

# NEWLETTER

## First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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**It is time to celebrate our fathers; the men in our lives who remind us to live and to go forth and do.**

**YAY for Fathers, Dads, Papas, Pops and Daddy's!**

I had a very good relationship with my dad, I know this is not always the case, and I was blessed to have such a good man picked to be my dad.

His name was Russell Ward Holder. Born in Titusville, Pennsylvania May 2, 1933. The states were in the midst of the Great Depression, yet the Holder household was blessed to have a working man leading it. My grandfather was a rural mail delivery man. He never lost his job, and although it wasn't fancy, it was a job that provided enough.

Dad was an only child per my grandmother's wishes. So he grew up with the luxury of not feeling great need when many people were searching for jobs, food, heat and other basic necessities. They had a small piece of land outside of Titusville, PA. They had an apple and pear orchard, a creek across the road, and decent neighbors. Ward attended a 1 room school house, walking there in the morning, home for lunch, and back for more classes in the afternoon until high school. Then he had to ride a bus into town for 4 years. He graduated and went to college to be a math teacher. He subsequently started teaching right in the same town of Titusville, PA.

Ward was an ordinary man, not amazing, not overly gregarious but not shy either. He taught math during the week, on Sundays went to church at the First Baptist Church of Titusville, PA. I am sure there were stories of his single time that we as his children never heard. But then he met Ellagene Morgan. That was a match that was meant to be. They got married in April, the next February they had a bouncy baby girl, the next year another little girl came. After girl #2, Ward was called by God into the ministry.

He attended Pittsburgh, a Presbyterian Seminary. He worked in smallish churches for most of his ministry, eventually having 1 boy and 1 more girl with his wife and also adopting a little boy. He liked grilling, and won awards in Iowa for his grilling of barbequed pork chops. He liked camping with his family and did this every summer as long as I lived with him. He liked St. Bernard's, and other big dogs, we almost always had a dog growing up. He went to Nicaragua in the late 80's to fulfill the regret that he had never walked with Martin Luther King Jr.

I look over this after writing and realize R. Ward Holder was not amazing, he didn't do amazing things, he wasn't a conquering hero, he didn't invent something miraculous. But when I search my mind for memories of this man; there was passion and excitement, there was deep felt emotion about God and inclusion and family. Ward had righteous anger, as well as overwhelming joy that brought tears to his eyes when he thought and shared about God and God's creation.

So even though our fathers aren't amazing supermen, able to leap tall buildings and fly to someone's rescue, I hope we all take the time to remember, to applaud and acknowledge those men who taught us to walk, to ride a bike, to stand up for ourselves. Thanks Ward, for being my dad!



## Prayer Requests



**JUNE**

# JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Day of Pentecost

June 5th

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9

Ps: 104:24-34, 35b;

Rom.8:14-17 or

Acts 2:1-21;

John 14:8-47 (25-27)

## Trinity Sunday

June 12th

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31

Ps. 8

Rom. 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 19th

Semicontinuous:

1 Kgs. 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a

Ps. 42 and 43

Complementary: Isa. 65:1-9

Ps. 22:19-28; Gal. 3:23-29;

Luke 8:26-39

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

2 Kgs. 2:1-2, 6-14

Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20

Complementary:

1 Kg. 19:15-16, 19-21

Ps. 16

Gal. 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

## Thank You

*Dear Presbyterian Women*

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers in memory of our beloved father and grandfather, Dean.*

*Thank you for the wonderful luncheon and for all you did to help ease the loss of one we loved so much! Your thoughtfulness, kindness and care are deeply appreciated.*

*Love and gratitude,  
The Dean O'Connor Family*



Happy first day of summer, Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Two fathers and two sons  
went fishing. They each  
caught a fish, but only  
three fish were caught.

How is this possible?

# SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

## JUNE 1

Dare Day  
Flip a Coin Day

## JUNE 2

National Bubba Day  
National Rocky Road Day

## JUNE 3

National Doughnut Day  
World Bicycle Day  
Repeat Day (I said "Repeat Day")

## JUNE 4

National Cheese Day  
National Trails Day  
Old Maid's Day

## JUNE 5

Hot Air Balloon Day  
National Frozen Yogurt Day  
World Environment Day

## JUNE 6

D-Day, WWII  
National Gardening Exercise Day  
National Yo-Yo Day

## JUNE 7

National Chocolate Ice Cream Day  
VCR Day

## JUNE 8

Best Friends Day  
Name Your Poison Day  
World Ocean Day

## JUNE 9

Donald Duck Day  
National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day

## JUNE 10

Ball Point Pen Day  
Herb and Spices Day  
Iced Tea Day  
National Flip Flop Day

## JUNE 11

National Corn on the Cob Day

## JUNE 12

National Jerky Day  
National Peanut Butter Cookie Day  
Red Rose Day

## JUNE 13

National Weed Your Garden Day  
Sewing Machine Day

## JUNE 14

Flag Day  
Monkey Around Day

## JUNE 15

National Nature Photography Day  
National Prune Day  
Smile Power Day  
Global Wind Day

## JUNE 16

Fresh Veggies Day  
International Waterfall Day  
Nursing Assistants Day

## JUNE 17

Eat Your Vegetables Day  
Take a Road Trip Day

## JUNE 18

Go Fishing Day  
International Panic Day  
International Picnic Day  
International Sushi Day  
National Hollerin' Contest Day  
National Splurge Day  
World Juggler's Day

## JUNE 19

Father's Day  
Juneteenth  
National Kissing Day  
National Turkey Lovers Day  
World Sauntering Day

## JUNE 20

Ice Cream Soda Day  
National Bald Eagle Day

## JUNE 21

Finally, Summer Day  
Go Skateboarding Day  
International Yoga Day  
National Sea Shell Day  
National Selfie Day

## JUNE 22

National Chocolate Éclair Day  
National Onion Ring Day  
World Rainforest Day

## JUNE 23

International Widows Day  
Let it Go Day  
National Pick Day

## JUNE 24

International Fairy (or Faery) Day  
National Food Truck Day  
Take Your Dog to Work Day  
Swim a Lap Day

## JUNE 25

Log Cabin Day  
National Catfish Day

## JUNE 26

Beautician's Day  
Forgiveness Day  
National Canoe Day

## JUNE 27

National Onion Day  
Sun Glasses Day

## JUNE 28

Insurance Awareness Day  
International Body Piercing Day  
National Columnists Day  
Paul Bunyan Day

## JUNE 29

Camera Day  
Hug Day  
International Mud Day  
Waffle Iron Day

## JUNE 30

Meteor Day  
National Handshake Day

## WEEK EVENTS

Wk 1 Fishing Week  
Wk 2 Email Week  
National Gardening Week  
Wk 3 National Flag Week  
Wk 4 Lightning Safety Week

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month  
Aquarium Month  
Candy Month  
Dairy Month  
Effective Communications Month  
Fight the Filthy Fly Month  
Great Outdoors Month  
National Accordion Awareness Month  
National Adopt a Cat Month  
National Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Month  
National Iced Tea Month  
Rose Month  
Turkey Lovers Month

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## **From your little Library in the corner....**

“It is the end of a bitterly cold winter. A crowd of people file into a cathedral to celebrate the consecration of a new bishop – a good man, they think, strict in doctrine, but capable of compassion. A man of tradition, not of reform. A ‘company man.’ His name is David Campbell. And sitting in the last pew of the cathedral is a clean-shaven man of ordinary build, with gentle hazel eyes. His name is Joshua.” Intrigued??? Check out: **The Shepherd**, a novel by Joseph F. Girzone. (Purple Dot – Adult Fiction)

“Do you struggle with feelings of emptiness? Are you asking yourself, Is this all there is?” This bible study based on the book of Ecclesiastes by Jill Briscoe, can help you answer some of life’s biggest questions. “A sense of urgency surrounds us today. We do too much, move too fast, want more. And beneath the flurry of activity and distraction, we cry out for something different – something eternal.” From *Heart Cry: Searching for Answers in a World Without Meaning*, by Jill Briscoe. (Bible Studies – Teal)

“Newly orphaned Raimundo lives a life of poverty and danger in a country fractured by civil war. But little does he know that a faraway friend has packed a shoebox just for him – a shoebox that will help to change his life. Raimundo soon finds new hope, new faith, and a new home in a peaceful village.” From **A Wing and a Prayer** by Franklin Graham. (Yellow Dot – Children)

Enjoy your summer with a good book!!

Happy  
Birthday

### *June Birthdays*

11th	Larry Pabst
14th	Debbie Lyons
15th	Stella Soule
19th	Anita Cudney
21st	Bonnie Stone
22nd	Brian Hosler
25th	Katie Bales
26th	Matthew Spana
28th	George Brown
29th	Gary Pomeroy
30th	Sarah McClelland




### *June Anniversary's*

8th	Alan & Grace Bradbury
25th	Gerald & CaranJo Reinowski
26th	Allen & Cheryl Hosler
30th	George & Christie Brown



## Dates to Remember



JUNE 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17 Piano & Voice Recital 6-8:30 pm	18
19 Father's Day <b>Happy Father's Day</b> 	20	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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