

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## June 2023

### **Phillippians 4:6-8 New International Version**

**<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Dear Friends,

I must confess. I love change. I know that's really weird. Who likes change? Me. I don't like change for the sake of change, but changes to me bring possibilities of newness and rebirth. Who doesn't love second chances? June to me is always a month of change. Schools end, and summer begins. We move from warm to HOT weather. We travel more, see new things, experience new people, and thusly we engage in new cultural experiences. All this change has an effect on us. For most, these desired changes bring a sense of peace, fulfillment, and happiness, yet, for others, change brings anxiety and questions.

At this moment, one of the changes I am witnessing is a shift in the health of our church, community, and the wider community of friends. Many have scheduled surgeries and procedures. For others, allergies have pushed a new level of

illness, and yearly physicals have revealed unwanted news. For example, I recently was just updated that a dear friend of mine has received a difficult diagnosis. I also recently lost my father to a mistake in simple outpatient surgery.

Changes.

Perhaps, I don't like change as much as I think.

Perhaps it's what we do with these changes that we don't like that becomes incredibly important in our lives. Rather than fight against the changes or refuse to accept them, I have found that seeking and deepening relationships makes these hard changes more bearable. For my friend, I call more regularly, knowing that there will be little opportunity for visits due to distance and mobility issues. I write and mail more cards, which for folks who know me, is a surprise. I seek to talk about things to deepen our relationships. I try to open new doors in relationships and reopen old ones by putting the practice of God's grace to work on myself and for others. I try to change myself a little bit each day, some days with success and other days needing a bit more grace for my shortcomings. I find that in my trying, I change.

I change for the better. I listen more actively. I am more able to focus and more able to help others find their focus. Together, in relationships, new doors open, and new possibilities present themselves. Even if it is death's door that opens, we are better able to meet that extreme change knowing that the relationships we have made together with others and with God will make this final earthly change bearable.

What I am saying in all of these words is that we can experience peace in the midst of change by staying connected and opening and reopening relationships with God and others. As the scripture says above, prayer, petition, and thanksgiving with God will keep you connected and bring you peace.

May the changes that summertime brings ultimately give you peace and joy.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jenei

PS - Below are the lyrics to a song by Nichole Nordeman entitled Every Season. Our choir offered this song as an anthem one morning in the recent past. I think it speaks to change in amazing ways.

**Watch on YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9DDJdgl3pE>

**Every Season** Nichole Nordeman

*Every evening sky, an invitation  
To trace the patterned stars  
And early in July, a celebration  
For freedom that is ours  
And I notice You  
In children's games  
In those who watch them from the shade  
Every drop of sun is full of fun and wonder  
You are summer*

*And even when the trees have just surrendered  
To the harvest time  
Forfeiting their leaves in late September  
And sending us inside  
Still I notice You when change begins  
And I am braced for colder winds  
I will offer thanks for what has been and what's to come  
You are autumn*

*And everything in time and under heaven  
Finally falls asleep  
Wrapped in blankets white, all creation  
Shivers underneath  
And still I notice you  
When branches crack  
And in my breath on frosted glass  
Even now in death, You open doors for life to enter  
You are winter*

*And everything that's new has bravely surfaced  
Teaching us to breathe  
What was frozen through is newly purposed  
Turning all things green  
So it is with You  
And how You make me new  
With every season's change  
And so it will be  
As You are re-creating me  
Summer, autumn, winter, spring*

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Erasmo Carlos / Roberto Carlos  
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My Dear Friends,


*Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and support in my father's untimely death in late April. His passing was a great shock and completely unexpected. The cards, phone calls, and even texts have been healing and helpful to me and my family. Our church and its friends are great support throughout this challenging time. I am so thankful to be part of this loving community.*

*My father's celebration of life service will be in late June in Wilmington, North Carolina. Many members of my family from around the country plan to attend. My mother and sister are coping well enough and leaning into the love and support of their local church. Thank you all for your loving care.*

Blessings,  
Pastor Jenei



# June

- 4 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 7 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 11 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Choir's last Sunday before summer break  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
 *We are honoring the choir on Sunday, June 11, their last Sunday before summer break.  
We'd like everyone to wear Hawaiian shirts or something bright for that day just for fun.*  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House
- 14 Outreach Committee meeting, 1 p.m.
- 17 Proctor Town-wide Yard Sale
- 18 Pulpit Swap Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Guest Preacher Rev. Mary Woodman, Pastor of the United Church of Christ, Cornwall  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
- 25 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

## June Liturgists



- 4 Russell Edwards
- 11 Janet Yager
- 18 Jeannie Cushman
- 25 Jean Noren



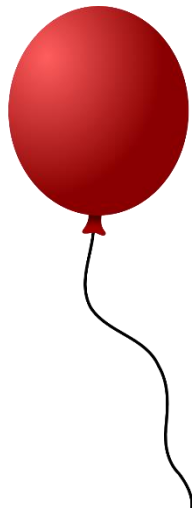
## June Greeters

- 4 Phyllis Sawtell
- 11 Kim Baccei
- 18 Sue Osgood and Carol Trudelle
- 25 Elsie Valach

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*June  
Birthdays*

2 Jean Baccei	16 Kay Bergquist
Asa Metcalfe	Jenei Rossigg
4 Kim Baccei ☺	18 Aaron Curtis
Mary Rachel Keyser	20 Chet Brown
Ian Pilcher	21 Desiree Moody
5 Paul Sutherland	23 Liana Hall
7 Eileen Guyette	25 Paul Corliss
9 Ann Ruelke	28 Glenn Giles
12 Christie Coughenour	29 Betty Schneider
	Elliot St. Peter