

Oak Leaves

JUNE 2026

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Thanks

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Happy June Birthday

6. Marilyn Miller

9. Jesus Gomez

14. Joan Moyer

17. Barb Shenk

20. Lucy Madorsky

26. Matt Cunningham

Happy June Anniversary

3. Doris Mae & Lee Kennedy

7. Sarah & Devon Keiter

7. Matt & Karyn Cunningham

14. Chip & April Messenger

22. Jim & Becky Ellingsworth

29. Brian & Karen Lehman

Mark Your Calendars For Up Coming

Events (more details to come)

Saturday, June 13th - Meal Out at Miseno's II at 5:30 pm

Saturday, June 20th - a booth at the Fountain Festival

Sunday, August 16th is the church picnic at Colonel Denning State Park.

SPY in the building June 8th for 6 weeks.

Do you knit or crochet ? Make candles or cards? How about a Christmas Crafts or Jewelry? **The CLC Committee** is asking for donations of your homemade crafts. For our church's booth at the Fountain Festival. We will be collecting donations for Neighbors in Christ at the Fountain Festival on Saturday, June 21st. When someone gives a donation they can pick a craft made by members of our church. We are also looking for people to be at the booth. There is a sign-up on the hallway table. If you need more information please see the members of the CLC committee: Margie Fry, Elaine Fry, Mike Fry, Sherri Webber-Mains, Nancy McCullough, Doris Mae Kennedy, Rausa Roscinski.

Thank you!

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Highlights of Session Meeting held on May 21, 2026

- **APPROVED** the revised Church Custodian job description as presented by the Personnel Committee after several amended changes recommended by the Session.
- **APPROVED** the hiring of Lisa Barrick and staff as independent contractors for church custodians at a rate of \$150 per week as outlined in the amended "Employment Agreement."
- **APPROVED** the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve Andrew McCrea as a member of the Personnel Committee. (replacing Karyn Cunningham)
- **The ending checking account balance as of 4-30-2026 was \$15,286.32. Income for April was \$25,439.69 and the year-to-date income is \$86,839.64. Expenses for April totaled \$19,753.32 and year to date expenses were \$78,613.52. Interest earned during year to date is \$4,050.30.**
- **APPROVED** the \$20,000 gift from Joan Moyer and the \$10,00 from the sale of the Handbells be designated in the following manner: \$10,000 – General Fund, \$10,000 – Capital Improvement Fund and \$10,000 – nonrestricted Investment Fund.
- Margie Fry has agreed take over the maintenance of the Wix website and provide her credit card info to Wix. The price from a 3-year Domain Name has increased from \$38.85 to \$50.25, while the yearly charge for the webspace is \$216.94

- **APPROVED** that a letter of thanks be sent to Joan Moyer for the \$20,000 gift.

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- The Clerk of Session agreed to write a letter and send to Joan.

Submitted by Jim Ellingsworth – Clerk of the Session

(DISCLAIMER - "Notes from unofficial minutes and subject to change.")

Session 2026

Clerk- Jim Ellingsworth

Moderator- Pastor Vern Gauthier

Hale McCulloch

Lynette McCulloch

Elaine Fry

Mike Fry

Margie Fry

Sherri Mains

Nancy McCullough

Deacons 2026

Sally Ann McCrea

Bob Kovanic

Donna Weer

Sarah Keiter

Matt Cunningham

Deb Barrick

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Greetings!

While I write this, it is 58 degrees and raining. Just the other day, when it was in the mid-90s, I overheard a conversation where someone said something along the lines of, *"I wish these crazy up-and-down temperatures would stop and it would be 75 degrees every day."*

This is the kind of thing many of us have said from time to time. The thing is, it is not true to life and perhaps not even something many of us would truly want.

Think about it. While we like to fool ourselves otherwise, every spring has variable weather. Some springs more than others, but there is no such thing as average weather for the whole of spring. Additionally, I for one, and I think some others would agree, appreciate the change in weather. I appreciate days in the mid-70s with bright sunshine and big puffy clouds. Yet, I also appreciate days like today. Not only do we need the rain for our gardens and crops, but I find rainy days to be good days for thinking and reflection, an opportunity to do something different than I would be doing on a sunny day.

When it comes to hot, muggy weather, I must admit it is not my favorite, but when it passes, it gives me a greater appreciation for what comes next. Probably the reason fall is my favorite season is because it comes after the heat of summer, and why so many of us look forward to spring is because it follows the cold and ice of winter.

The bottom line is that the weather is what the weather is. We can choose to complain about it, or we can choose to make the best of it day by day, month by month, season by season.

This situation of uncontrollable change is not unique to the weather but, to some extent, touches every aspect of our lives. Like the weather, we can choose to complain about changes or seasons of life that we do not like, or we can choose to make the most of them, looking for opportunities to do different and new things than we did before.

The thing is, we never walk this up-and-down, high-to-low world of change alone. We have family and friends, our fellow church members, and most importantly, God to walk with us every step of the way.

This coming Sunday (May 24 as I write this) is Pentecost, and the text that comes to mind is one of the passages I preached on May 17: *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* (John 14:16-18)

Because of the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we never walk alone. Even if all others should desert us, God walks with us. This is the hope we have in times of change, the hope we have when we experience the low and dark times of life, the seasons of uncertainty.

This is especially true in light of Romans 8:28: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

Because of God's continual presence, we can choose to face the uncertainties of this world every day, not complaining, but seeking to make the best of each and every situation, knowing that God is working on our behalf.

In Christ, Pastor Vern



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SESSION SPEAKS

LYNETTE MCCULLOCH

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.. April my birthday month . Always a time of mixed feelings. You want to deny that you are another year older - especially when you're moving into another decade. Yet you might be excited about experiencing a special day or receiving a special gift. Well I was anticipating the coming of April. I was actually excited about this monumental birthday. I was going to celebrate my birthday in San Diego at a work conference. I was ready to celebrate. I love to see the people from around the country that come to learn and teach each other about our Unanet ERP platform that I only see once a year.

But April started with a whole lot of challenges arriving before my trip. Sometimes we start to think that we are making our schedules and planning our days for ourselves by ourselves. Well, I didn't make my April plan too well- but Our Lord did take over and made my April a success that really reminded me that we should rejoice and be glad in Our Lord.

My granddaughter, Harper, displaced my replacement lens in my right eye while we were sleeping . It came out partially out my pupil and got stuck. After two surgeries and one in-office procedure and a lot prayers suggested by Dr. Hartzell, he was successful. My lens is now back behind my pupil and my eye has started to heal. Clear vision has returned.

When Hale and I got to Dulles last Saturday at 6:00am the entire United Airlines Bagging Area was a wall to wall stand still with people everywhere and lines around and around the baggage counter. No computers, no kiosks, just hand written luggage tags and employees calling people up front by departure times to take their luggage. After more than an hour and the staff going back behind the curtain to MAKE a plan, a person beside us bumped into a kiosk. It started to reboot. The computers were starting to come back on line one by one. The couple beside us got their luggage tags, helped us quickly with ours and all four of us ran to turn in our luggage at the counter before most others realized that the computers were starting to come on. The best part of the delay at baggage ticketing was that no one was in the security line. We proceeded through security with no problem. Wow, this is the day that the Lord has made. We did rejoice when we were on the plane.

Now on the plane coming back into Dulles, I am thinking about how incredibly important it is to believe in , rely on, and trust Our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE!