

June Link

A Brave New World

As the 2020 summer creeps closer and closer to reality, and we look back at a year that has been wrought with disappointment, struggles, loss, many lows and just a few highs, we sit and glance around at those near to us, spaced a safe, but sensible 6 feet apart and wonder what exactly the futures holds.

Our churches are closed, our hair is crazy long and wild like Doc Brown, or perhaps, as it is in my case, cut just a little too short because we have come to realize that clippers are harder to use than it looks, our restaurants are only doing curbside pickup and our favorite retail stores are closed, or barely open.

Sure, we can go to the local home depot, but friends, that gets old quick (unless you're Pastor Mike, and has his own cot in the back because he's there so often). We need to get some sort of normal back in our lives and we want that normal to be now, not later. We want that normal to be what it was before, the old normal, not this new-fangled normal that we're told to accept. We want the normal of yester-month, remember *waaaay* back in February. . . good times, good times.

Well friends, I have some good news and bad news. The good news is things are slowly starting to open up, our church doors will be open for worship service again soon (prayerfully this month), but not soon enough that it puts anyone in harms way. Not before we can comfortably and safely worship, after all, worship doesn't require a building, but fellowship does.

And there's the bad news. . . our next step towards our new normal doesn't involve fellowship, it doesn't involve seeing smiling faces (unless you have a smile printed on your mask), it involves a bit of compromise, commitment, and discomfort on everyone's part.

But friends, let's be clear, the bible, God or Jesus has never promised us an easy path. God didn't release the Jews from slavery in Egypt, split the Red Sea and cross into the land of milk and honey without any compromise, commitment and discomfort.

Jesus didn't come into the world to wash your sins away by the power of his blood, die on the cross so things could go back to the way they were, the good 'ole days of yesteryear, he came down to change the world. Let me repeat that, he came down to change the world. Change is inevitable, and it's what Jesus taught us, life will be difficult, just as it wasn't all rainbows and unicorns after you accepted Christ, it's not going to be magic and pixie dust when businesses become more open.

Hold on to the fact that you live in Christ, and Christ lives in you, and that all governances, the rules, the restrictions, and all the pains of this pandemic is what the bible has been preparing us for, change is part of life and yes, change is scriptural.

Just remember, Love everyone and we'll all be worshiping together soon.

Blessings Always
Pastor Mike and Karen Antici

You can blame me if these tunes keep playing in your mind! ~Re

Reflections of a Boomer

I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.

I've gone to Kansas City, I've sang in the sunshine.
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.

Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.
I've put my camel to bed, and danced the last dance.

Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me,
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.

I've fell into a burning ring of fire, and walked the line,
To all the girls I've love before, you were always on my mind.

I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry,
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.

I've been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine.
I've made the scene in a time machine.

I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.

I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road.
I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.

I've sought shelter from the storm, I've sat on the dock of the bay.
I've rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.

I've knocked on Heaven's door, blowing in the wind.
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.

Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.

Uncle Joe

Scriptures for June

June 7: "Three Dangerous Characters": Matthew 18:15-20
 June 14: Conference Online Service
 June 21: "Our Fathers Day": Matthew 6:9-13
 June 28: "The Power of Prayer": Mark 11:12-25

June Schedule

June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	<u>Nursery Care</u> No in-person service No in-person service Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<u>Cleaners</u> No in-person service No in-person service McKay Peck	<u>Ushers</u> No in-person service No in-person service Barb & Steve Bailey Nick & Jennie Peck
June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	<u>Greeters</u> No in-person service No in-person service Lambert Family Volunteer Needed	<u>Lectors</u> No in-person service No in-person service John Baum Cathy Baum	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	<u>Children's Message</u> No in-person service No in-person service Steve Bailey Volunteer Needed		
June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	<u>Lector Readings</u> Matthew 18:15-20 Conference Online Service Matthew 6:9-13 Mark 11:12-25		



****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	8 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	9 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	10	11 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	12	13
14 No Worship Service	15	16 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	17	18 6:45PM AA	19	20
21 10:00AM Worship Service Tool Box Sunday 	22 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	23 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	24	25 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	26	27
28 10:00AM Worship Service	29	30 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA				

Church Humor:



One day, Gramma sent her grandson Little Johnny down to the water hole to get some water for cooking dinner.

As he was dipping the bucket in, he saw two big eyes looking back at him.

He dropped the bucket and hightailed it for Gramma's kitchen.

"Well now, where's my bucket, and where's my water?" Gramma asked him.

"I can't get any water from that water hole, Gramma" exclaimed Little Johnny.

"There's a BIG ol' alligator down there!"

"Now don't you mind that ol' alligator, Johnny. He's been there for a few years now, and he's never hurt, anyone. Why he's probably as scared of you as you are of him!"

"Well, Gramma," replied Little Johnny, "if he's as scared of me as I am of him, then that water ain't fit to drink!"

A cat died and went to Heaven.

God met the animal at the Pearly Gates and said,

"You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a moment and then said,

"All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard, wooden floors... I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more."

Instantly, the cat had a HUGE fluffy pillow.

A few days later, 12 mice were simultaneously killed in an accident and they all went up to Heaven together.

God met the mice at the Gates of Heaven, with the exact same offer that He made to the cat.

The mice said,

"Well, we have had to run all of our lives... from cats, dogs, and even from people with brooms. If we could just have some little roller-skates, we would never have to run again."

God answered, "It is done."

All the mice had beautiful little roller-skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat... He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow.

God gently awakened the cat and asked,

"Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?"

The cat replied,

"Oh, everything is just WONDERFUL... I've never been so happy in my life! My pillow is always fluffy and those little "Meals-on-Wheels" that You have been sending over are delicious."

June Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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