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**Bulletin – June 14, 2026**

***A Miracle Called Laughter***

**Forming A Family / Preparing A People  
Worship Series**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



**\*\* P – Pastor    **Bold – C: Congregation responds** \*\***

**P:** God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

**C: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**

**P:** God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

**C: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**

**P:** God fulfills God’s promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

**C: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**

**P:** Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God’s miraculous work.

**C: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God’s**

miraculous works all around us.

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed**

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**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

**The Gloria Patri**

p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

**Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Offering – Ushers come forward**

**Doxology**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

**Psalm Lesson – 116:1-2, 12-19 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

**Hymn – Children of the Heavenly Father** p. 141 UMH

**Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 18:1-15 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come

to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

## **Sermon – A Miracle Called Laughter**

**Closing Hymn:** Bringing in the Sheaves    *See page 8 of the bulletin*

## **Benediction & Commission**

Go now, in the blessing of God who meets us where we are and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible. May we be a people who embody God’s miracle called laughter as we work for the flourishing of all creation as the family of God. Amen.

## Readings for the week beginning June 15, 2026

Genesis 21:8-21 | Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 | Romans 6:1b-11 | Matthew 10:24-39

### Announcements

- Our annual Independence Day Celebration will be June 28th this year beginning at 12:30 PM. Good food and good music will be served up again this year. Please come on out for a great time of fellowship and celebration. Bring a lawn chair and invite friends and family.

### Prayer List

#### Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner  
Frank Dalton  
Johnny Disher  
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham  
Barbara Perryman  
Frances Sisk  
Peggy Willard

#### Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost  
Tammy Seats Boyd  
Jimmy & Deborah Branch  
Jane Bullin  
Leisha Carpenter  
Mack Edwards  
Mary File  
Garry Harbin  
Kathy Harbin  
Lynda Harper  
Ronald Howell  
David Joyner  
Charles Kurfees  
Kevin McBride  
Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela  
Ronnie Mudd  
Jay D. Prevette  
Vivian Royal  
Hal Seats  
Phillip Seats  
Mary Ellen Smith  
Kim Triplette  
Mark Wall  
Ann Wallace  
Robert and Susan Warren  
Tracy Webb  
Jeremy Wilson  
Savannah Wooten

## June Birthdays

Alexis Kate Mark	1	Judy Williard	16
Lena Holt Travis	1	Everett Pellington	18
Lilliemaë Disher	6	Denise Ball Mills	19
Kaye Smith	7	Melissa Schmidt	19
Chelsea Hunter	10	Casey Mote	20
Kelsey Schmidt	13	Carma Dawson	25
Heather Burton	14	Clarence Southern	26
Phil Seats	15	Wendee Disher	30
Tim Disher	16		

**Wesley Covenant Prayer** (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on [HackingChristianity.net](http://HackingChristianity.net).)

*I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.*

# Bringing in the Sheaves

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WORDS: Knowles Shaw, 1874

SHEAVES

MUSIC: George A. Minor, 1880

12.11.12.11 with Refrain

1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, sow - ing in the  
 2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows, fear - ing nei - ther  
 3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, though the loss sus -

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; wait - ing for the har - vest and the time of  
 clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; by and by the har - vest and the la - bor  
 tained our spir - it oft - en grieves; when our weep - ing's o - ver He will bid us

reap - ing - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 end - ed - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 wel - come - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

Refrain  
 Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, we shall come re -

joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves. joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.