



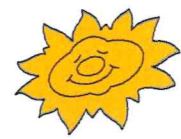
HOLMES HERALD

HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , PO BOX 117, HOLMES, PA 19043

June 2026

*Please join us on
Sunday mornings for...*

Children's Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Traditional worship service: 10:00 AM



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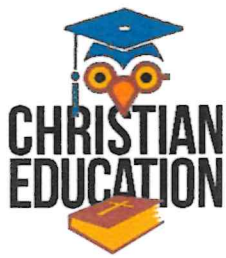
Our summer worship and Sunday School schedule begins Sunday, June 7th, and continues through August 30th. Worship begins at 10:00 AM instead of 10:30 AM. Worship will resume at 10:30am on September 6th. Children's programming is available during worship for students K-5. Please make note of this important change.

On June 21st, our nation pays tribute to fathers. Holmes Church is privileged to have the opportunity to honor fathers for their role in the family unit and to thank them for their faith, strength and leadership in the home. To all the men in our church family, we thank you for your strong Christian example and for being such great role models for our youth. We will celebrate the men of our church with a Father's Day tea in Morrison Hall after worship.



Summer Communion dates:
June 21st (changed from 6/14)
July 5th
August 2nd

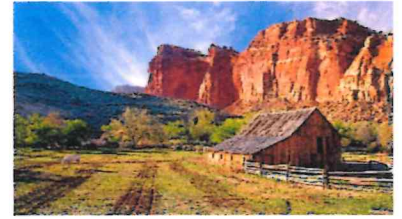




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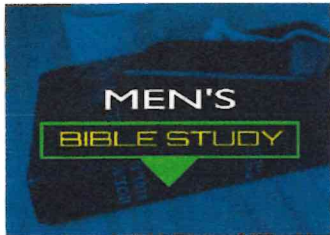
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS program, Catch the Spirit at Trinity Ranch will be held, June 22nd-26th from 9am-11:30am. Through Bible lessons, songs, games, crafts and snacks, we will see how the Holy Spirit, and its gifts, connects us to God through our Lord Jesus. Pre-registration is available online.



We are also seeking volunteers to help with registration, dismissal, games, snacks, and cowpokes to guide the kids to each activity. Please contact Suzi Waldie, Dyan White or Becky Kalbach.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



I want to thank the following people for attending the Men's Bible Study which is held on Monday around 11:30, after the Over-the-Hill Gang meets: Lee McFalls, Gene Zimmerman, Bob White and John VanGeyten. We are currently doing Acts and will be breaking for the summer. We will be starting back up on September 14 th. At that time, we will be finishing Acts and

starting "Parables". I hope you have enjoyed the studies we have done and that you all have a nice summer.

Ed Taylor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

I want to thank everyone who attended class and for all their participation. I hope it was as rewarding for you as it was for me. We will start back up on September 13th. We will finish 1 Kings and start 2 Kings. I hope you all have a nice, safe summer.



Ed



The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

A Tribute to Fathers

To all the men: Thank you for using your God given wisdom to guide, for mirroring God's love in your actions and for leading by example. Happy Father's Day!

What is a father?

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him; someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow him!"

—Alton Kaul

Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

They Walked Everywhere

When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."

Summer Birthdays:

June:
 10 Janice Farmer
 12 Joanna Birkbeck
 14 Jim Birkbeck
 18 Peggy Walter
 18 Deborah Lucas
 20 Rebecca Kalbach
 24 Lisa Taylor
 28 Mark Kalbach

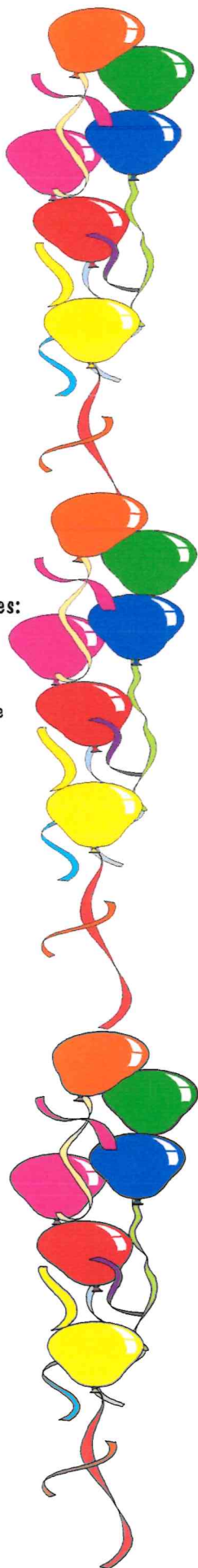
July:
 12 Sean Molloy
 21 Angelo LoCastro

August:
 1 David Struck
 1 Patty Jo Urian
 3 Bob Vincent
 4 Kevin Reeder
 6 Autumn Boyd
 22 Janice Gilbert
 27 Ed Taylor

Summer Anniversaries:

June:
 2 Robert & Dyan White
 15 Dean & Mary LaVanture

August
 16 Mark & Becky Kalbach



KIDS STUFF 2026

Celebrating 34 years of sharing the world of musical theater!!!
 Join us this August for the best eight days of your Summer!!!!

DATES: August 4th thru the 13th

TIME: 9:30AM - Noon

LOCATION: Holmes Presbyterian Church

WHO: 3rd thru 8th graders with an interest in theater arts

For Details and Cost: send contact info to

suziwaldie3@gmail.com

Camp size is limited, so don't delay!

School Kit Project

The Sewing Circle will once again be collecting school supplies to help children start the school year off. The



School Kit Project will take place July 5th-August 2nd to benefit children in the Grands Stepping Up organization. A box will be available in the nathex before the start of the collection for donated supplies.



This will be the last newsletter for the summer. The next addition of the Holmes Herald will be available in September





According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "No longer do I

call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:15-16, ESV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13-14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."



The Deacons wish to thank everyone who donated to their Mother's Day Mission project. Many beautiful and much needed items were received for the residents of

Mother's Home.

Congratulations to Jane Cottrell on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Adelina Sophia. "Ady" was born on May 14th and weighed 8lbs 6oz and was 20" long. Please pray for God's protection and guidance to be with this new baby girl as she grows up and changes her part of the world.



Our community garden is in full swing again this year. Thanks to Elaine for getting the plants in. Elaine is in need of faithful volunteers to weed, water and pick the garden produce and water the flowers/plants on the church campus this summer. The produce will be given to our food insecure neighbors and to the Loaves & Fishes Food Bank for distribution to the local community. It truly "takes a village" to make this happen so if you can devote time to help, please contact Elaine.

Elaine VanGeyten has also given free garden plants away to a very grateful community so that they will be able to grow their own vegetables this summer.

The Sacred Pace of Rest

Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, understood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, "You can't hurry compost for the same reason you can't hurry love and you can't hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace." In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God. In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counterintuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with

There is always something to do in Delco. Here are just a few events going on this summer:

Media Arts Council: Twilight Music Series (May 29, June 26, July 25, August 15 & September 12)

Free monthly outdoor concert series on Media's Community Center Lawn, featuring diverse live music from May through September. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly evening. **Monroe Street, Between 3rd & 4th Streets, Media, PA 19063**

Rose Tree Park Summer Music Festival (June 17 – August 16)

You can't beat a free concert—especially at a scenic outdoor amphitheater in one of Delco's most beautiful parks! The festival celebrates 50+ years of incredible music with an eclectic lineup where anything goes—classical to Cajun, Motown to rock, Broadway, and everything in between. **1671 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063**

Haverford First Fest Music Festival (July 18)

Kelly Music for Life presents this FREE Event celebrating first responders in Paddock Park. Co-Hosted by Paddock Farms Civic Association and featuring live music, food, crafters, Inflatables for the kids and more! **214 W. Hillcrest Ave, Havertown, PA 19083**

Delco Chalk Fest (August 22 & 23)

A vibrant weekend of art and fun, just outside of Subaru Park! Experience life-sized works of art created by professional chalk artists from across the country! Free Admission, free parking, food trucks, kids' activities, and more! **12 Reaney Street, Chester, PA 19013**

Illumination 250 & Drone Show (August 29)

A landmark community celebration in Haverford Township as the nation approaches America's 250th birthday. The festival, presented by Visit Delco, is a full-day, family-friendly event featuring live music, food trucks, inflatables, historical characters, a craft village, and more. The celebration will culminate with a spectacular, choreographed drone show lighting up the evening sky. **Haverford High School Football Stadium (Cornog Field) Darby Road, Havertown, PA**





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