



June 22, 2023

A REFLECTION FROM JERRY WHIPKEY

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For 25 years I was paid to do walking meditation. As a letter carrier, I was alone with my thoughts, enjoying nature in every season. Sometimes, I thought about how Adam and other early people in the Bible walked with God.

I grew to believe God walks with us today, and learning to walk with God is challenging, but a worthy goal.

When I was growing up, I thought it was strange that God was not talked about in school. If God is real, why wouldn't the teachers make mention of the possibility? So, I learned to doubt. When it came time for me to proclaim my faith and join the church at age 13, I couldn't truthfully say I believe.

During my Navy years, when I rotated to shore duty, my first wife and I talked about how to find friends. She suggested going to church and I agreed. She thought a nice Baptist church would be good. We got involved and one day, in Sunday school, we were reading the story of the faith of the Centurian and, with my military background, Christianity made sense.

Since that time, I have been involved with a number of churches. Every time I move, I go church shopping to look for that one church that is spiritual without being too weird. A church where faith is natural, not forced. A church where people can talk about their questions and doubts. A church that encourages people to use their brains.

When I married my wonderful wife Carol and returned to Crawfordsville, I found the church I was looking for at First Christian. Our church welcomes people on a lifelong journey of faith. Just as important, our church is a place to make friends, because regular social contact is a key to happiness. We are blessed to have a good place to continue our walk with God.



On Wednesday evenings in July, everyone is invited to meet in the parlor to sing popular praise songs. We will meet at 7:00 pm and sing along with videos and make a joyful noise. We will not meet the week of Vacation Bible School. If we like it, the meetings will continue at least once per month.

Everybody has a different idea on what is good music. Growing up as an orchestra kid, I fell in love with classical music, and if we sang nothing written after Beethoven, I would be content. But, I understand everyone has different tastes, and I love good music from every style.

Roots and Branches is moving into the "branches" stage in which we talk about ideas for the future of our church. I believe the future will include updating our music. So, Praise Wednesdays will focus on music that was written this century – music being played on Christian radio and streaming channels -- music being enjoyed by Millennials and Generations X, Y and Z.

I am looking forward to singing with you.

~Jerry Whipkey, Interim Music Director



Mark your calendars for the final Story Circle!

Even if (especially if!) you haven't come to any other story circles, we encourage you to come to this one! We want to hear from the whole community, not just a small part of it!

This is when we will finally, as a church community, start to dream together about what the future of our church looks like. We won't be making any decisions, just starting to talk in community about the role we see the church taking in the future and what we all need—in particular, the younger families.

We'll gather in the parlor at 4 pm, go over the discussion theme for the day, and divide into smaller groups for discussion. Everyone will get copies of the questions we'll discuss. No advanced prep is required. Everyone who is or wants to be part of our church community is welcome.

Childcare is available if you indicate in advance that it's needed.

Signup sheets are on an easel in the narthex, near the stairs to the sanctuary. You may also email fcc.comm211@gmail.com or call the church office (765-362-4812) to tell us which sessions you can attend. **Pre-registration is not required** but is helpful to us in planning. **Questions?** Contact Kelly Stanley (fcc.comm211@gmail.com).



Roots and Branches

Speaking Schedule During Renewal Time

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| June 25 | Rev. Kevin Toth |
| July 2 | Jackie McDermott & Nate Thompkins |
| July 9 | Ben McCormick & Chuck Ranspach |
| July 16 | Rev. Rick Spleth |
| July 23 | Pastor Darla returns! |

We thank everyone for taking the time to share their faith stories with us during worship! Please contact Pastor Kevin with any questions.



THANK YOU



Dear Lovely Christian Friends,

I am here because of your prayers and lovely cards. Thank you for your gracious concern regarding my hospital stay. I'm doing better and so grateful to be able to worship with you all again. I'm particularly grateful for Pastor Kevin, who came to see me with his caring concern. What a gift it is to be part of such a loving congregation. Howard and I deeply appreciate all of you.

Sincerely, *Darlene Goodrich*

To the members of First Christian Church—

How to thank you for so many years of friendship, love, and community with our parents? The words escape me. Please know how very special and precious you all are to the Hudsons—and always will be.

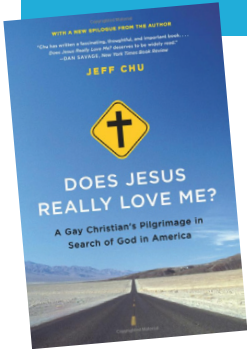
The memorial services—the music—the food—your loving prayers for us as we said “Happy trails!” to our mom, dad, Nana, Grandguy—will always be remembered. We are truly blessed by you ALL.

Fondly, *Dee Dee and Family*

UPCOMING

The calendar of events and activities is emailed on the first of each month— but you can also find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events or call the church office to request a copy.

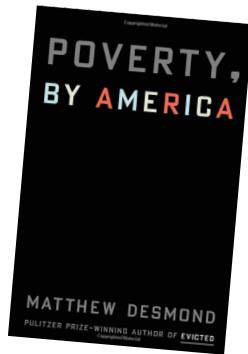
FCC BOOK CLUB



We will not meet in July since it's a busy month and our usual meeting date falls on a holiday.

We hope you will join us on August 1 from 6-7:30 pm for a discussion about *Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America* by Jeff Chu. Our book for September 5 will be *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond.

At least one copy of each book is available in our church library. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.



History Helpers Needed

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, June 27, from 10:00-12:00** in the church parlor as we work on preserving our church history. We will start by making sure the items we have in albums are protected by acid free coverings. We will also be assembling some archival boxes.

All necessary materials will be available, including gloves for handling the photos. We just need willing workers!

Contact Judy Michal at 765-376-8255 for more information. Hope to see you on June 27!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thurs. July 20 at 1pm, on the outside deck at Creekside Restaurant. All gals invited! Reservations to bonyund@hotmail.com.



Praying in Motion with Pastor Kevin

Every Monday in June, Pastor Kevin invites all church members to join him for a 20-30 minute walk around Crawfordsville as a weekly prayer exercise. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am. If you are interested but are unable to meet at this time, please reach out to Kevin and another date and time may be arranged.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 25

All church members are invited to remain after worship on June 25 for a brief congregational meeting followed by an all-church potluck!

Here is the slate of new officers for the congregation to vote on at the Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 25th.

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Governing Board:

Chair - *Carolyn Snyder*
Vice Chair - Sara Nicodemus
Secretary to Governing Board (non-voting) - Linda Weaver
Treasurer - Brad Weaver
Property Chair - Tom Keedy
Trustee Rep - Dale Petrie
Elder Rep - Brad Plank
Deacon Rep - *Tammy Plank*
At-Large Reps - Kate Lindsay, Nate Tompkins

Ministry Team Chairs:

Adult Education - Kelly Stanley
Christian Outreach - *Amber Rohr, Linda Weaver* (Co-Chairs)
Congregational Care - *Kate Lindsay*
Good News and New Ministries - *Nick Hedrick, Ellen Oakes* (Co-Chairs)
Midweek Ministry - *Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Andrea Venis*
Worship - *Leannah Brown, Cindy Grimes* (Co-Chairs)
Youth Education - *Tammy Meyers*

Trustees:

Class of 2024 - Rick Stout
Class of 2025 - Dale Petrie
Class of 2026 - *Ron Yund*

Elders:

Class of 2024 - Sharon Keedy, Amber Rohr, Gerry Turner, Brad Weaver
Class of 2025 - Daniel Petrie, Brad Plank, Bonnie Yund
Class of 2026 - *Tom Keedy, Dave Lunsford, Kim Mason, Andrew Nicodemus, Nick Reese*

Deacons:

Class of 2024 - Mark Brown, Nicole Kyger, Carole Pendleton, Linda Petrie, Tammy Plank, Kelly Stanley, Glenda Walther
Class of 2025 - Clara Brawner, Ed Dowd, Sarah Dowd, Jan Horner, Maxine Williamson
Class of 2026 - *Sara Nicodemus, Chuck Ranspach, Kaylynn Ranspach, Tammy Meyers, Arleen Wilhite, Ellen Oakes*

Personnel Committee:

Chair - Ryan Venis; Members - Kim Mason, Diane McLaughlin, Pat Hooper (Consultant)

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chair - Sara Nicodemus
Elder Reps - Daniel Petrie, Amber Rohr
Deacon Reps - Linda Petrie
At-Large Reps - *Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Bonnie Yund*

Senior Minister PRC Committee:

New Member: *Emily Petrie*

We will also recognize the members who have completed a term of office this past year. They include:

Governing Board - Ron Yund

Trustee - Rex Henthorn

Elder - Keith Strain, Leannah Brown

Deacon - Cindy Grimes, Judy Michal, Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Debra Morrett, Ron Yund

Ministry Team Chairs

Outreach - Carolyn Snyder, Sandy Ruby

Congregational Care - Judy Michal

Good News - Jackie McDermott

Youth Education - Sarah Reed-Jay



To help us plan, please sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA-6FAC16-potluck

or on the paper on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. The church will provide fried chicken, beverages, and tableware. To help us plan, please indicate what food item you will be bringing!

If you have questions, please contact Kate Lindsay at kate@donandkate.org or 817-564-4191.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Invite your friends!
Vacation Bible School is July 19-21!



Registration is now open! Follow the QR code to sign up online or follow the link. If you need a physical registration form, please contact Pastor Kevin or Tammy Meyers.



<https://tinyurl.com/HeroHotlineFCC>

VBS Donations Needed!

We are requesting the following food items for VBS:

- Ham—5lb sliced (cheapest can be found at Walmart)
- Turkey—5lb sliced
- Bread—7 long loaves
- Mayo
- Mustard
- 5 big boxes of variety of chips
- Small bottle waters
- Ice
- Kool-Aid (already sweetened)
- Red & Green Grapes
- Cookies—150 total

Before you purchase food, please contact VBS Director, Tammy Meyers at tjmeyers@gmail.com so we do not get duplicates of donations. Thank you so much for your help!



Youth Pool Party! July 22nd!

Come join us for a fun day at the Milligan Park pool after Vacation Bible School on Saturday July 22nd! All age children (from Children's Church, WOW, VBS, and youth group) are invited! Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin if you are planning to attend. We look forward to a wonderful fun day in July!



Children's Church Schedule

We will not have children's church on June 25th. Children's church will resume on July 2nd.

Camp Blessings!



We are excited for our youth who are attending camp the next two weeks:

Harley Rangel is attending Middle School Camp at Geneva Center, June 26-July 1!

Graham Petrie is attending New Beginnings camp at Camp Bedford, June 26-28!

Ross Brown & Leanah Brown are attending You & Me camp at Camp Bedford, June 29-July 1!

Joshua Fossnock & Deb Vaught are attending You & Me camp at Camp Bedford, June 29-July 1!

We send our prayers and blessings to these campers and look forward to hearing their stories when they return!

You may also send our campers a card for them to receive while at camp! Write their name, the camp they are attending, and the camp's address:

Camp Bedford: 33 Church Camp Rd, Bedford, IN 47421

Geneva Center: 5282 N Old US 31, Rochester, IN 46975



Scouts Update

Troop 365 has another Eagle Scout!! Congratulations Sean Perkins for passing your Board of Review for Eagle on June 7th, 2023.

On June 17th we were invited to the Shriners Golf Outing to do an opening ceremony with a presentation of the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Currently we are at Camp Cullom in Frankfort IN for our week long summer camp.

Coming up next:

June 24th, Flag presentation at Waynetown Freedom Fest

No meeting June 26th and July 3rd

July 10th meeting @6:30pm

June/July Activities:

Undetermined dates: sometime in June/July Eagle project work days - Drew Crosby / Cameron Enlow

July 4th, New Richmond Flag presentation and making and serving popcorn before the fireworks partnering with Pack 909

July 15th - Pancake breakfast at American Legion 730am-11am - fundraiser for registration fees for 2024 scouting year

As always, if you are interested in being involved in Scouting, 11-17 years old, or even as an adult leader, please let us know. We meet on Monday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm. During the summer months watch the Pathfinder for location or give us a call...we like to be outdoors during the summer.

Contact information: troop247.365.acct@gmail.com

Michele Enlow 765.401.6228

Rolf Samuelsen 317.966.7609

Melissa Myers 765.366.7514

Reflection from Betsy Strain

Our connection to FCC Cville began when we were involved in the LOGOS Summer Youth Conference in Colorado. We met many of those in the Cville delegations. The Rea's, Carol, Chris, and Kimberly Knapp, Leannah Brown, Judy Ditzler and Dave Moore. We have fond memories of the Cville guys Lost on the Mountain. My first visit to FCCville was to lead a LOGOS Leadership Training Event. The team stayed at the Sugar Creek Bed & Breakfast somewhere on Main Street.

In the summer of 2002 at LOGOS Conference we learned through Leanna Brown that she was the Chair of the Search Committee. Keith had submitted his papers to Search and Call the previous Spring! We knew Frank had moved on and assumed the position had been filled! What a fortuitous meeting! One of Keith's references was in our Oklahoma delegation. Leanna and Meredith Keedy were on the Cville Search committee. In November 2002 we accepted the call and moved to Cville and our life has been blessed ever since by this congregation and this community.

Through the LOGOS Ministry we shared the Mountain Top with so many adults and youth from this congregation. Each week in the mountains in July with children of God throughout the land we experienced renewal of our faith journey as did the others in our



delegation as expressed by one of our youth. "This week God has shown me the light he provides for each one of us. Through the action of friends I have met and leaders, I have seen the glory of God to its full extent. There is no better way to see God's love than when 200 people can come, eat, sleep and worship together. The mountains around me only help to exemplify God's wonder. Even though you may be in a valley, not long after you will hit that mountain top. Hannah K."

Through our weekly ministry we all played together, shared and learned about our faith, had some Holy Hilarity at Family meal times, and shared our gifts in worship through song, drama, hand bells, and more.

There are so many ways that I grew in faith and discipleship in this congregation.

I am ever grateful for the relationships, experiences, and shared faith and worship in our 14 years of ministry here at FCC.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6



Want to share part of your story?

If you want to share your response to any of the weekly reflection prompts, we'd love to hear from you! The prompts are included in each week's bulletin and also posted on Facebook on Mondays. The most important part is our own personal reflection and growth, but if you feel you have an interesting answer to one of the questions that you'd like to share in a future Pathfinder, or memories that you think would uplift others in the congregation, feel free to email fcc.comm211@gmail.com or leave it in the church office. Let Kelly Stanley know if you have questions.



Prayer Requests

Help us keep this list up to date! Please email fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

Sam and Myrna Thompson and family for the loss of their sister-in-law (and Kristy Reese's aunt) **PAULA WADE**

Family and friends of **CRIS MANKER**, who recently passed away

Family and friends of **DAVID DUNLAP** (friend of Don and Kate Lindsay), who recently passed away

WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH in New Orleans for discernment and compassion as they deal with the sale of their Sanctuary and Mission Station

The family of **BETTYE HUDSON** as they mourn her loss

DALLAS McDONALD and family as they mourn the loss of **KAREN** and for Dallas's continued cancer treatment

The family of **CAROL AIREY BANDY** on the loss of Carol's mother, Catherine (Kit)

FRIEDA COSBY—recovering from a fall

ELIZABETH MORTON—recovery from arm surgery

THOMAS MAY (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and is taking chemo but is seriously ill. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor.

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson's issues

QUINTON NANNET and family—Quinton continues to remain in New

Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

GAIL MERRIMAN—health issues

GERRY TURNER—health issues

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown, 6712 Restoracy Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075

Marlyn Dimmick's son-in-law, **CLINT**—kidney cancer (has only one kidney)

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

MATT RYKER (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

DARLA GOODRICH—for a meaningful and rejuvenating time of clergy renewal

Pray for our Shut-ins
Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.
BICKFORD: TIM NANNET, ROD GONSO
WHITLOCK: CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)
HOME: DALLAS McDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BOB DIXON, PAUL & MARIAN CASS
THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS



Don't forget to bring FISH Food Pantry donations for the children to collect during our weekly worship services!

Who to contact during the clergy renewal time

Rev. Kevin Toth is lead pastor during this time. He will fulfill all of Pastor Darla's normal duties.

Contact the church office (765.362.4812 or 211fccville@gmail.com) for adding events to the calendar and for **assistance with anything other than pastoral care.**

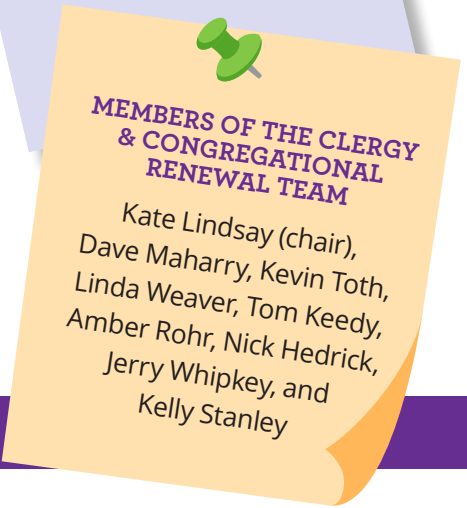
If Kevin is not available or you have questions, you may reach out to our lay leaders: **Dave Maharry** (Governing Board Chair), the **elders**, or the **leaders of any of the ministry teams.**

If you need information about church activities or have news for the congregation, reach out to our **communications administrator, Kelly Stanley.**

You may also reach out to the **members of the clergy renewal team:** Kate Lindsay (chair), Dave Maharry, Kevin Toth, Linda Weaver, Tom Keedy, Amber Rohr, Nick Hedrick, Jerry Whipkey, and Kelly Stanley.

All contact information can be found in the church directory. If you need a copy of the directory, contact the office.

We ask that you respect Pastor Darla's time away by not contacting her directly during this time. She will not be answering her phone or email so that she can return rested and recharged.



Find us on **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville)** for updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays. Also check out our website at www.fccville.org



HOW CAN WE HELP?

- OFFICE** *Kay Nannet*, Office Manager, 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933
765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays)
Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
- PROPERTY** *For general property issues*, call office and leave a message.
For urgent property issues, call Tom Keedy
Cell phone: 765.376.2699
- GRIEF AND LOSS** *Jai Miranda*, Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services
Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text) | Email: jmiranda@coachj.com
- FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS** *Andrew Nicodemus*, FCC Financial Administrator
765.362.4812 (leave a message) | fccvillefinance@gmail.com
- HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING** *Chantel Allen*, HHCL Director
765.367.1727 (leave a message) | Email: hhcldirector@gmail.com
- COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)** *Kelly Stanley*, Communications Administrator
Cell phone: 765.366.6709 | Email: fcc.comm211@gmail.com
- OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES** *For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory*



July Calendar

See calendar online at www.fccville.org/events
 To add something to the schedule, email 211fccville@gmail.com

- Sun. 7/2 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth, Jackie McDermott and Nate Tompkins—10:15 am
- Tues. 7/4 **Independence Day** (office closed)
- Wed. 7/5 **Praise Wednesday Sing-along** (parlor) 7-8 pm
- Thurs. 7/6 New Pathfinder newsletter
Men's Coffee—9-10 am
Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am
- Sun. 7/9 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth, Ben McCormick, and Chuck Ranspach—10:15 am
Story Circles Gathering—4-5:30 pm
- Mon. 7/10 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 7/11 **Elders Meeting** —7 pm
- Wed. 7/12 **Praise Wednesday Sing-along** (parlor) 7-8 pm
- Thurs. 7/13 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
- Sun. 7/16 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Rick Spleth—10:15 am
- Mon. 7/17 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 7/18 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1 pm
Coordinating Council—7:00 pm
Governing Board Meeting—8:00 pm
- Wed. 7/19 **Vacation Bible School**—5:30-7:30 pm
- Thurs. 7/20 New Pathfinder newsletter
Men's Coffee—9-10 am
Ladies Lunch Bunch —1 pm at Creekside
Vacation Bible School—5:30-7:30 pm
- Fri. 7/21 **Vacation Bible School**—5:30-7:30 pm
- Sun. 7/23 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15 am
All-church fellowship dinner following worship
- Mon. 7/24 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

- Tues. 7/25 **Clergy/Congregational Renewal Team Meeting**—6:30 pm
HHCL Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- Wed. 7/26 **Praise Wednesday Sing-along** (parlor) 7-8 pm
- Thurs. 7/27 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
- Fri. 7/28 **DOC General Assembly**
- Sat. 7/29 **DOC General Assembly**
- Sun. 7/30 **DOC General Assembly**
The Wired Word—9 am
"5th Sunday" Ecumenical Worship (at Christ Lutheran Church)—service time TBA
- Mon. 7/31 **DOC General Assembly**

Pastor Darla's Clergy Renewal Leave will end on Tuesday, July 18!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Cozetta Haines | July 1 (94) |
| Sharon Keedy | July 3 |
| Barbara Frye | July 3 |
| Clinton Hankins | July 8 |
| BradWeaver | July 8 |
| Lucille Garrett | July 11 (89) |
| Ginny Maharry | July 13 (80) |
| Mary Helen Fry | July 15 (80) |
| Ken Bandy | July 19 |
| EllenCass | July 22 |
| Tammy Meyers | July 24 |
| Rob Hudson | July 25 |
| Kelly Stanley | July 26 |
| Kathy Keck | July 28 |
| Dale Hankins | July 30 |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| Dale & Jenny Hankins | July 1 |
| Mark & Leanah Brown | July 8 |
| Daryl & Mary Helen Fry | July 14 (60 years) |
| Keith & Betsy Strain | July 14 (57 years) |
| Vic & Beth Lindsay | July 23 |
| Carter & Debra Morrett | July 25 |
| Josh & Mary Fossnock | July 26 |



If you would like your birthday and anniversary included in the bi-monthly Pathfinder newsletter, please let Kelly know.