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2026

July | August Newsletter

Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media page to see if you were snapped!

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General Announcements & Special Dates

- Summer Worship Series “Life Collage” will begin on Sunday, July 12th and run through Sunday, August 16th.
- Save the Date! September 13th will be the Renovation Presentation, Rally Day & Communion Sunday.
- Church School will begin on September 20th.
- Reminder–when you sign up for chancel flowers you are helping those in need. Proceeds from chancel flowers go to the deacons fund. They are \$30. The flower chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

Let us

PRAY

for: 

- Melody Bjorklund
- Pam and Souk Hasegawa
- Our nation and its leaders.
- Our Session members as they continue to plan for the future.
- Continued Prayers for Board of Education as they deliberate the Church's offer regarding continued use of the parking lots.
- For the MacDonald's house that is on the market to sell.
- Safe travels to those traveling for Summer vacation

Summertime and the livin' is easy... well, not really.

Happy Summer, Church. As much as I love the words from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, I'm afraid they don't always ring true. We are a nation at war, steeped in conflict and domestic division. Suffering continues across the globe, and the desire to do something about any of the above seems to no longer be anyone's priority, let alone mine.

I'm still the mother of littles. Summertime is synonymous with bike rides until sundown, burgers on the back patio, spending every spare moment we can at the town pool, ice cream before dinner, chalk stains on every outdoor surface, including all our clothes. I want to lean into all the good things around me, but the pull of reality, I fear, holds me back. Is the same true for you?

Keeping my own cynicism at bay, especially the Summer of our nation's 250th Anniversary, feels like a full time job. There is much to criticize. There is much to be thankful for and celebrate. How do we learn to do both at the same time?

All Summer we'll be wrestling with this dichotomy, faithfully searching for Good News in tough times. We'll follow Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Rome, as he taught them, and us too, how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness. There is still beauty to be found when life feels bleak. We should not only seek it out but make it ourselves.

This concept reminds me a lot of the Japanese art of Kintsugi, "to repair with gold." It's the art of repairing pottery with gold lacquer and understanding that the piece has become even more beautiful after having been broken. The cracks of this world reveal an opportunity for us to spread grace where there is none, find joy, and let the love of Christ be the gold lacquer that binds us together.

Life's Collage

Pastor's Note Cont'd:



Because our little church is filled with so many cool people, Melanie Bump is volunteering to teach a drop in collage class during our series while we take our summer journey through Romans together, making it a real, interactive piece of art and collaboration. We are not practicing Kintsugi, but we are taking the cut out, torn up pieces of what was to make something new and beautiful. By the end of the Summer we should have a fun new masterpiece to show for it.

This conclusion of making something new coincides with a parallel timeline that your session has been working diligently towards for well over two years now.

Throughout the months of July and August, your session is finalizing the schematic design of the church's renovation plans to present to you, the congregation at our big Rally Day celebration on September 13th. This will be the culmination of years worth of work together. You will not want to miss this opportunity to see the work they have done and offer your feedback.

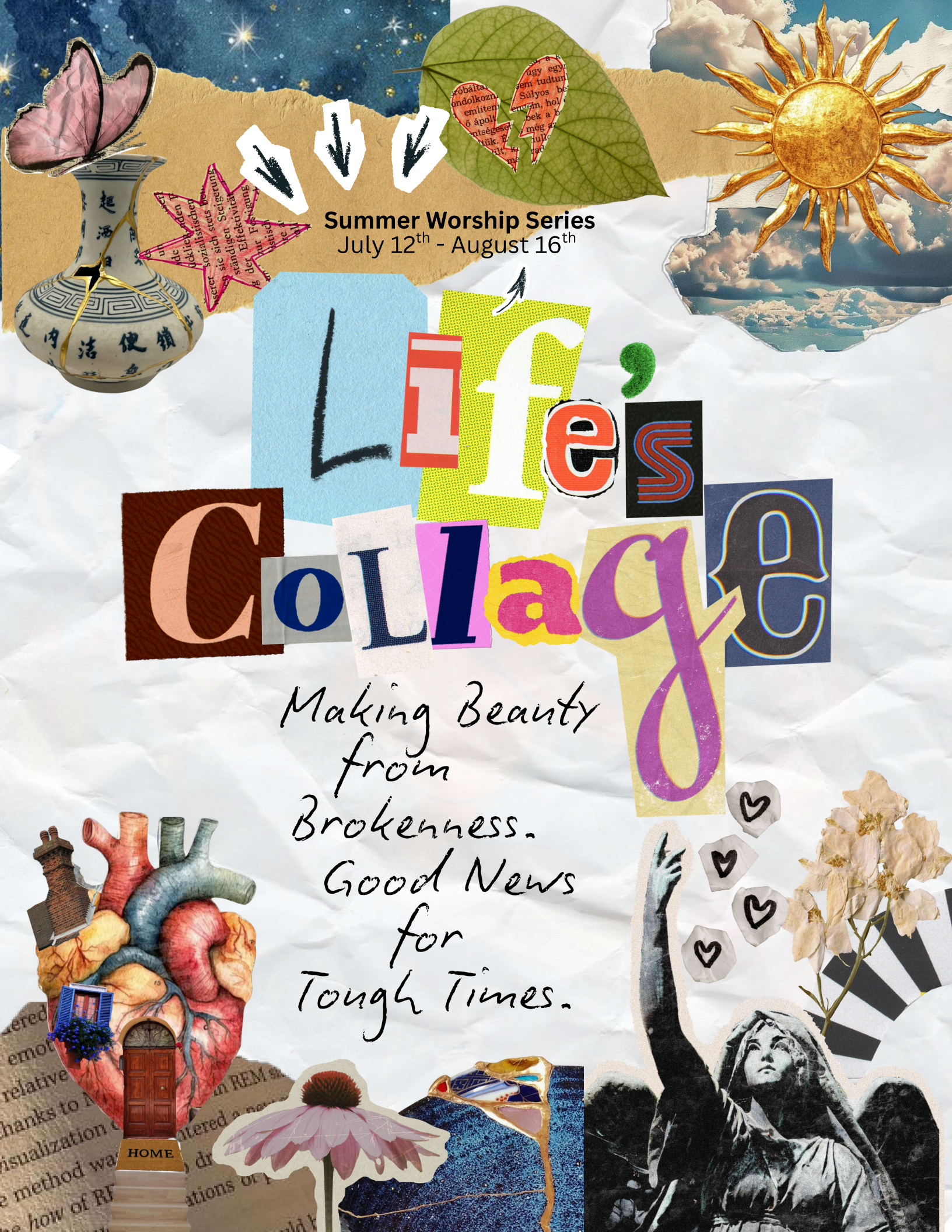
For so long our dreams of renovating the building felt impossible, moving at such a slow pace it was hard to keep track if we were making any progress at all. Over time, with many unforeseen hiccups, your session has managed to stay faithful and is very excited to show you what is in store for our "little white church on the corner."

For those of you who disappear during the Summer, whether it be down the shore, to the tennis courts, trips abroad or staycations close to home: be safe, be joyful. Have the most fantastic Summer with the ones you love. You will be missed but I look forward to the day we are together again in worship and celebration of this beautiful life.

Grace and Peace,

 Pastor Hannah





Summer Worship Series
July 12th - August 16th

Life's Collage

Making Beauty
from
Brokenness.
Good News
for
Tough Times.

HOME



SAVE THE DATE

**Renovation Presentation & Rally Day Picnic
Sunday, September 13th, 2026**



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

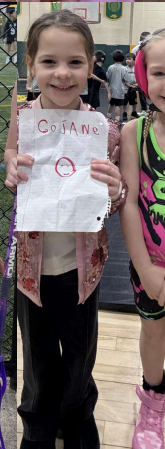
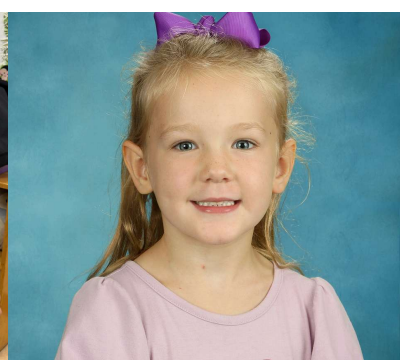
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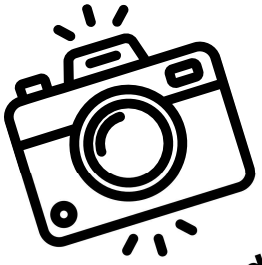


Jane Allred



My name is Beverly Jane Allred. I am going to be 6 years old on my birthday, July 2nd. My favorite things to do are play outside and ride my bike with my two best friends, Christina and Cassandra, who live on my street. My favorite color is blue. My favorite movie is K-Pop Demon Hunters. I am really good at sports. I play hockey, wrestling, lacrosse, baseball, and soccer. This year I learned how to read in Kindergarten with my teacher Mrs. Donaldson. I lost a tooth this year, too. My favorite place I have been on vacation is Bermuda. We went there on a big cruise ship. That's where I lost my tooth and the tooth fairy still found my tooth in the middle of the ocean. When I grow up I want to be a singer. I am also in Girl Scouts with all my friends. I am a daisy and earned lots of patches and petals this year. My favorite thing about church is when we eat (*Coffee Hour*).






Don't forget to send us your pictures or tag @kitchellchurch at our next event!!



July

2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 AA Meeting 9:30AM Independence Day  |
| 5 Worship 10AM | 6 | 7 Bible Study 10AM | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 AA Meeting 9:30AM |
| 12 Summer Worship Series Begins "Life Collage" Summer Worship 10AM | 13 Bible Study 10AM Finance Meeting 7PM Reno Work Mtg 7PM | 14 Bible Study 10AM Finance Meeting 7PM Reno Work Mtg 7PM | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 AA Meeting 9:30AM |
| 19 Summer Worship 10AM | 20 Bible Study 10AM Parish Life Meeting 7PM | 21 Bible Study 10AM Parish Life Meeting 7PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 AA Meeting 9:30AM |
| 26 Summer Worship 10AM | 27 Bible Study 10AM Session Meeting 7PM | 28 Bible Study 10AM Session Meeting 7PM | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

August

2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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July/August Birthdays

July 01st: Bill DiBartolo

July 04th: Ken Hern

July 14th: Ronnie Schoenhaar

July 17th: AJ Bruns

August 11th: John Siller

August 12th: Mayumi Schalkoff

August 16th: Nancy Genung

August 17th: Melanie Bump

August 22nd: TJ Corea

August 25th: Daniel Brose

August 28th: Matthew McHenry

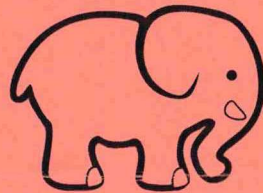


Peach Festival 2026

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

HUGE



White Elephant Sale

*Homemade Peach Ice Cream ~ Enjoy it here or
by the Quart TO GO*

Homebaked Peach Pies

Children's Toys

Books for all ages

Lamps, Pictures, Holiday, and Decor

Sporting Goods

Baked Goods and Country Cupboard

Local Farm Market Produce

50/50 ~ \$5 per ticket

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