



## The MESSENGER

June 2023

**Worship Service Sundays**  
at 10 AM  
on Zoom and Facebook

**Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 7PM  
& Wednesdays at 12PM

**Grace Café 6:30pm**

**Friday Morning Prayer**  
7am on Facebook

***UMC Wayne Ministers***  
***All the members of UMC in Wayne***

**Pastor**  
Ninabeth Metcalf

**Lay Leader**  
Don Matthews

**Music Director**  
Peter Candela

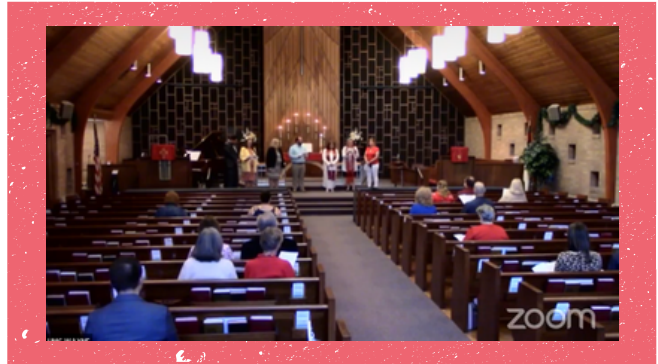
**Parish Drive Director**  
David Philp

**Admin. Assistant**  
Chanel Lindsey

## The United Methodist Church in Wayne

**On Pentecost we welcomed 5 New Members  
into our community!**

Susan Whitty, Rev. Victoria Luna,  
Emmanuel Luna, Deb Foray, Ryan Clements



### **The First Friday Fellowship group**

will meet on Friday, June 2 at noon.

All are welcome!

Please bring your lunch and beverage.

If someone wants to take a turn bringing  
dessert for the group,  
please let me know (Anita @ (201) 874- 6915).

***The June topic will explore  
Summer Solstice traditions.***

### **2023-2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

We are beginning our classes for confirmation!

Save the date: Sunday, June 11th  
after worship service

Mr. Bob and Pastor Ninabeth will be holding a  
meeting for all confirmands and their parents  
to outline the schedule  
and content of our classes.

The class is open to anyone  
who is in 7th grade and above.

We are looking forward to an exciting journey!

# JOY & CONCERN PRAYER LIST



***If you would like to join our  
phone/ e-mail prayer chain  
please call or e-mail  
the church office!  
(973) 6943260  
office@umcwayne.org***



Tamara & Ed,  
Dennis,  
Judi Buckalew,  
the families of Jack Wichterman and Susan  
Mood who passed away,  
the birth of Adeline Grace (Gaines Family),  
Doug, Georgeann,  
Kathy,  
Heather,  
Baby Cersei,  
the birth of Greyson James Fiore (Grebel family)  
Edina,  
Peter,  
Rosa,  
Hugo,  
Olivia,  
Carly,  
an unnamed friend,  
Carol Patereck,  
the family and friends of Kay,  
the family and friends of Joan G.  
Joy & Celebration for Hailey Phillis  
Brubaker and Devoid family  
Beverly Wiegand  
Traveling Mercies  
The people of Sudan  
David (Upcoming biopsy on June 15th)  
Paul Jenny - Happy Birthday! Good Health!

## UMC IN WAYNE WORSHIP



### Welcome our new Music Director

Peter Candela was born and raised in Rochester, New York, and is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. He has been a freelance composer, arranger, conductor, piano accompanist, and multi instrumentalist in the New Jersey/New York City area since 1983. Peter and his wife Mary have been Wayne residents since 1987, and have one son, Declan, who graduated from Wayne Valley in 2009. Peter has been subbing on keyboards in the orchestra pit for Disney's THE LION KING on Broadway since August of 1998. He has performed at Radio City, The Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. He has extensive background in accompanying liturgical music for many denominations, including former steady positions as organist/choir director at St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church in Wyckoff and Grace Episcopal Church in Rutherford. Peter has been music director/accompanist for Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel in South Orange for over 20 years, and continues to do so.

### UPCOMING SUNDAYS

**June 4th Trinity Sunday**  
**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
Holy Communion  
Parish Drive

**June 11th**  
**Genesis 12:1-9**  
Confirmation meeting after  
worship

**June 18th Father's Day**  
**Genesis 18:1-15**  
Parish Drive

**June 25th**  
**Guest Preacher**  
Book Club after Worship

## UMC IN WAYNE

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Blessed are those who help others,  
for their hearts know great happiness.

~ Lois M.

### Ushers' Schedule for June:

1st Sunday 6/4

Paul Papadopoulos & Nancy Kinch

2nd Sunday 6/11

Anita Dispenziere & Nancy Kinch

3rd Sunday 6/18

Ginny Perazzone & Richard Jackson

4th Sunday 6/25

Liz Tible & Ginny Perazzone

### Lay Reader's Schedule

#### for June:

1st Sunday 6/4

Marilyn Creamer

2nd Sunday 6/11

Cathy Nalesnik

3rd Sunday 6/18

Dianne DeVos

4th Sunday 6/25

Pat Moore

## Pastor's Ponderings

Last Friday morning I found myself deep in thought about troublesome topics that had been discussed at our GNJ Annual Conference; 8 churches disaffiliating (our neighbor Bethany UMC being one of them), 14 churches closing (our neighbor Hawthorne UMC among those closing), victims of abuse, the sale of the Pinelands Camp, and the health of our clergy. My heart was hurting. I heard a “shhsh, be quiet because Pastor Ninabeth is working” and looked up. By the copy machine stood Ms. Laura with her class of 4 year old gathered around her. They had come to make copies for their class. They were curious and were looking to see what I might be working on. When our eyes met, some smiled, some waved, others rose up on tip toe, others became shy. When I waved back and smiled they could not be quiet any longer and began to say “Hi” and to tell me why they were there.

My troublesome thoughts faded away and I was caught up in the delight of these precious children of God.

God, brilliant Lord,  
yours is a household name.

Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;  
toddlers shout the songs  
That drown out enemy talk,  
and silence atheist babble.

~Psalm 8:1-2

I am overwhelmed with gratitude that the UMC in Wayne provides a safe and comfortable space for these children to thrive. Among the many reasons their parents chose Giggle and Grow is that we are a church; a community they can trust.

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Pastor Ninabeth will be on vacation  
from June 22nd through July 8th

**Pastor's Ponderings**  
**continued from page 4**

We are a community that reflects the love of Christ.

Our children's spirituality is shaped by what they see, experience, and feel. Children are super attentive. The good and the really hard things in life affect a child's spirit. We desire to see kids flourish and respond creatively to whatever life brings their way.

With this in mind we have chosen to offer a Maker's Place Camp this summer. The variety of planned activities intentionally connect mind, body and spirit. They enable children to express themselves in ways that lead to healing and wholeness. It is our hope that this camp experience will give children a space to play, create, wonder, learn and grow in community. It is our hope to build a community of belonging and connection. When we do this we are safer and healthier, experience less pain and enjoy more love.

I am excited to see who God sends us!

In the words of Paul found in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians chapter 13 verses 11-13,

*And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace.*

*Pastor Ninabeth*

## Maker's Place Camp

**Ages K-8**

**Tuesday's 10 AM – 2 PM**

**July 11, 18, 25 & August 1, 8, 15, 22**



99 Parish Drive

Wayne, NJ

973-694-5630

Cost: Free



Campers can choose how long they want to have fun.

Stay for the day, bring your lunch.

This is a STEM based Camp.

Science experiments

\* 3d Pen design \*

Art activities

Legos and more.

Community building themed activities: we will be making our own community display from recyclables.

Explore science, art, technology, engineering, etc. while having a good time making new friends.

*Coming Soon...*

our  
High School Students

**Film Fest**

is returning!



# Sunday School Newsletter



## Maker's Place Camp 2023

**Welcome to Maker Place!**

Explored themes:

Hex Bugs

3D Pens

Legos

Experiments

Art and Crafts

& More!

**Tuesdays**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

***July 11th through August 22nd***

## Children's Activity Calendar

July 9th :

Summer Kick-off Picnic after Church!

September 10th:

Ice cream social to kick-off a new year of Sunday School!



## Summer Sunday School Carnival Sundays

Come join us each week for a new Carnival theme!

Carnival Themes:

Easter

Water

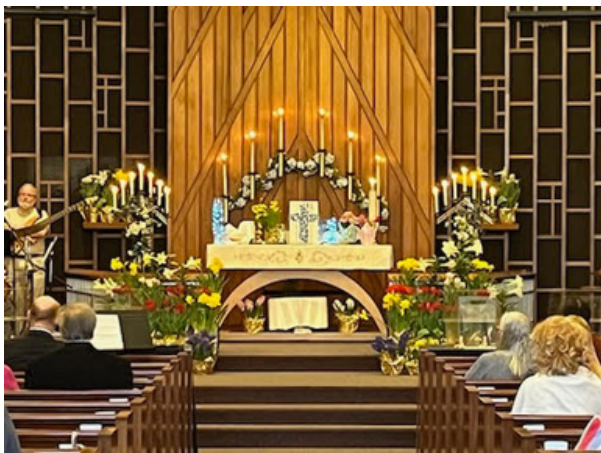
Bubbles

Paint

& More

## Pre- K through 2nd Grade

We are currently learning the Lords Prayer! And, preparing for our Lord's Prayer art display.



# Celebrating The Holy Baptisms of Lizzy, Leo and Lucy Mignano & Ava Gelok

*Beloved in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism  
God gives us new birth through water and the Spirit,  
includes us in Christ's holy church,  
and makes us part of the salvation of the world. Alleluia!*

*Jesus said,*

*"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*

*Matthew 19: 14 GNT*



## Congratulations Sean Creamer and Tyler Salamon on joining The Melvin Carter Boy Scout Troop 101 Eagle Scout Honor Roll!

**Tyler J. Salamon**  
Eagle Project  
"Tech Savvy Seniors"  
Born: May 2004  
Home Town: Pequannock, NJ  
Graduated: DePaul Catholic HS  
Attending: Rowan University  
School of Engineering  
Major: Electrical & Computer Engineering

I enjoy trying new things and exploring new places. I have traveled to Mt. Rushmore, Old Faithful, Pompei, and Chichen Itza (to name a few). I play guitar and enjoy board games with friends.

My Eagle Scout Project combined 2 of my passions. [Seniors (my Grandparents) and Technology (Engineering)] I was able to get 10 used tablets donated to a Senior facility. Then with volunteers, I reformatted and loaded the tablets with mind-strengthening games and Social Apps such as Facebook, Zoom, and Skype. I created a storage/charging area and a lending system. I then trained volunteers to teach the Seniors at the facility how to use the tablets. I ran multiple sessions for the Seniors to learn to use them and for the staff to learn how to care for the tablets. By the last session, I had to hunt down the tablets because they were being so widely used at the facility.

If my time in Boy Scouts has taught me one thing, it's to be patient. I have learned that everyone moves at their own pace, so work with people instead of against them. From the day I joined my troop, Scouts forever changed my life for the better. I have learned ideals, morals, and skills I use every day. I may not know what my future has in store for me, but I know for certain that Scouts will have an effect in every aspect of it.

**Sean Creamer**  
Eagle Project  
"Renovating UMC Wayne Youth Room"  
Born: 2004  
Home Town: Oakland, NJ  
Graduated: Indian Hills HS  
Attending: William Paterson University  
Major: Computer Science

I really enjoy trying to solve various puzzles. Of course, I play puzzle games and have some of those maze sphere things. But my favorite types of puzzles are more practical ones. For example, a friend and I go to our old high school just to help out their robotics club and try to figure out how to get what they need to work.

When I started thinking of what to do for my Eagle Project, I had to go through a handful of ideas. What I landed on seems the most obvious in retrospect, as it is something that I had heard people wanting to change for years. In the church I go to, the lower room was a very dark red and black, with a stage that was only ever used for storage. It didn't look too welcoming, so the plan was to fix that. We had to remove the stage, scrape the walls clean, and then prime and paint them. I was lucky to have so much help from my troop, family, and even church goers and the Karate School that use the room. It took a lot of time and effort, but I am glad to say that the room feels much nicer to be in now.

The most important skills I gained from Scouting was how to lead and teach. My time as a leader in my troop helped me gain more management skills and patience with people than I ever had before. When working with the younger scouts, I had to figure out the fastest way to teach them the information they needed to know in a way that worked for them. And I'll be honest, I'm still trying to figure that out when I come by to some meetings.



## Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) updates:

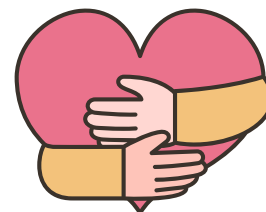
Our committee is pleased to be in mission, as we support our staff members in their ministry to our church.

Please note the following liaisons for the staff members:

Don Matthews for Pastor Ninabeth

Liz Tible for Peter Candela

Anita Dispenziere for Chanel Maya Lindsey



Other SPRC members at large are:

Larry Gaines, Gail Papadopoulos, and Dianne DeVos

The committee welcomes all comments and suggestions that are related to our staff members. We are passionate in our support for our staff, so that they can be best available to minister to our church.



Blessings to you all,

My name is Chanel Maya Lindsey and I am glad to say I'm the new Administrative Assistant for UMC in Wayne! 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' Philippians 4:13 KJV And, just as this words states, the gift of my 30 years of life, has been a testament of just that.

With a memory of the Lord Jesus Christ in my heart since the age of 3, I have a passion for ministry and the value of my neighbor. I was born in New York City, NY. I was raised and still reside in Jersey City, NJ; where I am a member of The Cityline Church for over a decade.

I served in the Children's Church Ministry as a teacher to the little ones and I am now a mother to 2 of my own. Alleluia! I am a graduate of McNair Academic High School and attended Saint Peter's College, I hope to complete my degree in nursing in the near future. I love making new vegetarian dishes and tasty baked goods. My hobbies include crochet, dance and song, and a great exercise! I love how God always gives me a good word, if ever in need please call me at the church office!

I want to thank you for your time and your prayers in this day and always. I am looking forward to being of service to you and sharing the fruits of the Holy Spirit invested in me for your congregation!

# GROW - GIVE- SERVE

## Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.

We offer many ways to give:  
In the sanctuary or by mail.  
Online at [www.umcwayne.org](http://www.umcwayne.org)  
[giving.ncservices.org](http://giving.ncservices.org)  
Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223  
QR Code:



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!

This year the Rummage Sale will be held on Friday evening, September 15th and all day Saturday, September 16th.  
There will be a bake table.

Collection will start July 15  
in the French Chapel.

## BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting on  
Sunday, June 25th

We are reading  
The Love Story of Missy Carmichael  
by Beth Morrey  
*Will be held after Worship Service, also sharing in a Pot Luck Lunch if you have any food dishes to bring, please do!*

Contact Pat Moore for more information!  
[pat.moore18@gmail.com](mailto:pat.moore18@gmail.com)

## Tents for Rent!

The United Methodist Men have two 16' X 16' tents available on a first-come, first-serve basis for a \$75 donation per tent. Set-up and take down service can be arranged for an additional \$25 per tent.



Tents are very useful for sun screening, defining food areas, and to protect from rain. Tents are for members, friends, and neighbors of the church. call Roy Schmidt at (973)694-3260 to schedule your date.

## SHOP RITE & FOODTOWN CARDS

Do you shop for groceries at any Shop Rite or the Wayne Jack's Foodtown?

If you use grocery cards, our church is able to claim 5% of that total. It's a very easy process. you purchase that card amounts of \$25, \$50, or \$100 dollars, present that card to the cashier at check-out; the card is scanned, and your remaining balance will be recorded on your sales slip. Nothing for you to swipe or sign.

Please see Dianne Devos for details.



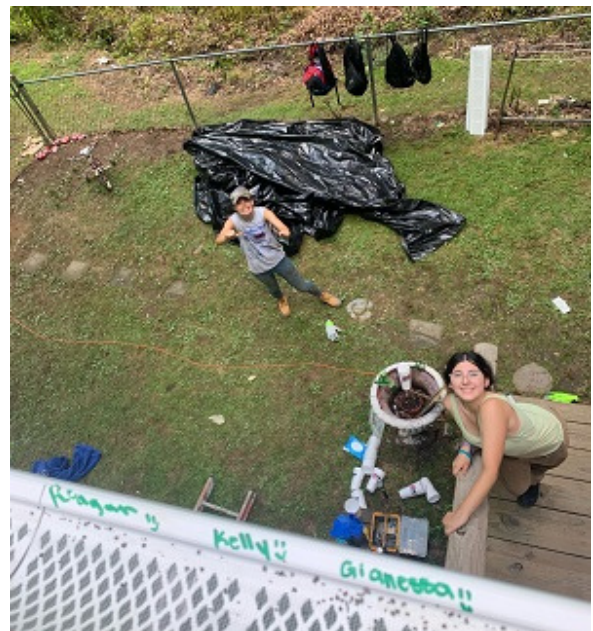


## Red Bird Mission Trip



Each summer in July, the United Methodist Church in Wayne, in conjunction with the Butler United Methodist Church sends a group of youth and adults to Red Bird Mission (a United Methodist mission and community center) in southeastern Kentucky. While we are there we learn about the lives that people live in that part of our country, the challenges for the people, and we work in homes doing repairs and renovations. Over the years we have done roofs, porches, decks, stairs, interior floor repairs and installations, siding, painting, wall and ceiling repairs, and many other projects to improve the resident's homes and lives!

Our fund raising efforts are to support the cost of building materials and transportation for the group and, to help defray the participants costs (room and board for the mission, incidentals on the trip, etc.). This year, we have an adult and two of the youth representing our Church. The cost is \$575 per person. Please consider pledging your support for our participants in this mission project, and keep the participants, homeowners and Red Bird Mission in your prayers!



# Grace Café

On a warm Wednesday night in May we gathered for dinner and explored Psalm 104!

This Psalm is a Psalm of Praise for our Creator God.

After reading and discussing the content and structure

we wrote Praise Psalms of our own!

The evening was full of laughter and affirmation of our own creativity.

Below are 2 of the many we wrote ~ Bless the Lord, O my Soul!

Come and join the fun ~ Wednesdays at 6:30pm ~ BYO Dinner



Praise the Lord  
for this beautiful cleansing rain  
to celebrate new growth  
and colorful flowers and trees  
water flows in abundance  
to provide nourishment to all life

A new day rises  
the sun is bright  
Praise the Lord

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;*

*O Lord, my God, you are very great*

*You have given us words of wisdom*

*phrases that endure*

*You have given us words of Love, comfort, strength*

*You have given us words of color, size & shape*

*You have given us words of guidance, friendship & counseling*

*You have given us words of structure, rules, & lessons*

*You have given us words of instruction, sharing, & teaching*

*You have given us words to define our worlds & relations*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul*

*O Lord, my God, you are very great*



## Message from the Finance Committee

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Phew – we made it through the winter and survived our bills. As of April 2023, we met all of our salaries and operating expenses but were unable to meet 100% of our conference obligations (billables for insurances and shared ministries for conference ministries). We typically rely on our holiday offerings of Easter and Christmas to support our conference obligations but our holiday giving has been only about 50% of prior years so that is making it difficult to meet our obligations. We are working hard to manage the priorities of our spending but have cut all of the fat from our budget. The trustees have several projects they are queuing up but we don't have the cashflow to support them and don't really want to continue to draw on our loan due to increase interest rates. Our giving of \$2,231 weekly is about \$740 or 25% short of what we need weekly to meet our budget. Please prayerfully consider what you can give of the bounty the Lord has provided you. Thanks to all who supported fund raisers which include the soup sale for \$1,001, grocery cards for \$724, and Thrivent match of \$124. Expenses to date were \$70,149 – our net cash flow is \$7,901 was supplemented by positive cash flow from trustees (including rental incomes of \$33,950 which represents 43% of overall receipts). At April month end our loan balance is \$56,057. We have paid the interest on our loan each month in addition to designated gifts of \$1,200 to reduce the loan balance; however, our interest has risen to 9.25% so we hope to chip away at our principal to reduce interest costs. The great challenge that we have in managing the finances of our church day to day is that we do not have an endowment fund to serve as a buffer between when expense payments are demanded and when income is received. It is called a cash flow problem. I'm sure many of you can relate.

On a final note, we'd like to thank Christine Mercado for her tireless efforts managing the day to day as our treasurer. We are thankful for the continued dedication of Dawn, Mike and Patty. We are very lucky to have dedicated servants on our Finance team; however, our team is small so if you are interested in joining us please contact Pastor Ninabeth or any of the finance team members. Please send an e-mail to our finance team mailbox (treas\_umcw@yahoo.com) if you'd like to get a copy of the financial reports.

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The Finance Committee  
Kim Grebel, Chair

Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf, Anita Dispenziere, Dawn Gaines, Patty Hassler, Mike Lakner,  
Don Matthews, Christine Mercado, Roy Schmidt, Mike Zerbe

# The Widow's Offering

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I want to share a few personal reflections on giving. Many of you know my history, but the events in my life have shaped my generosity and spirituality although I didn't always see God working in my life during these times. At 19 I lost my dad which was devastating but without it I may not have been a believer. I grew up in the church but didn't know the Lord as my personal savior until I lost my dad. I got married at 21 and had a family younger than most of my friends. I struggled during the early years of my family both financially and spiritually and didn't find a home at a church. The world distracted me. As my kids grew I knew I was missing something so began attending a non-denominational church with my husband. It wasn't like the Methodist church but I felt a sense of community and began to grow again in my faith until a messy divorce where the pastor told me I wasn't worthy if I got divorced which really soured me on religion. At a neighborhood gathering one day, Stella La Conte, invited me to come to UMC in Wayne where I felt at home and embraced during quite a difficult time. Financially I was very strapped but felt grateful for what the Lord began to do in my life so I began to give the small amount I could to UMC in Wayne. The Lord surrounded me with wonderful friend and I began to give more generously and reap many blessings. I know it may sound cliché but I have found that when I give with a grateful heart the Lord blesses me with more and more. It reminds me of the widow's offering. About 10 years ago I bought earrings of widow's mite that remind me how important it is to be generous with all the gifts that God has given me.

## *Luke 21:1-4 NIV*

- 1. As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.*
- 2. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.*
- 3. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others.*
- 4. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.*

In reflecting on this passage I find that God is telling us quality is more important than quantity. In regards to giving, the quality of our gifts is determined by how much we give out of what we could give. In other words, the greater the percentage, the greater the quality. The widow gave 100%. I must confess I don't give 100% but continue to gain confidence that I can give in faith and will always have enough to put food on my own table. I hope you consider what God has provided for you and what you can share to further his kingdom.

Grace and Peace,  
*Kim Grebel*

# Birthdays in June

6/1 - Cliff Vander May	6/13 - Cathi Brown	6/22 - Elise Vander May
6/2 - Michaella Moore	6/13 - Jesse Fikslin	6/22 Callen Vander May
6/3 - John Sun	6/14 - Elizabeth Tible	6/24 - Sharon Tant
6/3 Michael Devos	6/14 - Travis Harty	6/25 - Nathan Gaines
6/3 - Dominic Carrafiello	6/14 - Doris Stienstra	6/26 - Patricia Matthews
6/4 - Carter Sental	6/14 - Sherry Tanski	6/27 - Tim Cooper
6/6 Lucas Zimmerer	6/18 - Joan Ruyzam	6/29 - George Hill
6/6 - Maddix Wiesenthal	6/19 - Drew Emmetts	6/29 - Tyler Orofino
6/7 - Tracy DeLaat	6/19 - Peggy Pape	
6/8- Chanel Lindsey	6/20 - Thomas DeLaat	
6/9 - Andrew Larsen	6/21 - Margaret Krum	
6/10 - Sadie Lynn Snyder	6/21 Amanda Goodman	
6/11 - Carol Guegl	6/21 - Heather Frommelt	
6/12 - Megan Willer	6/22 - Kaydence Larsen	
	6/22 - Garrett Vander May	

