

WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2025



From Woody I am shamelessly stealing some profound words from Pope Leo. Yesterday was Pentecost, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit which enabled the disciples to speak in the marketplace to people of many different languages and is how we describe the spirit of God being with us in our earthly lives. Pope Leo grew up a Chicago White Sox fan, so he knows pain and suffering. The White Sox play on the Southside of Chicago, an area of poverty and lately, very poor baseball.

I share the Pope's words of yesterday:

We are all connected, yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude. The wars plaguing our world are a tragic sign of this. Let us invoke the Spirit of love and peace, that he may open borders, break down walls, dispel hatred and help us to live as children of our one Father who is in heaven....Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice, for "security" zones separating us from our neighbors, for the exclusionary mindset that, tragically, we now see emerging also in political nationalism.

Barb and Woody will be out of town visiting their son from after worship on Sunday 6/15) to late Wednesday of next week so there will be no newsletter next week.



School Supplies for Ukranian and Polish Children: We are still be collecting school supply-type items to donate to Ukranian and Polish children in Poland. Candy and David Woodbury will be traveling to Poland over the summer to work for a week with children. While there, they will distribute our donations of school supply-type

items. There is a box in the hallway for school supply donations for Candy and David's trip to Poland this summer. Suggested items to donate include:

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| colored pencils | sidewalk chalk |
| washable markers | dry erase markers and erasers |
| permanent markers | Crayola 'twistables' |
| notebooks of all sizes | activity/busy books |
| coloring books pre-School to more advanced | |
| glue sticks or bottles of 'squeeze' glue | |



Summer Concerts: The first Concert on the Common of the year is upcoming on June 24—our annual Strawberry Festival. We need volunteers help with preparing the strawberries Sunday, June 22nd immediately following service. BYO holler/paring knife. We'll be baking biscuits. We will also be looking for brownie bakers for the rest of the concert. Please see Karen Marden or Lynn Wawrzyniak to offer help for our Dessert Stand.



July 4th Bake Sale: We will be having a bake sale on the church lawn, before and during the parade—starting at 8 am. We are asking for people to donate individually wrapped baked items for us to sell. We are also looking for a pop-up tent for over the baked goods area. If you have one that we can use, please contact Barbara Woodland at barbarawoodland@comcast.net or 603-487-3643.



Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary: For June, July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or andersel@njms.rutgers.edu. No need to sign up. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one. And many thanks in advance to those who can contribute to our worship

service.



Dress A Girl Around the World: This project will be continuing through September. Meetings at the church will be: Saturdays June 21, July 19, Aug 16 and Sept all Saturdays (6,13, 20, 27). Completed dresses are due to Kristi by September 30. Any questions or if you would like to participate, contact Kristi at 603-486-9910 or email at kris_kreations@comcast.net. Kristi is still looking for sergers. If you can help with that,

let Kristi know.



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Peace Quote: If God was not the God of the Old Testament and his Son the Christ of the New Testament, if Jesus call on the powerful and privileged to use government for the benefit of all, if morality and politics were separated, there could be naught but autocracy or chaos
John Quincy Adams