

From Pastor John Hartman: June 2017

## "A Honeycomb Christian"

A recent **USA Today** poll stated that 35% of the people in this country live paycheck to paycheck. Does that describe you? If it does, you know how exhausting it can be to never feel like you can get ahead, and always feel like you are way behind. It's not that we aren't grateful for God's blessings, but our financial picture continues to be a struggle. The same can be said of the Church. We value the generosity of people, especially the ones who give as a true sacrifice, but in reality, Fellowship struggles with the same issues and needs of many average households. As our staff continue to work even as people go on vacation, our facilities need some repairing and replacing, we receive no government support, — and so, the church relies upon the generosity of you the people. As we come into the summer months of June, July, and August, please remember your commitment of support to Fellowship.

Someone has said that there are three kinds of givers – a rock, a sponge, and a honeycomb. Some people are stingy, and to get anything out of them is like a **rock**. You got to bang at it and hammer it, and then it will still give you only a few sparks, and some chips. There are some people who will cave into pressure, and to get anything out of them is like a **sponge**. You got to squeeze it so tight, and the more you squeeze it, the more you get out of it. But, some people are like a **honeycomb**, -- who just overflow with sweetness. And honeycomb people delight in giving to God, because it is in response to his goodness and grace – which God pours into our lives every day.

May God continue to pour out his grace upon you, as you pour yourself out to his wonderful church here at Fellowship.

In the Grip of His Grace,  
John

*Called to follow Christ,  
Equipped to share Christ's teaching,  
Committed to serve Christ in the world!*

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## June Sermon Schedule

June 4	The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) (Communion)
June 11	The Suffering of Job
June 18	The Wisdom of Solomon
June 25	Jonah and the Great Fish (Jonah 1-4)

## Summer Worship Schedule

July 2 — September 3

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Friends,

As we come into the summer months, the Worship and Music Committee wants to share with all of you that beginning, Sunday, July 2 and going through the September 3 Labor Day weekend, we will have **ONE worship service at 10:00 am**, followed by a combined Adult Sunday school class in the Sanctuary.

This will enable us to worship as one family of God at Fellowship, as well as bring in different musicians and instrumentalists to help lead our worship, while also giving our choir and praise team a well deserved rest.

## SAVE THE DATES

July 2 through September 3-One Worship Service-10am

August 7-11, Vacation Bible School

We are excited about VBS 2017. This year we are going to experience a one-of-a-kind Bible times adventure, by journeying to Rome, as we will be sharing about Paul and the Underground Church.

Please plan to join us August 7-11.

We need help in many areas.

\*\*\* Meet Our Current PCUSA Moderator: \*\*\*

Please save mid-day Friday, September 29, 2017 (in Burlington) for an opportunity to join all North Carolina Presbyteries in welcoming the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson. Further details will be published in upcoming editions of Salem Matters.

## Thank You!

From recipients of pillows for patients:

#1: My special thanks for your loving hands and kind hearts!

My husband received a blue neck pillow at Wesley Long recently. It went with him on several ambulance rides, into a care facility, Cone Hospital, and finally into Beacon Place.

It washed nicely and was mended slightly and stayed with him as a favorite thing until the end of his life.

A huge thanks for your talents and thoughtfulness!

A Devoted Fan

#2: Recently my husband, Roland Phillips, was a patient at Wesley Long. He was given a pillow which was made by members of the church.

Thank you for such a thoughtful gesture. It will be useful in the future treatments.

Sincerely, Jo Phillips

**FPC Book Club** will be taking a short break for the Summer, July and August. We will resume September 7th at 7:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Anyone is welcome. If you like to read, why not join us for an evening of discussion and refreshments?

### **Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado**

This is a read/study and discussion type of lesson covering ten separate women; one woman each week. If you cannot attend all the classes, that's ok, each week there will be something or someone new! We will have another study starting in September.

*Please purchase your book and enjoy!*

Sarah is the first lady in this study, so please be prepared for discussion on Sarah for the first class on Tuesday, June 6th.

### **Tues. June 6 - Aug 15**

Time: 6:30pm to no later than 8:30pm

The only day off will be Tues. July 4th.

We will have class on Session nights.

### **June Birthdays**

June 5	Janet Hiatt
June 7	Christie Odonkor
June 13	April Mauney
	Brian Dunphy

June 16	Jane Sweet
June 18	Ned Steele Sam Hildreth
June 20	John Archambault
June 28	Peggy Koppel Beverly Cooper
June 29	Rebecca Webster John Hartman
June 30	Bill Sweet

## **From Eileen Morman, our Poet Laureate**

### **Vacation Time**

By Eileen Morman

Now is the time of year when vacation  
Time is drawing near.  
Children will be out of school,  
They will be glad to have some fun  
Playing in the sun. No homework  
Or lessons to be learned but  
Games and swimming, just having  
Fun.

Everyone deserves a break from  
The routine of daily life.  
But remember no matter where  
You go or what you do God is  
Always watching over you.  
So enjoy the pleasures you will  
Have, so when a sad time comes  
Along your happy memories  
Will help to keep you strong.