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JUNE





Notes

June 2026 Worship Schedule

Sunday June 7th 2026

Speaker: Rev. Jody McDevitt

Liturgist: Patti Johnson

Music: Martha Krebill

AV: Brendan McCann

Greeters & Ushers: Bob & Mary Wood, Don Johnson

Sunday June 14, 2026

Speaker: Rev. Susan Thomas

Liturgist: Sandy Welch

Music: Jo Chatman

AV: Kristin Kochner

Greeters & Ushers: Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson

Sunday June 21, 2026

Fathers Day

Speaker: Rev. David Bierschwale

Liturgist: Bob Wood

Music: Martha Krebill

AV: Brendan McCann

Greeters & Ushers: Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Dave Kimball

Sunday June 28th 2026

Speaker: Rev. Doug Johnson

Liturgist: Cynthia Kessler

Music: Jo Chatman

AV: Martha Krebill

Greeters & Ushers: Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley, Cynthia Kessler, Jeff Kessler



June 2026 Calendar

June 3	Garden Committee – 10:00 AM Quilters – 12:00 PM
June 4	Al-Anon – 8:00 PM
June 5	Al-Anon – 7:00 PM Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM
June 6	Plymouth Place Home Owners Association – 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
June 10	Facilities Committee – 10:00 AM Worship Committee – 11:00 AM
June 11	Al-Anon – 8:00 PM
June 12	Al-Anon – 7:00 PM Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM
June 13	Dab N’ Gab
June 16	Women’s Bible Study Pizza in the Garden Room – 1:00 PM
June 17	Session Meets – 10:00 AM Quilters – 12:00 PM
June 18	Writers Group – 10:00 AM Al-Anon – 8:00 PM
June 19	Al-Anon – 7:00 PM Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM
June 25	Al-Anon – 8:00 PM
June 26	Al-Anon – 7:00 PM Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

15 Jan Croff
15 Daisy Eddy
28 Tyffannie Helms

Anniversaries

3 Jo & T.C. Chatman
11 Cynthia & Jeff Kessler

FAM update:

Thank you for everyone's generosity. Our Sock Hop will give our homeless young adults new socks. Tumbleweed will receive 198 pairs of socks plus other undergarments and food from St Andrew Presbyterian Church. We pray they stay warm and safe.

Sock Prayer

May these socks go to the people who truly need new socks.

May the young men and women find comfort in these socks.

May Tumbleweed find all those who need comfort.

We are truly blessed with generosity from St Andrew.

We pray for blessings for Tumbleweed and all its volunteers and staff.

We pray for peace and comfort for the recipients of the socks and those who need them most and may they find joy from our community.

God bless everyone involved in the socks, from growing the cotton, to manufacturers, to delivery to the stores, to the sales staff, to the purchasers, and to the recipients.

Peace and Blessings

Amen



First quarter mission donations were made to:

\$500 to PCUSA Sudan aid

\$500 to Hysham Presbyterian Church for repairs on the house being rented out to a Single mom with 2 adult disabled children.

\$250 to YWCA

\$250 to Yellowstone Human Trafficking Task Force

Again thank you for helping make the world a better place.

FAM

Garden Gleanings

By: Dave Kimball



Our weather roller coaster has continued with high temperatures close to 90 one week and a solid frost the next week. – and windstorms. Many of our gardeners will be replanting some of the sets that were nailed by the recent frost. It is interesting that we recently hosted a seminar by Anthony Sarmentano, the county Extension horticulturist, about raising food in a changing climate. The frost (or snowstorm) in May was not that unusual in past decades, but the unusually warm weather early in the year is unusual. And it tricks us in planting early.

The garden is fully subscribed to this year, and we even ended up with some applicants on a waiting list. In recent years we have just barely filled all the plots. We are not sure what to ascribe this change to, but it may be increased costs at the grocery store or an increasing awareness by people of the wholesomeness of gardening and growing your own fresh vegetables.

We continue to be blessed by the contributions of gardeners to the garden. The new border path installed by the Johnsons and the new arbor over the entry to the labyrinth are good examples. The weeding and putting down fresh wood chips in the labyrinth by Sandy Welch are another – we are experiencing increased interest in the labyrinth from groups in the community. Duane Kramer is another contributor who fabricated and installed the arbor, repaired a shed roof and reinstalled the bird houses on top of the garden sign. Shirley Dore coordinated getting the birdhouses all freshly painted.

Carla Stadtmiller is the dedicated overseer of the Mission Garden and the Greenhouse. Jeff Kessler is always a willing hand and is overseeing the potato patch again this year. So many are involved in making the garden function, that it is hard to name them all.

Blessings come in all sorts of ways, and our community of gardeners is a blessing for which we are truly thankful.



Earth Care
By Jody McDevitt

Native Plants Demonstration Garden is Blooming!

If you haven't stopped by our newest garden, make a point to wander through it to see what is growing in this, our second summer. New identification tags provide both common and scientific names for the varied species. Many thanks to Brendan McCann and Zee Creative for finding a creative way to make these tags and reduce waste at the same time!

Currently in the Garden Room, there is a display table for Earth Care. On the table you will see the sign which will soon be placed in front of the Native Plants garden. (Thanks again to Brendan and Zee Creative!) This will help visitors understand the benefits of using native plants, as well as provide instructions for learning more about each identified species using the Montana Field Guide, an online data base.

As June rolls around, we are once again blessed with reminders of God's abundance in our Community Garden and in the world around us. We can join the Psalmist in praising God, "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all!" (Ps 104:24)

Pentecost, Why it is Important By: Cynthia Kessler

Pentecost is often called the "Birthday of the Church". It represents the moment the disciples transitioned from a fearful, hidden group into a bold, unified movement. By pouring out the Holy Spirit, Christians believe God gave the Apostles the gifts of courage, and power necessary to spread the Gospel to all nations.

Pentecost is a major Christian holiday celebrated 50 days after Easter, commemorating the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and early followers of Jesus Christ.

The original event is described in **Acts 2:1-4** in the New Testament.

According to the biblical account, the key events unfolded as follows:

"2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them" NRSVue.

Traditions vary across the world as churches observe Pentecost. In the UK and Ireland, white is worn on Pentecost. In Italy, some churches, rose petals are dropped from the ceiling to represent tongues of fire. French churches blow trumpets to remember the rushing wind. In the United States churches, red is often worn on Pentecost.

Sunday, May 24, we at St. Andrew celebrated Pentecost. We remembered that this was the beginning of a new world with Christ as our leader and savior. It reminds us that we are a Servant community being Christ's hands and heart. Small but mighty.





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