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HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

JUNE 7: **Liturgist:** Peggy Jones **Ushers:** David & Cheryl John **Flowers:** Ed Benbow

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE BIBLICAL GARDEN TO BEGIN SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

During the summer months our worship service will take place in the Biblical Garden. (weather permitting). Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

Presbyterian Women will be having a Fall Rummage Sale on Thursday and Friday, October 22nd & 23rd from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have items to donate, you may put them in the last room on the left, down the hall from the church office.

FRIENDS' TABLE REQUESTING YOUR HELP!

Friends' Table is asking for help in our occasional "Pasta Salad Day" on Monday, June 15th. If you can furnish a salad (15 – 1 cup servings) we would greatly appreciate it. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you may call or text Judy Ditmars at 260-920-0808. You can bring the salad to the church on Sunday, June 14th or Monday by 10 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters –

I continue writing on the Commandments with the fifth – “Honor your father and your mother;” (Exodus 20:12). This is the only Commandment accompanied by a promise: “that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God is giving you”. For some reason, God chose to bless obedience to this one commandment. That tells us something about how highly God values the family as the foundation of human society. The home is where we first learn to love, to submit, to forgive, to trust, and oftentimes, our parents are the first image of authority and care that God places before us.

To honor one’s parents means far more than simple obedience in childhood. The Hebrew word “kabbed” honor, means a lot more than that. This sense of honor includes showing respect, esteeming someone as significant and worthy of reverence. For children, this certainly includes listening and obeying. But this commandment also extends into adulthood — it calls us to speak well of our parents, to care for them in their aging years, and to cherish the sacrifices they made on our behalf. Sometimes relationships with parents are imperfect or painful, which can make this Commandment especially difficult to understand. In those challenging situations, God calls us to a posture of honor that reflects God’s own heart for forgiveness, redemption, and reconciliation within families.

As a congregation, we can be a community that takes this commandment seriously in practical ways. We can encourage our young people to express gratitude to their parents and respect to the elders among us. We can come alongside families navigating the tender and sometimes difficult work of caring for aging parents. And we can recognize that in honoring our earthly parents, we are in a real sense practicing the honor we owe our Heavenly Father — learning submission, gratitude, and love in the school of the home. May our families be living testimonies to the beauty and blessing of God’s design.

Shalom,
Pastor David



The NE Indiana Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry would like to invite you to enjoy a cruise down the rivers of Fort Wayne on the Sweet Breeze, a 54-foot-long replica of an 1840's style canal boat. A boxed lunch on the boat will be provided.

When: Thursday, June 18th from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

Where: Promenade Park, West Superior St., Fort Wayne

Cost: \$10/per person, limit 30 people total, (which is 5 per church.) Because of limited reservations will be on a first come first serve basis. After 5 people are signed up per church then your name will go on a waiting list. After we receive the final total from each church if there are extra seats then we will go to the waiting list.

Reservations Required...sign up by Sunday, June 14th!