

Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Word from the Pastor

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.



Pentecost is June 5th

These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" **Acts 2:1-21 NIV**

As some of you may know, this Sunday, June 5th, is Pentecost Sunday; and Pentecost is such an important part of the history of the church. Even though I don't generally have us do all of the bells and whistles in worship for

June 2022

Pentecost like we do for Easter or Christmas (generally because I don't want to interrupt the sermon series that we are in), I still think it is important for us to know and understand what Pentecost is and why it is important. So, I thought I would refresh everyone's memory about Pentecost and spend a few minutes with you as you read the newsletter talking about it.

The origins of Pentecost actually begin in the Old Testament as one of the Feast Days established in the Mosaic Law: the Feast of Harvest, or Feast of Weeks. The Feast of Weeks was a celebration of the early weeks of the wheat harvest that came during the months of May or June. The Feast of Weeks is called such because it takes place around 7 weeks, or exactly 50 days, after Passover; in fact, the name Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentēkostē, meaning "fiftieth."

After Jesus ascended into heaven, His followers gathered together in order to celebrate this Feast of Weeks; and that is when the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus, filled the house they were in and, appearing as tongues of fire, came to rest on them and filled them causing them to speak in other tongues.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Church of the 49ers,
where God is the gold. We serve
and worship God in spirit and in the
truth of the scriptures. We live by faith
and will be known by our love
for others and our voice of hope.

CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through April 30, 2022 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Tithes/Giving	\$66,667	\$64,827	(\$1,840)
Bequest	\$3,332	—	(\$3,332)
Other Receipts	\$5,173	\$3,356	(\$1,817)
Total Income	\$75,172	\$68,183	(\$6,989)
Expense	\$80,398	\$85,219	\$4,821
Net	(\$5,226)	(\$17,036)	(\$11,810)
Mortgage Balance as of April 30:		\$134,066.88	
Minimum Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$2,236.41	
Addtl. Principal paid through April 30:		\$100.00	

Church Officers

ELDERS: Dean Cunningham, Judy Haughton, Roger Haughton, Tom Kimura, Judy Nason, Jon Whited, Suzanne Williamson

DEACONS: Dana Avila, Doreen Bass, Sandy Brooks, Margie Fooshee, Deb Handy, Gwen Harris, Michelle Kidwell, Rosie McCarthy, Vi Morgado, Sheri Pendleton, Susie Porte

Session Highlights

Highlights of the June 1st Session meeting include:

- Ron Leedy of the Boy Scouts of America spoke to the Elders regarding the needs of that organization in the Columbia area. Further discussion of this topic was tabled until the June 22nd Session meeting.
- Karla Reid, Director of Children’s Ministries, proposed a new mission project for the children: to collect new or gently used tennis shoes and sweat pants to put into care packages for residents of the Avalon nursing facility in Sonora. Session voted to approve Karla’s request to seek donations from the congregation for this project.
- The Nominating Committee has found the 3 Elders needed for the next term beginning July 1. They’ve also identified 4 Deacons, out of 5 needed. One more person is sought to step up and perform the duties of a Deacon.
- Effective June 5th we’ll go back to the pre-pandemic way of serving communion, with ordained Elders and Deacons passing the communion plates and cups to the congregation in the pews.
- Session voted to approve Pastor Keith Reid’s request for vacation time July 12 through July 19.
- Assistant Pastor Lee Warford reported on the work he does—calling on people in the church, and especially providing comfort and counseling for those in stressful situations.
- Treasurer Jon Whited noted that we are currently behind budget in our giving, but that is not uncommon for the summer months.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 2:00 pm in Faith Hall, and guests are welcome to attend.

Leslie Davis, Co-Clerk of Session

Send your articles and Family News items for the July 2022 issue of the *Golden Nugget* by June 24 to Leslie at 209-532-6604 or davisgold@gmail.com.

49er Family News

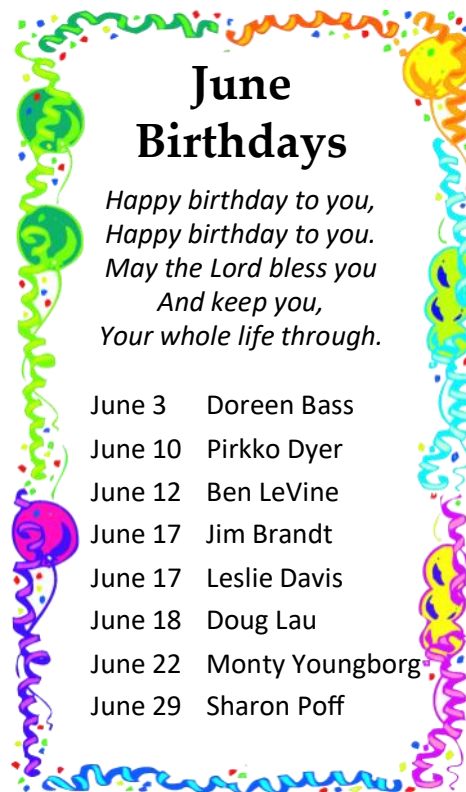
Welcome, Charlee!

The Sunday School is very fortunate to have a new addition to our staff. **Charlee Pullen** has been hired to be a regular assistant in the Preschool/ Nursery each week. You will see her around Faith Hall and the Christian Ed Building each week from 9:30 – 11:30. Charlee attends Sonora High School and will be a sophomore in the fall. If you haven't already met her, please look for Charlee after church and introduce yourself.

Suzanne Williamson, Christian Education Chair

New Grandchild

Gwen and David Harris are grandparents again, with the May 20th birth of **Margret Lee Fitzsimons**. Welcoming little Margret are her parents Evie and Drew, and big sister Millie.



June Birthdays

*Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you.
May the Lord bless you
And keep you,
Your whole life through.*

June 3	Doreen Bass
June 10	Pirkko Dyer
June 12	Ben LeVine
June 17	Jim Brandt
June 17	Leslie Davis
June 18	Doug Lau
June 22	Monty Youngborg
June 29	Sharon Poff

Happy Anniversary!

Lily & Jesse McMurray

3 years on June 1

Jeff & Shelly Goularte

34 years on June 4

Keith & Karla Reid

8 years on June 7

Ed & Kathy Sudduth

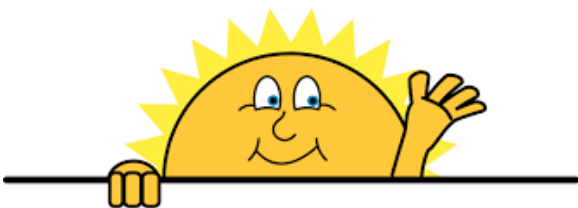
13 years on June 12

Roger & Judy Haughton

52 years on June 20

All women are invited to meet
Thursday, June 9, at 11:00 am for a

no-host lunch
at Applebee's in
Sonora. Contact
Deb Handy at
209-768-2067
to sign up.



Taking a Summer Break...

Tuesday Co-ed Bible Study

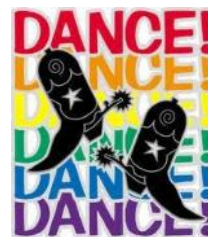
Women's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Line Dancing

Carolyn Sylva's free one-hour Line Dancing class will continue through the summer on Thursdays at 9:30 am in air-conditioned Faith Hall.





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This coming on of the Holy Spirit gave them a greater, a deeper, understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel, making them more qualified to teach and preach it to others. Then, as we see in the above passage, the crowds heard all of this talking in different languages going on and went to see what it was. Most of the crowd was amazed, but some thought the apostles were drunk. Nevertheless, Peter began preaching to them and about 3,000 people accepted Jesus Christ and were baptized that day, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church, because it was the historical beginning of the church.

This is why churches around the world celebrate and honor Pentecost Sunday; it is to remember the day that God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in and among His people. God promised that He would never leave us or forsake us, and the Holy Spirit is His fulfillment of that promise. From that first Pentecost through to this very day over 2000 years later, God has dwelt within each one of His people; He, through the person of His Holy Spirit, has been with us every step of every day of our lives from the moment we accept Christ to the moment we get to be with Him in heaven. Let's all take some time during Pentecost, during the entire month of June even, to reflect on, and thank God for, the amazing gift that He has given to all of His people; a gift that ensures His presence is always with us, the Holy Spirit.

May the blessings of the Father and the peace of the Son be with you,

Pastor Keith

Sermons and Scripture

Sermon Series – Esther:
“Proof That God's Always Working”

Following are scripture verses each sermon is based on, and other verses (NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament)

To receive the link for *YouTube* videos of services, contact Pastor Keith at ktreid84@gmail.com.

June 5 Communion

NT: Romans 8:31-38
Sermon: Esther 4:1-17

June 12

NT: Ephesians 5:8-20
Sermon: Esther 5:1-14

June 19 Father's Day

NT: Galatians 6:2-10
Sermon: Esther 6:1-14

June 26

NT: Luke 18:1-8
Sermon: Esther 7:1-10



Fellowship News

The Fellowship committee is now setting up coffee before church on Sunday mornings. It is usually ready to go by 9:30 am and will also be available, as always, after church. Please take time to visit Faith Hall if you have not been there recently. We have some outside seating during the good weather along with tables and chairs set up in Faith Hall...and we always have snacks available.

Our committee meets on the first Sunday of alternating months—the next meeting is scheduled for July 3rd after church in Room 3 of the Christian Ed building. This committee is responsible for setting up and cleaning up! In addition, members of the committee help with bringing refreshments to go with the coffee. If you are interested in being on this committee and/or able to help with donating food, please contact Deb Handy or Suzanne Williamson.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee didn't meet in May. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 2:00 pm in Faith Hall.

Recently the committee received two "thank you" notes, as follows:

Rick with Adult & Teen Challenge wrote:

Pastor Reid and Roger Haughton, I wanted to personally thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to our ministry. We greatly appreciated the visit several weeks ago. There is such an opportunity to see the Lord change lives and restore relationships in Tuolumne County. We are only a small part of that endeavor, but we know the Lord has called us to put our hands to the plow and join in the Body of Christ in reaching many.

Our vision is to "Put HOPE within reach of everyone struggling with life controlling issues. It is a big task, but as you know, He is a Big God. Not wanting any to perish.

Blessings, Rick

And Jeff and Anny Fouche wrote:

To the Pastor and Boards, to the leaders and elders, to the Body,

Thank you so very much for your warm welcome and ready support in relationship, prayer and financial giving. We were warmed, encouraged, and blessed to come and share our story with all of you. Thank you!

*For Him,
Jeff and Anny Fouche*

The Fouches also included their newsletter, the *Fouche Flyer*, to provide additional information about their family's new adventure in becoming missionaries in Haiti with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

**Judy and Roger Haughton
Co-Chairs Missions Committee**

Interfaith News

Interfaith has been closed for a week due to a Covid-19 case in our Legal Department. We will be opening again on June 6th. This was a precaution to prevent any new infections within Interfaith. Since Legal is only open on Fridays, the chances were slim. As far as I know, no other case was found.

Not too much else new to report at this time, except we are still looking for people to volunteer mainly in the clothing department, men's and women's.



If you or someone you know could donate a couple days a month, it would be very helpful. Call me if you have any questions — 209-532-438.

Vi Morgado, Interfaith Liaison

News About Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Recently we were honored to have one of the pilots for MAF, Jeff Fouche (nephew of Bob Fooshee) to come to our church and tell us about MAF and their mission following our church service. He was invited to speak by our Missions committee. (Yes, they spell their last names differently.)

Jeff's talk was informative and captivating and included short videos showing the work of MAF. Spending time with Jeff as a fellow pilot and flight instructor, set me to thinking. I wanted to join MAF many years ago, but family commitments kept that from happening. Now Jeff was telling me they needed individuals like me who had a passion for our Lord and aviation experience to work for MAF as an advocate. That started a chain of events that have culminated in my joining MAF as an MAF Advocate.

This week I will attend an open house in Nampa, Idaho to meet the other members of MAF, after having completed many hours of study and tests. When I return, I hope to make available for one of our movie nights, a film about MAF called *Ends of the Earth*. It has been shown in theaters recently and should be informative as well as demonstrating the amazing MAF mission. To me, it is an answer to prayer.

I am excited about serving a missionary organization directly as part of my faith and discipleship. It is a long time in coming, but I believe part of God's plan for me to serve Him.

Watch for the movie showing soon at our church and enjoy some popcorn as well as a short presentation that I hope will show the huge impact MAF has worldwide. The movie tells of the amazing story of how MAF reaches isolated people throughout the world and serves many other mission fields through aviation and technology.

**Jon Whited
Mission Aviation Fellowship Advocate**

Pictorial Church Directory Coming!

Typically congregations like to have a pictorial directory created every three years, but the pandemic set us back some. Pictorial directories make it easier for us to connect names with faces so we can get to know each other a bit.

In 2011, as a rookie photographer with assistance from Fred White, I took portraits of our parishioners and designed a directory. Many liked their portraits enough to purchase prints, providing enough profit to pay for printing of the directories in full color.

In 2014 Lifetouch, a professional photography company formerly known as Olan Mills, took our portraits, sold prints to us, and printed directories many months later — after I had to use their user-unfriendly software to prepare the book for print. In 2018 we tried a different tack, inserting only candid pictures into the directory—but then we had to scramble to pay the printing bill.

Finally, with assistance from members of the Welcome & Evangelism Committee, I am ready to tackle this project again. The first phase is to take portraits of everyone in the congregation (dogs and family members welcome too) with a full lighting set-up. Shortly you will be contacted to set an appointment for your portrait sitting. We'd like to schedule appointments every 20 minutes on various weekdays inside air-conditioned Faith Hall.

When Lifetouch took our portraits, they displayed the proofs immediately and then gave us the hard sell to purchase expensive prints. I have

the technology to also display proofs on the same day, but will need volunteers to assist. Or, you could wait until the next Sunday at which time you can choose your preferred image, and hopefully order prints (5x7, 8x10 or larger), marked up just enough over printing cost to provide a profit to cover printing and binding of the directories.

I think it's a win-win situation: we'll finally have a new pictorial directory and you'll have a chance to purchase prints of your portraits at a reasonable price.

While waiting for your appointment, be thinking about what you'd like to wear. The 10' x 12' muslin background this time is a light blue sky color, mottled. Wear something that blends in with that color rather than contrasting wildly with it. Darker colors are generally better than lighter ones. Avoid bright reds, orange, yellow, pink, and white. In general, the best colors are medium shades of blue, burgundy, rust and green. If you're in a family group shot, it's best if everyone wears complementary colors. For the best portrait, everything should be geared toward attention to the subject's face, not away from it, so avoid very busy patterns — and even though it's summer and most likely hot outside when you come for your appointment, please, **no bare arms!**

Leslie Davis

PS I would like to borrow a good garment steamer, in order to remove the wrinkles in my new muslin background.



In the Midst of the Crashing Waves

In the midst
Of the Crashing Waves
I'll sing his Praises
The hands that comforted
Me
Guided me
In the midst
Of the raging sea.
Lost and alone
In the midst
Of a blinding storm
I'll sing his
Praises
The lights that
Guide me.
Broken and shattered
He mended my soul
The light that guided
Me from the miry
Sinking sands
The arms
That lifted me
His song I'll
Sing
A song of praise
For eternity.

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Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello Church of the 49ers family!
Greetings from Orlando, FL where I am attending the annual conference for Christian Music Broadcasters.

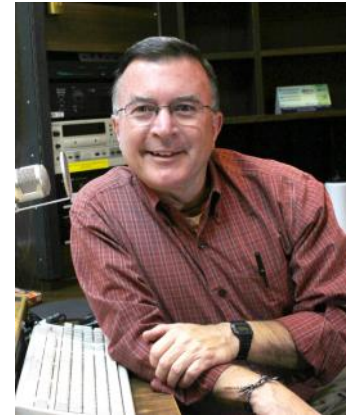
Thanks for praying for Jader, the young man I told you about last month. His mother says the surgery went well and that he is recovering normally. Please pray for continued treatments for the burns he suffered in early 2021.

Since late March, I have been experiencing hair loss which has been diagnosed as alopecia areata. Please pray that the treatment I am receiving will be effective.

Please don't stop praying for the violence which is gripping Ecuador and especially Guayaquil where I live. Despite the restrictions implemented at the end of March, the deadly violence continues. Thanks for praying for protection for our team. God answered your prayers as two coworkers have had close experiences with the violence and delinquency in their neighborhoods.

Several times over the past years, I've told you about the Trash to Treasure pilot plastic recycling project in Spain.

In March, Bill Cheung, the regional director who replaced me, attended a conference with our Arabic ministry partner. He met their entire staff as well as visitors from outside of the region such as the Board of Directors and individuals from some of the international programming that is aired and translated by our partner. During the conference, Bill had the opportunity to give a presentation of the work that we are doing in the North Africa/Middle East Region. He explained how the programming produced by our partner is aired on the local FM station as well as throughout the Arabic speaking world. He also gave a presentation of our Trash to Treasure project. As it turns out, one of the U.S. board members in attendance runs a plastics factory and immediately recognized the equipment as soon as it appeared on the screen. Also, the wife of one of the other attendees works for that same company. Both plastics experts talked to Bill afterward. They were very excited about the project and were also able to give Bill some advice regarding how to deal with one of the plastics with which we have had difficulties. This is especially important because this plastic is the largest plastic type in the waste streams where we will be working.



Allen Graham

God shows there are no coincidences as we serve Him. Please continue to pray for the Trash to Treasure project as we seek to refine the process, convert the machines to solar power, document processes and wait on the Lord to provide workers to manage getting this project off the floor and into the field. Thanks for your part in praying for the project.

I look forward to seeing you in worship on June 12th. Blessings on each of you.

Allen

Buildings & Grounds News

Sandy Brooks and her father recently donated, and planted, purple and blue iris plants to add even more color to our campus.



Jody Dugan of Barry Electric replaced the 21-year-old metal halide light fixtures in Faith Hall with twelve new LED fixtures. They are brighter with a more natural color (5000K like sunlight), and are much less expensive to operate.

Leslie Davis
Buildings & Grounds Chair



A Presbyterian Pastor

By Dick Dyer, Church Historian

Not long ago I read about the early California hide and tallow traders. I discovered an interesting reference about a celebrated Presbyterian pastor: Dr. Sylvester Graham. He was born almost an American patriot (July 5, 1794) in Connecticut. He lived for 57 years in New England as an influential pastor. He was an early temperance preacher reminding his Christian congregations and some skeptics that alcohol had a dangerous “negative influence” on human bodies. His pulpit message advocated “total abstinence” and was generally acclaimed throughout America, Scandinavia and various European Christian congregations.



Additionally in California (and Columbia), Dr. Graham was considered an early “health food nut” contributing to the introduction in 1898 of what is known as the healthy Graham Cracker.

Furthermore, Dr. Graham was articulate as a critic of the increasing consumption of RED MEAT and REFINED FLOUR products popular in the menu of many Americans. From the Presbyterian pulpit he preached the Word and Dietary Reform to his followers; to some he is considered the “Father of American vegetarianism...,” a message that continues to inspire concerned health food connoisseurs.

Confession: Personally, a bit of beef and glass of red wine from Tuolumne does enhance the holiday feasts for this Presbyterian.

Dick Dyer

Update on 49er Church Cookin’ Book

As of May 30, 2022, a total of 115 Cookin’ Books have been sold. We are off to a good start.

The *49er Cookin’ Book* has 48 pages and 37 recipes. Recipes are from the descendants of the original 49ers. This edition is the Special 60th Anniversary Commemorative Edition and the 6th printing.

A number of local vendors, especially in Columbia State Historic Park, have each purchased 10 books with reorder sheets.

If you would like to purchase a *49er Cookin’ Book* for yourself or family or friends, please see Deb in the church office. She has a supply of Cookin’ Books on hand.

**2022 Team Leader,
Lamont “Monty” Youngborg**

What are Senior Citizens Worth?

Did you know that we old folks are worth a fortune?

We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, lead in our feet and gas in our stomachs.

I have become older since I last saw you and a few changes have come into my life—frankly I have become a frivolous old woman. I have several visitors every day.

As soon as I wake up WILL POWER helps me out of bed, then I go to see JIMMY RIDDLE before breakfast with MR. KIPLING and someone I know only as “P.G.”

Sometimes ARTHUR ITIS comes although he knows he’s not welcome. He often stays for the rest of the day and takes me from joint to joint. I have to rely on ALGY PAN to get rid of him.

I occasionally have to call on AUNTIE HISTAMINE for relief too.

After my hectic day I’m glad to go to bed with JOHNNY WALKER!

I am now flirting with AL ZHEIMER..... The Vicar called the other day and told me that at my time of life I should be thinking of “the hereafter.” I told him I did so all the time—everywhere I go I seem to ask myself, “Now what am I here after?”

Watch out for SAL MONELLA and mind her friend EMMA ROYD doesn’t creep up on you from behind! Also watch out for GERRY ATRIC.

I will close now and hope that WILL POWER is your constant companion too.

Submitted by Valerie McCale

June 2022 Calendar

We are conducting one weekly Sunday worship service in the sanctuary, beginning at 10:00 am—with masks required only for those not fully vaccinated due to the risks of Covid-19. Other listings on the church calendar include:

- June 6, 10:00 am: History Committee in CE Room 3
- June 7, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- June 8, 10:30 am: Buildings & Grounds in CE Room 3
- June 9, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- June 9, 11:00 am: Women's Lunch at Applebee's
- June 12, 11:30 am: Deacons in CE Room 3

- June 14, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- June 14, 1:00 pm: Finance Committee in Office
- June 14, 2:00 pm: Missions Committee in Faith Hall
- June 16, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall

June 19: Father's Day

- June 21, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- June 22, 2:00 pm: Session Meeting in Faith Hall
- June 23, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall
- June 26, 11:30 am: Worship Committee in CE Room 3
- June 28, 10:00 am: Prayer Group in CE Room 2
- June 30, 9:30 am: Line Dancing in Faith Hall



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