

# The Cornerstone

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

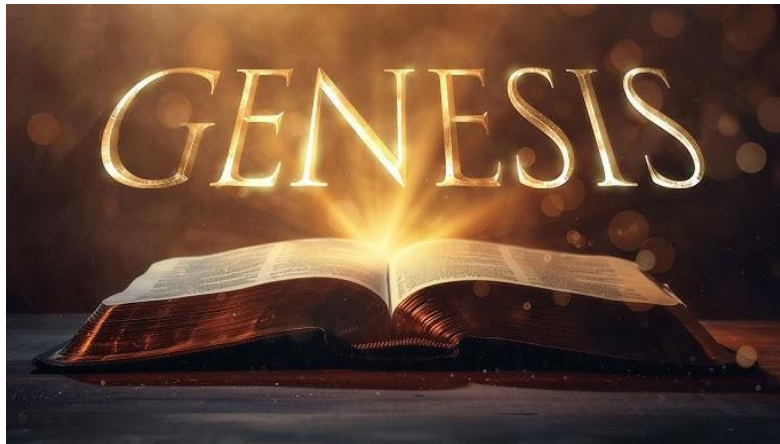
*Psalm 118:22-23*

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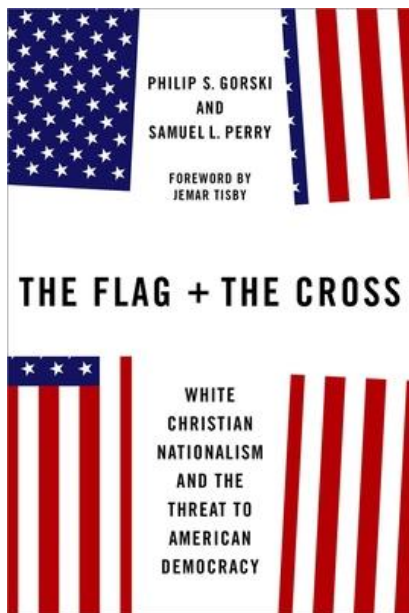
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*Genesis 21:8-21*  
*God Hears the Cry*  
Nicola Mulligan, Preaching

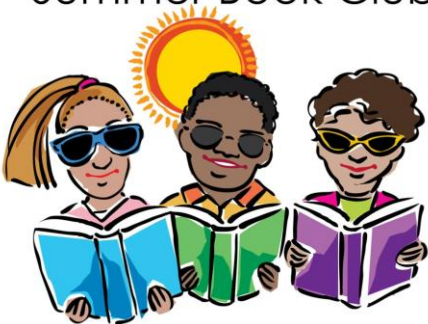
We are pleased to have church member, Nicola Mulligan leading us in worship this week. Thank you, Nicola!



## EPA & GNJ CORR Book Study

Each Wednesday in October from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. on Zoom, join EPA & GNJ Commissions on Religion & Race for a conference-wide book study on *The Flag and the Cross* by Philip Goski & Samuel Perry. The book explores how white Christian nationalism functions as a political ideology rather than authentic Christianity. You will study the book and its call to Christians to reclaim Jesus-centered faith rooted in humility, curiosity, understanding, and love of neighbor. The first 25 to register will receive a free e-copy (Kindle edition). To register contact the church office.

## Summer Book Club



Summer is a great season to enjoy the beautiful weather and take in a new book. So, in the summer months Jill invites you to come together on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon for conversation and sharing. Bring your lunch if you choose and your thoughts on the book of the month. The book for July is “Moloka’i” by Alan Brennert.



## Prayer Garden Communion

You are invited to worship and partake of communion in the Prayer Garden at 8 a.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, & September 6<sup>th</sup>.



**4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026**

**Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines**

**Greeter: Jim Scisco**

**Usher: Robin Whitney**

**Acolyte: David Furda**

**Lay Reader: Randy Danielson**

**Fellowship Host: Bonnie McNamara**

**Altar Flowers**

Given in loving memory of "Shorty" Longstreet & Clifford G. Miller by Pam Miller.

Given in loving memory of Arthur Wickberg by Pamela Lynch & family.

**Altar Rose**

Given in honor of Denise Furda's birthday by her family.



**5th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2026**

**Counters: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John Montgomery**

**Greeter: Joy More**

**Usher: Ron Danielson**

**Acolyte: Faye Snorton**

**Lay Reader: Steve Skoulas**

**Altar Flowers**

Given in loving memory of Lou Gorra by Judy.

Given in loving memory of Kay Davison's birthday by Cathy & Joe Stopyra.

**Altar Rose**

Given in loving memory of Florence Danielson's heavenly birthday by Randy, Aldo, Ron, Jeff, Scott, & Russel.



**FRIDAY  
JUNE 19th**



**FAITHFUL FIELD TRIP:  
July 9th**

Grounds for Sculpture: a 42 acre park filled with sculptures. Conversation will be based on faith & art.

**Tsedalech, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of June by Pam & Dave Saunders in honor of Denise Furda's birthday.**

*Please be Praying for...*

**Our homebound:** Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

**Hospitalized:** Nancy Burt

**Jersey Shore Care Center:** Dave Miller

**Our church family worshipping at a distance:**

Barbara Novick, Laura Eble, Jack & Caroline Chesbro

**OUR JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING  
BENEFITS INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS**



## THIS SUNDAY

The next free community spaghetti dinner will be on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and community.



## MERCY CENTER

The Outreach Commission thanks you for your continued support of the Mercy Center food bank. Here are the current needs: canned meats, canned fish, beans, lentils, rice, pasta, oats, whole-grain cereals, low-sodium soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, powdered milk, & nonperishable oils.



## The Little Free Pantry



Please think of stocking shelf-stable milk, powdered milk, soup, stew, chili, whole grain cereal, toiletries, hygiene products, baby food, applesauce, canned beans,

canned chicken, canned tuna, canned salmon, SPAM, canned ham, canned vegetables, olive oil, canola oil, crackers, dried herbs, spices, canned fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, meals in a box, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, & rice.

A good idea this week:  
Juice

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



**Wisdom has two parts:  
having a lot to say & not  
saying it.**

## Beaded Crosses for Sale to Benefit Keswick Ministry.

Debbie Eckert (Old First UMC) is making & selling these small, beaded crosses to support the Keswick ministry. Keswick provides a program for addiction recovery that costs approximately \$11,000.00 yet they only charge the participant \$600.00.



By providing a donation to this life changing ministry, you will receive a handmade beaded cross from Debbie. They are available from Debbie on Sunday mornings or contact Debbie at [Eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:Eckertpartygirl@hotmail.com).



JAVA WITH JILL  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Join Pastor Hubbard-Smith and friends at the Blue Swan Diner for an informal gathering to share conversation and perhaps a treat of your choosing.

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

### June 21-Jun 27

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Psalm 17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10 24-39





Home  
Needed  
for a  
Student

**Looking for a Willing & Interested Family:**

This past week, Jill was in conversation with a contact from the Ranney School. They have a child from China coming to their school in Sept. They are looking for a family to provide a private room, breakfast & lunch, transportation to school, and loving support throughout the year. Financial support will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Jill or Joy in the church office.



**What is Juneteenth?**

Juneteenth, a combination of the words "June" and "nineteenth," marks June 19, 1865 — the day when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed enslaved African Americans that they were free.

The announcement came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Although the proclamation legally declared enslaved people in Confederate states free, enforcement depended on the advance of Union forces during the American Civil War. As a result, many enslaved people in Texas remained unaware of their freedom until June 19, 1865.

That date has since become a symbol of emancipation and freedom.



# Puzzle!

Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.  
Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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I	J	E	M	B	N	A	H	M	H	E	E
T	O	W	E	R	O	F	B	A	B	E	L

Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome