

# Circuit Rider

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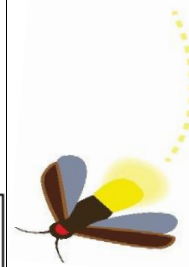
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**Whodathunkit!.....????????????????**

**Whodathunkit!.....** a year ago, as Katie and I attended Josiah's High School graduation that this year schools were closed and we would be celebrating graduations in a whole new way.

**Whodathunkit!.....** last September, as we concluded our 55th year at the Lake that we might have to wait another 21 months in order to get back there.

**Whodathunkit!.....** even at last Christmas that we would be out of our Sanctuary by April (and Easter) and worshipping together on line.

**Whodathunkit!.....** that we would be shopping at our familiar grocery and department stores wearing masks, and there would be shortages of so many common things in life like hand sanitizer and toilet paper.

**Whodathunkit!.....** that the NBA, NHL, MLB, and in part the NFL would be put on hold.

**Whodathunkit!.....** that the '20 primary voting would take place only by mail in ballots. (I missed voting this time, first time in a long time...).

**Whodathunkit!.....** that other than going out to shop, or to some "essential" endeavor, we would be quarantined at home with only our family... or by ourselves.

**Whodathunkit!.....** that some 2000 years ago a poor boy, born in a stable, and who died on a cross would turn out to be the Messiah.... Not the kind of Messiah that would save us from our occupying and/or situational oppressors (contrary to the then popular opinion), but from the greatest oppressors of all: Satan, death, and our sin.

**Whodathunkit!.....** that God would take those worst moments and events in our lives and in history and turn them into something new and beautiful, so that we may see this life anew and differently, that is, if only we allow God to open our hearts to witness the beauty that He has placed in the midst of the not so good.

**Jesus said** *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."*

*2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14*

**... and the Bible continues to speak about God's ultimate control.....**

**Psalm 27:1** *"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?"*

**Psalm 46:1** *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*

**Psalm 94:19** *"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul."*

**Isaiah 41:10** *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

**Luke 12:22-26** “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

**Philippians 4:6-7** “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

**1 John 4:18** “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The One who fears is not made perfect in love.”

**Revelation 1:17** “Then He placed His right hand on me and said: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.”

Peace,  
Jeff

**P.S. FYI: Whodathunkit!** It translates to: "Who would have thought anything like THAT would have happened". : It's a lighthearted thing to say. The perfect tense of think is thought. This saying pretends that the past tense of think is **thunk**, just as the perfect tense of slink is slunk.

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## THINGS TO COME... MAYBE

In the next few weeks we may be trying some new things here at Saybrook United Methodist.....

First, we have received word (as of now) that Saybrook TWP Park will not be opened this summer for our outdoor worship service. This grieves most of us as we will be deprived of this annual mission ministry, where we tear down our walls while inviting those living and visiting in the Saybrook area to join with us in this, our non-threatening manner of friendship and worship, all as we celebrate God's beauty by our lakeshore.

In lieu of this, plans are being made to worship, together, outside, in a new manner.

By June 1 we hope to have an FM transmitter which will allow us to broadcast from either our "back porch" or the Gazebo. With the transmitter you will be able to stay in your cars, "see" one another, and listen to the service on your car radio, all while sitting in our parking lot. We also plan on having our summer speakers in place so you may, at a safe distance, with masks on, sit in lawn chairs near the gazebo, or outside of your cars. As we do at the lake, this will take place rain or shine. And do not fear, we will still be broadcasting our Sunday service on line.

Another thought is to again offer our weekly Taize service AND/OR a time of quiet meditation in our Sanctuary. Details are still being worked out, but the pews have already been marked on where to and not to sit. Communion will also always be served with the elements being offered in covered sealed containers.

We, in the next few weeks will be trying "something new" for as of now things are not yet back to "normal", but it is our desire to offer something spiritually meaningful, with a bit of fellowship, and a lot safety.

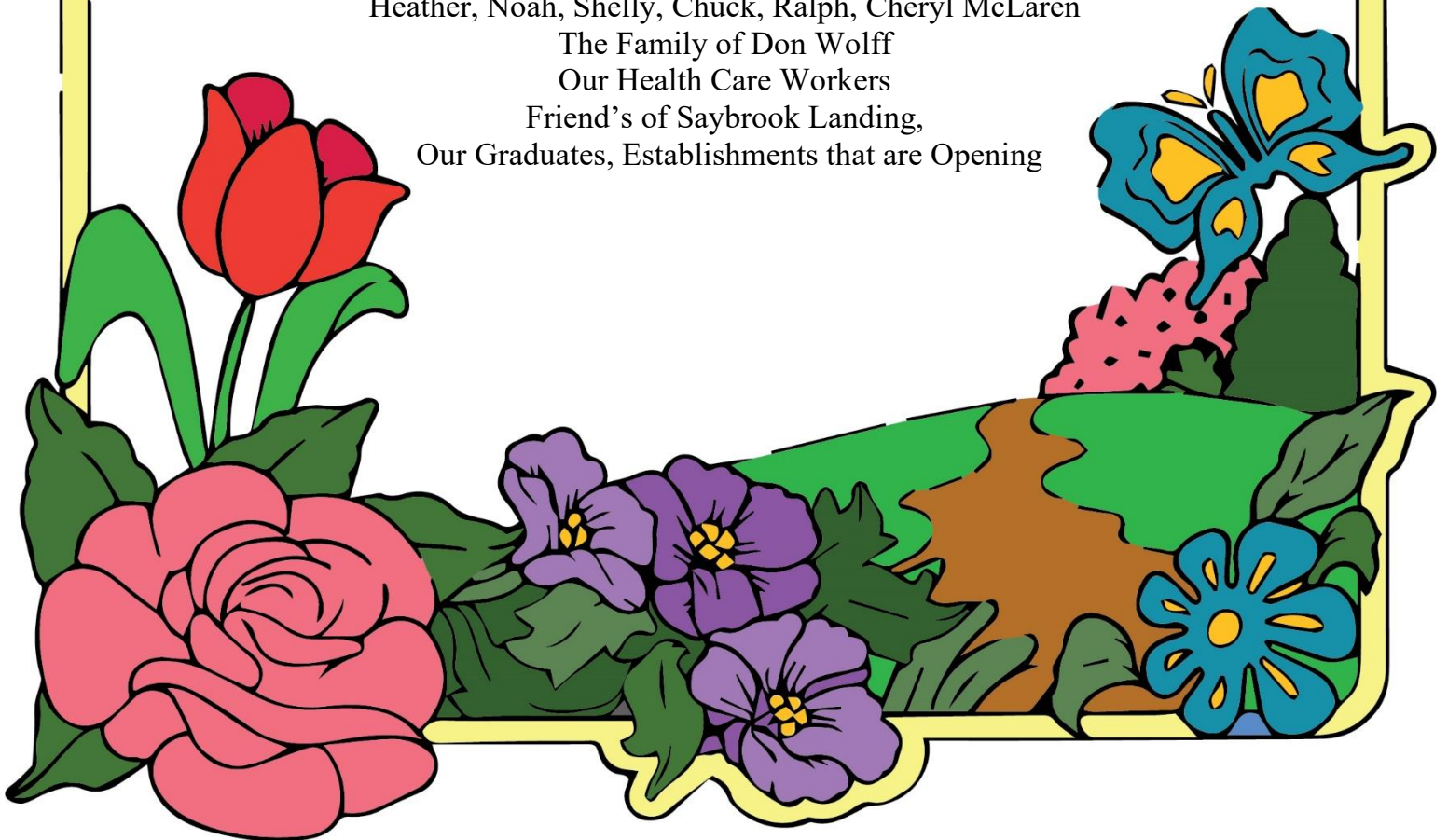
Again, be safe, and trust in your God who loves you more than you can humanly know, and who desires more than anything to be in that perfect relationship with you and all of His children.



*As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with*

## *Our Prayers*

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students,  
Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet,  
Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family,  
MaryLee Verdi & Family, River, Betty Hansen, Carol Loudermilk,  
Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Mary Simmons,  
Dean & Patty Moore, Lloyd Richards, Sharon Youngberg & Family,  
Joseph & Carolyn Wayand, Roy & Earline Stiltner, Howard Hewitt,  
Erik Pimentel, Jim & Bobbi Brindley, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo,  
Rev. Scott Walsh, Roy Stiltner II, Donna Juras, Larry & Dixie Liggett,  
Bruce & Sue DeRidder, Art & Debbie Scott, Chuck & Janette Davis, Caroline,  
Lori Leibbrandt, Betty Harting, Eddie & Linda Dana, Heather Long,  
Sherry & Ken Livingston, Marilyn Lundquist, Rona, Rev. Doug Lewis, Patrick Estrada,  
Sandy Connley, Sarrah Brown, Ben, Mary Hamilton, Mark & Family, Juli, Rita,  
Mary Lewis, Doug Reese, Stoneman Family, Susie Jones, Jim Wright, Judy,  
John & Laura Morgan, Edie Warren, Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Korey,  
Larry Pontinen, Cathy Morgan, Mat Sobolewski, Sandy Mead, Rick Arnold,  
Erik & Heather Peterson, Keith Davidson, Linda, Brenda MacNaughton, Diane, Betty,  
Bob Brizo, Jackie McKee, Mark DiBell, Kurtis McLain, Earline Stiltner, Vikie,  
Edgar Bradley, Alex Gonzalez, Joel, Nellie, Brent, Aiden, Alex & Family, Glen,  
Heather, Noah, Shelly, Chuck, Ralph, Cheryl McLaren  
The Family of Don Wolff  
Our Health Care Workers  
Friend's of Saybrook Landing,  
Our Graduates, Establishments that are Opening



## *Our Service*

Beginning in June, Sunday services will still be online at 9:30am. As soon as we can we will be holding services in the church parking lot and on the church grounds. We will let you know as soon as we are able to begin.

***COME AS YOU ARE TO WORSHIP***

## *Our Gifts* Year to Date as of April 30th.

### **Stewardship Update**

General Offering	\$56,486.18
Expenses	-\$59,076.43
Income: Expenses Deficit	-\$2,590.25



“All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the LORD’s; they are holy to the LORD.” Leviticus 27:30, NRSV

All the ends of the earth shall  
*remember*  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall  
*worship*  
before you.

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## *and Our Witness*

**Some Thoughts by**  
*Betty Cochran*

As a new summer begins, you begin to wonder because of the Covid19, what's going to happen with our vacations, cookouts, etc. I know I've been wondering and like everyone else I have no idea, but I feel that as God's Children we really don't have to worry or have anxiety over it. I know that it's not in our nature but it really is very simple, if we follow God one day at a time and we trust in him we're going to be okay.

Proverbs 12:25 says "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad". 1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Philippians 4:6-7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

It's a hard pill to swallow sometimes and it's really hard to let go, but it's the best medicine to take.

If we can give our worries and anxieties to the Lord on a daily basis, our stress levels will surely plummet.

The Lord also tells us in Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Holy Spirit dwells within us, our lives are in God's hands and all we have to do is give him our troubles and let him lead.

*That's his promise and God doesn't break his promises.*

**GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!**

# JUNE

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 **Kent & Norma Lambert**  
1 Jim Smith  
2 Gerald Klimek  
2 Alex Richmond  
2 Joleen Sundquist  
3 Amy (Loudermilk) Powell  
3 **Jim & Phyllis Wright**  
5 Brad Loudermilk  
6 **Keith & Jean Shank**  
7 Tristen Gilbert  
7 Julia Martello  
11 Joanne Prickett  
13 Andrew McKee  
14 Jayden Gordon  
14 Deborah Munson  
16 Milan Conrad  
17 Earline Stiltner  
18 Jay Beutler  
19 **Ron & Charmaine Smith**  
22 Thomas Loveland  
23 Anna Maxwell  
23 Lance Lorelli  
25 Dale Mihocko  
25 Jill Mihocko  
25 **Dale & Jill Mihocko**  
25 Sharon Youngberg  
26 Jeff Nelson  
26 Rob Kleps  
27 Janette Davis  
28 **Gerald & Karen Klimek**  
28 Daniel Verdi  
29 Virgil Hammons  
30 Shelley DiDonato  
30 Kathleen Osten

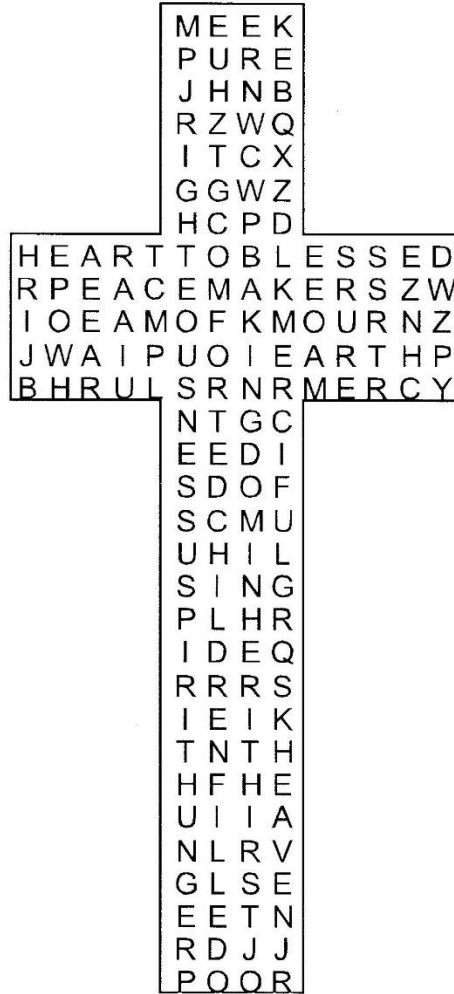
### Ephesians 5:25-33

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



# The Beatitudes

~Matthew 5:3-10



- \_\_\_\_\_ are the merciful:
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blessed are the pure in \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blessed are they which do \_\_\_\_\_ and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.
- Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_.
- Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the poor in \_\_\_\_\_: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and \_\_\_\_\_ after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

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ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE





# Hello Summer

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