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## Serving Schedule June 18, 2017

**Worship Leader:** Anne Roberts

**Children's Moment:** Kathy Richardson

**Communion Prayer:** Steve Fowler

**Offertory Prayer:** Pat Fowler

**Van Driver:** George McCall/Mark Richardson

**Communion Preparation:** Jan Duffy

**Diaconate:** Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks, Jim Hillis,  
LuWanna Forister, Shirley Kearbey



Sunday, June 18th

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

**POT LUCK**



Tuesday, June 20th

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for fun fellowship and  
good food. Please bring a  
dish to share.



## UGLY TIE CONTEST

It's time to celebrate our second annual  
Ugly Tie Contest!

So men and young men of the church go  
dig deep in your closet or go to the thrift  
store and find that perfect tie to wear on  
Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th.

There will also be a separate contest for  
uniquely designed ties. Prizes will be  
awarded for best (worst) ties.

## Serving Schedule June 25, 2017

**Worship Leader:** Doris Chlastak

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Frank

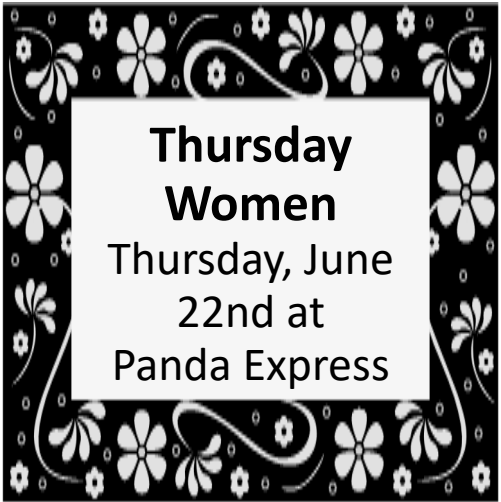
**Communion Prayer:** Todd Richardson

**Offertory Prayer:** Jack Childress

**Van Driver:** George McCall/Mark Richardson

**Communion Preparation:** Gene & Anne Roberts

**Diaconate:** Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,  
Linda Casey, Kim Wagganer,



Thursday, June 22nd  
at Dexter BBQ

June's food of the  
month contribution  
to the Northside  
Nutrition Center will  
be Graham Crackers  
(Whole Wheat if  
possible).



Wednesday, June 14th  
Fly your flags in  
honor of our nations.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDERS

Margie Champion	M
Doris Chlastak	A
Gail Doss	Y
Pat Fowler	
Gleta Gorman	
Mary Grobe	2017
Ed Lewis	
Jack Maxwell	
Eva Kay Smith	

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ATTENDANCE REPORT  
May 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE:  
Worship.....43  
Children's Church.....1  
TOTAL WORSHIP .....  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Elementary A/B .....1  
Homebuilders .....6  
Men's Class.....4  
Total ..... 11

ATTENDANCE REPORT  
June 4, 2017

ATTENDANCE:  
Worship.....38  
Children's Church .....5  
TOTAL WORSHIP .....43  
SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
Elementary A/B.....4  
Homebuilders .....7  
Men's Class.....5  
Total ..... 16



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

A priest who has spent a fruitless day fishing picked out three fat fish in the market. "Before you wrap them," he said to the store manager, "toss them to me, one by one. That way I'll be able to tell the monsignor I caught them and I'll be speaking the truth."  
As I think about that joke, a couple years past, Doris and I had just come back from a successful trout fishing expedition from the Lake of the Ozarks.  
But as I think back to the days, prior to our expedition, it was not looking too good.  
We have originally scheduled the trip for the Tuesday of her vacation. But as it was that day they predicted heavy rains for that part of Missouri. And when we awoke that morning, it was thundering and lightning up here as well.  
The next few days we had prior commitments and the weather was nice up here, but stormy at the Lake of the Ozarks. Saturday would have also been nice, but Barry Manilow awaited us at the Sprint Center.  
Finally on Thursday, it appeared that although we would have thunder storms up here, the Ozarks would be nice for a day or so. Friday morning we awoke at 2:30 a.m. to the sound of severe thunder storms. A quick check of the weather radar assured us that it would be nice at the Ozarks. There was also a threat of hail in our area, so we waited until 4:30 a.m. to make the final preparations for our fishing trip.  
We left at 5 a.m. and as soon as we left the bottom fell out of the sky. Doris and I hesitated for a few moments, but we (I) drove on. It rained hard all the way past St. Joseph on I-29. The weather began to clear around Kansas City. From that point on, the sky was clear.  
We arrived to a sunny fishing spot. We told the local store that we had a "window of opportunity" to fish that day.  
Doris and I was blessed to catch our limit. We enjoyed fishing that morning and afternoon. Even if we had not, the dog wood trees, the red bud trees, the apple and cherry trees blooming would have made our day. The gang of wild turkeys was lagniappe. The water snakes were extra also. I had to remind myself that they too are a part of God's creation.  
As I think about our planning to go fishing, sometimes in life, even when the storms clouds are all around us, God gives us "windows of opportunity" to receive His blessings. We have to be willing to trust in His words for our life and venture forth.  
May each of us take advantage of the "windows" in our life to witness to the hope that is within us. Truly, the kingdom of God is within us and we have opportunities to be witness to God's word daily.

Pastor Frank

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Betty Jackson (Oakdale)  
C.M. Wilson (Oakdale)

Cedargate Assisted Living  
Pauline Hearne (Phase 2, #9)

Oakdale Assisted Living  
Mary Fears, Bettie Linn

Rivermist Residential Care Ctr.  
Wilma Burwell

[Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]

Southeast Gateway  
Area  
2017 Prayer Calendar  
June 11 - 17  
Isaiah 58 Ministries (formerly  
Five Church Association)  
June 18 - 24  
Fredericktown Christian  
Church,  
Fredericktown, MO  
June 25 - July 1  
Compton Heights Christian  
Church, St. Louis, MO