



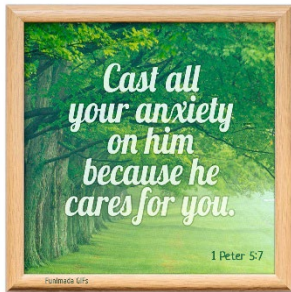
# THE VINE

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## *Cast Your Anxieties on the Lord*

***“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7***

I’ve been facing a lot of things to worry about lately. For one thing, I’m in over my head with responsibilities, things to do, commitments to follow through on, packing up my office, thinking about my retirement date, worrying about the future of the church, facing a lot of building problems that have come up this past nine months, and facing some health problems with both Mary, having a serious fall and me as well. The list goes on and on, and I know I’m supposed to cast my worries and my anxieties on the Lord but knowing that and doing it are two different things.

I was talking with a woman who works at the hotel where my next class reunion will be. There’s a ton of details, agreements to sign, things to plan for, commitments to make, and so forth. Jennifer picked up on my worries and anxieties. She was so wise and caring and reminded me (knowing I am a minister) that the bible says to cast our worries on the Lord. She was one hundred percent right, and I needed to be reminded of that.

The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:7, “cast your anxiety on the Lord”. We are told to transfer our worries and concerns to God. Doing this relieves some of the stress and worry on us and reaffirms our belief in the Lord, his love, and the fact that he is ever-present with us. The Lord knows my anxieties without me telling him but telling him helps me lift the weight off my shoulders and reaffirms my faith as I turn things over to the Lord.

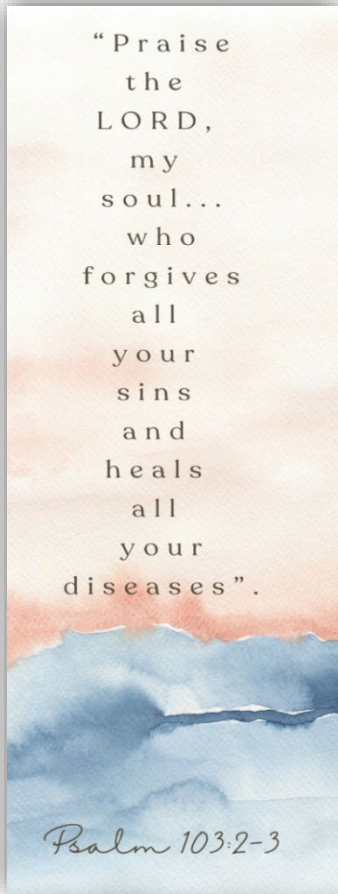
Casting our anxieties on the Lord doesn’t relieve us of our responsibilities or commitments; we still have to do our part, but it shares the burden with the Lord and helps us identify and put a handle on what we are feeling. It’s not a reflection of a lack of faith when we share our anxieties and worries with the Lord; it’s an affirmation that we know he is there, he is with us, and he cares about us.

Engaging in consistent prayer, sharing our fears and worries with God, helps us face whatever it is we need to face, and getting help from the Lord, especially when we feel overwhelmed or unable to handle everything on our own. I’ve always been a “I can handle it myself” kind of guy, but the truth is I can’t always handle everything life throws at me on my own, and when I call on the Lord for his help, I always do better. He always sends help to me one way or the other.

It’s always good to have close friends we can be honest with and share our worries and fears with as well. The beauty of a good friend is that they listen, they empathize, and they help us keep life in perspective.

Engage in consistent prayer and share your fears and worries with God. God and good friends go a long way in helping us face our worries and fears. No need to carry all our burdens on our shoulders alone!

*D. Robert Chance*



***Please let us know if you are aware of someone who is ill or is a shut-in.***

*Edwina Meheaux – Please keep her in your prayers. Give her a call.*

*Susan Montgomery needs our prayers as she recovers from some difficult surgery.*

*David Jordan, who is struggling, appreciates our prayers.*

*Gwen Mott, who is home and recovering from a serious but unknown illness.*

*Janis Hanson is homebound but still loves cards, calls, and even visits. See Jack before coming over to visit, however.*

*Amy Buckingham and family as they recover from the grief of losing Blake.*

*Patty Chance (Bob's sister) is being treated for cancer.*

*Pam Force is struggling with several stomach issues.*

*All those who suffer from grief and loss and who struggle with illness in any form.*

***There are always others—keep all in your prayers, named or unnamed. Let us know if we've missed someone.***



Please lift the following congregations in your prayers this month.

**June**

- 7 - The Commission for Camp & Conference and all the campers, directors, counselors and staff at the Christian Church Conference Center at Bethany Beach
- 14 - Shepherd Park Christian Church, Washington, DC
- 21 - The National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
- 28 - Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, DC -



The directory is available in the narthex. If you need to make changes, please get in touch with Cyndi at [office@aspenhillcc.org](mailto:office@aspenhillcc.org) or call 301-871-7222. Thank you!



As summer dawns upon us, our beloved Miller family, Tracy, Summer, Sequoia, and Sierra, are moving back to Wisconsin. What a huge hole that will leave in our hearts. The love, joy, and energy the Miller family brings to our church will be missed immensely. We are honoring the Miller family on May 31 during the Worship Service.



**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM,  
Wednesday 8:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Please let the office know how you would like your newsletter delivered! USPS, Email, or Both. [office@aspenhillcc.org](mailto:office@aspenhillcc.org) or call 301-871-722**

*June Birthdays*

Tracy Miller – June 2  
Sasha Treasure – June 13  
Cassie Chance – June 19  
Kenny Vincent – June 20

*Please let the Church Office know if your birthdate or anniversary is incorrect or missing. So we may correct it.*

*Average Attendance*

***Average Attendance for April 2026***

Month...	In Person 44	Online 17	Total 61
YTD...	In Person 35	Online 25	Total 58



## **Highlights From The Board**

**The Board meeting was held on May 13, 2026.**

Financial reports were reviewed.

An update on our Search Process was provided.

Ministry Reports were shared.

The Administrative Assistant's hours were discussed and increased.

Our minister, Dr. Chance, shared his activities and ministries, and stressed that we all need to share the Gospel and the wonderful church we are all part of, bringing new disciples to the church.

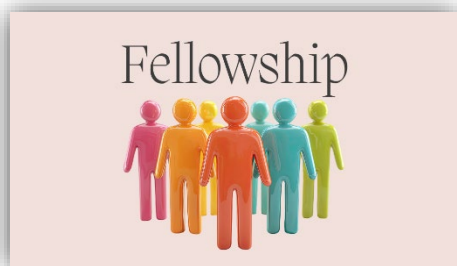


### **Order Altar Flowers**

Honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or an anniversary. Sign up to donate altar flowers. Sign up in the fellowship hall or email Cyndi at [office@aspenhillcc.org](mailto:office@aspenhillcc.org). Please include the date of dedication, your name, and the dedication (dedicated to/for).

AHCC requests a \$30 donation (\$25 for flowers and \$5 for delivery) to cover the weekly cost of flowers.

## **NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES**



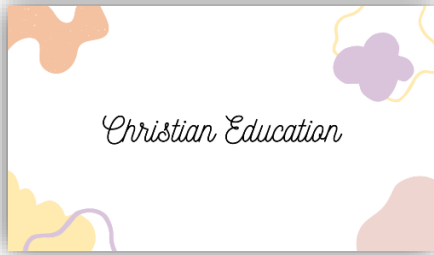
### **Fellowship / Amy Buckingham and Mary Chance**

I am so pleased to see so many folks enjoying each other's company after the worship service. We are running out of goodies to share. Please consider signing up for a fellowship period. We provide coffee. All you need to supply is some cookies or the like. No need for anything fancy, just some snacks.

Graduate' Sunday is June 28. Be sure the office knows of any graduate in your family so that they may be appropriately recognized. We have a special gift for graduates, so please be present if at all possible.

We are also going to have a picnic after church on June 28. We will put up a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide hamburgers and rolls along with condiments. We need you to sign up with a side dish you will bring. Please see the list of sides to bring and sign up as soon as possible so we know how many to prepare for.

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## Christian Education

June 14 is the last day of Children's Church and Adult Sunday School. We will start back up again in the fall. A special thank you to our Children's Church team of Mary Chance, Pam Canova Force, Lisa, Jana, Colson Knight, Jennifer Sharma, Phyllis Brown, and Lou Ann Rector. If we missed anyone, sorry about that.



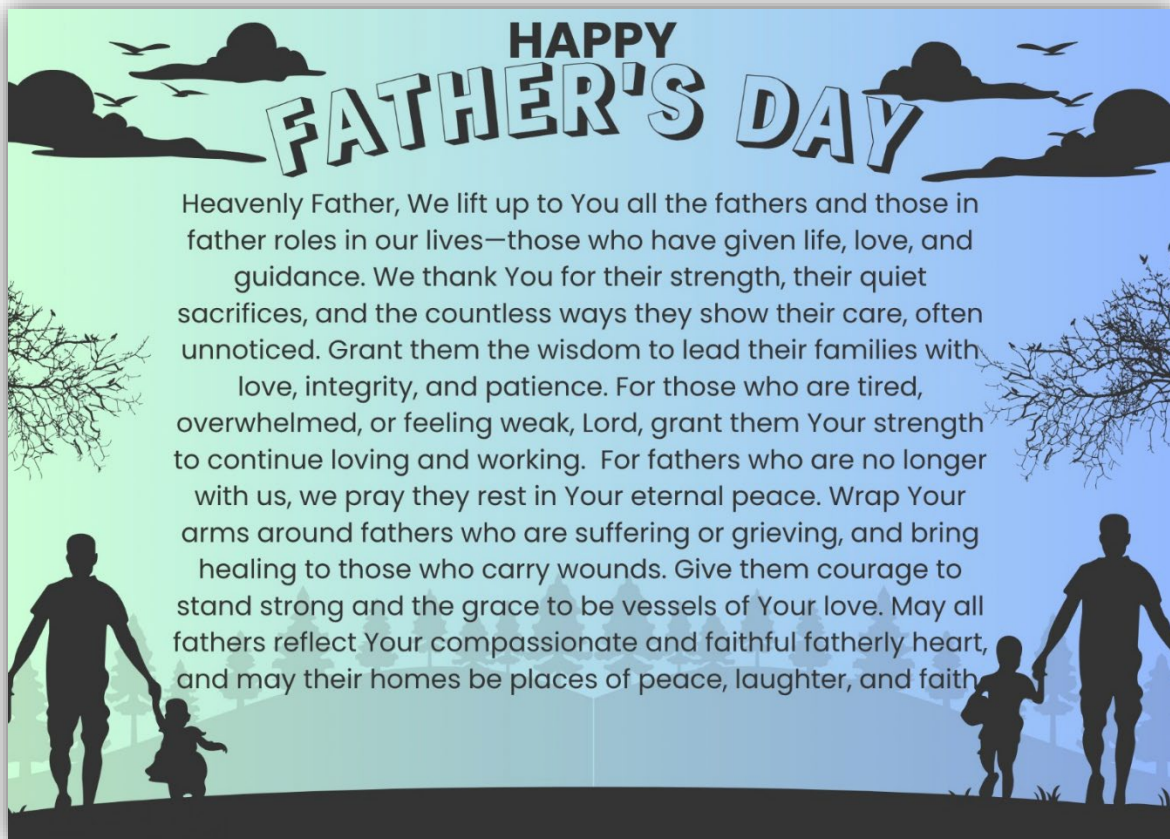
## Worship / Gwen Mott

Don't miss this time of worship! In-person and Online Worship Services are available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. [www.aspenhillcc.org](http://www.aspenhillcc.org) /go to "See Us on YouTube link and click on the current week or any week in the past that you would like to see. A colorful background with white text

June 7 is Anniversary Sunday. This is the Sunday we remember Dr. Chance's first Sunday as our new pastor in 1973, and the anniversary of when everyone joined the church.

June 21 is Father's Day. How will we honor our fathers and special men in our lives who have helped shape the person we have become? June is a busy month with special worship services.

June 28 is Graduate Sunday, and we honor our Graduates. Remember, June 7 is the deadline for notifying the office of your graduate. Please make a special point of being here that Sunday as we recognize our graduates with a special gift and honor them.



# Graduation Recognition



Join us in celebrating the success of

## Our Graduates

June  
Sunday | **28** | 11:00AM  
2026

On June 28, we will celebrate Graduation Sunday, honoring all our graduates. If you have someone who is a graduate from high school, college, or trade school this year, please notify the office no later than June 7, 2026. We will recognize them at the service on the 28th.

# Graduate Sunday



Jordan Christian Anderson

Cooper Buckingham

Mason Chance

Luke Hanson

Linnea Abraham

Sean Dorsey

Emma Dorsey

Above are listed the names of the graduates we have received who are graduating from college, high school or trade school. If you have someone who is graduating from one of these institutions that is not listed above, contact the office with the information before June 7 so we can include them in the celebration.

# SUMMER MEMORIES *start* AT BETHANY BEACH!

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## 2026 CAMP SCHEDULE

<p><b>Chautauqua</b> Adults / Families June 21-24</p> <p><b>Discovery / Pioneer</b> Age 3-7 with Parent June 26-28</p> <p><b>Mini Camp</b> After Grades 1-3 June 28 – July 1</p>	<p><b>Founders Weekend</b> All Ages (&lt;18 w Adult) July 2-5</p> <p><b>Junior Camp</b> After Grades 3-5 July 5-11</p> <p><b>Chi Rho Camp</b> After Grades 6-8 July 5-11</p> <p><b>CYF Conference</b> After Grades 9-12 July 12-18</p>	<p><b>Young Adult</b> Post High School to Age 30 July 23-26</p> <p><b>Family Camp</b> Adults / Families July 26-Aug 1</p> <p><b>Fall Adult Retreat</b> Adults 18+ Sep 14-17</p>
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**JUNE 2026**

June 3 - Program Council

June 7 - Anniversary Sunday, St. Paul's Breakfast,  
Hot Button Campaign Week 1

June 10 - Board Meeting

June 14 - Hot Button Campaign Week 2,  
Last Day Children's Church & Sunday School

June 21 - Father's Day, Hot Button Campaign Week 3,  
Newsletter deadline

June 28 - Graduates Sunday, Hot Button Campaign Week 4



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