

# JUNE SILO SOUNDINGS NEWSLETTER



## FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Come join us for a night at the Peoria Chief's game. On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> it will be Faith and Family Night at the ole ballpark. It will also be Morton Night that evening too. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed with a display of fireworks! Then after the fireworks there will be a concert by christian artist, Jason Gray.

If you would like to go, then please see Mary Jane Johnson by Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets cost \$10/person. Also, if you need a ride to the ballgame, then please let Mary Jane know.



## FATHER'S DAY = PIE FOR POP SUNDAY

Once again when we celebrate Father's Day, we will be having our Pie for Pop activity during the Fellowship time. When we started Pie for Pop many, many years ago it quickly became a Father's Day tradition...one the dads in our church won't let us drop!

What this means is that during the Fellowship Hour we serve pie that has been brought to our church by the members of our congregation. The pies can be homemade, from the bakery or grocery store. They can be your favorite or one you've been wanting to try. The pies can be fruit, cream, frozen, whatever you like. We only ask that no fathers bring a pie.

So please try to join us on Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>, for the service and then stay for a slice or two or three of pie and some good christian fellowship! ☺

## CASUAL SUNDAY

For several years now we have turned the last Sundays of June, July and August into a casual Sunday. That means that on that day the service might be downstairs or even outside. It's the pastor's choice (and the weather has something to do with it).



Then following the worship service we all get to enjoy a potluck. For June the main entrée will be pulled pork that our own master chef, Mike Johnson will provide for the meal. So bring a dish to share with one and all and join us on June 25<sup>th</sup>. ☺



## WEED, WATER AN WORK IN OUR GARDEN

The vegetable garden is all planted and with the rain we have been having we are sure to have a bumper crop of...weeds! So help is needed to keep the weeds under control. Help will also be needed to harvest the crops as they ripen and when Mother Nature quits watering the plants, well...we'll be needed to take care of that job too.

Lori Lewis and Mike J. are proud of the community garden that they work so hard planning, plotting and planting. They've done a great job as they have year after year—ever since the garden was first put in. With your help they'll be able to hopefully meet or surpass last year's crop total. That garden produced over 4,000 pounds for the two local pantries!! So join them on Sunday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 until dark and help make our garden a big success. ☺



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

June 5—Patty McNulty  
June 17—Mary Jane Johnson  
June 30—Emily Pearson



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

June 11—Dorothy & Pete Vallosio  
June 14—Mary Jane & Mike Johnson  
June 24—Gloria & Jim Berry

**JULY & AUGUST SILO**

The next edition of the Silo will combine July and August Information into just one newsletter. So please if you have any information you would like included in that issue, have it to me by June 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Lois & Gary Mort—for better health for both of them.  
Linda Harbaugh—to stay healthy.  
John Harbaugh—is still waiting on having shoulder surgery.

Edna Johnson—now that she has completed chemotherapy, may she return and stay in good health.  
Dorothy & Pete Vallosio—for continued good health with more energy and strength.  
Dorothy Williams—prayers for good mobility and health.  
Barb Necessary—for pain free health.



**A TRIBUTE TO FATHERS**

“A father is a guiding light sent to us from above. He listens to our sorrows and smooths them with his love. A father is a teacher whose place no one can take, for he’s the source from which we learn to think and navigate. A father is a gift from God, from whom we learn to be patient, strong and loving and filled with integrity.”

“The best fathers not only give us life--  
They teach us how to live.”

**FLY YOUR FLAG**

June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day, so be sure to fly Old Glory!



## Human Worth

In yet another act of cowardice, a young man who saw only his agenda as meaningful, strapped on explosives, went into a large crowd attending a concert, and blew himself up. As I'm writing this we know that 22 other people have lost their lives, and 59 were injured, many critically. One of the victims was only 8 years old. Why? How can we wrap our minds around these kinds of events? How should we respond?

The human species is one of the most interesting species on earth. We are capable of doing great good just as capable as we are of doing great harm. Yet what does the video footage show us from that scene? Some people ran screaming into the night unsure of why or where they were going. Some stood in a trance. Some reached out and helped others get up.

Armies of ambulance personnel and firefighters converged on the arena. Police did their best to control the chaos at the scene. People lined up to donate blood. Hospital staffs rolled up their sleeves, and made ready for the onslaught knowing they would not be able to un-see the broken bodies arriving on ambulance gurneys, nor un-hear the agonizing screams of the injured, or the cries of a parent that it became their duty to inform their child had died.

In this time in which we live, I believe we are growing numb to the daily barrage of the inhuman treatment we see on television. It's almost as if the people we share the planet with, are nothing. But listen to me, please! We are not nothing! Human life has significance and meaning.

Created in God's image, loved by God, and enabled to live lives filled with faith, love, and service to others, we were placed here for a reason, a purpose, a calling. And, just as I fervently believe that to be the truth, there are others who believe just as vehemently, that their purpose on earth is to become a martyr for their faith by killing those they see as "infidels".

I weep for those caught in the cross-fire of such beliefs. Until Christ returns to set the record straight, I pray.

Join me, please.

Most Holy Lord, it's happened again. Blood has been shed in your name. As a result, more blood will be shed elsewhere. Lives were lost, and will be lost, again, in your name. Enter my heart in this moment and help me to see what it is that I can do to serve you, to serve others. Do not let my heart become hardened to the cries of the injustice, poverty, and war that breeds hatred for our fellow human beings. Cloak us in love and understanding. AMEN

Mike