

The Communicator



First Christian Church, Russellville, KY June 2019
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As I began thinking about the June newsletter I realized that as we begin Summer there is a much over-looked holiday in June. That holiday is Father's Day. It brought some sadness, however, because my thoughts returned to my own father and grandfathers. I recalled all of the years of picking out cards and finding a special gift. I also began to wonder when it all began. That is, when did we as a culture begin to celebrate fathers in this way? As I began my search it seems that Father's Day did not experience the kind of support that Mother's Day received in the beginning. So, how did we get to the point where we celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June as a permanent national holiday?

The first celebration of Father's took place on July 5, 1908. It was a celebration promoted by Grace Golden Clayton who had lost her father in a mining disaster. This first celebration took place in Fairmont, West Virginia at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, which is now Central United Methodist Church. It was meant to be a day to memorialize fathers who had died. This first celebration failed to gain traction.

Another attempt was made in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA on June 19, 1910. This was intended to be a day to aid commercial operations throughout the country to spur sales of merchandise gifts for fathers. In fact, a national council was established in 1938 in New York City for the purpose of supporting the commercialization of the day. Attempts to nationalize the day as a holiday through congress or presidential proclamation had failed in 1913, 1916, and 1924. In 1957, Senator Margaret Chase Smith introduced a proclamation about the lack of support for a national day of recognition for fathers. It was not until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson put forth a proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. The day was made a permanent national holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

I am thankful that persistence over the years paid off. I am glad we have set aside a day to honor men who are fathers and those who provide a father-like influence in the lives of children and young people in our nation. May God bless all of the fathers in our church family and those who, although not fathers, provide a fathering influence to those around them.

Pastor Bill

Church Picnic



At the Clarks Wednesday, June 12th 6 pm

Bring a favorite dish Meat & drinks provided



**The Church Men
Will be treated to a
Special Breakfast
June 16th 10 am
Morning service will follow
In the Fellowship Hall**

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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am

**Veterans Program
at First Presbyterian
Tuesday, June 25th
6 PM**

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
Sunday, June 23rd
Following services
*Plan to Attend!***

Serving in June 2019

Elders: Joe & Jeanne Coursey

Deacons: Paige & Peyton Vanzant, Evelyn Driver

Greeters: Volunteers

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Jean Gragg	Mike McCormick	Barbara Allen
Bob & Patricia Hedges	Donna Riley	Don Firchow	Lauren Riley Stafford
Amy Varble	Ken Mercer	Sara Grayson	Donna Greer
Connie Brown	Douglas Piper	Lori McClure	
Lana & Bud Lawson			