



# Shalom

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United Church of Christ  
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May 20, 2015

## MUSIC *Sunday*



### MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday May 31 is Music Appreciation Sunday. Come to enjoy a morning of music. The Chancel Choir has been singing faithfully all year, and are finally getting a well deserved rest...but not before singing the "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray! The Congo Combo and the Bell Choir will play, and Marcia Hauff will treat us to an organ solo, too.

We hope you are able to come to show your support for all the wonderful musicians who have given of their time and talents to our worship services throughout the year.

It's time to sign up for special music for Summer services. If you have a musical talent that you want to share with the congregation, contact Ray Elliott at [ray@uccsalem.org](mailto:ray@uccsalem.org) to be added to the schedule.

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 14,

*immediately following worship*

Please join us for a lunch and semi-annual congregational meeting on June 14. First the youth will be offering a taco bar for lunch; this is a fundraiser to support some of their summer activities including a service trip to Southern Oregon. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$5 for individuals and \$12 for families. Secondly, at this meeting we will be recognizing and celebrating some of the progress that we have made as a church towards our three goals of partnering with the Salem community to address crisis on homelessness, of taking a lead on climate change, and of extravagantly welcoming and nurturing people in the church community. Finally, we will be looking at the church budget. At the annual meeting in January, the congregation decided it would be helpful to have a semi-annual meeting to report on the state of the budget, so that planning and decision making could move forward accordingly. We hope to see you there!

*Tamara Smith,*  
Moderator



### IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers of comfort and strength for **Jeff Standy** as he waits for news about a biopsy from a previous cancer site... prayers of celebration and now healing for **Bill Hayden's mother** who celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday last Sunday, May 10, and then had to be admitted to the hospital for minor heart problems... prayers of continued and speedy healing to **Steve Yant** whose hip surgery went well, using the least invasive method possible... prayers of comfort, strength and peace for **Amy Sackett's brother-in-law, Dana Houts**, who was diagnosed with liver cancer... prayers of comfort and peace for **Chip Brown's family** after the suicide of her cousin Steve... prayers of comfort for **Marianne Campbell's 95-year-old mother** who is in declining health... and for **Marianne's aunt Patty** who is recovering from a mastectomy for breast cancer and awaiting a treatment plan...prayers for continuation of a slow but steady road to recovery from mononucleosis for **Vincent Laport**... prayers of celebration for **Susan Bearden's retirement** after a long and wonderful career as a nurse at Salem Hospital....prayers of blessing and celebration for **Daniel (our former Lily Intern) and Janna Meyers** who are moving to Indiana where Daniel will be a chaplain at Butler University, and who are also anticipating the birth of a little Meyers baby in October!

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month.** If you or anyone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts or feelings, the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Prayers of joy and welcome to the world to Lila Marie Eschilling, born Tuesday, May 12 to Sheri and Julie Eschilling. Lila joins big sister Ayla Eschilling.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ivan Wells, Cindy Domas, Natasha Chau
- 5 Ally Bingham and Sophia Heyman
- 6 Sarah Anderson and Dana Perryman
- 8 Jane Kirby, Jen Sutton, and Kaleb Castro
- 9 Diane Anderson
- 10 Sean Funk
- 11 Naomi Goforth
- 12 Chloe Southwood
- 15 Sam Shryock
- 17 Bethany Loberg
- 21 Charlotte Keasey
- 22 Ralph Jackson
- 24 Max Howard and Ayla Eschilling
- 26 Grace Smith
- 27 Sophia Patterson
- 28 Dona Chapman, Steve Rhine, Janet Parker
- 29 Ryan Walker
- 30 Holden Howard





## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

**From West Salem High School:**  
**Scott Svadlenak**, who will attend Oregon State University in Corvallis.

**From South Salem High School:**  
**John Patterson**, who will attend Willamette University... **Sarah Smith Tripp**, who will attend Wellesley College... **Vincent Laport**, who will attend Chemeketa Community College on the Chemeketa Scholars Program.

**From Oregon State University:**  
**Ellen Svadlenak**, who graduated *magna cum laude* with a BS degree in Earth Science in the field of Geology and a Certificate of Completion in Geographic Information Sciences.

**From Western Oregon University:**  
**Amy Sackett** who graduated with a BS degree in Public Policy with a minor in Communication.

We will recognize them and bless them in worship on June 7 as they go off on their next adventures! Please hold them in prayer, and give them a congratulations and a high five as they go through this exciting transition.

Did we miss a graduate? If so, please call the church office and let us know so we can celebrate them all on June 7!

## REMINDER: ALL ARE INVITED TO PASTOR JANET'S WEDDING ON AUGUST 15!

I want to make sure that everyone in my church family knows that you are invited to celebrate my wedding to my partner, Robyn Hartwig, on Saturday, August 15th, at 1:00 p.m. UCC Conference Minister Walter John Boris and Lutheran Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke will co-officiate (Robyn is a Lutheran pastor). The wedding ceremony will take place next door, in the sanctuary at St. Mark Lutheran Church, with a cake and punch reception to follow in our church's Huntington and Talkington Halls. It would be most helpful to receive RSVPs from those planning to attend. Annemieke has graciously agreed to keep a record of these if you email the church office. If you RSVP to the church office, I will put you on our Evite list to receive an invitation with more details about the wedding. I hope to see you there!

*Pastor Janet*

## DISCOUNTS, SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EARTH HONORING FAITH COURSE AT GHOST RANCH

Pastor Janet has learned that instructors have up to three "instructor coupons" to offer to people that will give them a 25% discount on whatever form of lodging they request when registering for the Earth Honoring Faith course at Ghost Ranch this June. There may also still be a few \$600 scholarships available. If you have thought at all about attending the course that Pastor Janet is organizing, "In the Midst of New Dimensions: Native Wisdom in

Dialogue" as part of the ten year series on Earth Honoring Faith at Ghost Ranch, this may be what you have been waiting for! Applications would need to be received by June 1 for the instructor coupons and scholarships. Let Pastor Janet know if you are interested in applying for one and she will hook you up!

## FATHER'S DAY

### HOMEMADE PIE EXTRAVAGANZA

On Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Women's Fellowship will be having a pie fest following the morning church service downstairs during the coffee hour. All dads who attend will have the opportunity to take home a homemade pie for themselves. Dad's attendance is all that is needed to be a possible winner of your choice of pies to take home. Here is what you do:

#1 If you're a dad, gather in Talkington Hall after worship.

#2 You'll be asked to draw a number out of the basket. If we have 30 dads, there will be 30 numbers.

#3 Whatever number of pies we have determines the number of winners.

## MOTHER'S DAY

### TEA REVIEW

The Mother's Day Tea on May 9th was a success.

Talkington Hall buzzed with conversation among the 79 guests, happily savoring an endless supply of delicious tea sandwiches and an array of cookies and scones, as well as tasty tea.

Multitalented Jessica Western provided instrumental and vocal music that



added much to the ambiance for the afternoon. Flower baskets from Salem's Saturday Market adorned the hall, and each table was set with different sets of dishes and linens. Quite the "pop-up" tea room! "Bonnetts off" to those who made this lovely event possible: Planning Chief and Sandwich Chef, Jeroen Laport; Tea Pot & China Collector and Wait Staff Manager, Annemieke Laport; Head Baker Lori Ensign and her Chief Assistant, Shelley Wagener; Kitchen Crew Extraordinaire Julie Camp, Jeff Standy, Cynthia Byrnes, and General Assistant & Seamstress of lovely table center pieces Maya Close. And let us not forget the Lemon Bar Squad: Pat Gallagher, Nancy Dilger, Cindy Domas, Cynthia Byrnes, and Maya Close. Mmmmmmm good!

And *hip, hip, hooray* for the ten youth who were the waiters. Guests offered many compliments for their attentive and courteous service. Thank you, Becca, Sophia, Matthew, Tamrat, Ellie, Daniel, Brady, Albert, Robert, and Kate. This fundraiser cleared \$1,206.64 to benefit Youth programs!

## BIG QUESTIONS OVER BREWS!

Thoughtful conversation in a relaxed setting continues with Big Questions Over Brews at Gilgamesh! Join us **Tuesday, May 26, at 6 p.m.** on Gilgamesh's covered patio where Pastor Janet will lead discussion about whether everything happens for a reason. Based on the recent Daily Devotional by Reverend Mary Luti, we'll explore whether a great parking space

is a sign from God...or is it? Email Margaret May for a copy of the devotional text, or pick up a copy in the office.

For those new to this brew pub: it is located at 2065 Madrona Avenue SE.

The brew pub is set back from the street, so don't worry if it seems like you're driving into another business – we'll be there! Questions? Email [margaretmay44@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmay44@gmail.com)

Hope to see you!

### **SOUND BOARD OPERATORS NEEDED**

Additional Sound Board monitor folks are needed for the next few weeks/months. We are planning a refresher course for the Sound Board monitors later in June, so you do not have to be an expert. We will do all we can to help you achieve that status. Please let Bernie Turner know if you are willing to assist, [turner0667@comcast.net](mailto:turner0667@comcast.net)

### **GAME NIGHT - JUNE 6**

Come and have fun!!! Bring your favorite games to share. This is open to families and people of all ages. The first game session will start at 4:00. We will break for a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. A second game session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and ends around 9:00 p.m. You can come for as much or as little of the evening as you wish. Please RSVP directly to Dana and Phil McBrien at [mcbriendm@gmail.com](mailto:mcbriendm@gmail.com) and let them know what time you plan on coming: 4:00, 6:00 or 7:00. Their address is: 3232 Bluff Ave. SE in Salem. Thanks!!

**ALL CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 @ 6:30 P.M.**

The Community Committee is hosting an All-Church Movie Night. We'll watch *Big Hero 6* together and eat pizza! How's that for a Friday night??!! Suggested donation is \$3 per person to cover the cost of the pizzas.

### **VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORT NEEDED FOR LOAVES & FISHES! (SUMMER DAY CAMP) JUNE 15-19.**

- Volunteers needed to help teach (don't worry, you don't have to write the lesson plans!). Sign up for one day or a bunch!

- Supervisors needed during drop-off/pick-up, 7:45-9:00 a.m., 3:45-5:15 p.m. Sign up for morning or afternoon, one day or a bunch!

- Drivers needed on Thursday for our field trip to a community garden and Marion Polk Food Share. Larger vehicles preferred.

- Food and preparers of food needed! We're looking for a variety of healthy, yummy snacks. Also: love cooking? Want to share that love with the kiddos? Help us prepare our lunches (don't worry, we'll make sure there are plenty of other adults around!) Questions? Ready to sign up? Want to share something that's not here? Talk to Emma Brewer-Wallin! [ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com) Also: she's back in town now, so say hi in person!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Summer is a great time to sign up to bring an altar arrangement...especially if you have access to flowers from your own garden! The signup sheet for arrangements is across the hall from the church office on the bulletin

board. Everyone is welcome to create a Sunday visual for the altar table...and dedicate it as one wishes. Dedications should be given to Annemieke in the office by Tuesday of the week before your turn. *Deacons*



## ALL CHURCH CAMP

Welcome, one and all to All Church Camp 2015

Friday, September 4, through lunch Sunday, September 6. Spend a few hours or a whole weekend at Camp Adams, our own church conference campground where we share conversation, enjoy the forest trails and worship center at the base of the Cascade Mountains with friends or for solitary reflection, have fun swimming or participating in Saturday afternoon discussion and activity groups for all ages or joining in the singing.

Organized *potlucking* ensures lots of delicious food and campers take turns helping with cooking and clean-up. Overnighters have a choice of rustic group cabins, tenting under the stars, or bringing their RV.

More information will be coming. If you have questions, feel free to contact Michelle Laseter 503 999 2821 or Maya Close, 503 949 5943.



Save the Dates  
9/4 thru 9/6  
All Church Camp

## Saturday, May 23

Combined Youth Groups 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Ivy Pull & Pizza, Woodmansee Park (behind Winco in South Salem) Combined Youth Groups take time for some earth care...followed by pizza. Come learn about ivy, its impact on Oregon's forests, and why we as people of faith care about it. Sue Koger and the Salem No Ivy Coalition will teach us about it, and how to pull it. After, we'll head to South Salem's Odd Moe's for some pizza and debriefing. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants - tools are provided. Parents, please pick up from the South Salem Odd Moe's Pizza.

## Sunday, May 31, 1-3pm

Combined Youth Group Soccer Game Bush Park - the Lefelle Street side At least three of our youth groupers have introduced themselves as "the best soccer player in youth group," and over half of our youth groupers play soccer. Clearly, we must play! Meet at Bush Park (the Lefelle St. side). Soccer's not your thing? No worries. We'll spread out on blankets or at a picnic table for some crafts, too. Wear clothes you can play in, and bring a water bottle.

## Sunday, June 7

Prayer Flag Day!  
Mid High, 12-2

Senior High, 2-4

Want happiness, long life, and prosperity for yourself or someone you love? Want to live in harmony, or send a blessing or hope into the wind? Come learn about Buddhist prayer flags, an ancient and enduring way to bless ourselves, the space around us, and those in our hearts. We'll learn about this practice, and then make our own prayer flags - with markers, puff paints, glitter, whatever! - some for you to take, some for you to give if you'd like. And we'll give thanks for a good year of youth group. This is the last "regular" youth group meeting of the year, and Emily's learning to sew so she can make these flags (no joke) so please come!

### **Sunday, June 14**

Youth groups are serving Taco Bar lunch at a congregational meeting on the 14th. Please come downstairs after the sermon to set up tables, put food in bowls, and get ready to serve!

### **June 15-19**

Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

We need youth volunteers! Come for the day, or even better volunteer all week. We need crafters, game players, song singers, and crowd control. Camp is called "Loaves and Fishes" and is all about economic justice & food justice.

**OPPORTUNITY TO HOST MICHELLE PEDERSEN'S CHOIR FOR A NIGHT!** Our former Choir Director and Christian Ed Director is making a return to FCUCC this June! Michelle will travel with her

choir from Cathedral of the Rockies in Idaho to Salem to perform at a Methodist Church Function in town, and will give a concert here on Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Her choir needs host families, in groups of 2 or 3, for the night of the 11th. Interested? Email [emily@uccsalem.org](mailto:emily@uccsalem.org).

### **PASTOR EMILY ON VACATION**

I am grateful to serve a church that supports the health and well-being of its clergy, and am looking forward to some vacation time this month! I will be combining some comp time with a week of vacation to travel east to see family and friends. I leave on May 19, and will see you all in worship for Music Appreciation Sunday on May 31! Ike Box hours will be cancelled on May 20 and 27. Youth groups will meet with Michelle & Cameron on May 23 (see note on Ivy Pull!). Thanks to all of you for this time away, and see you soon!

### **IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING: PASTORS' DAYS OFF**

Our call agreements with our pastors state that we encourage them to manage the equivalent of two days off per week. Pastor Janet's regular days off are Monday and Friday. Pastor Emily's schedule is a little less reliable – her days off vary more around youth group and community commitments. Emily is often off on Friday and Saturday, though she frequently swaps these days off for weekdays when events happen on the weekend. If you do not hear back from an email, text, or phone call

to either pastor, feel free to check in with the office to see what their schedule is that week and when they might be available to be in touch.



### **JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE SCHOLARSHIP**

Join young adults from all over the world July 25-August 2 for nine days of tours, presentations, dialogue, and even a little outdoor work, offering help in the fields of farm families. Trip itinerary includes Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron.

Journey for Justice brings together youth mainly from YMCAs and YWCAs all over the world to experience and share life under occupation with Palestinian youth. For nine days, they join Palestinian youth and travel around occupied Palestine to witness the effect of Israeli occupation. The challenging journey aims to witness and accompany Palestinian youth in their daily life. Sponsored by: YMCA of East Jerusalem/YWCA of Palestine, via Joint Advocacy Initiative. The United Church of Christ has an established mission partnership with this agency, and the Central Pacific Con-

ference of the United Church of Christ's Wider Church Ministries Team is currently establishing a conference partnership with the YWCA.

Scholarship assistance offered by Wider Church Ministries' team: \$1,000 toward costs for a single applicant if accepted, or \$500 each for two applicants, if accepted. (Application details below.) Included in your award would be your commitment to make presentations to at least three CPC local church/conference/other ministry settings upon your return.

Deadline for scholarship application: June 1; Deadline for program application: June 30. Central Pacific Conference young adults ages 18-25 (or as old as 30 in special cases) are eligible to apply.

Program Cost: \$700 plus airfare. \$700 fee includes: Transportation to/from airport, all lodging, meals, transportation, entrance fees throughout the 9 days of the program. Not included: airfare, visa, extra travel costs.

The program is international, conducted in English, and includes 24 hour presence and guidance from JAI staff. More program information available at [www.jai-pal.org/](http://www.jai-pal.org/)  
Questions: Rev. Diane Dulin [diane.dulin1@gmail.com](mailto:diane.dulin1@gmail.com) 503-779-9173 and Marcia Gilliland [marcia.gilliland@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.gilliland@gmail.com) (503-648-1869).

To apply, send your email request to Rev. Diane Dulin along with any ques-

tions. Provide your name and age, local church, all contact information, and a written statement affirming your willingness to follow this opportunity with presentations in CPC settings. Additionally, in a short statement, tell us what you know so far about Palestine, what you would like to learn about Palestine, and any other reasons you have for wanting to take advantage of this opportunity.



**No LNG, No Pipelines  
Rally to Protect Our Home!  
Tuesday, May 26th 11:30 a.m.  
Capital Steps, Salem, OR**

Oregonians are preparing for big action this month to protect our home from what would be the largest fossil fuel export project on the west coast. With two LNG export proposals in Oregon, the time for statewide unity and action is NOW! **We need you to speak out in Salem on May 26<sup>th</sup> to ask Governor Kate Brown to help defend our state from LNG.**

LNG, Liquefied Natural Gas, is super cooled methane gas that requires massive amounts of energy and freshwater to produce. Canadian energy companies have been working for years on two proposals for massive fracked gas

pipelines and LNG export terminals in northern and southern Oregon. Exporting North American natural gas to overseas markets comes at a steep price for consumers, jobs and Oregon's climate.

Gas companies stand to gain billions in profit, leaving Oregon to suffer the consequences:

**Climate:** If approved, these projects will be the largest source of climate changing greenhouse gas emissions in the state when Boardman coal plant closes in 2020. When stored, Methane is 86 times as potent at trapping heat in the atmosphere than coal. Methane can not be seen as a transition fuel.

**Property rights:** Hundreds of homeowners, ranchers and farmers are threatened with the use of eminent domain for the pipeline right of way.

**Increased energy costs at home:** Exporting natural gas would cause domestic gas prices to compete on the world market, raising our gas prices by up to 50%.

**Safety:** Oregon is overdue for a major earthquake, putting communities on the pipeline route and near the export terminals at serious risk.

**Public Lands and water ways:** The pipeline will require a 95 foot swath clear cut through public and private land and old growth forests. The pipeline will also cross under hundreds of rivers and streams and disrupt several watersheds.

With Federal and state agencies currently reviewing permits for this pro-

ject, the time to demonstrate wide-spread opposition to these projects is now. You can help by engaging in peaceful action in Salem to stop these projects before they start! Join us on the Capitol steps in Salem on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for a rally and march. Hear from tribal leaders, impacted land owners and a **keynote speech from Waterkeeper Alliance President Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**

Let's show Governor Brown and the Department of State Lands why they should stand with Oregonians to protect our home from LNG!

Visit [www.nolngexports.org](http://www.nolngexports.org) for more information on carpools and volunteer opportunities.

**Program:**

- 11:30 a.m.-Gather on Capitol steps
  - 12:00 p.m.-Welcome and Opening Remarks
  - 12:10 p.m.-Guest speakers including tribal leaders, business owners, State Representative Peter Buckley and former Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury
  - 12:45 p.m.-Special address from Waterkeeper Alliance President Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
  - 1:00 p.m.-March to Department of State Lands
  - 2:00 p.m. Closing
- We hope to see you!

**Weekly Recurring Events at church**

**SUNDAYS**

8:30 a.m.

**Contemplative Prayer Group,**  
Conference Room

10:30 a.m.

**Worship Service &  
Children's Learning Hour**

11:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Time,** Talkington Hall

**MONDAYS**

12 noon **Adult Book Study**

Meets in the Adult Education Room

7 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal** Hunt. Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS**

3:30 p.m. **Meet up with Pastor Emily at the Ike Box** until 5 p.m. Not on May 20 and 27th when Emily is on vacation.

**THURSDAYS**

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.**

New voices are always welcome. Join!

Choir will be on summer hiatus after June 7 and will begin again in September.

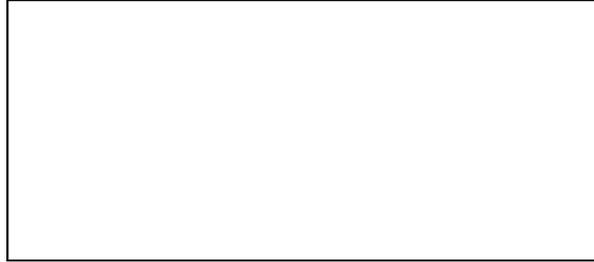


## CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 19	Pastor Emily leaves for vacation.
Saturday, May 23	9:00 a.m. Youth Groups pull ivy in Woodmansee Park
Sunday, May 24	10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday: wear red to worship! We receive the Strengthen the Church Special Offering
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day — Office Closed
Wednesday, May 27	9:30 a.m. Bazaar Crafts, Nursery 5:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service
Sunday, May 31	10:30 a.m. Music Sunday Pastor Emily back in worship with us.
Wednesday, June 3	10:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board meeting 7:00 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee meeting
Friday, June 5	7:30 p.m. Confluence Chorus Concert
Sunday, June 7	10:30 a.m. Teacher and Student appreciation 12 midnight <i>Shalom</i> deadline
Tuesday, June 9	12 noon Bartholomew Scholarship Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting 6:30 p.m. Reiki Share Circle, Talkington Hall
Wednesday, June 10	9:30 a.m. Bazaar Crafts, Nursery
Sunday, June 14	10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting
Monday, June 15	Pastor Janet goes on study leave Summer Day Camp 6:30 p.m. Woman Spirit @ Bev and Jenny's <a href="mailto:bevnjenny@comcast.net">bevnjenny@comcast.net</a> for info and directions
Tuesday, June 16	Summer Day Camp
Wednesday, June 17	Summer Day Camp 6:30 p.m. Community Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Board meeting
Thursday, June 18	Summer Day Camp
Friday, June 19	Summer Day Camp 6:30 p.m. All Church Movie Night — sponsored by the Community Committee
Sunday, June 21	Pastor Janet leaves for Ghost Ranch 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Pie Extravaganza
Wednesday, June 24	9:30 a.m. Bazaar Crafts, Nursery 5:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service
Sunday, June 28	12 midnight <i>Shalom</i> deadline
Monday, June 29	Pastor Janet returns from Ghost Ranch

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