



THE PROCLAMATION



JUNETEENTH

REV. DR. JOHN A. HINKLE, JR., *SENIOR PASTOR*

Juneteenth (short for "June 19") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

To be honest with you, growing up in Dalton, GA, I never heard of the significance of Juneteenth. As a child, on June 19 I was just glad I was on summer vacation. Juneteenth first showed up on my radar when Leila and I befriended Lisa and Tim Wilborn. We hit it off with the Wilborn's the first time we met, moving into our new neighborhood in Georgia about the same time. Tim and I were the same age, and we both went to college in South Carolina at the same time. Tim played football at The Citadel. He was on the field when the Bulldogs scored a last-second touchdown to beat the Blue Hose of Presbyterian College. I am sure Tim was too focused on celebrating this victory to notice a very angry PC freshman screaming that we should fire our coach. Tim loved recalling this game for me.

Tim and I shared a love for all things sports. The two of us would often slip away to watch the Braves play a "Business Man's Special" at The Ted. We would sit in the outfield watching the game, talking theology, and comparing notes as fathers. I remember one Braves game when Tim broke out in laughter. I asked him what was so funny, to which he replied, "I was just thinking that I would love to see my grandfather's reaction if he was still alive - that a black boy from South Carolina and a white boy from Georgia would be watching a baseball game together.

I remember one day back in June of 2001; I asked Tim if he and Lisa wanted to come over on the weekend and cookout. He said he wished they could, but the two were traveling back to South Carolina to celebrate Juneteenth with his family. Tim clearly saw I had no clue what he was talking about, so he shared with me the history of Juneteenth, to which I replied - it is like the Passover. For just as Passover speaks of freedom, so does Juneteenth.

Freedom is vital to the human soul, so much so that we often mark it as a holiday to remember what was and what is now. Memorial Day reminds us of those men and women who lost their lives so that we might enjoy the freedoms we have as a country. July 4 marks that day when brave patriots put their names on a paper because

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PREACHING IN THE
MONTH OF JUNE

June 5

Pentecost Sunday

“Showing Love”

Psalm 104:1-9

John 15:1-17

June 12

Trinity Sunday

“A New Pair of Shoes”

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20



Following worship on June 5 and June 12, we will be serving lemonade and cookies for a time of fellowship. What a great opportunity for 8:30 folks and 11am folks to fellowship together.

June 19

“Is There a Doctor in the House?”

Psalm 33:1-11

Matthew 9:9-13

June 26

“You Want to Do What?”

Psalm 16

Luke 9:51-62

JUNETEENTH, *CONT.*

they wanted more for their families than England could provide. Thanksgiving Day is a time to give thanks for the religious freedom we have as a nation. And of course, there is Easter Sunday, when we as the Body of Christ proclaim, knowing the tomb is empty, that we are free from our sin.

I am no black man. To my knowledge, no one in my family has ever been enslaved. I was barely one year old on April 4, 1968 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. So, I cannot fully grasp the impact of making Juneteenth a national holiday, but somewhere I know Tim Wilborn is smiling, and his heart is warm, and that alone is a reason for me to celebrate.

Follow Rev. Dr. Hinkle on Twitter @daltonboy1986 or email him at jhinkle@mborofpc.org

WORSHIP & NEWS AT FPC



During the months of June and July we will have only ONE worship service on Sundays at 10:15am. Sunday School for all ages and groups will begin at 9:00am. Children age preschool-6th grade will be brought to the Common Room after Sunday School for parent pick-up so that children’s Sunday School teachers are able to get to the worship service on time. Thank you!

CLERGY
VACATION
AND TRAVEL

Rev. Dr. Hinkle will be on vacation 5/28-6/4

Rev. Harding will be at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI 6/4-6/11.

If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact your caregiver or the church office.

FPC NEWS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN JUNE/JULY: VALERIE RAINS

The Session would like to remind the congregation that our organist, Valerie Rains, has requested and been granted a leave of absence for the months of June and July. We are grateful for everything Valerie does for our congregation.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

06.05.2022

Please Wear Best

EMAIL NEWS

During the months of June and July, we will not email or post video devotions from our pastors on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We will continue to have our Monday Morning Wake Up Call update with Rev. Dr. Hinkle and our Saturday Sermon Preview with the preaching pastor sent via email, on Facebook and www.mborofpc.org.

Where is Rev. Joyce?



Please be in prayer for Rev. Joyce and her family as they enjoy a time of rest and renewal during her sabbatical this June and July.



First Presbyterian Church Preschool

WE STILL HAVE SPOTS

OPEN FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR! Call 615-893-4760, the church office at 615-893-3882, ext. 201, or email: preschool@mborofpc.org.

Thank you,

Karen Winford, Director of Preschool

RELATIONSHIPS GROW
leaders emerge
COMMUNITIES CHANGE



THANK YOU to our volunteers who will be reading with and to students June 13-16, those preparing meals for the college intern volunteers and Teri Windham for helping coordinate our efforts.



The Session of First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro has tentatively scheduled a Congregational Meeting to take place on Sunday, June 26, 2022 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022/2023 fiscal year and a change of call for our Senior and Associate Pastors.



FPC Family,
We are in
full summer
mode at UKirk!

Please keep our students in your prayers as they have disbursed from MTSU to all corners of the earth... well maybe not all corners, but we've got students in Germany, Costa Rica, Colorado, and Michigan, that I know of...

We've also got several still here in Murfreesboro, two of which are serving with Project Transformation this summer!

Peace!

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SESSION NOTES BY GLEN EMERY, CLERK OF SESSION

- Our devotion was led by Don McKinney. The text of his devotion was Second Timothy 4: 6-8 that was written by Paul while he was in prison. He was looking back on his life that he fought a good fight and finished the race. We are inspired to not let anything stand in our way to further the missions of our church. We all play an important role. We pray that the Lord give us the zeal to keep moving and be persistent to achieve our goals.
- In June, we will be perusing the budget for the next year and if we approve it, it will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, June 26.
- We got a very nice note from Phillip Purvis, who spoke to us about the mission of The Gideons International, thanking us for our donation of \$1013 which will be used to put 202 Bibles in Hotels in Rutherford county and worldwide.
- We are concerned to get our members to return to worship services after being gone for COVID. Let us know if you know of someone that used to be here for worship and is now not attending.
- Church services will be at 10:15 during the months of June and July. Sunday School will be at 9.
- A new Communications Coordinator by the name of Alanna Diserens has been hired to fill our media and communications needs.
- June 19 (Juneteenth) has become a Federal Holiday and the church will be closed on that day beginning in 2023. Columbus Day will no longer be a church office holiday starting in 2023.
- For Project Transformation, where we help young people to read, our date for assistance is the week of June 13-16 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
- Roof leaks that have been noted in some of the classrooms are being repaired. The preschool area is in need of some physical improvements and repairs. Estimates are being garnered.
- As a reminder, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for only 1 night, July 22 at our church. Registration begins June 26.
- Thirteen meals were coordinated by the Care Ministry for our members. Prayer shawls are also being distributed. Communion was served to 5 shut ins.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

6TH-8TH GRADE	9TH-12TH GRADE	ALL YOUTH!
<p>Wed June 15 Dinner & Movie Location TBD</p>	<p>SAT JUNE 18 DINNER & MOVIE LOCATION TBD</p>	<p>WED JUNE 22 LAKE DAY ON CENTER HILL</p>
<p>WED JULY 6 POOL PARTY AND COOKOUT @ THE FARRAR HOUSE</p>	<p>Sat: July 9 Flick & Float Party @ the Gray House</p>	<p>WED JULY 27 CANEE FORK RIVER FLOAT TRIP!</p>

High School Summer Trip

June 23-28
Jackson, MS



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Neeley Emore
Patrick Gritton
Jack Lannom
Christian Pencek

COVENANT SUNDAY
MAY 8, 2022



- Sunday School will meet at 9:00am each week in June and July, with one worship service at 10:15am. Children will be brought to the Common Room immediately after Sunday School for pickup before worship.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Family Vacation Bible School will be on Friday, July 22nd here at church from 5:00-7:30 pm! Registration will take place from June 26 – July 10. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon.



SAVE the DATE

2023 Church Family Retreat

APRIL 28-30

JUNE



2	Angelina Hulett, William Lea, John Murphy
3	Virginia Jennings, Tommy Nance
4	Joseph Anderson, Ruth Bouldin, Lindsey Jennings, Chuck Ramsay
7	Carol Egles, Rebecca Layman
8	Anna Paddon, Sandy Workman
12	Margaret Lane, Josh Merritt, Wesley Nance
13	Jonathan Swenson, Susan Wilson
14	Joe Bales
15	Doug Daniel
16	Valerie Bales, Susan Couch, Addie Gray, Jovie Harding, Jay Smith
17	Zach Tyner
18	Debbie Crumley, Marilyn Patterson, William Patterson
19	Kenny Jones
20	Courtney Joyner, Roy Lugos
21	Leslie Akins, Kathy Callaway, Cindy Prescher
22	Reese Hines, Robb McDaniel
23	Rachel Follis, Rick Prescher
25	Chris Jackson, Mary Martin
26	Becky Elrod, Adam Webb
29	Caroline Layman, Sandy Wheeler
30	Amy Farrar, Reecely Young

Marshall & Meredith Baughman	June 2
Steve & Sarah White Bagby	June 5
Bob & Nancy Hoffman	June 7
Jim & Susan Daniel	June 8
Bill & Marilyn Patterson	June 9
Timothy & Joyce Merritt	June 11
Bernie & Susan Steen	June 11
Bob & Jean Potter	June 12
Harrison & Kesha Tisdal	June 14
Chris & Watson Harris	June 16
Stacy & Tracy Webb	June 17
Dan & Martha Johnson	June 18
William & Kerry Lea	June 18
Terry & Allison Panter	June 20
Rick & Cindy Prescher	June 21
Mark & Leslie Akins	June 22
David & Sue Grubbs	June 24
Bart & Lee Ann Walker	June 24
Sandy & Henry Workman	June 26

PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Prayer Room is a vital community and world-impacting ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Prayer Room team members come to the church prayer room when convenient for them and spend time in purposeful prayer for those who have submitted prayer requests. All requests are kept entirely confidential by the prayer room team. Prayer Room participants also write encouraging notes for some of these people who have indicated they might enjoy one. Our Prayer Room head is Bart Walker and he will be more than happy to discuss how you can get involved and help you with scheduling a time to come and pray in the prayer room. Just email sbartwalker@gmail.com or you can call the church at 615-893-3882, ext. 201. Thank you!

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Have a July announcement?

Submit it to Charlotte at charlotte@mborofpc.org or
 call 893-3882 ext. 201 by June 20, 2022.

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Summer always means our food-provision ministries need more donations as the need greatly increases while children are not in school. Please join us for our First Friday Food Drive on Friday, June 3 from 9am-12pm. Just drive through our College St. portico with your donations and a helpful volunteer will take them straight from your vehicle for you! We especially need easy to open and prepare non-perishable foods. Please make sure all food donations are in-date. All donations will be taken to Greenhouse Ministries and Nourish Food Bank.