healing and learning to walk with 2 new limbs

Bill S - Diane's friend needing prayers for his health

Youth & leaders who will be traveling to Belize for mission work this summer as well as others serving in missions locally and throughout the world.

Gaelen - B & T's son-in-law - cancer - in hospice

Mark - colon cancer

Melissa - Jan M's niece - blessings for this family

Sharon - prayers for son and grandson

Earl W - prayers for improved health

Beverly B - hospitalized - improved health

Rhonda - Mike M's sister - cancer & arm paralysis

Elsie - strength and improved health

Sue K - neck injection to improve arm mobility

Bob - Della's brother with stomach/liver cancer

Brian A - Nancy's friend with cancer

Beth - B & T's daughter - lupus

Sean - Jeffers' friend and all who serve in the military

Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health

Iris - cancer

Mark - depression

Chris P - healing and strength

Karen R - in Miller's - health, strength & happiness

Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia

Randy K - cancer

Jeff C - healing

John - co-worker with cancer

Brendan - toddler grandson of Scott & Lynlee M - cancer treatment completed April 2023; prayers for good health ahead

Lois T - improved health

Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing

George M - arthritis

Mike G - back pain relief

Wendy - needs prayers

Wade B - needs prayers

Prayers for 2 family members and 1 neighbor

Bob W - health & strength

Marie's sister - health issues

Don C - Shawntel's dad with heart issues

Derek K - cancer-free teenager - stay in remission

Jan - Friend of G & D - prayers to stay cancer-free

Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free

Leroy S - mass on pancreas

Scott - leukemia

Deb W & Paula - both with breast cancer

Tammy R - Nancy's friend undergoing cancer treatment

David - Anne D's son undergoing cancer treatment

Barbara - Anne D's sister

Judy D - liver cancer

Cindy - Twila's daughter with colon cancer

Dana B's dad - health and strength

Tawnya - ongoing COPD

Paul and Renetta - ongoing medical conditions

Kathy K - health and strength

Brian T - ongoing medical condition

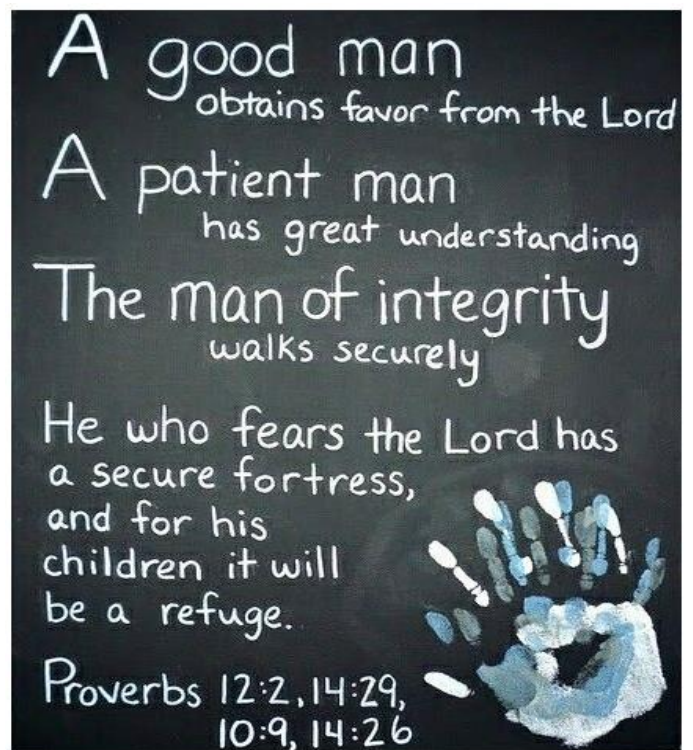
Chris K - ongoing medical condition

Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition

Andrew C - ongoing medical condition

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

You're welcome to call or email the church office with updates. Please call or text Pastor Sam 812-380-1589 with urgent prayer chain requests. *Thanks!*



Have a change of address, phone number, or email in the last couple of years? Please let us know in the church office so we can keep our photo directory app and our computer records up to date. Thank you!

June



Sundays

Worship & Children's Church 10 am
Communion Service First Sunday

Mondays

Oak Wood Bible Study 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible Study 9 am / 6 pm

Wednesdays

Online Worship 6 pm

Thursday, June 1

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Saturday, June 3

Clean Up Day at DVUMC 8 am

Tuesday, June 6

Culver's Give-Back Day for Missions

Wednesday, June 7

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Saturday, June 10

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Wednesday, June 14

Flag Day

Thursday, June 15

Ad Board 7 pm

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

Wednesday, June 21

UWF 12noon at Gayle Curtis' Home

Monday, June 26

Culver's Give-Back Day for UWF

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
219.362.3812
doorvillageumc@gmail.com

Thank You!

We wish to thank our incredible church family for your generous love and support. Our insurance company says

we should be back in our home within a year. We ask for

continued prayers that we make the right decisions as we move forward in this process.

We so appreciate all you have done for us.

With love & thanks,
Carla & Mitch



You're invited to

Adult Sunday School



- **Two class options:**
- **Parlor 9-9:20** with Pastor Sam & Devotion Team sharing **Scripture & Prayer** before choir
- **Fellowship Hall 9-9:45** with Mike Martin studying the books of the Bible

Our **Healthier Eating group** at DVUMC is using the book "Pray Powerfully, Lose Weight." All are welcome.

The group meets **Wednesdays at 11 am** at church. **Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.**



**June 14th is
FLAG DAY!**



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the 2nd Continental Congress.



DVUMC Clean Up Day Sat, June 3 starting at 8 am

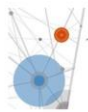
Trustees need volunteers to help with work at the church and parsonage. Please sign up on the greeter's table. If you decide to help at the last minute, please do come and join in.

Senior Breakfast



June 7, 2023

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am
Christo's
Hwy 2 West
La Porte



THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available in the rack above the west entry stair rail and on the usher's table.



Westville Lions Club Medical Equipment Loan Closet



The Westville Lions Club has four semi trailers filled with medical equipment. The club has hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, and other

equipment which is loaned for free. If you have an equipment need, please call Richard Fagg at 219-733-0713.



Electronic Giving

For your convenience, offerings can be made from a mobile device or computer through a secure site by visiting our church website, doorvillagechurch.org, and clicking the electronic offering button:

My Offering

SUNDAY
MORNINGS!

AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE

DURING
WORSHIP

Children's Church

JUNE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

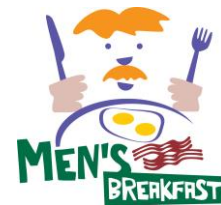
June Leader: Mary

June 4 - Sin Enters the World

June 11 - Noah's Ark

June 18 - Job

June 25 - Abraham & God's Promise



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

June 10 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wed, June 21

12 noon Carry-In

at the home of Gayle & Larry Curtis



United
Women
in Faith



If you have a prayer concern, if you are hospitalized and would like our prayers or to be visited, or if you would like to become a new member of the prayer chain, please call or text Pastor (812-380-1589) or notify the church office.



Pastor Sam's Tuesday Bible Studies are held each Tuesday at 9 am and 6 pm in Pastor's office and on Zoom. Please let us know in the church office if you'd like the link and password to join in via Zoom.



Bible Study with Mike Martin at Oak Woods Manor
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



NEWSLETTER If you would like to begin receiving our monthly church newsletter, please let us know in the church office. We only mail it to those who request a printed/mailed copy, and we would be glad to add you to our mailing list. Our newsletter is also available by e-mail which saves us printing and postage costs. Please let us know your preference. It is also available on our website and through a link on our Facebook page.

Missions

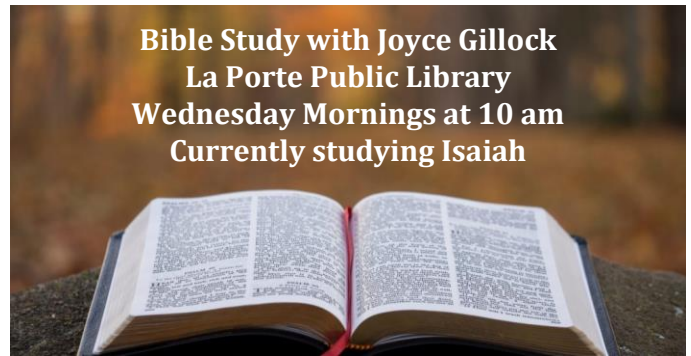
Tues, June 6
Tues, Aug 15
Tues, Oct 24
Tues, Nov 14



UWF

Mon, June 26
Mon, Aug 7
Wed, Oct 11
Thurs, Nov 30

10% goes to DVUMC projects.
Offer applies all day!



Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am
Currently studying Isaiah

Choir 2022-2023

Sopranos

Cindy Fischer	24 yrs
Cheryl Killingbeck	11 yrs
Toni Lux	2 yrs
Jan Martin	5 yrs
Dory Morley	39 yrs
Nancy Weaver	4 yrs

Altos

Carolyn Eyrick	35 yrs
Joyce Gillock	2 yrs
Kathy Hindsley	20 yrs
Charlotte Hurt	1 yr
Marcia Spitzmesser	15 yrs

Tenors

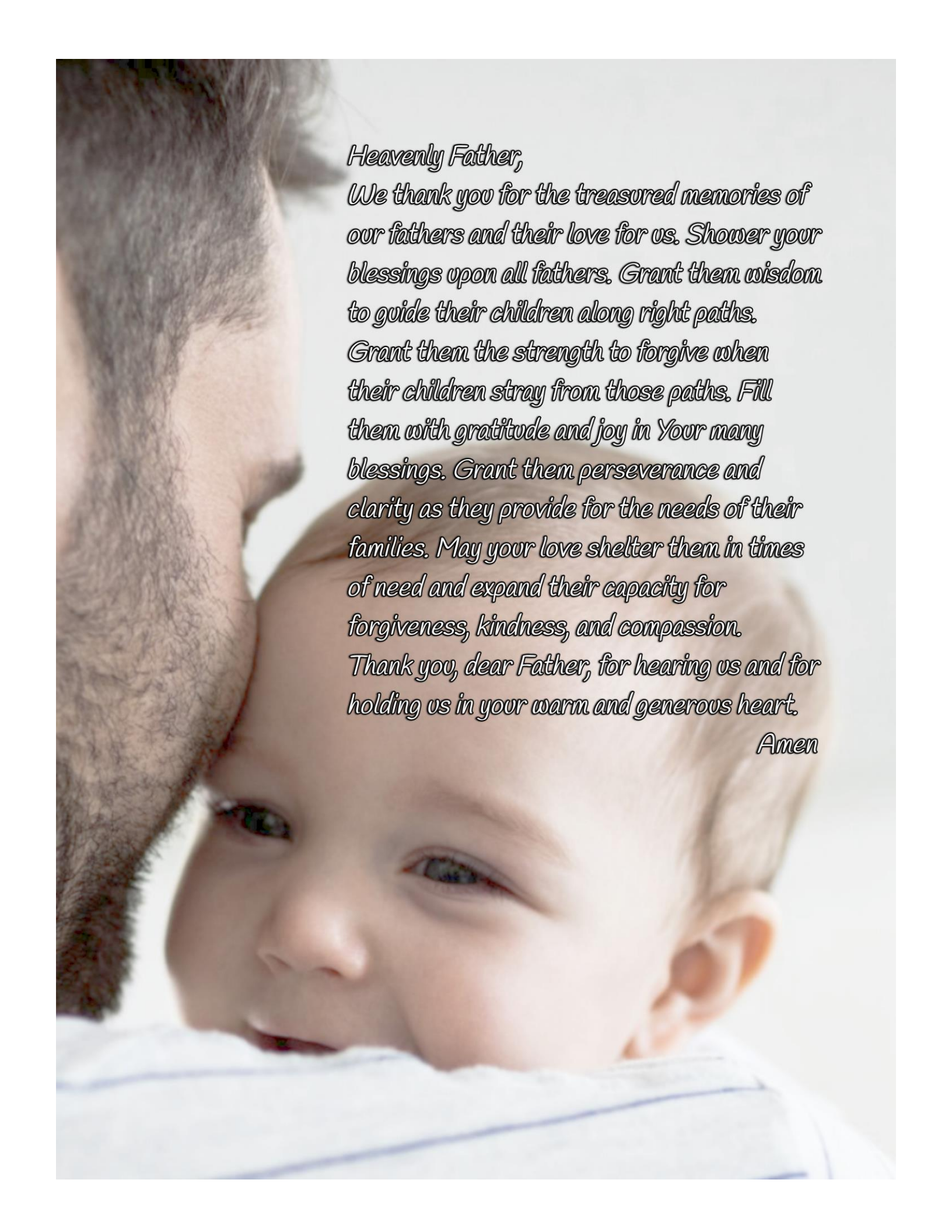
Steve Eyrick	23 yrs
Lance Hindsley	24 yrs
George Morley	39 yrs

Basses

Garry Bowers	1 yr
John Langford	22 yrs
Paul Lux	2 yrs
Mitch Marhanka	44 yrs
Pastor Sam Polito	2 yrs
Bruce Wittgren	4 yrs

Thank you to each and every choir member for sharing your talent and time. I am so thankful for your enthusiasm, your dedication for coming to practice, and the camaraderie we have in our choir. We have become such a supportive group of friends, and I really enjoy my time with you talented folks. Please consider joining us! This choir year was a wonderful one. Enjoy your summer, and we will look forward to another great year starting this fall.

~ Mitch Marhanka, Director



*Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the treasured memories of
our fathers and their love for us. Shower your
blessings upon all fathers. Grant them wisdom
to guide their children along right paths.
Grant them the strength to forgive when
their children stray from those paths. Fill
them with gratitude and joy in Your many
blessings. Grant them perseverance and
clarity as they provide for the needs of their
families. May your love shelter them in times
of need and expand their capacity for
forgiveness, kindness, and compassion.
Thank you, dear Father, for hearing us and for
holding us in your warm and generous heart.*

Amen



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June Birthdays



June Anniversaries

6/02 Mia Kaiser	6/11 Jeremy Fenstermaker	6/20 Charlotte Hurt
6/03 Carly Troy	6/12 Jacob Kiser	6/21 Marilyn Wallace
6/04 Gayle Curtis	6/13 Jim Baumer	6/23 Marie Wiltfong
6/07 Bill Applegarth	6/13 Cheryl Killingbeck	6/25 Hui Chong
6/08 Jenny Noll	6/14 Eric Fenstermaker	6/25 Hunter Westphal
6/08 Mike Schuster	6/14 Gene Flickinger	6/27 Alex Pointon
6/10 Kevin Kiser	6/18 Janice Baumer	6/27 Ben Pointon
	6/19 Kit Lowery	

6/07 Larry & Gayle Curtis
6/07 Donn & Bev Kelter
6/13 Gene & Maureen Flickinger
6/17 Gary & Jacki Wirebaugh
6/19 Jim & Lois Timmons
6/25 Connie & Steve Clougher
6/25 Sam & Cindy Polito
6/27 Jeff & Donna Council
6/28 George & Dory Morley