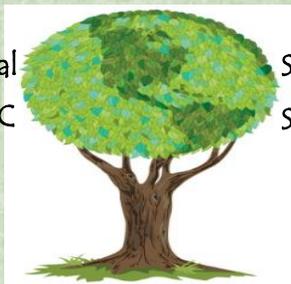


# THE TRI-COUNTY PARISH CIRCUIT RIDER



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### *May We Choose Love*

By Ciona D. Rouse

From *Like Breath and Water: Praying With Africa* ©2009

*My prayer is simple:*

*May we choose love, Lord.*

*May we choose love when faced with retaliation,*

*love when tempted by deception,*

*love when addressing poverty,*

*love when speaking to our neighbors,*

*love when lured by bad choices,*

*love when electing leaders.*

*In all the things we do, in all the words we say,*

*and in all the places we go,*

*May we choose love.*

*Amen.*

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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

## Pastor's Ponderings

*By Jerry Schmidt*

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, the Christ,

As I sit in the office writing this, I know that many of us are getting ready for the season that brings vacations, grilling, picnicking, tanning, gardening, (enter whatever the summer months mean to you). But what of the church in summer? People continue to live life, and have hardships in their lives. The church still needs to pay the bills and meet the obligations of the building and missions. God doesn't take a break, why do we? Because we are not God, and do not have His almighty energy.

We need our time away to refresh, get a different view of our lives, and clear our heads for continued ministry. Luke 5:16 tells us that Jesus would withdraw to pray. We don't normally think of vacation as a time away to pray, but isn't that what our respite time is? Time away to pray and recharge? Our issues, problems, and obligations are still there, but they are being cared for by someone that we trust to care for these things, whether it be our pets, plants, or loved ones. Even if our time is spent on the beach, or in the woods, in quiet oasis, we are in a position to hear God speak to us. We set an example for people who work too hard, or work to avoid those awkward times of silence when God might give us a clear understanding of what might be next for us.

Even in our time in retreat with others around, in a campground, or on a busy beach, or in a crowded hotel, through all the noise, we can hear God, if we are willing to listen. Many of you know that it was during Annual Conference that I heard God call me into ministry. We can retreat within to hear our own voice, or the voice of the Almighty. God will speak to us, over all the noise around us. In Luke 9:10-11, we see that Jesus took them aside to rest. Isn't it in our rest that we are able to concentrate on nothing. It is in these moments of nothing, that God can do wonders. Do we not feel better about an issue that we are facing, or with which we struggle, after a night of rest? Even if it only has a new spin, it comforts us. A different viewpoint can regenerate us, and give us hope.

Matthew 11:28-30 calls us to Jesus. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest; for my yoke is light." This truth became real for me several years ago while singing "Come to the Water" by John Foley. My cousins and I, and our families called ourselves the Family Singers, and this was one of my favorite songs that we performed. If it had not been for this extended family, and their faith, I would not be the person, dad, husband, and pastor that I am today. I learned to lean on others for support and encouragement. If these people could make me feel comfort and love, how much more could I lean on God through Jesus Christ, with the help of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit?

So in our absence from the family of God, on whom can we lean? When we are not in community with others, there is a hole that sometimes cannot be filled by anybody else. Jesus wants us to rest and energize ourselves for ministry to the least and the lost; He does not want us to take a permanent siesta from His community of faith.

God cares for us, who care for others. When someone has advice for you, it may be God speaking through that person; because none of us can do anything without God's pure love-filled guidance.

If you are going away, let your church pray for you while you are gone. We can only do this when we know you are going. No judgment, no envy, and no ill will; just concern for you, your rest, and your continued faith journey with the hope of the world, Jesus Christ!

Hoping for time away too,

*Jerry Schmidt*

## Minister's Musings

*By Kathy Miller*

**June is bustin' out all over!** Isn't it wonderful?! The flowering trees and shrubs, many shades of green on the trees and brush where it has been bare or brown. In between the spring rains, we enjoy an ever warming breeze, the evening song of the robin. God refreshes our world again. These are the days that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in them!

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I just started reading a little book that's been laying on my desk for a while – “How to Walk Into a Church” by Tony Payne. A curious title, right? Hardly seems like a subject for which we need instruction, does it? Actually, the author tells us there are many different ways. For a person walking into a church for the first time, they may be wondering if they know anyone there, where they should sit, are they dressed properly? And if they have never been in any church, will they find the answers for the questions that brought them there?

Then there is the person who comes to church semi-regularly simply out of habit, or because it seems like the right thing to do, or because they come to visit with their friends. How about the young couple with small children who have had a long week of jobs and getting children off to school? And now they straggle into church late after the chaos of feeding and dressing the kids and corralling them into the car. I remember those days.

Some folks may walk into church as they would a theater or stadium – expecting to participate in some larger experience that will inspire and uplift them.

Many Christians walk into church with a sense of joyful expectancy, looking forward to meeting with God, and with their Brothers and Sisters in Christ. How do you walk into church? The answer may depend on what kind of church you're walking into. Is it one that works cohesively with common goals? Is it one where some folks are missing because of thoughtless remarks made to them? Is it one that strives to be Christ centered, or one that is person centered?

If you understand what the Bible says about church—about what it is, why we go there, and what we are supposed to do there—then there is one particular way you would want to walk into church. The way that beautifully expresses what church is, and what it's meant to be. “We should walk into church praying about where to sit.” “Huh?”, I said when I read this! As I read on, tho', the point was well made. When we pray as we enter the church, we acknowledge that God is sovereign, and that our lives and purposes are in His hands. That prayer should include where we sit placing our trust in God for what will happen in church that day. Our minds will then be in the right frame of mind towards each other, so that we will start to think about church as about someone other than me. We come to worship not only to be loved, but also to love and bless others. Our prayers lead us to trust that God has someone He wants us to sit next to, talk with, listen to, pray for and encourage.

Praying about where to sit. Who could have imagined that such a simple act could have so many benefits?

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I wish for each of you a blessed June.

The season of gardens, weddings, graduations, picnics and more summer delights!

Grace & Peace,

*Kathy*



## Parish News



The Prayer Warriors meet every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at CEP. Everyone is invited to join this small, but mighty group of warriors. If you have any prayer requests for the group, please call Paula Schmidt at 570-673-8232.

### URGENT NEED FOR UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS

We are planning to get the Parish together to assemble Flood Buckets... (or simply bring the buckets we have already assembled together to be taken to Mission Central and have a gathering to celebrate.) Watch the bulletin for more information!! In the meantime, gather up items, remembering to be very careful about the specifics of each item. Items that are not the correct size cannot be put into the buckets.



### Eight Gifts That Do Not Cost a Cent

*From the Fishwrapper, February 2, 2016*

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING... But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION... Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER... Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE... It can be a simple, "Thanks for the help." note, or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT... A simple and sincere compliment can make someone's day. "You look great in red," "You did a super job!" "That was a wonderful meal."
6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR... Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE... There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION... The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

## **Shunk News**

*By Suzi Fisher*

Thank you to all of people for serving our congregation!! Ken & Phyllis Quail, Wayne Quail, Lucy Baumunk, Carol Miller, Mark Savage deserve a big *Thank You* for all they do to keep the grounds, building, & finances in order!! I'm sure I have missed someone.....thank you one and all for the things you do to keep our church going!!!

A great way to start your day of worship is with Sunday School at 10:00 AM.

Bible Study with Pastor Jerry will resume in the fall.

**June 9-11-** Annual Conference: We are working on much needed Flood Buckets for Mission Central. Keep Pastor Jerry, Kathy Miller, Brian Greenough, and myself in prayer during that time so that we listen to the Holy Spirit to make the right decisions.

**June 6** is the anniversary of D-Day and **June 14** is Flag Day. Fly your American Flag proudly and by all means pray for and/or thank our dear ones who are Veterans/Active Duty Servicemen and Women!! Spread the word that, "In God We Still Trust!"

**June 19-** HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important men in our lives and parish!!

**June 20-** First day of Summer. Give thanks to our dear Lord for the beauty He has enfolded us in!

**June 23-** Shunk Ad Council Meeting at 7 PM.

**June 25-** Church Picnic here at the church. Please watch the bulletin for details.

***Sending Congratulations all of the Graduates in the Tri-County Parish!!!!***

### **What Makes a Dad By Unknown Author**

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ...  
Dad*

## Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

As we move through spring toward summer, we see many changes taking place around us. There is new life with the lambs in the field, there are flowers blossoming, the church is taking new shape because of the work done in the yard and to the steps and front of the building (Thank you to all who made this happen!), our children are moving into new stages as they finish their years in grade school and finish high school, destined for whatever great things lie ahead! Within our church, we can look around and see many generations represented. Because of this, the changes don't end with school graduations. Some have begun new careers, some are newlyweds, some are preparing to become parents, some are adjusting to not going to work every day, and some are adjusting to not living at home any longer.

For our family, as well as some of you, it has been an emotional few months. My mother has spent the better part of three years being a part of the everyday life of our friend and church member, Marie Taylor. As her health has declined, the time came when she was no longer able to live in her home. While this was difficult, it was paired with the added duty of emptying her home and selling. As the house was prepared, we spent time looking at the history within its walls. This home was built by Floyd's grandfather in 1887 and in 2017 would have been the Taylor homestead for 130 years. Within the walls of this home were generations of memories. Beyond the photos, were clothing, lodge attire, letters, books, furniture, baby teeth (belonging to Alice and the dog!), and many other items that had been preserved through the generations. For us, it wasn't just the items in the house. It was the memories of sitting in the living room on the furniture that had been in the home for generations and listening to Floyd and Marie tell stories. It was seeing pictures of church events and remembering the times with LaRene and Marie both there (Do you remember the day they announced the installation of the new toilet?). In 1987 Floyd and Marie held an open house to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their home complete with a guest book that several of us signed. To commemorate the occasion, Wilmer Wilcox wrote a poem. While I know that this is the church newsletter, I wanted to share that poem with you.

### *The Taylor House*

*This old house is getting older, But it's standing straight and tall*

*This old house is getting aged, But it needs no over haul*

*This old house is calm and quiet , Unalarmed and unafraid*

*This old house is strong and steadfast, For this house was Taylor made*

*This old house was once a new one, Standing up to wind and squall*

*This old house was young and sturdy, On its stone laid cellar wall*

*This old house once rang with laughter, Children romped thru every room*

*This old house saw tears and sadness, With its sorrow and its gloom*

*This old house was middle aged, In the days not long ago*

*This old house is now a hundred, Now its days must run more slow*

*This old house is now a landmark, Bradford County, Canton town*

*This old house, in quiet beauty, Now an object of renown*

*This old house, we all salute you, With your friendly, open door*

*This old house, may you keep standing, Another hundred years or more.*

**Ward News continued from page 7**

Our church and that home are not far apart in age. We can look within our walls and see descendants of those who built this church. Our church, now old, is a landmark to us all. I think this poem represents life well. Even just thinking of Marie, I am sure that she, like her house, has seen all of these stages of life yet has remained strong. May we all have as strong a foundation to stand on as the Taylor house. Though that house will soon have new occupants, its foundation remains strong and, for those of us who knew it as the Taylor Homestead, its memories remain.

On June 5, Ward will be honoring the graduates. We have three graduates this year. Maggy Machmer will be graduating from high school. Next year Maggy plans to attend Bloomsburg University to study Business Management. Kylie Landon and Noah Shedden will be graduating from sixth grade. Next year Kylie will be a student at Canton Jr. Sr. High School and Noah will be a student at North Penn Liberty High School.

We also want to wish all fathers a Happy Father's Day! We will be honoring the fathers in church on June 19th.

As we continue to think about the anniversary of the church, what are your favorite memories? There are many who are no longer with us. For me, this church is a part of my family. The memories I have include both those who are no longer with us as well as those of you I worship with every week. This story barely touches on only one family. Should we think of sharing some of these memories the day we show the video?

**Canton Ecumenical News**

*By Paula Schmidt*

Our Monthly Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m. This month's entrée is Ham Loaf. Dinner includes, entrée, potato, vegetable, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$6.00 per person and take-outs are available. Come enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors! We'll save you a seat!!

The Canton Food Pantry item for June is canned tuna. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Bible Study will resume in the fall.

**White Hairs**

*From the Fishwrapper, March 1, 2016 edition*

One day, a little girl was standing and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of Grandma's hairs are white?"

## **St. John's News**

*By Andrea Sutton*

Bible Study with Kathy Miller will resume in the Fall.

The members of St. John's Church have had a very uneventful month during May. With all the sickness and not having Sunday school, we have sort of been taking it easy. But we will be ready for June activities.

**Flood bucket update:** St. John's has completed eight buckets for Mission Central!! Thank you to everyone who has participated! Keep those buckets coming!! Watch the bulletin for when we will be getting together to dedicate the buckets! Of course snacks will be involved!

We honor one graduate, Dan Anderson, who recently graduated from Penn College of Technology. We wish him well in his future career. Also congratulations go out to Beverly Unruh who made the dean's list of Southeast Missouri State University during the Spring 2016 semester! Congratulations, Beverly! We are so proud of you!! To all the 2016 graduates, congratulations! Remember Father's Day is June 19<sup>th</sup>!

We are looking forward to an outing in the next coming weeks. Hopefully it will be a nice day and we will enjoy it.

Here is a poem for Memorial Day.

*Peace will come when people live  
in friendship, side by side,  
and cherish understanding  
more than hatred, greed and pride.*

*Peace will come when people see  
all people as the same,  
and no one has to live in fear,  
in ignorance, or shame.*

*Peace will come when people  
who are needy can reach out  
for shelter, food, or love,  
and no one has to do without.*

*Peace will come when people  
learn to listen and to care  
about the rights and dignity  
of people everywhere.*

*Peace will come when love and trust  
and kindness know rebirth,  
and on that day all people  
Will rejoice in peace on earth.*

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## **"QUOTES IN RETROSPECT"**

**"Everything that can be invented has been invented.**

*Charles H. Duell, Office of Patents, 1899*

**"There will never be a bigger plane built."**

*A Boeing Engineer, after the first flight of the 247, a twin engine plane that carried ten people.*

**"Ours has been the first group, and doubtless to be  
the last to visit this profitless locality."**

*Lt. Joseph Ives, after visiting the Grand Canyon in 1861.*

**"With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry  
isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the US market."**

*Business Week, August 2, 1968*

**"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."**

*Ken Olson, president of Digital Equipment Corp. 1977*

**"This telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously  
considered as a means of communication."**

*Western Union, memo. 1876*

**"No imaginable commercial value.**

**Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"**

*David Sarnoff's associates, in response to his urging investment in the radio in the 1920's*

**"Market research reports say America likes crispy cookies,  
not soft and chewy cookies like you make."**

*Response to Debbi Fields' idea of Mrs. Fields' Cookies*

**"We don't need you. You haven't got through college yet."**

*Hewlett Packard excuse to Steve Jobs, who founded Apple Computers, instead.*

**"I think there's a world market for about five computers."**

*Thomas J. Watson, chairman of the board of IBM.*

**"Radio has no future. Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible.  
X-rays will prove to be a hoax."**

*William Thomson, Lord Kelvin English scientist, 1899.*

## **Evaluate Your Life**

*A book excerpt From **How the 10 Commandments Set Us Free***

*By Mark Mitchell (Go to [dhp.org/Mitchell](http://dhp.org/Mitchell) to purchase a copy)*

Occasionally, it's important to step back from our lives and evaluate whether or not God is our true hub. Is He really first – not in the sense that there are other things on our list but in the sense that He's the center of our existence? Someone made an acrostic out of the word "first" that might help us evaluate our own lives according to the first commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)

**FOCUS:** What is your focus? What are you thinking about? What are you watching? What are you listening to? In Colossians Paul says to "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3: 2)

**INCOME:** How do you spend your money? We tend to pour our dollars into things that are meaningful to us. Jesus put it this way: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 21) If someone were to evaluate what's important to you based on your checkbook register or your online bank statement, what would that person conclude?

**RELATIONSHIPS:** Who influences your life? Who is your inner circle? Who do you go to when you need some counsel? Perhaps an even better question: Who are you trying to please? Or this: Who are you trying to impress?

**SPIRITUAL FOOD:** Describe your spiritual diet. What place does the Word of God really have in your life? Are you regularly feasting on God's Word? The apostle Peter said: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk." (1 Peter 2: 2).

**TIME:** How do you spend your time? We all need time for relationships, for work, and for play. It's amazing, though, how many hours we can spend doing things that aren't really necessary or important. Then, when it comes to the things of God, we say, "I don't have time for that." Scripture says, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5: 15 – 16).

When I ask myself these questions, I quickly realize how often I fall short. Here's my prescription: Simply run to Jesus. Instead of feeling guilty and burdened by your sin, confess your sin and remember God's promise in Romans 8: 1: "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

But don't stop there. Take the next step and ask God to help you make some changes. If you know Christ, then the Holy Spirit lives within you, and the Holy Spirit doesn't just convict you from the outside, He also helps and empowers you from the inside. Remember, the Ten Commandments are meant to enrich you, not to enslave you. You can yield to the Holy Spirit and begin to make God your only God. That's the path to true freedom.

## STRANGER IN MY HOUSE

Author Unknown- From the Fishwrapper. January 19, 2016

A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was.

She is a clever old lady, and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but when ever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And, whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is, hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my face. This is very rude. I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back.

If she insists on hanging around, the least she could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no. Every once and a while, I find a dollar bill stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a soft cushion, but it is not nearly enough.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$100 and a few days later, it's all gone. I certainly don't spend money that fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me.

You'd think she would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream. Its is obvious she needs it. And money isn't the only thing I think she is stealing. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate – especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies and candy. I can't seem to keep that stuff in the house anymore. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight, too.

For an old lady, she is quite childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my closets when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organized. She also fiddles with my VCR so it does not record what I have carefully and correctly programmed.

She has found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers and magazines before I do, and blurs the print so I can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my radio and television. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers.

She has done other things – like make my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier and all my knobs and faucets harder to turn. She even made my bed higher so that getting into and out of it is a real challenge. Lately, she has been fooling with my groceries before I put them away, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible for me to open the jars.

She has taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. When I try something on, she stands in front of the dressing room mirror and monopolizes it. She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me.

Just when I thought she couldn't get any meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went for my driver's license, and just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me! No one is going to believe that the picture of that old lady is me.

## **Arty's Blessings- From Mission Central.org**



Did you know that with everything Mission Central does, we even have a ministry for pet food?

“Arty’s Blessings” is the pet food distribution ministry providing dog and cat food in the event of a disaster. We always think of people’s needs during these times, but our pets are important too.

Arty’s Blessings is named for Mission Central Education Coordinator, Ruth Ward’s, beloved dog, Arty (pictured here) and is also in honor of her late husband.

This is a co-op of 5 area food banks and churches, as well as Mission Central. In the event of a disaster, everything comes to Mission Central for distribution to the appropriate areas. When we are fortunate enough to have no disasters to deal with, the food goes back to local food banks for their client needs.

As of March 16, 2016, we have distributed almost 260,000 pounds of food across Pennsylvania and this ministry was only started in the Summer of 2015!!

The ways that assistance can be provided are endless. If you have an idea perhaps you can put that into motion and help countless people, animals, organizations, etc. When it comes to mission work, the sky’s the limit!



### **Did you know?? You can help Mission Central by shopping on Amazon.com??**

We hope you’ve been using Amazon Smile when doing your online shopping, as a portion of each purchase goes back to Mission Central.

We first notified everyone of this additional way to support Mission Central several months ago and want to remind you that it’s not just a Christmas-time or Holiday Season way to help support us. Amazon Smile is an “every-day” way to give back to Mission Central, just by using Amazon as you do now, but with one different step.

Instead of logging on to amazon.com to shop, go to smile.amazon.com. You’ll log into the SAME account you always use...nothing will be different...except for one small thing. The first time you use this, designate Mission Central as the organization you support and from then on, a portion of each purchase you make gets donated back to Mission Central.

With Father’s Day just around the corner, you’ll likely have some purchases to make...remember Mission Central as well and use [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile)!

## **Remember**

*Author Unknown*

*From the "Fishwrapper" February 16, 2016*

One woman complained to a friend that she couldn't remember anything from one day to the next. "Let me get this straight," he said, "You can't remember anything from one day to the next? How long has this been going on?" She said, "How long has what been going on?"

*If your memory is not what you would like it to be,  
it may help to focus on the few things you really need to remember...*

*Remember that your presence is a present to the world.*

*Remember to take the days just one at a time.*

*Remember that you'll make it through whatever comes along.*

*Remember to laugh.*

*Remember those dreams waiting to be realized.*

*Remember that decisions are too important to leave to chance.*

*Remember to always reach for the best that is within you.*

*Remember that the longer you carry a grudge, the heavier it gets.*

*Remember that a little love goes a long way.*

*Remember that miracles can still happen.*

*Remember that happiness is more often found in giving than getting.*

*Remember to count your blessings, not your troubles.*

*Remember that life's treasures are people, not things.*

*Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes wonderful.*

*Remember that nothing wastes more energy than worry.*

*Remember that you are a unique and unrepeatable creation.*



## **Complex Conclusions**

**Teacher:** "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"

**Student:** "Yes, ma'am, telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man."

**Teacher:** "Give me an example of a collective noun."

**Student:** "Garbage can"

## **Taking Care of Mama**

*Submitted by Cindy Walton*

*This was an article posted by the Chinook Sage in a past issue of the Canton Independent Sentinel. It was an opening joke written for a speaker at an AARP Convention.*

### **“OOPS”**

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers and prospered. Some years later, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who lived alone far away in another city.

The first said, “I had a big house built for Mama.”

The second said, “I had a hundred thousand dollar theater built in the house.”

The third said, “I had a Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her.”

The fourth said, “You know how Mama loves reading the Bible and you know she can’t read anymore because she can’t see very well. Well, I met this preacher who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took five preachers seven years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it.”

The other brothers were impressed. After the holidays, Mom sent out her Thank-You notes.

She wrote:

“Milton, the house you built is so huge, I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway.

“Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks.”

“Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I’ve lost my hearing, and I’m nearly blind. I’ll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same.”

“Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you.” Luv ya, Mama.



## **CRAZY CHOCOLATE CAKE**

*From Tip Hero*

*Serves 10*

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 45 minutes

### **You'll Need**

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup water



### **How To**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Grease an 8-inch square or 9-inch round cake pan.

Add all the dry ingredients directly to the pan and mix.

Make 3 depressions – 2 small and 1 large – in the mixed dry ingredients. Pour the vinegar in one of the small depressions, the vanilla in the other small depression, and the vegetable oil in the large depression. Pour water over all, and mix with a fork until smooth.

Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 35 minutes, until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Allow to cool. Top with your favorite frosting and enjoy!

What a treat! Such a good option for your vegan and dairy-free guests during celebrations, don't you think? Have you ever made a cake like this one before?



## Tri- County Parish Events - June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **Prayer Warriors 11 am St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	2  <i>Trey Smith</i> <i>Willard &amp; Rosalie Cease</i>	3	4  <i>Marie Ohm</i>
5	6 Parish office closed  <i>Rosalie Cease</i>	7 Parish office closed	8 Annual Conference **Prayer Warriors 11 am No St. John's Bible Study Parish office closed  <i>Chuck Stimson</i> <i>Mart &amp; Eunice McFall</i>	9 Annual Conference	10 Annual Conference  <i>Ed &amp; Dody Smith</i>	11 Annual Conference  <i>Ed Fisher</i>
12  <i>Amy Stone Harvey</i> <i>George Wilcox</i> <i>Cheryl Gould</i> <i>Laurie Tompkins</i> <i>Thad &amp; Sheila Woodward</i>	13 Kathy Away	14 <b>Flag Day</b> CEP Monthly Dinner 5pm Kathy Away	15 **Prayer Warriors 11 am Kathy Away  <i>Val Huntley</i>	16 TCP PPRC 6pm Kathy Away  <i>Pat Gehman</i>	17	18
19 Father's Day  <i>Marilyn Morgan</i> <i>Jeremy &amp; Lydia Landon</i>	20 The First Day of Summer  <i>Katie Campbell</i>	21  <i>Dennis Gould</i>	22 **Prayer Warriors 11 am	23 Canton Yard Sale Days Shunk Ad. Council 7 pm  <i>Greg Kelly</i>	24 Canton Yard Sale Days  <i>June Seely</i> <i>Susan Stull</i> <i>Amy Bellows</i> <i>Lydia Landon</i>	25 Canton Yard Sale Days Shunk Church Picnic  <i>Katelyn Cease</i>
26	27	28  <i>Noah Shedden</i> <i>Link Vermilya</i>	29 **Prayer Warriors 11 am  <i>Jeremy Vermilya</i>	30  <i>Caleb Lattimer</i> <i>Jerry McNett</i> <i>Bonnie Smith</i>		** At Canton Ecumenical

All events are subject to change.  
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

# Tri-County Parish

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Reflections on a Birthday

Birthdays are for reflecting –  
Or so I've heard it said –  
With memories of bye-gone days,  
And ne'er a thought of dread.



Measure not your life by years  
Nor things that you have done;  
But count your cherished family  
And the new friends you have won.



Some blessings can't be measured  
In numbers or in size;  
But the ones that warm your heart  
Are the ones you'll always prize.

You may have reached another milestone –  
Showing you're still in the race –  
May you run this year in triumph  
Through the goodness of God's grace.

### Canton Ecumenical

4<sup>th</sup>- Marie Ohm; 12<sup>th</sup>- Amy Stone Harvey, George Wilcox; 15<sup>th</sup>- Val Huntley; 19<sup>th</sup>- Marilyn Morgan; 20- Katie Campbell; 24<sup>th</sup>- Susan Stull, June Seely; 30<sup>th</sup>- Caleb Lattimer. **No Anniversaries.**

### Ward

2<sup>nd</sup>- Trey Smith; 12<sup>th</sup>- Cheryl Gould, Laurie Tompkins; 21<sup>st</sup>- Dennis Gould; 23<sup>rd</sup>- Greg Kelly; 24<sup>th</sup>- Amy Bellows, Lydia Landon; 28<sup>th</sup>- Noah Shedden, Link Vermilya.  
**Anniversaries:** 12<sup>th</sup>- Thad & Sheila Woodward; 19<sup>th</sup>- Jeremy & Lydia Landon.

### Shunk

11<sup>th</sup>- Ed Fisher; 16<sup>th</sup>- Pat Gehman. **No Anniversaries.**

### St. John's

6<sup>th</sup>- Rosalie Cease; 8<sup>th</sup>- Chuck Stimson; 25<sup>th</sup>- Katelyn Cease; 29<sup>th</sup>- Jeremy Vermilya; 30<sup>th</sup>- Jerry McNett, Bonnie Smith. **Anniversaries:** 2<sup>nd</sup>- Willard & Rosalie Cease; 8<sup>th</sup>- Mart & Eunice McFall; 10<sup>th</sup>- Ed & Dody Smith

**If you have corrections or additions to this list, contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so we can keep this list as accurate as possible.**

# Lectionary June 2016

June 5: (The Third Sunday of Pentecost)

1 Kings 17: 8 – 24  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1: 11 – 24  
Luke 7: 11 – 17

June 12: (The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost)

1 Kings 21: 1 – 21a  
Psalm 5: 1 – 8  
Galatians 2: 15 – 21  
Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3

June 19: (The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost)

Father's Day  
1 Kings 19: 1 – 15a  
Psalm 42  
Galatians 3: 23 – 29  
Luke 8: 26 – 39

June 26: (The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost)

2 Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14  
Psalm 77: 1 – 2, 11 – 20  
Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25  
Luke 9: 51 – 62



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