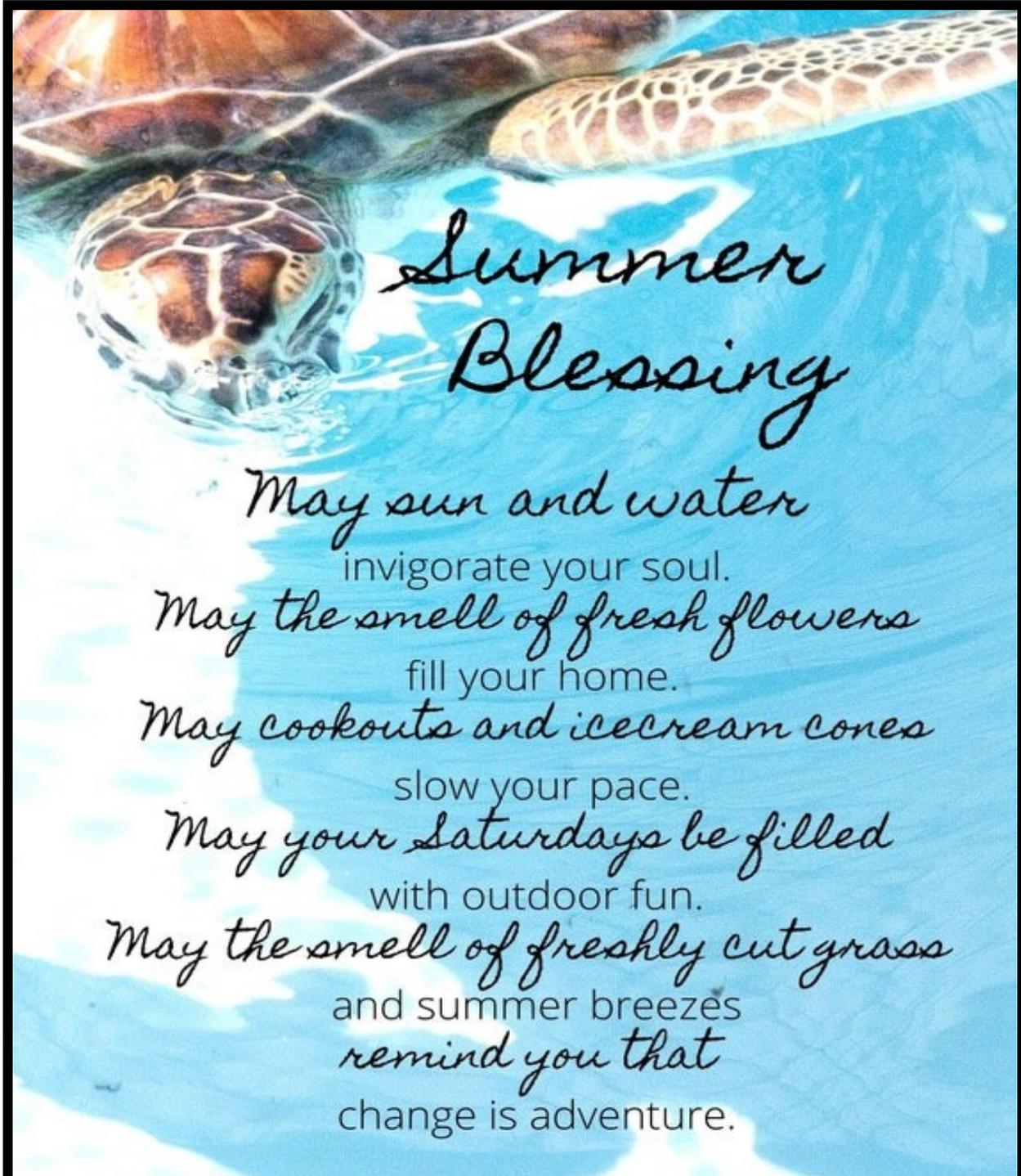




We are Building a Servant Community
Seeking to be Christ's Hands and Heart.



Summer Blessing

May sun and water
invigorate your soul.

May the smell of fresh flowers
fill your home.

May cookouts and icecream cones
slow your pace.

May your Saturdays be filled
with outdoor fun.

May the smell of freshly cut grass
and summer breezes
remind you that
change is adventure.

Pulpit Supply for August

August 3rd (Communion)
August 10th
August 17th
August 24th
August 31st

Rev. George Goodrich
Elder Curt Kochner
Rev. David Bierschwale
Rev. Doug Johnson
Rev. Stan Bayley

Liturgist Schedule for August

August 3rd (Communion)
August 10th
August 17th
August 24th
August 31st

Curt Kochner
Bob Wood
Jim Tarr
Sandy Welch
Curt Kochner

Musicians Schedule for August

August 3rd (Communion)
August 10th
August 17th
August 24th
August 31st

Jo Chatman
Martha Krebill
Martha Krebill
Daisy Eddy
Martha Krebill

Greeters and Ushers for August

August 3rd (Communion)
August 10th
August 17th
August 24th
August 31st

Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Dave Kimball
Don Johnson, Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson
Judy Andersen, Janie Wendland, Jim Tarr
Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley, Cynthia Kessler, Jeff Kessler
Greeters Choice

August Birthdays

8th Cynthia Kessler
9th Paul Whiting
11th Janie Wendland
20th Dave Kimball
23rd Grady Skaggs
28th Stan Bayley

August Anniversaries

2nd Gail & Dave Kimball
3rd Fran & Mike Paterson

Upcoming dates for August

August 2nd
August 6th
August 13th

August 14th

August 15th
August 20th

August 21st
August 27th

Tour of Gardens 9-12
Quilters at 12 p.m.
Worship Committee at 10 a.m.
Facilities meeting at 10 a.m.
Girl Scouts Sleepover
Mustangs Game
Girl Scouts Breakfast
Quilters at 12 p.m.
Session at 10 a.m.
Writers at 10 a.m.
Garden meeting at 10 a.m.

*Al-Anon will continue to be every Thursday at 8 p.m. and Friday at 7 p.m.

Announcements

- Tour of Gardens on Saturday, Aug 2nd, from 9:00 to 12:00. We will be greeting visitors and giving them tours. Games for both adults and children to help them better understand the garden.
- TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME. The annual St. Andrew outing to a Mustang baseball game will be on Thursday, August 14. Your Deacons are sponsoring the outing and are coordinating the purchase of a block of seats with tickets at \$13. There is a signup list in the Garden Room, or you can email Gail or text Dave at 406-672-0358.



Billings Climate Week is coming! Mark your calendars for September 14, when keynote speaker Heather White will speak on "Understanding Eco-Anxiety and Channeling it into Action."

What is eco-anxiety? This is the feeling many people have when they think about all the ways our planet and its life are threatened: climate change, loss of biodiversity, pollution, environmental destruction, etc. What can I do? The problems are overwhelming, and when we think about the future for coming generations, we can start to feel hopeless. Heather White founded "One Green Thing" to address this anxiety, and she proposes that EVERYONE can play a part. When we are part of the solution, we are empowered, which lessens our anxiety.

Her talk, which will include a panel of youth respondents, will be at MSU-B in the Petro Theater at 6 pm. Come at 5 pm for a reception (you can eat your supper there) and to learn more about organizations in our community which are addressing climate issues. Check out billingsclimatechange.org to learn about additional Climate Week events.

St. Andrew is a contributor to the Billings Climate Coalition, which is sponsoring the event. In addition, plans are being made for monthly events through the year to educate the public and promote action. Dave Kimball and Jody McDevitt serve on the planning team, and you can learn more from them.



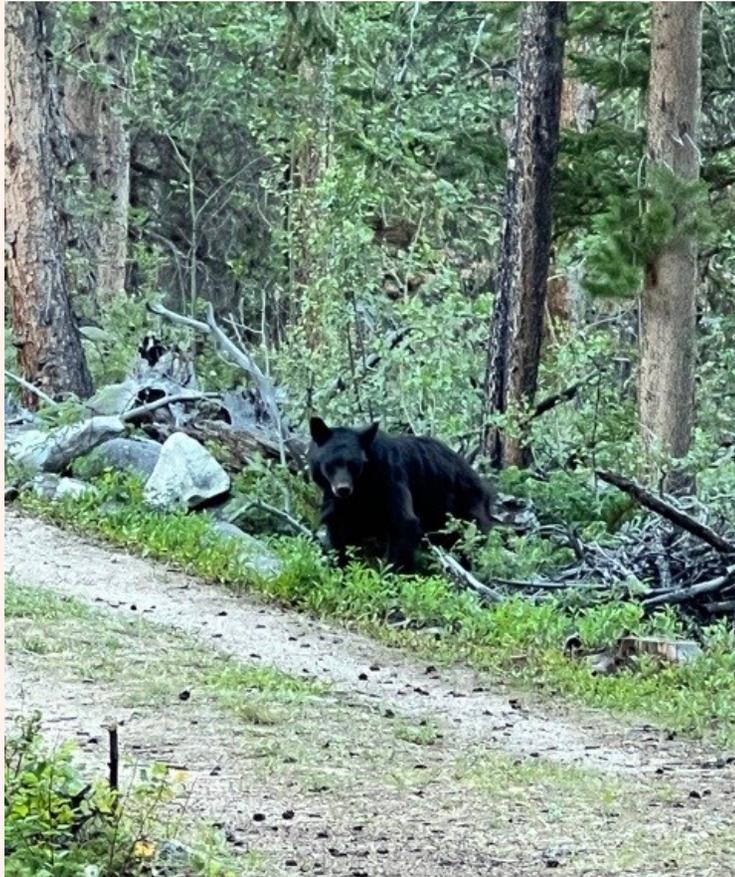
Westminster Spires Camp ended its summer season on Sunday, July 27, after hosting three unique and meaningful camp experiences: Adventure Camp for incoming 7th–10th graders, Explorer Camp for incoming 3rd–6th graders, and the Limitless Retreat for young adults age 16 and older.

Each session provided opportunities for spiritual growth, outdoor adventure, and deep connection in a setting grounded in faith and community.

Camp was made possible by a wonderful and talented team of counselors and Leaders in Training, along with adult volunteers who served as speakers, supervisors, cooks, craft leaders, and support staff. Their generosity, care, and commitment shaped a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A special thank you to **Cynthia and Jeff Kessler**, who offered their time, gifts, and abundant kindness to help make camp a success. Their presence brought encouragement, warmth, and joy to both staff and campers alike. We're also grateful to all those from St. Andrew who dedicated many hours preparing Westminster Spires for this camp season. From behind-the-scenes support to hands-on help, your efforts helped create a place where faith and friendship could flourish.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a summer full of growth, laughter, and lasting memories.



Summer is a time of blessing in the garden, with vegetables maturing and flowers blooming everywhere. It's the season when gardeners get to enjoy the true "fruits" of their labors.

We've now moved from harvesting once a week in the Mission Garden to twice a week, as the abundance cascades in. For instance, all the garlic has been harvested and is drying in the outer shed, and we've started digging potatoes to add to each delivery. So far, we've already delivered over 500 pounds of produce to Family Service and the South Park Gardeners Market.

Our new beekeeper has begun harvesting honey from the hives, and we'll have a fresh supply for sale in the Garden Room. His attractive bottles, labeled *Magic City Apiary*, will be available for \$12.00 each.

We're also excited to participate in the annual Parade of Gardens on Saturday, August 2. We invite members of the community to tour the garden and join in some fun activities, including plant identification games and a scavenger hunt. We hope you'll stop by for a visit and perhaps also take time to explore one of the other community gardens on the tour: Songbird Community Garden and Amend Park Community Garden. Details and directions will be available at our reception table under the new pergola.

Lastly, quite a few gardeners will be joining our St. Andrew's group at the Mustangs baseball game on August 14. You'll see them mixed in with our crowd be sure to greet them and make them feel welcome as part of our community!



New Honey Bottles



Learning from Other Churches

by Jody McDevitt

While browsing the website of the Open Door Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA (<https://www.pghopendoor.net/>), I came across an interesting and meaningful way of describing what being part of that church means to its members. They have given thoughtful attention to their "Community Practices," and these practices seem like a natural fit for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. If you were in worship on July 6, they may sound familiar, they were included in that Sunday's sermon.

The Open Door community describes their life together this way:

We seek to live in the way of Jesus by practicing simple weekly rhythms:

- **LISTEN** to God, setting aside time to hear God's "still, small voice."
- **LEARN** from God, devoting time to grow in faith through scripture and the teachings of Christ.
- **EAT** with others, sharing meals with friends and strangers to build relationships and trust, as Jesus did.
- **ENCOURAGE** others, offering words, gifts, or acts of kindness that uplift those around us.
- **GIVE** ourselves to the world, through our time, money, skills, and passions.

These rhythms are simple, yet deeply meaningful. They offer a framework for daily discipleship, guiding us to live intentionally in faith, community, and service. As we consider how to grow in our life together at St. Andrew, these practices may serve as a helpful model for shaping both our personal and shared spiritual lives.



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