

# Faith's Blessings

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How does your garden grow?

That was the thought that ran through my mind as I planted my garden at the parsonage. Allen had added several bags of “new” garden soil, amended the upper beds with fertilizer and hand-tilled it altogether. We had purchased a few tomato plants, a dozen or so pepper plants, bean and cucumber seeds, and one set of onions. Always wanting to try something new, this year I planted my onions using a bulb planter; it made the perfect-sized hole at just the depth I had wanted. As I did so, I remembered my dad’s summer jaunts to the garden just before supper, plucking green onions from the long line of neat rows, washing them, trimming them and setting them at his place at the table in a small, clear glass of cold water. He made quite an event of it! Pouring salt directly on the table (which, when we were younger, seemed amazing in of itself!) and selecting one of the slender green fronds with a small white stem then dipping it into the salt pile in between each bite! Of course, he invited my brothers and sister and I to do so too but, at first, we did so timidly because, well, you know, as well as I, that when you bite into a raw onion, it isn’t quite like eating a piece of chocolate! We all came to enjoy the satisfying, salty crunch that came with eating the “fruits” that came from our own backyard.

I have always included a set of onions, or two, or three, in my gardening repertoire of veggies. I enjoy seeing the yellow, white and red bulbs as they emerge from the soil. I check on them regularly, doing a number of things to contribute to their success: I weed the space around them; I have a fence around them; and I water them when nature doesn't. I do not, however, remove the dirt from the roots to check their ability to grow because some things are just out of my control; all I can do is wait and let the growing that God put in place work.

Imagine what would happen if I uncovered the onion bulbs every day to see if they had roots, or to measure the amount of growth from the root to the green tip. Imagine what would happen if I pulled an onion from the ground every day to see how big the bulb was getting. How many times could I put it back in the ground before it would wither and die? Some things are best tended by leaving them alone and trusting them to do what they were designed to do by God.

There are three attributes to gardening: trust, patience, and faith. The gardener must trust that mature plants will grow from the seeds and bulbs she planted. Then, there must be patience - letting things happen as it may, waiting and watching without interrupting. Finally, there must be faith, the willingness to depend on a good outcome based on the unseen: I may not see my cucumber seeds germinating, I may not see my pepper plants flowering, but I believe all this will happen.

We are very much like the onions sets newly planted in the garden. We don't see all the potential God has packed into each one of us....but it is in there! When we contribute when we should, wait patiently when we must, and trust confidently while we wait knowing that God's good intent will bear good fruit...and God knows just how to shake off the dirt.



Summer blessings,  
Pastor Kathy

## CELEBRATING IN JULY

*Happy Birthday!*

Carol Schrock	July 7	Paul Simmons	July 16	<b>90 yrs.</b>
Rich Walker	July 9	Linda Foster	July 17	
Sandy Long	July 11	Randy Fieg	July 19	
Brian Everett	July 13	David Pyle	July 19	
Evelyn Rhoads	July 13	Forrest Swank	July 27	
Annalina Brant	July 16	Don Snyder	July 29	
		Deanna Bowers	July 31	

*Happy Anniversary!*

Judy & Byron Glessner	July 2	<b>61 yrs.</b>
Laura & Doug Miller	July 2	<b>40 yrs.</b>
Desiree & Dylan Everett	July 6	<b>2 yrs.</b>
Brenda & Tom Walker	July 9	<b>50 yrs.</b>
Jane & Dave Pugh	July 12	<b>6 yrs.</b>
Bernice & Calvin Walker	July 12	<b>62 yrs.</b>
Louise & Cliff Spangler	July 21	<b>64 yrs.</b>



Faith's  
KIDS KAMP!  
"LET ALL  
CREATION SING!"



Enjoying "creation" outdoors!



How many books in the Bible?!!



Animal Talk



Our "Living Treasures" –



oh, and yes, it's an animal park too!



During the month of June, we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Family and friends of Bob Bauermaster, Tom Hill and Larry Rhoads; Kim Darr, Nancy Schrock, Judy Krow, Abby Bany, Kevin Coleman, Bev Thompson

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery.

Thank you, Pastor Kathy

### **July Second Offering**

The second offering for July, which has been designated for Somerset In Touch Hospice House will be collected Sunday, July 11.

Hospice House provides for those individuals who are nearing death and offers comfort and support to them and their family members.

### **HEARTSTRINGS**

Faith's "Heartstrings" is collecting chap stick and individual sized unsweetened applesauce during July.

We collected 68 books during June!

We will be supporting Countryside in Friedens, Martin's in Rockwood and also Siemons in Somerset.

A goal has been set to collect 200 of each item requested!

A table and a box have been provided in the overflow for donations. Any item at any time can be donated, you don't have to follow the schedule. A copy of the wish list has been posted in the overflow and on the board at the front doors.

Can you help with our "Heartstrings?"

## **“HEARTSTRINGS”**

### **WISH LIST FOR PERSONAL CARE HOMES**

<u>January</u>	Boxes of Kleenex
<u>February</u>	Body wash (for both males and females)
<u>March</u>	Shampoo (for both males and females)
<u>April</u>	Body lotion
<u>May</u>	Socks or non-skid footies
<u>June</u>	Word Search or puzzle books <b>(LG PRINT)</b>
<u>July</u>	Chap stick and individual size unsweetened plain applesauce
<u>August</u>	Shampoo (for both men & women) <b>73 bottles</b>
<u>September</u>	Body lotion <b>86 bottles</b>
<u>October</u>	
<u>November</u>	

The list will be updated with items that are still needed in order to reach our goal of 200 of each item collected.

**THANK YOU**

## July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Second Offering is for Somerset Hospice House</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Worship 9 am Donut Sunday  SCS 10:30 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 6 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd offering (Hospice House)</b> SCS 10:30 am	<b>12</b> Social Cmte to meet 6:30 pm  WELCA 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Caring Workers 10 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 6 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship 9 am Healing Service SCS 10:30 am	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Caring Workers 10 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**NO YIA in July ...**  
**Stay tuned :)**

**We thank those who are willing to serve**  
**for the month of Junly**

**July 4**

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Richard Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Jack Loeffert
Council Person	Jim Long		

**July 11**

Altar Guild	Patti & Carol	Reader	Ryan Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Annalina Brant

**July 18**

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Will Brant	Acolyte	Arianna Ohler

**July 25**

Altar Guild	Patti & Carol	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Kaden George

**Please remember that if you cannot be here and have  
a “job”, find a replacement!**



## **WE GIVE THANKS TO**

Wendell and Allen for attending  
Synod Assembly

All the volunteers who helped make  
Kid's Kamp a HUGE success

Rick our Sexton for  
waxing the floors

We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts –  
shared in serving Christ and community  
in community with one another.

**We ARE Church – TOGETHER!**

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
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