



Dear Friends,

Things that can be transformed:

**A house: you** take a run-down house, clean it up, knock down a few walls, add a room or two, give it a new roof a coat of paint, and, voila! It's transformed. Then you sell it, and make a bundle.

**A room in a house: The** kitchen, for example. You take out the old cupboards, countertops and flooring. You install new ones of the same. You push out a wall, add a bay window for a little breakfast nook. The kitchen is "transformed."

**A school bus: You** find an old bus and get to work. You turn it "into a comfortable little house, complete with a wood

burning fireplace, a futon and custom built all wood interiors. The bus also includes a fully equipped kitchen, desk area, and closet space to hang clothing. See this link for photos:

<http://enpundit.com/an-old-school-bus-has-been-transformed-into-a-cozy-mobile-home>.

**Car dealerships: You** buy a car dealership that's gone out of business and turn it into a church and education complex. That's what Crossroads church in Parlor Colorado did.

**A 15-century cathedral: You** turn it into a modern bookstore. Go to this link for photos of the coolest bookstore ever:

<http://www.thisiscolossal.com/2013/10/a-15th-century-cathedral-transformed-into-a-modern-bookstore>. "For many, reading a good book can be a religious experience, but this new bookstore in Zwolle, The Netherlands, takes that idea to a whole new level. Architects BK. Architecten were tasked with converting this 15<sup>th</sup> century Dominican church into a modern bookstore with the addition of 700 square meters of shopping space. But there was one major catch: all the historical elements of the 547-year-old building including stained glass windows, pipe organs, ceiling paintings and expansive arches had to remain intact. Incredibly, BK. Architecten managed to add three levels of retail space to the side wings of the church in a manner that the entire structure can one day be removed to restore the church to its original design. In addition, only three colors of building materials were used to mimic the existing palette of the cathedral's interior to further ensure that the bookstore would pay reverence to the original space.

**Human beings:** Can we mortals experience transformation? 2 Corinthians 17-18 tells us that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ..."

Some of us might be spending time this summer trying to transform something. This "something" is more than likely at or around your home. But as you're "transforming" things, please consider the transformation Christ has made in your life. In Christ, you have become a "new creation," a new person. This transformation is most important because it can be shared with others...it gives one the opportunity to transform, not things, but people's lives. This summer. Transform a life for Christ.

Blessings to All,  
Pastor Jim

**Mark Your Calendar**

Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 2
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 3
Facebook Devotions 8:30am/Brown Bag Bible 11:30am.....	June 4
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 5
Needles & Pins 10:00 am.....	June 6
<b>Church School/Bible Study /Worship/Children's Day</b>	
10:30 am/Church Picnic 11:30 am Meadowbreeze.....	June 7
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 9
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 10
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 11
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 12
<b>Church School/Bible Study 9:00am</b>	
Worship/ Facebook Live 10:30 am/Communion.....	June 14
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 16
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 17
Facebook Devotions 8;30 am.....	June 18
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 19
Worship/ Facebook Live 10:30 am/Father's Day.....	June 21
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 23
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 24
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 25
Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....	June 26
Worship/Facebook Live 10:30.....	June 28
Facebook Devotions 8:30am.....	June 30

**PARADE:** I will be assembling the parade float again this year. We would like to continue the tradition of throwing out candy. I am asking for monetary donations for me to purchase the candy. Any amount is truly appreciated. Please mark it July 4th candy and place in offering envelope or drop to the office. Thank you!

PS: On the morning of the 4th if anyone wants to help assemble the float or in the afternoon after parade wants to disassemble please let me know

Kerri



Many thanks for the delicious food that Dawn Keenan and Pat Handlos delivered to me last week. I miss you all dearly. Thanks again.  
Phyllis Kearns

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# Remember In Prayer



**Prayer:** God of holiness and light, cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people. May your saving grace be professed and proclaimed to the whole world. Dear Lord, as we pray for our friends and loved ones, let us pray with confidence knowing that you not only hear our prayers, but respond in love and with a perfect will...

**Those ill or recuperating at home:** Joan Miller, Peggy Westlake, Jim Vlossak, Vicki Morgan, Eleanore Jensen, Doug Foley. Linda Walsh, Joyce Parsons, Ronald & Joan Weber, Michael Housman, DJ Pesaniello.

**Relatives of church members:** Don Johnson's grandson Dylan, Callie & Mark Kresser, Linda Darwin's sister-in-law Jenny, Lynn Alleger friends of the Ours, Lee Ann Kubbishun's brother in-law Harvey Hendershot, Pauline Albrecht's cousins Kathy & Bill, Harold Teabo, Judy Ours cousin Aurelius Newbold, Jim Morgan, Joe Kresser's brother John, Charlie Kugelmeyer, John & Elaine Boreman's daughter & son in law Jill & Ross Duncan, Joe Caldaro, Peggy Westlake's son-in-law Travis Jablonski, Barbara Miller's daughter in-law Julie, Patricia Handlos's great nephew Bear Shaw, Robert Stacie Ullrich's dad, Dorothy Thoms son Don, Pauline Albrecht's cousin Pete Lekousis, Laura Housman's mother Betty Machauer, Fred Kulick's brother in-law Jon, Joan Miller's sister in-law, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece; Kerri Caldaro's mom & dad Gail & Fred Mosher.

**Those in care centers:** Connie Allen, Joan Vasko, Bob Pesaniello, Nancy Vlossak and Barbara Miller.

**Those in mourning:** The family and friends of Vince Smith.

**Friends of the church:** Kerri Caldaro's friend Jason Leonard, Pat Hawkins sister Susan and her husband John, Stuart Ours friend Don Walker, Fred & Karen Graf's friend Renee Wise, Carol Kain's friend John Vybihal. Joe Groff friend of Doug & Jolene Foley, Gale Soler & Ellen Gulick friends of Joan Miller, Barbara Miller's friend Patrick O'Malley.

**Also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families:** Albrecht's nephew Captain Kyle Mogensen, Vimp Smith's grandson Cory, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.

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## NAMI-Warren County - June

The local organization that we will support for the month of May will be NAMI-Warren County, which exists to provide information, social and emotional support, and a community of understanding peers. They also aim to foster public education and awareness through partnerships and advocacy work.

NAMI was founded in Madison, Wisconsin by Harriet Shetler and Beverly Young. These two women both had sons diagnosed with schizophrenia. Unhappy with the lack of services available and the treatment of those living with mental illness, the women sought out others with similar concerns. The first meeting held to address these issues in mental health led to the formation of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in 1979. In 1997, the legal name was changed to the acronym, NAMI.

Please prayerfully consider contributing. Your gift will be matched by the Kathleen Smith Fund. Checks should be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "NAMI" in the Memo. You can find an envelope on the tables in back of the sanctuary.



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



June 5

Stephen Hildebrant

June 20

Garrett Ullrich

June 21

Linda Darwin

June 23

Willem Hannema

June 25

Michael Housman

June 26

Dan Cioffi

June 27

Maximillan Tensfeldt

June 28

Len Darwin  
Dawn Keenan

June 29

Melanie Abel  
Barbara Kulick



## MUSIC NOTES - JUNE 2026

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against these there is no law. There are many, many things in this world that we have no control over! Recognizing the difference between what we can control and what we cannot is what brings us inner peace. The *Serenity Prayer*, which is a backbone of the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, states it very plainly:

### SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change  
the courage to change the things I can  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time.  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as he did, the sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it.  
Trusting that he will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
and supremely happy with Him forever.  
—Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971

While people can cause us to lose patience and become angry with the evil we see around us, we must realize that with the Spirit of God living within us, we are in control of how we choose to react. None of us is perfect and we need constant reminders that we do have a choice in how we respond to situations. Tapping into the ever-present Spirit of God within us, nobody can take away our love, our joy, our peace, our patience, our kindness, our goodness, our faithfulness, our gentleness or our self-control. We need to rely on these gifts from God to carry us through our journey.

A poem came to me as I was out walking on one of these recent super hot mornings:

### PENTECOSTAL POEM OF THANKS

Thank you God...

for the breeze, and shady trees;  
for the birds, and comforting words;  
for the grass, and trials that pass;  
for the sun, and Your Holy One;  
for the dove, and Your infinite love.

~ Julie Stevenson ~





**SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN**

The Choir is sponsoring a special Father's Day Bulletin dedicated to all the men in our lives: fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, great grandfathers, godfathers, husbands or special friends. Donation: \$2 per name.

Fill out the form below and return to the church office by June 14, 2026. Please print clearly. Questions may be directed to Kerri Caldaro at 908-689-2547 [office@washingtonfpc.com](mailto:office@washingtonfpc.com) take your check out to First Presbyterian Church and earmark it "Father's Day."

**HONOR OF:**

Name:	Relationship (father, grandfather, etc.)	Given By:

**MEMORY OF:**

Name:	Relationship (father, grandfather, etc.)	Given By:



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
First Presbyterian Church of Washington's  
**CHURCH FAMILY  
& FRIENDS PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

come after church...around 12

Meadowbreeze Park, Washington NJ

**RSVP to the office with name and number attending  
or drop a note in the offering plate! 908-689-2547**

**BRING a side dish &/or  
dessert to share**





**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



ALEXANDRITE

BARBECUE

D-DAY

DIPLOMA

FATHER'S DAY

FLAG DAY

GARDEN

GEMINI

GRADUATION

HONEYSUCKLE

JUNE

JUNETEENTH

LEMONADE

LONGEST DAY

OUTDOORS

PEARL

PICNIC

ROSE

SOLSTICE

STRAWBERRY

SUMMER

THIRTY DAYS

VACATION

WEDDING

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