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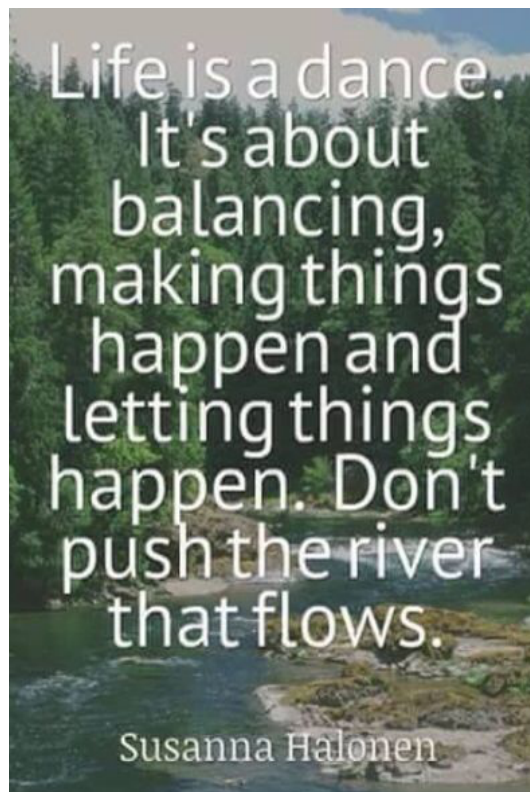
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COMING EVENTS

PRAYERS FOR...

SOMETHING TO PONDER

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST
...MEDICINE



Sunday, June 26 Farewell Worship for Pastor Kevin's Retirement

Pastor Kevin will be preaching on, "**Hold On Loosely**," based on Luke 9:51-62. The worship will include a "Ritual for Leaving a Church," and John Stende will be doing a Children's Sermon. This is also **Pastor Jo's 70th Birthday!**

We'll be singing:

- All Creatures of our God and King
- Crown Him with Many Puns
- God Be With You

The Choir will be doing an anthem, and Pastor Jo will be leading us in a call-and-response Benediction, "The Witness Song."

All are invited to share in a potluck **Farewell Meal for Pastors Kevin and Jo** immediately after church. A main course will be provided, and people are invited to bring a dish to share. We wish them godspeed as Pastor Kevin retires and they move to Apple Valley, Minnesota on July 1st.

This is the last eNews I'll be sending out. Both Jo and I are so grateful for all the love we have received, **we wish you well, and we will trust and pray that God has good things in store for this church!**

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Gardening Notes - June 21, 2022



We got a lot done in spite of the wind tonight. That story sounds familiar! The 4 volunteers worked diligently tying the tomatoes - (it seemed like there was no end them!). There were some that didn't survive the wind. The beets were thinned and weeded. Unfortunately, the beans have been done in by the bean beetle! They were pulled and will be replanted tomorrow morning. On checking the eggplant, the potato bug has been busy. We will try once again to save them by spraying. A good

portion of the garden was weeded but there is a lot left to do. The greens and flowers that were planted last week are up so that is exciting.

The heat was very hard on the garden but the watering set up has made it pretty easy to water. On those very warm days the garden got early morning "rains" three days in a row. We just have to be sure to leave the hoses off the grass when we leave.

We appreciate those of you that were able to attend tonight. It is a busy time now that summer has actually arrived, so any time you can give to the garden is a plus for us. I did hear from some of you for next week, but for the rest, if you could let me (Betty) know if you can or cannot come, I'd appreciate it. We will continue with the weeding and make further plans as the week goes on. Fencing is still on the table if we have time and manpower.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

PASTORAL CARE AFTER PASTOR KEVIN'S RETIREMENT

We are grateful that **Rev. Steve Giddens** has agreed to be available for pastoral care needs starting July 1 and continuing until an Interim Pastor is called. Here is his contact info: (701) 730-7657; steve@revgiddens.com. Thanks for sharing your compassion and expertise, Steve!



PREACHING SCHEDULE AFTER PASTOR KEVIN'S RETIREMENT

Scott Webster, Member in Discernment from People's UCC, will be preaching July 3, 10, & 31. Jae Utke, a seminary student from our church, will be preaching all of August. And our Office Manager, Bonnie Fischer, is working on getting the other Sundays covered into September. People will be well-fed spiritually!

LOOKING FOR COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

We will need someone to send out electronic communications on whatever schedule is deemed best. Please contact the church office or our Vice-Moderator, BJ Booth (vice1stuccfargo@gmail.com) if you're willing to do this ministry. Thanks!

[Click here](#) for an article from United Church News, "**UCC among faith groups pushing Biden to form reparations commission.**"

"Many of the racial disparities that weigh this country down, and divide people in the U.S. from each other, are unnecessary and can be eradicated if we address the ongoing legacy of enslavement," they wrote. "By righting our wrongs, we can make sure that all families in the U.S. get a fair chance to acquire land, to buy a home, to enjoy good health, and to live without fear about tomorrow."



COMING EVENTS

PRIDE IN THE PARK

We are hosting a table at Island Park on **Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** We're grateful to Mindy Bueng for agreeing to coordinate this year's volunteers. If you'd like to help, please contact her: (701) 540-7399; mhy_island@hotmail.com.

PRIDE INTERFAITH WORSHIP

We hope many will join in this year's community-wide worship at the Fargo Theater on **Sunday, August 14, 12:30 p.m.** Pastor Kevin has been part of the planning team for many years, and this year's event is taking shape quite well!

PRAYERS FOR...

(Please let us know of any specific prayer concerns or thanks you may want to share.)

We pray for **all who are suffering during the current inflation and economic downturn.** We have some resources available at church to help. May we all work for a more just and equitable economy!

We continue to pray for **the people of Ukraine and all who are affected by the war going on there.** May God's Spirit bring courage and some kind of just resolution to this awful violence. And may we all do our best to be active peacemakers as we can!

Thanksgiving for **all who have been working hard on this coming Sunday's farewell celebration and meal.** We are blessed with many willing volunteers!

Thanksgiving for **the arrival of summer.** May this be a time to reconnect with nature, to renew our commit to renew the earth, and to have some fun.

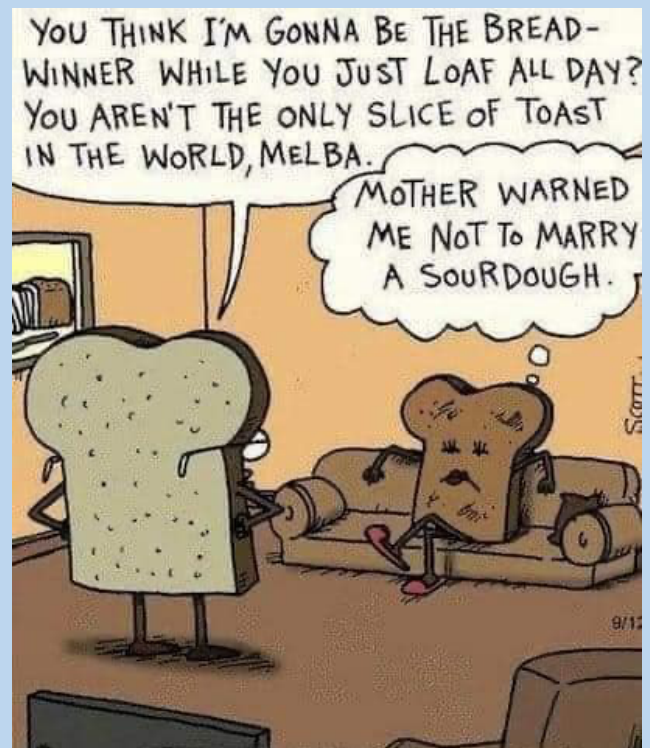
SOMETHING TO PONDER

Me yelling at squirrels in the street to move so they don't die is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life most days.

Let's just make
each other happy
without a reason.



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What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

What do you say to a Llama that loves picnicking? Alpaca lunch.