

# The Cornerstone

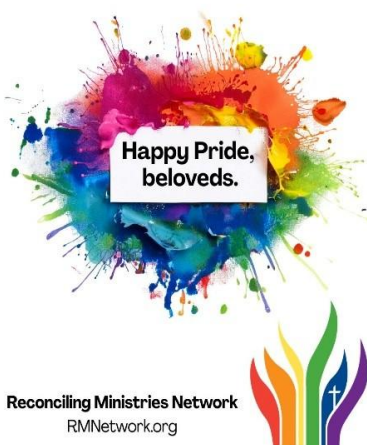
The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
*Psalm 118:22-23*

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This month of June includes many cultural celebrations: graduations, Father's Day, and Pride Month to name a few. I invite us to prayerfully honor the healing still needed in uniting God's beloved family, including our brothers and sisters of the LGBTQIA+ community.

I saw these pictures (see next page) shared on Instagram by the Reconciling Ministries of the UMC. It offered me the opportunity to reflect on a question I am so often asked in my pastoral ministry, "*Why do we need to call out a Pride Month and have parades?*" I believe these posts articulate an answer. Friends, I respect that we may look at many things differently as I have shared often in our Spring Worship Series on the UM Social Principles. I would just remind us all... "*love God and love your neighbor*", so all may feel the welcoming love of Christ, be seen for the beautiful gifts for which we are created and be received at the table of God's abundant grace.



*We celebrate Pride because*  
**no one should have to wonder if they belong.**

Reconciling Ministries Network  
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*We celebrate Pride because*  
**joy is sacred – and when our LGBTQ+ siblings thrive, so does the Church.**

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*We celebrate Pride because*  
**dignity is still being fought for and the Church doesn't get to sit that out.**

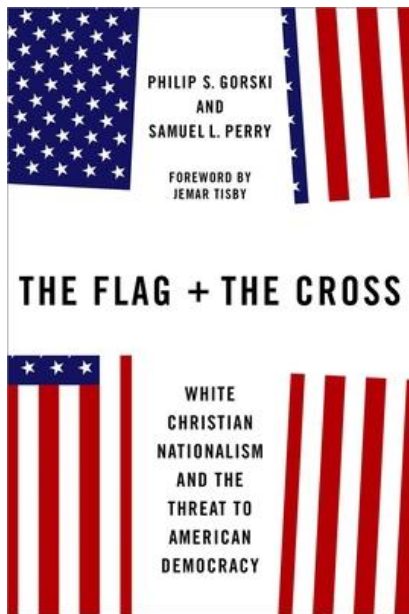
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*We celebrate Pride because*  
**we believe every church should be a church for every child of God.**

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### EPA & GNJ CORR Book Study

Each Wednesday in October from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. on Zoom, join EPA & GNJ Commissions on Religion & Race for a conference-wide book study on *The Flag and the Cross* by Philip Goski & Samuel Perry. The book explores how white Christian nationalism functions as a political ideology rather than authentic Christianity. You will study the book and its call to Christians to reclaim Jesus-centered faith rooted in humility, curiosity, understanding, and love of neighbor. The first 25 to register will receive a free e-copy (Kindle edition). To register contact the church office.



**“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.” Psalm 100: 1-2**

On Celebration Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> join the Chancel Choir, Carillon Choir, & Praise Team, all under the direction of our music director Denise Furda, for our annual service celebrating the music ministry of this church. The Carillon Choir thanks Denise for her direction that Sunday as the choir’s director, Barbara MacPherson will be visiting family in GA.

### Summer Book Club



Summer is a great season to enjoy the beautiful weather and take in a new book. So, in the summer months Jill invites you to come together on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon for conversation and sharing. Bring your lunch if you choose and your thoughts on the book of the month. The book for July is “Moloka’i” by Alan Brennert.



3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14, 2026

**Counters:** Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

**Greeter:** Mike Sheckler

**Ushers:** Jim Scisco

**Acolyte:** Ian Furda

**Lay Reader:** Sandy Miller

**Fellowship Host:**

**Altar Flowers**

Given in loving memory of John & Ruth DeBruin  
by Carey & Diane Carlisle.

Given in loving memory of William & Mary  
Elizabeth Carlisle by Carey & Diane Carlisle.

**Altar Roses**

Given by a grateful church in honor of Barbara  
MacPherson & Denise Furda.



4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026

**Counters:** Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines

**Greeter:** Jim Scisco

**Ushers:** Robin Whitney

**Acolyte:** David Furda

**Lay Reader:** Randy Danielson

**Fellowship Host:** Scott & Russel Danielson

**Altar Flowers**

Given in loving memory of "Shorty" Longstreet  
& Clifford G. Miller by Pam Miller.

Given in loving memory of Arthur Wickberg by  
Pamela Lynch & family.

**Altar Rose**

Given in honor of Denise Furda's birthday by her  
family.



Home  
Needed  
for a  
Student

**Looking for a Willing & Interested Family:**

This past week, Jill was in conversation with  
a contact from the Ranney School. They  
have a child from China coming to their school  
in Sept. They are looking for a family to  
provide a private room, breakfast & lunch,  
transportation to school, and loving support  
throughout the year. Financial support will be  
provided. If you are interested, please  
contact Jill or Joy in the church office.



**FAITHFUL FIELD TRIP:**  
July 9th

Grounds for Sculpture: a 42  
acre park filled with  
sculptures. Conversation will  
be based on faith & art.

Tsedalech, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia,  
is sponsored for the month of June by Pam &  
Dave Saunders in honor of Denise Furda's  
birthday.

*Please be  
Praying for...*

**Our homebound:** Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob  
Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla  
Smith, Elaine Gould

**At home:** Mike Zemo

**Jersey Shore Care Center:** Dave Miller

**Sunnyside Manor, Wall:** Nancy Burt

**Our church family worshipping at a distance:**

Barbara Novick, Laura Eble, Jack & Caroline  
Chesbro

**OUR JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING  
BENEFITS INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS**



The next free community spaghetti dinner will be on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and community.



### MERCY CENTER

The Outreach Commission thanks you for your continued support of the Mercy Center food bank. Here are the current needs: canned meats, canned fish, beans, lentils, rice, pasta, oats, whole-grain cereals, low-sodium soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, powdered milk, & nonperishable oils.



### The Little Free Pantry



Please think of stocking shelf-stable milk, powdered milk, soup, stew, chili, whole grain cereal, toiletries, hygiene products, baby food, applesauce, canned beans,

canned chicken, canned tuna, canned salmon, SPAM, canned ham, canned vegetables, olive oil, canola oil, crackers, dried herbs, spices, canned fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, meals in a box, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, & rice.

A good idea this week:  
Ice cream toppings

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



Make others happy  
**WHEREVER** you go, not  
**WHENEVER** you go.

### Beaded Crosses for Sale to Benefit Keswick Ministry.

Debbie Eckert (Old First UMC) is making & selling these small, beaded crosses to support the Keswick ministry. Keswick provides a program for addiction recovery that costs approximately \$11,000.00 yet they only charge the participant \$600.00.



By providing a donation to this life changing ministry, you will receive a handmade beaded cross from Debbie. They are available from Debbie on Sunday mornings or contact Debbie at [Eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:Eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com).



JAVA WITH JILL

**June 16 10 a.m. NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Join Pastor Hubbard-Smith and friends at the Blue Swan Diner for an informal gathering to share conversation and perhaps a treat of your choosing.

### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

**June 14-Jun 20**

Genesis 18:1-15  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9 35-10:8

