

Dear Friends,

Inspiration can come from all sorts of sources. A song on the radio might spur you into action. Seeing someone accomplish something extraordinary, defy the odds, or overcome adversity can do the same. And sometimes all it takes is a simple inspirational quote. Many of the quotes that I share during our morning devotions do just that. In my experience, in a few paragraphs or even one sentence, words of inspiration can compel us to make positive life changes.

One morning, an elderly man was walking along the beach when he noticed a young boy picking something off the sand and throwing it into the sea. As he got closer, the man realized the child was throwing stranded starfish that had washed up on the shore back into the breaking waves. Approaching the boy, the man asked what he was doing. "The starfish will die if they're still on the shore when the sun rises," he replied.

Perplexed, the old man said, "But that's pointless! There are countless miles of beach and thousands upon thousands of starfish. It doesn't matter how many you return to the water; you can't make a difference."

Unfazed, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the sea. "It matters to this one," he said.

No matter the odds of success or the scale of the challenge, your actions can make a difference. It's better to light a candle than curse the dark. Every little bit counts. Doing something to make a positive change is always better than nothing!

This is what Jesus taught. Every life matters. He left the 99 sheep to find the 1 lost. As we head into the summer months and in some cases find ourselves absent from one another, don't forget that wherever we find ourselves, our words and actions have the same effect as they do at home. Whether near or far, let our lives mirror the love of Christ.

Have a blessed summer!  
Pastor Jim

Happy Father's Day

**Mark Your Calendars**

- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 1
- Facebook Live 8:30 am/Bible Study .....June 2
- Needles & Pins 10:00 am.....June 3
- Children’s Day Worship/Communion/**
- Facebook Live 10:30 am/Membership Meeting 11:30 am.....June 4**
- Facebook Live 8:30 am/Deacon’s 7:00pm.....June 6
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 7
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 8
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 9
- Church School/Adult Bible 9:00 am/**Worship/**
- Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am.....June 11**
- Facebook Live 8:30am/.....June 13
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 14
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 15
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 16
- Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am/Happy Father’s Day.....June 18**
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 20
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 21
- Facebook Live 8:30 am./Session 7:00pm.....June 22
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 23
- Worship Live 10:30 am.....June 25**
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 27
- Facebook Live 8:30 am .....June 28
- Facebook Live 8:30 am/.....June 29
- Facebook Live 8:30 am.....June 30

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**Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**June** issue will be published on **May 24th**. The deadline is **May 31st**. Please submit articles to the church office or by email to: office@washingtonfpc.com

**Pentecost Offering**

**Pentecost Sunday – April 28, 2023**

**Investing in our greatest resource**

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By contributing to the Pentecost Offering, you will be nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

**40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community.** The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please consider giving a donation to the Pentecost Offering. Your contribution can make a difference. Your contribution will be **matched** by the Kathleen Smith Fund! Checks should be made payable to “First Presbyterian Church Washington” with “Pentecost Offering” in the Memo.

Thank You! The Stewardship Committee

**Deborah/Rachel/Ruth Circle** will meet at 1 pm here at the church.

**Needles & Pins:** Saturday June 3, 2023 at 10:00 am.



**4th of July Parade:** I will be assembling the float again this year. I am asking for monetary donations for me to purchase safe candy to make bags up for us to throw to children during the parade. I appreciate any help with this. I will be going to BJ's to buy the candy in the next two weeks.



**PRAYER:** Dear Lord, as we pray for our friends and loved ones, let us pray in faith knowing that you not only hear our prayers, but act in love and with a perfect will...

**Those ill or recuperating at home:** Warren Kearns, Linda Walsh, Rik Atkinson, Joyce Parsons, Ronald & Joan Weber, Michael Housman, Alfred Bowen, DJ Pesaniello, Carley Miller Heatley, Sue Wiedman, Bob & Joan Anderson, Tempe Schramm, Charlie Wright, Marion Kingsbury, Kerry Webb, Grace Murphy.

**Relatives of church members:** Eleanore Jensen's sister Dottie and brother in-law Stephen, Patricia Handlos's great nephew Bear Shaw, Barbara Miller's great nephew Colin Winkler and cousin Kayla Norvis, Robert Stacie Ullrich's dad, Dorothy Thoms son Don, Bob Pesaniello, Pauline Albrecht's cousin Pete Lekousis, Elinor Bettis' sister Jane, Laura Housman's mother Betty Machauer, Fred Kulick's brother in-law Jon, Bob & Joan Anderson's son Robert Scott, Tami Phelps cousin Jimmy, George Van Veldhuisen's brother Bill, Pastor Jim's mother Jean Scovell, Joan Miller's sister in-law, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Ken Dirkes' wife & great grandson, Betty Ann Roseberry Wright's sister, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece; Kerri Caldaro's parents Fred & Gail Mosher.

**Those in care centers:** Connie Allen and Joan Vasko,

**Friends of the church:** Melinda Velez friend of Don Johnson, Phyllis Fyfe, Sarah Armbrecht and Patty Fratticcioli, Walter & Pat Reedell, Christine Otto, Gale Soler, Ellen Gulick friends of Joan Miller, Bart Trachin, Barbara Miller's friend Patrick O'Malley & Diana Dunlap Weidner, Pauline Albrecht's friend Christine Kowal, Jean Bowers friend and his family Thomas Ferranti Jr, Carol Novak, Marion Hoskin's daughter Michelle, Jason Ford, Robin Halozan, Tori Reade, Kris Miller, Bob Best, Markie DeVoe, Mark Christie, Vlossak family's friend Hallie.

**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, Elaine Boreman's nephew Drew, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.





# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



June 5

Stephen Hildebrant

June 27

Maxmillian Tensfeldt

June 19

Ally Dunlap

June 28

Dawn Keenan

June 20

Garrett Ullrich

June 29

Melanie Atkinson  
Barbara Kulick

June 25

Michael Housman

June 26

Dan Cioffi





## MUSIC NOTES

Recently I have been thinking about *unity* and *wholeness*. When I am out walking or running, I cannot help but be bathed in the beauty and perfection of God's world in nature. Everything in nature is intelligently designed (including our human bodies!) to survive in sometimes hostile environments. We automatically adapt to situations.

One of my favorite quotes is from Maya Angelou: "*My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.*"

So even though we are intelligently and perfectly designed by God to **survive** in a wide variety of circumstances, we should always strive to **thrive**. In the Bible, we are told that we are one body and that each part of the body is significant and important. (Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). The hymn "One Bread, One Body" states that we are all loved, needed, cherished by God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God and ALL of us are children of God.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.*

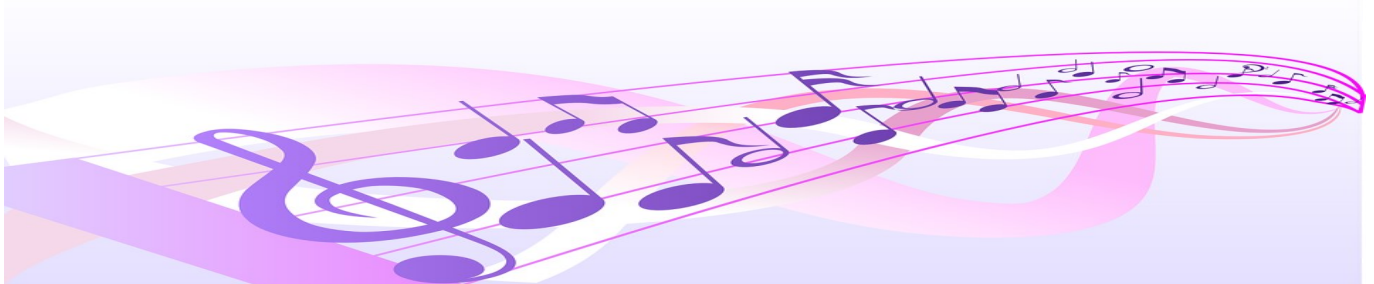
This message of unity and wholeness really hits home with me when it comes to our music ministry. If even *one member* of the handbell choir or our choral choir is missing, the whole group suffers. **We need each other to create the most beautiful music!**

As a church community, we need each other to carry out the many ministries of our church. We need each other to console and comfort us in times of difficulty. We need each other to celebrate with in joyful times. We need each other to join our hearts in prayer for common concerns. We need each other to sing together our praises to our God for his many blessings.

Please never forget how important you are to the life of the church. Never forget how cherished you are in God's eyes. He holds you in the palm of his hand, along with each and every one of us creatures on this spinning planet of ours. Try to make it your life's goal to not only survive, but to **THRIVE!**

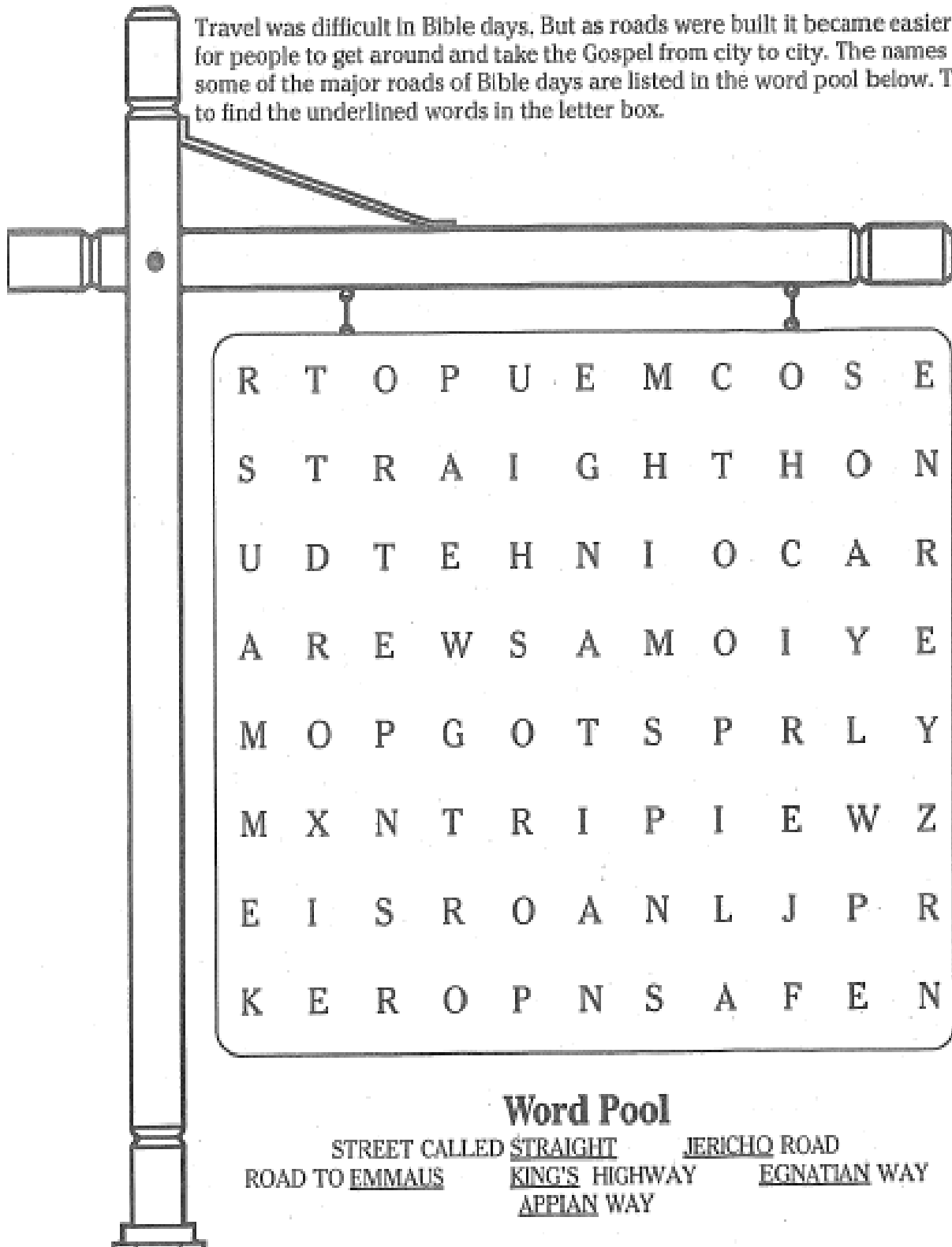
What a wonderful gift!

Peace and Love,  
Julie Stevenson



# Highways and Byways

Travel was difficult in Bible days. But as roads were built it became easier for people to get around and take the Gospel from city to city. The names of some of the major roads of Bible days are listed in the word pool below. Try to find the underlined words in the letter box.



R	T	O	P	U	E	M	C	O	S	E
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M	O	P	G	O	T	S	P	R	L	Y
M	X	N	T	R	I	P	I	E	W	Z
E	I	S	R	O	A	N	L	J	P	R
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### Word Pool

STREET CALLED STRAIGHT JERICHO ROAD  
 ROAD TO EMMAUS KING'S HIGHWAY EGNATIAN WAY  
APPIAN WAY

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>FB Live 8:30 am/Bible Study 7-7:45 pm</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:45-8:30 pm</b>	<b>1 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>2 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>3 Needles &amp; Pins 10:00am</b>
<b>4 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Worship/ Communion/ Sunday 10:30 am Facebook Live</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Facebook Live 8:30 am PW 1:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	<b>7 FB Live 8:30 am Carillonaires 7-7:45 pm Chancel Choir 7:45-8:30 pm</b>	<b>8 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>9 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>18 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live Happy Father's Day</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>21 FB Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>22 Facebook Live 8:30 am Session 7:00 pm</b>	<b>23 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>28 FB Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>29 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	<b>30 Facebook Live 8:30 am</b>	