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"SABBATHS: X" (2005) by Wendell Berry

"Mowing the hillside pasture—where/the flowers of Queen Anne's lace float above the grass, the milkweeds/flare and bee balm, cut, spices the air, the butterflies light and fly/from bloom to bloom, the hot sun dazes the sky, the woodthrushes/sound their flutes from the deep shade of the woods nearby—these iron teeth/chattering along the slope astound the vole in her low run and bring down/the field sparrow's nest cunningly hung between two stems, the young long flown./The mower moves between the beauty of the half-wild growth and the beauty/of growth reduced, smooth as a lawn, revealing again the slope shaped of old/by the wearing of water and, later, the wear of human will, hoof and share and wheel/hastening the rain's work, so that the shape revealed is the shape of wounds healed,/covered with grass and clover and the blessed flowers. The mower's work too is beautiful,/granting rest and health to his mind.

He drives the long traverses of the healed/and healing slant. He sweats and gives thanks."

We are to the time of year that is often met with a healthy mix of joy and dread—summer. Summer—when school is a distant memory and young humans roam freely! Summer—when homeowners have to summon the courage to arise and go out to conquer the ever-persisting life forms of the yard! The days are hot, and the work can be cumbersome, but Berry's words constantly remind me to not lose the wonder of it all in the process. Take in the beauty of the things among which you work! Imagine what they must think of your powerful machines! Never forget that what you seek to tame or maintain is the product of life healing and persisting despite your best efforts in opposition! Even in the hot, sweaty day among the things that you seek to contain, you are made witness to healing and being healed yourself. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Holy Communion Reverend Josh Beeler - "Priscilla Acts 18:1-4, 24-28 & Romans 16:3-4 Chancel Choir - "Jesus A Firm Foundation"



CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

June items for collection are canned vegetables.

WOM JUNE PROJECT Neighbors Helping Neighbors & Red Truck Ministries

Nonperishable food items will be collected.



FELLOWSHIP

KOINONIAS

June 3 at 10 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP **BREAKFAST**

June 8 at 9:15 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 16-20 | 9am-Noon

Invite your friends, family & neighbors! Road Trip: On the Go With God Ages 4 years to completion of 5th grade. The registration table is in the main hallway outside of the sanctuary.

SUMMER PICNIC

Eagle Eyrie - Saturday, June 21 Swimming Pool 3 - 5 p.m. Picnic @ Pavillion 5 - 7 p.m.

MHBC KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Children who have completed K-5th grade are invited to participate in the following summer activities:

June 12, 2-5 p.m. I Otter Creek Play Day June 29, Noon-4 p.m. | Pizza & Mini Golf July 23, 2-6 p.m. I Harvey Pool Party Drop off & pick-up at MHBC.



DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Allen Ashwell & Cary Murphy June 1

DEACONS SERVING JUNE 1

J. C. Fore John Grieser Les Irvin Caren Jefferson Michael McPhatter Justin Owen

Shut-in Communion

Allen Ashwell, Tracey Garrett, Cary Murphy, Steve Owen

MAY 25, 2025 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes	\$5	5,475.00
(Weekly Budget Nee	ds \$9	510.00)
Plate Offering	\$	47.00
Designated Offering	\$	309.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 5	,831.00
Find Us Faithful	\$	50.00

USHERS FOR JUNE

James Byrd & Carolyn Martin

IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB

Betty Goff Tate Springs Rehabilitation Center

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends love and prayers to Heidi Curd and whose grandmother, Cynthia Bowling, passed away on May 21.