

White Lick Presbyterian *Church Chat*

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June 2023 in the year of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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Remarks from Ruth:

by Ruth Moore

Yeah, it is summertime! Mark and I are enjoying our second summer in our new home and adding some outside color with flowers and new plants and shrubs in the garden beds.

To keep us engaged and on our toes, we are going to make a few changes to our worship order in June. We will start having a Passing of Christ's Peace each Sunday morning (except on Communion Sundays) and we are going to change up some of our vocal responses like the Gloria. We don't want to get bored in worship do we?

I am also going to do a six week sermon series on Women in the Old Testament beginning on June 11th. We will learn more about Sarah and Hagar, Tamar, Miriam,

The daughters of Zelophehad, Rahab and Bathsheba. Some of these stories I know nothing about and some of them are quite scandalous. So hopefully these sermons will create some new energy amongst us, and we can learn from our biblical ancestors.

I will be taking some vacation time on June 25th, and that Sunday we will have a concert by the gospel quartet Mission IV. We have had this remarkable group come to White Lick for many years and they are always well received, so come and hear some of your old favorites as well as new arrangements.

For more fun in the sun (hopefully), the Mission Team is sponsoring a neighborhood Ice Cream Social. We will be inviting our neighbors through door hanger invitations and putting out the word on Face-

book, Nextdoor, and posters in public places. Your job is to plan to come and invite your friends. We will have games to play and plenty of free ice cream and toppings.

The Deacons are sponsoring a bring your own dinner event at Arbuckle Park on Thursday, June 8th at 5:30. See articles below and plan to join in on the fun this month.

Here's to a great summer for all and more energy and relationship building at church.

Pastor Ruth

Picnic @ Arbuckle Park

The Deacons invite you to join us on Thursday, June 7 at Arbuckle Park in Brownsburg, 5:30 pm. Pack your own picnic meal and drinks and bring your own lawn chair. Picnic tables will be available in the shelter. We will gather at Shelter House #7 on the lower level of the park, next to the creek. Bring or wear your own insect repellent. We will enjoy a meal and fellowship with members of our church family in the great outdoors.

Minute for Mission

On June 11, Way Maker will be our guest for our Minute for Mission.

Way Maker Men's Recovery house has been up and running for almost 1 1/2 years and has changed lives!

"More than just a sober-living home, Way Maker homes are places of refuge, hope, and second chances. Way Maker provides recovering individuals opportunities to grow spiritually, improve health, and develop emotional and social skills. Resources are offered to allow for goal setting about employment, education, health, and

I scream, you scream

**We all SCREAM 4 ice cream!
You're Invited**

The Mission Team is hosting a FREE Ice Cream Social.



Come and join us for summer's favorite frozen treat. Bring your sweet tooth and we will provide the ice cream and toppings. While enjoying your ice cream, we will have yard games to pass the time.

When:

Saturday, June 17th
From 1-4

rebuilding relationships. To achieve sustained recovery, we strive for Way Maker to feel like home. It is our hope that while we help those with Substance Use Disorder, we build a community of love and belonging.

"The foundation of Way Maker is in the name itself. Jesus Christ is 'The Way-maker,' and we believe that through Him, doors are opened, and paths are cleared. Way Maker believes true freedom comes through Jesus, and by His grace we are healed. Spiritual development and Christian education are fundamental pieces of

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our recovery community, including 12-Step and Celebrate Recovery meetings. Counseling, peer support, and church attendance are crucial to lifelong recovery.”

New Mission Team Partner

The Miles We Walk – We were happy to welcome Tonya Geans the Founder and Executive Director of The Miles We Walk to our May meeting. Her passion was evident as she spoke about the non-profit organization she formed in honor of her son D’mile whom she lost in October 2020.

Here are a few highlights from their website www.themileswewalk.com.

The Miles We Walk is a non-profit organization that supports, educates, and empowers at-risk youth and adults through workshops, training, and resource support assistance. We are here to break the cycle that dismisses those who experience poverty and inequities.

**January - April 2023
Financial Information**

Income	Expenses
\$58,184.88	\$51,246.48

Please keep your giving up to date.
Place your offering in the plate at Church.
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- We are committed to understanding and dismantling systemic biases and injustices.
- We aim to create hope.
- Our programs show kids, teens, and adults that they can overcome life’s obstacles and become productive citizens.

They support four programs here in Hendricks County.

- #2023JUSTTHEFACTS – is a social media campaign challenging Hendricks County 6th graders – 12th graders to start a dialogue amongst their peers on the dangers of drug use.
- 90 Miles Exit Right – is a 5-week workshop designed to help create a positive place where today’s teens and young adults can get back on track after committing or being involved in an at-risk situation.
- Hendricks Co Healthy Hygiene Habits -is designed to help remove barriers and improve personal hygiene habits and focuses on providing hygiene resources for girls and boys ages 8-18 years old via the school system.
- Pathfinders – is designed to re-tool and re-skill unemployed and underemployed adults who need to acquire a new skill or be retrained in order to enter/re-enter the job market.

After Tonya signed off the Zoom call, the Mission Team discussed how we might help her group. We decided to participate in their Hendricks Co. Healthy Hygiene Habits program with \$250 from the Denny Fund. We were also impressed with their 90 Miles Exit Right program and decided to support two \$155 scholarships. These funds will come from the Pentecost Offering in support of at-risk Youth.

Dorcas Baskets

The mission team gathered VBS items and delivered them at the May Presbytery meeting. The team from John Knox will be taking the supplies to support 12 churches to the Dominican Republic.



White Lick T Shirts

Put a smile on your face, by getting your WLPC T-shirt!

We will be wearing our new White Lick T-shirts to community events. Don't miss out, get yours now. Diane Buxton is leading this project, but any member of the Mission Team can assist you with a shirt.



We have several available at the church in sizes L or XL. We will be placing one more order in a couple of weeks for sizes S, M or 2XL. Just let us know and we'll get you on the list. The cost is just \$20.

Fellowship Lunches

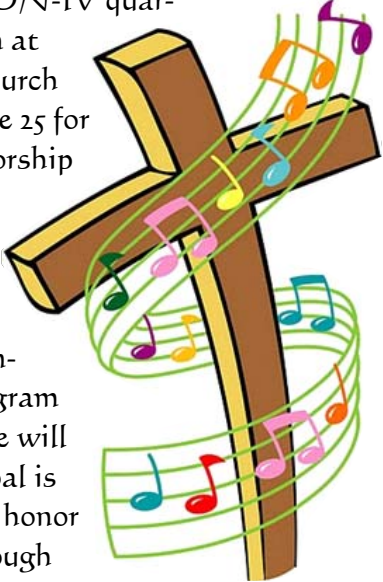
Here is the schedule for Fellowship Lunches. Each team will take a turn at presenting Lunch, as shown below:

June	4	Mission
July	2	Holiday — No Lunch
August	6	Worship
September	3	Holiday — No Lunch
October	1	Hospitality
November	5	Tech Team
December	3	Finance

(These are not general pitch-ins; however, you are always welcome to bring a food donation or help clean up.) 😊

Christian Music Concert

The MISSION-IV quartet will perform at White Lick Church on Sunday, June 25 for the 10:30 am worship service.



MISSION provides a professional and inspirational program that everyone will enjoy. Their goal is to worship and honor the Lord through song. The group has traveled and performed together since 2012.

We hope you will mark this Deacon sponsored event on your calendar and make plans to attend.



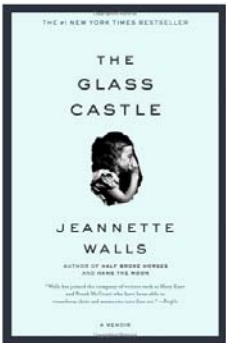
Conversations That Challenge Christians

Summer reading for August Conversations that Challenge Christians: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

“The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette’s brilliant and charismatic father captured his children’s imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn’t want the responsibility of raising a family. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.”

The book was also made into a major motion picture from Lionsgate in 2017 starring Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson, and Naomi Watts. The movie is available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, YouTube, Apple TV et. al. We may try to find a time to watch and discuss as a group. Book and movie DVD are available from your favorite booksellers.

(From Amazon website)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Darlene Robbins
- 8 Marcia Reyman
- 19 Nancy Gray
- 22 Emilia Bauzo
- 28 Casey Corbett

If your birthday is missing from this list please add your name. We want to include you, too.

June Calendar

Sunday worship 10:30 am online link: YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_X2uIQX3x0vECTI2SDT-w

Thursday, June 1

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 4 – Hymnsing Sunday

9:00 Intro to Old Testament Class

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

11:30 Curious Conversations Info class – Library

11:30 Fellowship Lunch – Mission Team sponsors – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 pm Intro to Old Testament – Zoom

Thursday, June 8

5:30 pm dinner gathering at Arbuckle Park – sponsored by Deacons

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 11

- 9:00 Intro to Old Testament – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 Worship with Communion in Sanctuary & on YouTube
- 11:30 Curious Conversations Info class – Library

Monday, June 12

- 6:30 Deacon’s Meeting – Brownsburg Library

Tuesday, June 13

- 6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 14

- 7:00 pm Intro to Old Testament – Zoom

Thursday, June 15

- 6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 17

- 11:00 – 4:00 Ice Cream Social – Fellowship Hall and outside

Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day

- 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Monday, June 19

- 6:00 PW Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 22

- 6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 25

- 10:30 Worship with Mission IV Gospel Quartet in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Tuesday, June 27

- 7:00 Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 29

- 6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall



Someone just sent me a picture on Facebook of a school building with a big sign in the lawn in free standing giant letters. It read: Tag, you’re it. Yep. The kids are home from school and Mary’s stress level is up to the top of the scale. I don’t know what the summer holds in store but I know it will be interesting.

Looking through this issue of Church Chat I am impressed with the number of agencies that our mission team supports. I do some volunteer work with an organization that helps under resourced people in Indianapolis but what I do is miniscule compared to what White Lick does through its Mission Team. And not just through the Mission Team but other groups such as the Deacons. When I look at the activities listed in Church Chat and see everything that is going on at White Lake it is impressive. Waymaker, The Miles We Walk, Dorcas Basket, Sheltering Wings, the list goes on and on. As to activities there is a picnic and ice cream social and of course our monthly Fellowship Lunch. My personal favorite is the Wednesday Study group. We are so blessed to have such a well qualified teaching minister. Of course personally the zoom calls keep me in touch with the congregation or at least part of the members of it because I so miss being there every Sunday.

I was thinking one day recently how blessed I am in my new life. Mary told me she had three grandsons that she would share. I was dumbfounded at the idea of how does one share grandchildren. Now I know. And my thinking at that time, while I miss my former family I don’t worry about them because I know where they are.

And then I read the email about Brook Parker. It was as if I had stepped on a rake. Imagine walking in the yard and stepping on a rake and it comes up and smacks you right in the face. My Matthew died just before Marks graduation. The boys, only an academic year apart had many friends in common; Friends who gave a "shout out" to honor Matthew as they crossed the stage to receive their diploma. It made it rough for Mark. But this isn't about me. This is about the Parker family. The loss of a lovely young girl; a twin who will mourn her sister; parents forever changed. To Will and Lori Parker, sister Madi and any others that consider yourself part of the Parker clan, know this: I know what you are going through. Call on my good friend, The Holy Spirit who Jesus called "the comforter." He's the real deal. I know. --)B

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"How do you divide your love among four children?"

"I don't divide it. I multiply it."