



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**June 9, 2024**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

Our offertory today is an arrangement of the hymn, “Be Still My Soul,” which was written by Katharina von Schlegel of Germany in the mid-1700s. At this time there was a movement occurring in the Lutheran church that focused on religious pietism and emphasized themes such as emotional expression, biblical faithfulness and personal experience, all of which show up in different ways in the text of the song.

This hymn evokes the verse “be still and know that I am God,” which comes near the end of Psalm 46. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,” opens the familiar Psalm, which goes on to describe how God is above the shaking mountains, the roaring waters and the warring nations. How many of us would think to “be still” in the midst of such tumultuous environments?

Every time my assignment rolls around to write the Preparing for Worship column, I ask myself, what does it mean to prepare for

worship? More often than I’d like to admit, I am hurried as I try to tie up loose ends from the Sunday School hour before finding my place in the Sanctuary. Perhaps you were running late this morning and your heart rate hasn’t quite settled yet. Perhaps you are holding concern and worry for a loved one struggling with health or other concerns. Perhaps you find yourself longing for some sense of the Divine in a season of spiritual drought. Perhaps you are thinking through a long to-do list for a busy week ahead. Whatever your situation, we all need some preparation to turn our hearts, minds and bodies to the act of worship.

What if we all started this morning by attempting to “be still and know?” I pray that we can be still against the things that would distract us from God in this next hour and instead lean into our collective knowing that it is God who is our refuge and strength.

—Katie Murray



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**On the cover:** *Who Will You Listen To?*, Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman, digital painting. The artist writes, “I decided to create this piece in monochromatic cool tones, contrasting with the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (in orange) and God’s wisdom (in gold) surrounding them. In hindsight, I realize I was visualizing my emotional journey with the text. The cool tones represent the heaviness and confusion I felt with this familiar story, and the high contrast mimics the way this text has made me feel separate and isolated from God. The woman’s expression holds the weight and the pain caused by the ways this text has been used to subjugate women and to prop up destructive doctrines and a distorted gospel.”

**June 9, 2024**  
11:00 a.m.  
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## Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.  
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

## Welcome to Worshipers

Darren DeMent

## Prelude

*Acclamations from Suite Médiévale*  
Kamilya Akhmetova, organ

Jean Langlais

## Opening Sentences

Abbey Adcox

As we gather for worship this morning, stir our hearts and minds, O God. Awaken us to your Spirit that so gently sustains us. As we sing, may our hearts choose love, as we pray, may our spirits find peace, and as we listen, may our bodies rise in praise. We worship you, the God who is merciful and just, faithful and steadfast.

## +Congregational Song

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
No. 319

LOBE DEN HERREN

## Epistle Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Pam Stiles

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## Offertory

*Be Still, My Soul*  
(see Hymn No. 57 for text)

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

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+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.  
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
And for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Congregational Song**

*God Believes in You*

Pierce Pettis

**When you start to doubt if you exist, God believes in you  
Confounded by the evidence, God believes in you  
When your light burns so dim, when your chances seem so slim  
And you swear you don't believe in him, God believes in you**

**When you rise up just to fall again, God believes in you  
Deserted by your closest friends, God believes in you  
And when you're betrayed with a kiss, and you turn your cheek to another fist  
It does not have to end like this, 'cause God believes in you**

**Oh, everything matters if anything matters at all  
Everything matters, no matter how big, no matter how small  
'Cause God believes in you, oh, God believes in you**

**When you're so ashamed that you could die, God believes in you  
And you can't do right even though you try, God believes in you  
Blessed are the ones who grieve, the ones who mourn and the ones who bleed  
In sorrow you sow, but in joy you reap, God believes in you**

**Message**

“Out of Context”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*I Choose Love*  
Youth Choir  
Kamilya Akhmetova, piano

Mark A. Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.  
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

**Prayers of the People**

Katie Murray

**Silence**

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
No. 409

CONVERSE

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*

Johann Walther

Audrey Pottkotter, music director

The flowers today are given in honor of Bill and Janice Jernberg  
on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by Brad, Margaret,  
William and Jack Jernberg and Anne and Damon Scalfaro.

# Meet today's worship leaders

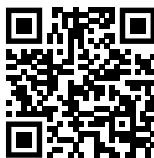
**Abbey Adcox** and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 1999. They are the parents of Carter, 22, Camryn, 19, and Collin, 17. Abbey attends Seekers Class, serves as a deacon and is co-coordinator of Women of Wilshire. She serves on Wilshire's staff as missions and advocacy coordinator and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Ministry at SMU's Perkins School of Theology.

**Kamilya Akhmetova** has served as accompanist for Wilshire's Youth Choir since January 2023. She started playing piano at age 7 in her native Kazakhstan. After receiving her bachelor's degree in piano performance from the Kazakh National University of Arts, she continued her studies in organ performance at Southern Methodist University. At SMU she has earned a Master of Music degree and a Performer's Diploma and will soon start a master's program in piano performance and pedagogy.

**Audrey Pottkotter**, our guest music director today, is a music ministry intern at Wilshire this summer. She just finished her first year at Oklahoma City University, where she is majoring in musical theater and vocal performance. Audrey joined Wilshire in 2019 with her parents, Amy and Kurt Pottkotter, and her siblings, Joshua and Katherine. You can catch Audrey this summer performing in *Singin' in the Rain* and *Crazy for You* with Garland Summer Musicals.

**Pam Stiles** has been a Wilshire member since 2018. She attends Shiloh Class and serves on the Belong Team. Pam is a chaplain resident at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She has one adult daughter, who lives in Toronto.

**Vanessa Vaughter** and her husband, Woody Weilage, joined Wilshire in 2017 and are members of Epiphany Class. Vanessa plays in Carillon Ringers and often teaches in various adult Sunday School classes. She works as a licensed clinical social worker at The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology.



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# Staff contacts

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- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
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- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

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- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

## Missions and Advocacy

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- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
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- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

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- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

## Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

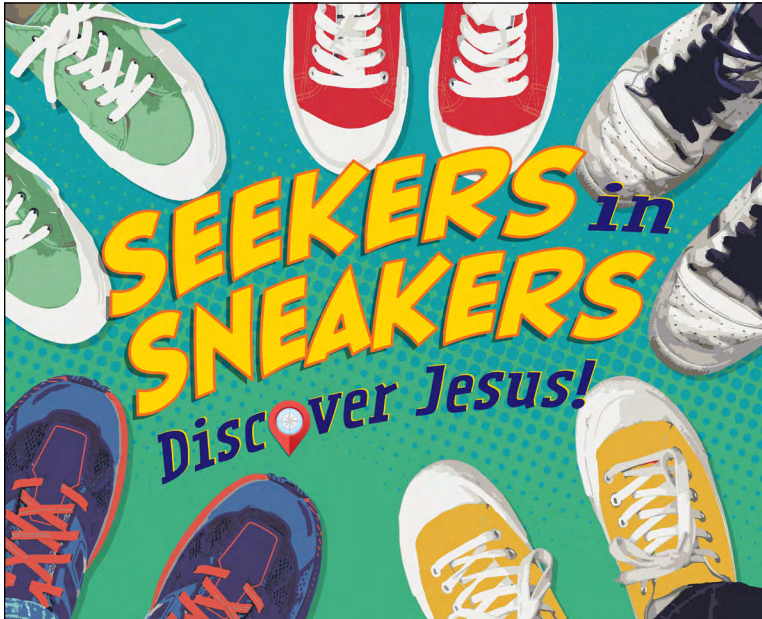
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- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
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- Staci Langley, Childcare Coordinator
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)
- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)

# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
June 9, 2024



## Donations needed for VBS missions project

For this year's VBS missions project, we will collect donations for the Wilkinson Center's food pantry. Fifth and sixth graders will deliver the donations on Friday, so please bring items to the church office by first thing Friday morning. Requested items:

- Granola bars*
- Peanut butter crackers*
- Goldfish*
- String cheese*
- Cheese-and-cracker dipping packs*
- Fruit snacks*
- Juice boxes*
- Individual cereal packs*
- Mac and cheese*
- Fruit cups*
- Applesauce (cups or pouches)*
- Educational books*
- Flash cards*
- School supplies*



*Wilkinson Center's mission is to transform the lives of Dallas families by providing pathways to self-sufficiency with dignity and respect.*

## VBS week is here!

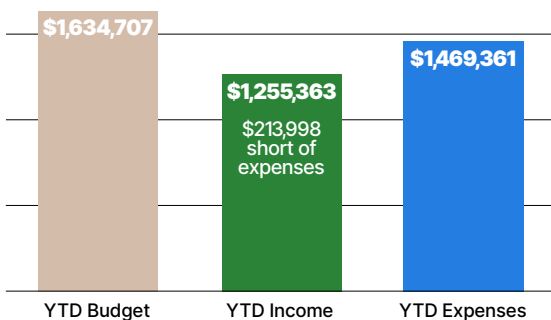
Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School for older preschoolers through sixth graders. At VBS, held from 9 a.m. to noon this Monday through Friday, kids will use their investigative skills to dig into the Bible. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, sing fun songs, solve clue puzzles, do art projects and science explorations and play active games. VBS is free, but class sizes are limited. Advance registration is closed; walk-ups will be accommodated if space permits. Plenty of space remains in the older grades.



**Sundays:** Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist) and at [wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream](https://wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

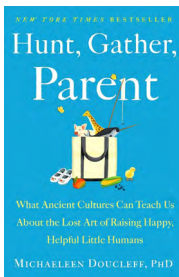


## Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts ..... \$24,370  
 Pathways Endowment May balance ..... \$9,913,538

### Preschool parents' Sunday School series starts June 16



Parents of preschoolers are invited to a four-week Sunday School series from June 16 to July 7. Molly Shepard and Christina Evans will lead a study of the book *Hunt, Gather, Parent* by Michaelleen Doucleff. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. The

class, which will meet in the Preschool Multi-purpose Room, will give attendees the chance to build community with other preschool parents who are normally spread across multiple classes. Contact: Molly Shepard ([mollyfshepard@gmail.com](mailto:mollyfshepard@gmail.com))

### Interested in the Enneagram?

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will offer an Enneagram class at Wilshire in July if enough people are interested. The four-week class would be geared toward beginners or anyone wishing to continue learning their numbers and discovering opportunities for growth. Dates and times will be determined with input from the group. If you're interested, contact Heather ([hmustain@wilshirebc.org](mailto:hmustain@wilshirebc.org)).

we can  
**end gun violence**

### Wilshire wears orange today; ribbons available

Wilshire is wearing orange today in observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend. Orange ribbons are available in the South Atrium, James Gallery, Narthex and near the office.

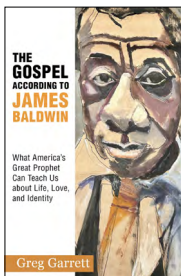
### Write notes for common sense reform

Advocacy tables will be set up in the South Atrium and Gallery for members to write notes to legislators regarding two gun safety issues — raising the minimum age to purchase a firearm to 21 and instituting universal background checks with no loopholes for private sales or gun shows. Christian Advocacy Committee members will be on hand before and after worship.

### Final Sunday for Stolen Lives display

Today also marks the culmination of Wilshire's Stolen Lives (Vidas Robadas) display, which uses T-shirts to honor gun violence victims. Other churches around Texas have created similar displays, and advocacy agency Texas Impact will display all T-shirts at the state capitol next year when the Texas Legislature is in session.

## Men's Book Club begins June 18



Wilshire's new Men's Book Club will meet for the first time on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group will meet the third Tuesday of every month; all men are welcome. On June 18 the group will discuss Greg Garrett's *The Gospel According to James*

*Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us About Life, Love, and Identity.* From the publisher: "Garrett presents the life and work of Baldwin in all his writing genres, on themes of equity, justice, and reconciliation." Garrett is a professor of literature and culture at Baylor University and a friend of Wilshire. Contact: Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)) or Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com))

## New WOW shirts, summer plans

Women of Wilshire has new T-shirts available (\$15) and a slate of summer activities planned, including a game night and pool party. To order a shirt and RSVP for events, see the SignUpGenius link at [wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer).

### ■ WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club |

June 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

### ■ WOW Brown Bag Book Club | July 11 |

Noon | 1205-L | *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

## Subscribe to sermon podcast

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**ONLINE.** Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at [wilshirebc.org/give](http://wilshirebc.org/give).

**REALM CONNECT APP.** Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at [wilshirebc.org/realml](http://wilshirebc.org/realml).

**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

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At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

# Gloria Martin

**Name:** Gloria Martin

**Hometown:** I lived in Mobile, Alabama, until 5th grade and moved to Huntsville, Alabama, as part of the growing space industry.

**Present City:** Arlington

**Education:** Undergrad degree in family studies from Auburn University and Master of Arts from University of Houston–Clear Lake

**Profession:** Retired marriage and family therapist

## **Tell us about your family.**

I've been married to my husband, Phill, for almost 51 years, and we have two married daughters, Lauren Schepp and Andrea Urquidez. Bruce Wayne (a.k.a. batman) Schepp is our one grandson, who lives about five miles from us and keeps us busy and amazed.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

I retired two years ago after having a marriage and family therapy private practice in Dallas for almost 25 years. I am choosing to be very intentional about the way I spend my time now and find this a blessing and a gift.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

I have rediscovered a passion for reading and have fallen in love with audiobooks. You'll often find me walking in my neighborhood with earbuds listening to a novel. I especially enjoy historical fiction and biographies about interesting people.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

I enjoy traveling both in the U.S. and Europe. The Pacific Northwest is one of my favorite U.S. des-



tinations as I am usually delighted to find a place that is cooler in the spring and summer than Dallas. I love traveling in Italy and look forward to exploring Scotland soon.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

I came to Wilshire along with Phill, who had always been on church staffs in the past. After Phill left local church ministry, we visited several denominations and soon realized that Wilshire was our family, our people.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

I have been so pleased with the progressive stance Wilshire continues to take in our community. I love that we are open to all.

## **What do you think God is up to in your life right now?**

Retirement is a new path for me, and God is teaching me so many wonderful lessons as I explore this part of my life journey. There is something new around every corner, and it is exciting.

## **What are your strengths, or what adjectives best describe you?**

As an Enneagram 1, this is a difficult question to answer. I would say I have a keen interest in people and their stories. I listen deeply and find connection with compassion for life experiences.

# SUMMER 2024

## Children & Preschool

Details and registration at  
[wilshirebc.org/summer-camps](http://wilshirebc.org/summer-camps)

### Cooking Camp

**SOLD OUT! Waitlist available**

July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

### Listen to Your Art!

July 8-12 | 12:30-5 p.m.  
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

### Full-Day: Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art!

**SOLD OUT! Waitlist available**

July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Grades 2-6 | Register by June 30

### Passport Kids Camp

July 27-30 | Overnight camp  
in Brownwood, Texas  
Grades 3-6 | Register by June 30

### Creation Station

July 22-25 | 9 a.m.-noon  
Age 3-Kindergarten  
Register by July 14

# This Week

## Sunday, June 9

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Personnel Committee, 1205-L, noon
- VBS Preparation, noon
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, noon

## Monday, June 10

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 2 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 11

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 2 p.m.
- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 12

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah Tour Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 2 p.m.
- Youth Choir Pre-Tour Concert, Chapel, 2 p.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- Risk Management Committee, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, June 13

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## Friday, June 14

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.

## Saturday, June 15

- Youth Choir Mission Tour Departure, 7:30 a.m.