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## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 9:30 A.M.**

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### **This Sunday in Worship**

We are beginning our month-long focus on Divine Diversity: The Many Images of God. All through the month of June we will be reading sacred text, searching ancient symbols and mining Church history for the myriad ways God shows God's self. This weekend we celebrate Pentecost--the birth of The Church through the arrival of the Holy Spirit via tongues of flame and violent wind. It's a pretty action packed story, full of natural elements, different languages, prophecy and the fulfillment of God's promise to give the disciples what they need to continue works of salvation on Earth.

It's the first Sunday of the month so communion will be served. We will hear special music from Adam Peterson and Nancy Nelson is our lay leader.

Hope to see you in worship whether on-line or in the pews. It's also my understanding that coffee hour starts back up this week, so I hope to see you there too!

-Pastor EJ

*The service will be in person and streamed on Facebook. We hope you can join us in person or online.*

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**BLOCK PARTY, at First Congregational Church, Sunday,  
June 5th from 10:30–11:30**

It's a time for art, play, telling your story, leaving your mark,  
& community-building.

We will be coloring, painting, etc. toy wooden blocks, the kind children play with. You all did so well in ringing the bells at Christmas and signing stones at Jeffrey's party, we know you can continue to create on these blocks.

There are many other BLOCK PARTIES taking place throughout the community. Once all block parties have been held the blocks will be assembled to form three big block sculptures that will be placed in different locations in South Haven.

Come on First Congregational Church—Let's continue building!

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday:**

10:30–3:30

Pastor EJ in the office

**Tuesday:**

Diaconate mtg.—7 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

Women's Brkfast, 9 a.m.

Men's Breakfast, 9 a.m. (FH)

Prayer Group, 6:15 p.m. (Z)

Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. (Z)

**Thursday:**

Men's Coffee, 9 a.m. (FH)

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday**

10 a.m. to Noon—Food Pantry

### **Church Office Hours**

9:30—1:30 p.m.

*Contact the church office if you are interested in joining any of these events.*

As we pivot from May (Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month) toward June (LGBTQ+ Pride Month) I thought I'd share two of my latest favorite resources from the internet with you. One is a website full of solidarity resources and stories connected to APIA communities and the other is a website created by LGBTQ+ theologians and biblical scholars. Check them out!

-Pastor EJ

2022 APIA Heritage Month Solidarity Resources

[https://solidarityis.org/our-work/tools-resources/apiahm22playlist/?mc\\_cid=2c4fb28e8b&mc\\_eid=246cb3b7de](https://solidarityis.org/our-work/tools-resources/apiahm22playlist/?mc_cid=2c4fb28e8b&mc_eid=246cb3b7de)

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<https://enfleshed.com/>

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The **Wednesday Women's Breakfast** will be meeting this week at the Glenn restaurant at the cross section of 114th Ave. /North Shore Drive. Meet there at 9 a.m. If you are interested in carpooling meet at the church. We will be leaving there at 8:45 a.m.

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### **Young Adult Ministry (18-55 and their families)**

Our next event will be our third annual Burger Burn at the church on Sunday, June 12 at 12:00. Plan for a great meal and wonderful gathering. Bring something to share with everyone. Both our Bridge Pastor EJ McGaughy and our Youth Leader Rick Olsen, will be joining us.

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### **Children's Activity**

Saturday, June 25, from 5-7 p.m. there will be a special activity at the Michigan Mitten Children's Museum in South Haven. Come and bring a friend. \$ 5/child. This is co-sponsored with our two partner VBS churches.

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### **Children's Ministry**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School this year. We are working with the Peace Lutheran Church and the First United Methodist Church to have a VBS on July 18-22 at the Peace Lutheran Church. Dinner will start at 5:00 and VBS will begin at 6:00 every evening.

Talk to Sarah Peterson or Pastor Mike about volunteering. You can get more information and sign up as participants or volunteers, at [lumpartners.com](http://lumpartners.com)

Youth can also participate as Assistants.

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## **Lori Tupper's Celebration of Life Party**

Lori Tupper (wife of Pastor Mike) was diagnosed in December with Metastatic Breast Cancer. She has decided to throw herself a Celebration of Life Party. Everyone is invited. It will be on August 13 from 1:00 to 8:00 at the home of Mike and Lori Tupper (45554 West Street, Lawrence). There will be food and fun in addition to entertainment by David Veenstra and Diane and Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey. Let us know you are coming at the following website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lifecelbrationofloritupper/>

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