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We are in what are called the “dog days of summer”. I picture those days when that ol’ coon hound just lays around, too hot to move except to get up for water.

Supposedly, it's a period between July 3 to August 11 when the weather is hottest and activities are the coolest. It is said to coincide with the star Sirius, the dog Star, rising with the sun. During this time of year, I find myself doing less outside than at other times. There are days when my outdoor activities may last until noon. I suppose it's very appropriate to have a time like this because Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of a time for everything, “and a season for every activity under heaven”. Be that as it may, it does not speak of a time to relax, mellow out and do little as opposed to a time to be very productive.

Recreation can be viewed as doing nothing, but it also can be viewed by its real meaning which is to re-create. Some of the synonyms are rebuild, restore, renovate, remake. It is in doing some things that are outside of our normal routine that we gain new insights and may or may not act upon them then but often those insights come into play later on in the year when we go back to our labors.

Recreating is different from retiring. Retiring might be defined as no longer having employment. You are done. In baseball, we say we retire the side. That’s it. It seems literally to mean that we are tired again and again.

During these days, these dog days of summer, I would invite you to break the routine and do some re-creation of yourself and others, breathe new life into what you are by reflecting and doing new things, even taking a few risks. But no ladders. This is the time when, especially in Florida, the heat makes it difficult to do much and most of the land rests until the crops come in again.

Let us find rejuvenation in our recreation. Store up that creativeness. It will soon pass as Ecclesiastes tells us. Remember that even though we are a small congregation, we have plenty of activities and meaningful adventures soon to come. Bible Study and Sunday School will be cancelled for July. We will begin our fall program soon after and be going full speed ahead by September. There are a wide variety of chances to grow and serve in the kingdom of God and then the seasons reflection will once again turn into action with the blooming and blossoming fields in our lives through Bible Study, Sunday School, choir practice, fellowships, serving meals to the community, and especially in our worship.

Pastor’s July Office Schedule: 5, 6. Unpaid vacation July 10 – 31.

Pastor’s August Office Schedule: 2, 9, 10, 16, 23, 30 and by phone.



BOOK CLUB

In October we will be reading “Jezebel” by K. Larsen. Annabelle Fortin got herself in a lot of trouble. Forced to do community service at an assisted living facility for early onset dementia she meets Jezebel, one of the residents. This is the story that unfolds over the course of Annabelle's court ordered six-month sentence. Nothing is what it seems! Come join us for this book.

We will take July, August and September off for the summer.

We are changing the way we do Book Club. From now on we meet once a month, on the first Monday at 3:00 pm. Please read the entire book before you come and be prepared to ask questions for all of us to answer. We are all leading the book from now on, and all will participate as much as we can. Please order your book from Amazon, or wherever you buy your books.

Our next meeting is Monday, Oct. 3rd at 3:00 pm in the church library.

Submitted by Jaquae L. Sands, 382-3428



CHOIR NEWS July 2022

I'm on vacation for the first two Sundays in July. But you won't miss me because I made complete CDs with my music on them so you will still get my service music each week! I'll be substituting for myself this year! Sandi Laufer will be bringing you a solo on July 3rd. Lots of good things happening! See you on Sunday!

Keep in Tune,
Jaquae



A JOYFUL NOISE



For now, the chimes are on hold. We need more people so if you're thinking about joining us, please give me a call. I'd love to hear from you! They say all good things are worth waiting for!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,
Jaquae



July

7th Linda Lussier
 15th Todd Martin
 21st Michelle Johns
 21st Kay Duball

August

7th Annakirk Ramkissoo
 10th Diane Maxson
 20th Carol Chandler
 21st Kathy Winters
 22nd Sandra Laufer



July

5th Johnny & Helen Kelly
 7th Alan & Kathy Brown
 11th Gary & Pauline Kincaid
 31st Dan & Kathy Winters

August

1st Bill & Carolyn Hine
 4th Ron & Rev Peggy Davis
 7th Don & Barbara Tieman's
 24th Gordon & Jane Walkington

OUTREACH

By: Sue Cowell



There are crayons on the table in the Community room. If you have a few minutes, take time to gather a few together and put a rubber band around them for the Shoe Box Ministry. Start looking for things to put in the boxes. November will be fast approaching and time to ship those boxes off. Take time to write a note of encouragement to the children receiving the boxes. Take this opportunity to reach out and share your love of Christ to someone who's never heard of HIM.

The Library is full of books just waiting for someone to enjoy. All types of books. During the hot months of July and August, check a book, or 2 or 3 or more and enjoy relaxing by reading.

Sunday School and Bible Study have taken a break for the summer. Sunday School will resume in August. When we gather for Bible Study again in Sept., please plan to join us on Tuesday at 11 and Sunday at 9. For an hour, look into God's Word and learn something new. It's informal and relaxed. We take, usually a book at a time, and read through it, learning new insights and viewpoints of something probably very familiar and yet new again.

When we think about how much time we spend watching TV, the computer, do we ever consider the time we spend looking at God's Word? Spend more time there in an interesting and intriguing way with friends and an excellent leader.



It takes 72 muscles to frown and
only 14 to smile....



No one ever injured his eyesight
by looking on the bright side.



Worship/Education/Fellowship Committee

What a wonderful Fathers' Day celebration we had! Teresa had decorated tables in the kitchen and fixed sandwiches. We also had salads (Thanks, Bob!) and cake (Thanks, Rich) and ice cream with a variety of toppings. We had about twenty diners - we enjoyed great fellowship.

"Faith coins" were also passed out (Thanks, Teresa) and a big thank you for those of you who shared memories of your own fathers. Some were funny; some were touching; all made for great reading with lots of wisdom to hand down to everyone.

Jaquae and Roger are going on a well-deserved vacation, but we will still be able to enjoy her music. Thanks for putting your talent to work so that we may hear it through the miracle of electronics. The choir has some special music for everyone when Jaquae and Roger return. Bring your singing voice to church every Sunday.

Pastor will be taking his grandson on a "Discover America" road trip the last three weeks of July. Never fear, we will have our own Rev. Jim Baker for July 17th; Rob Mason will take the last two Sundays of July. The elders and the deacons will "take up the slack." We are surely going to be blessed.

To all our traveling friends and family, including the Browns, we pray for safety and good weather. We will be staying home and watching the hurricane activity. May God bless us, each and every one.

Ann