



## On the Way: A Covenantal God and a Troublesome Family

June 15—August 24

In the summer months when people are on the road, we will be “on the way” with Abraham. The Abraham story marks a turning point in scripture, where God chooses to work through a specific family instead of through the creation as a whole (Garden, Flood, Babel, etc.). This family, however, meets no standards of righteous behavior. What they do show us is how struggling people can still live in trust, repent of wrongdoing, fail terribly, and yet still be precious to God. This journeying story is one of grace where we are reminded of God’s radical call, freedom, and mercy.

**June 15—Worship on Mill Mountain**  
*An Unplanned Journey*  
 Galatians 3:6-9 & Genesis 12:1-9

**June 22—Traveling Troubles**  
 Micah 7:16-20 & Genesis 12:10-20

**June 29—Ordination & Installation of New Officers**  
*The Coordinates*  
 Psalm 105:1-11 & Genesis 13:8-18

**July 6—Salem Born & Salem Bred**  
 Genesis 14:17-24

**July 13—The Promise**  
 Romans 4:1-5 & Genesis 15:1-7, 13-16

**July 27—Uninvited Guests**  
 Romans 9:6-18 & Genesis 18:1-15

**August 3—Don’t Look Back**  
 Genesis 19:15-28

**August 10—Provisions**  
 Isaiah 41:8-10 & Genesis 21:8-21

**August 17—Jehovah Jireh**  
 Romans 8:31-39 & Genesis 22:1-14

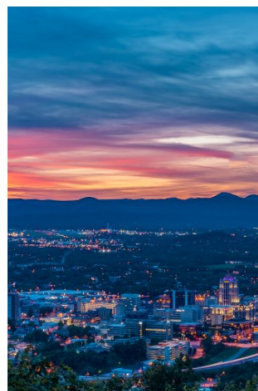
**August 24—Burial Rites**  
 John 8:52-58 & Genesis 25:7-11

## Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday worship throughout the summer is at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary until Labor Day. Nursery and Children’s Worship is available each week. There is no Sunday School until the fall.

## Worship & Potluck Picnic @ Mill Mountain

**Sunday, June 15 at 10:00 AM**

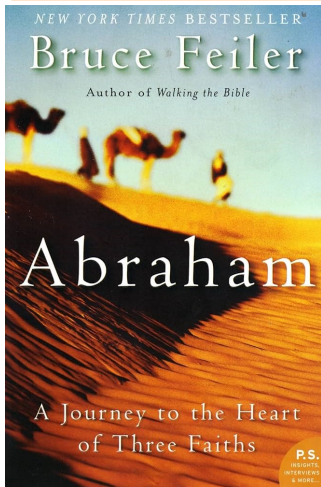


## Worship on Mill Mountain

Our worship service on Sunday, June 15, will be at Mill Mountain at 10:00 AM, with a potluck brunch at the picnic shelter to follow. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, juice, water, and biscuit sandwiches from Scratch Biscuit. We invite all the great RCPC cooks (and we know there are many of you) to bring your best homemade breakfast/lunch (BRUNCH) recipes because they are always grabbed up first. Scratch Biscuit will be provided as fill-ins, and you can also bring fresh fruit, homemade bread, etc. Since RCPC prides itself on “going green,” we urge each of you to bring your personal water bottle as well as a chair for the service, meal, and time of fellowship. If you are unable to join us on Mill Mountain, a shortened service will be available at 8:00 AM in the Chapel.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Book Study—*Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*



This summer, you are invited to join in a 9-week book study, Bruce Feiler's *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*. "Both immediate and timeless, Abraham tells the powerful story of one man's search for the shared ancestor of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Traveling through war zones, braving violence at religious sites, and seeking out faith leaders, Bruce Feiler uncovers the defining yet divisive role that Abraham plays for half the world's believers. Provocative and uplifting, Abraham offers a thoughtful and inspiring vision of unity that redefines what we think about our neighbors, our future, and ourselves." -from Bruce Feiler's website (brucefeiler.com)

The book will be taught in rotation by Andrew Whaley, Isabella Fagiani, and Leigh Sackett with guests from the Jewish and Muslim faiths sharing from their traditions as well. Opportunities to join will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM and Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. You can sign up in the Gathering Area or through the link in the This Week at RCPC email.

## Ordination & Installation of New Church Officers

During worship on Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 AM we will ordain and install our newest Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2028. **Elders:** Molly Bullington, Josh Goad, Bill Honeycutt, Brad Kennedy, Sharon Stinnette and Paula Mitchell (class of 2026). **Deacons:** Dave Eberhard, Lyndsey Onyett, Tyler Person, Heidi Peters, and Daniel Owen-O'Quill (class of 2026)



**God Alive Retreat  
at Camp Bethel**



**Senior Send Off**



# WORK GROUPS

## Work Group Updates and Q&A Sessions

In the summer months, each of our four Work Groups of elders and deacons will offer a brief update on their planning processes for the strategic goals of RCPC. Each of these groups was birthed out of the conversations held last summer with many of you and a retreat of our church officers in November. They have been meeting over these months and presenting reports to the session that we hope can guide us in the coming years.

We would love your reflections and thoughts on these presentations. After worship on the Sundays listed below, there will be a time for questions in the Fellowship Hall with the members of that Work Group. They can clarify matters, answer questions about their process, and hear what helpful insights each person in our church has to offer. Below are the dates for each group. Plan to join us!

**June 8:** Facilities & Finances  
**June 22:** Volunteer Opportunities

**July 20:** Strategic Mission  
**August 3:** Community Connection





# Once Upon a Parable

## RGPG BIBLE AND MUSIC CAMP 2025

### RALEIGH COURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROANOKE, VA

# July 28-31, 2025

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30**

Jesus was a storyteller! Jesus engaged the crowds with tales meant to teach, amuse, puzzle, inspire, and sometimes even irritate. Two thousand years later, his stories still captivate audiences and draw people close to God. Unlike fairy tales, where the king reigns over the people, Jesus, our King, walks alongside us. He tells us stories of a man who cares for an injured stranger, a father who welcomes his wayward son home, a banquet where everyone is invited and welcomed, and a tiny seed of faith that grows and grows with God's love!

Bible and Music Camp will celebrate these stories of God's love through music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and play! The structure of Bible and Music Camp contains half-day & full-day programming schedules to allow for the participation of a variety of age groups:

### **Rising Pre-K Potty Trained**

**Half-Day Camp**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
\$25/week

### **Rising Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

**Full-Day Camp**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
\$50/week for 1st child  
\$35/week for 2nd child  
\$30/week for 3rd+ child

### **Rising 6th - 8th Grade**

**Half-Day Camp**  
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
\$25/Week  
Youth Campers may also  
volunteer for the morning  
half-day camp & their  
fee is waived!



## **Fees cover cost of supplies, snacks, & a t-shirt!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30**

**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER, VISIT**  
**[rcpres.org/BibleMusicCamp](http://rcpres.org/BibleMusicCamp)**

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Join the Choir this Summer!

The Sanctuary Choir will lead worship on Sunday, June 29th at 10:00 AM and participate in our Grandin Road Summer Hymn Festival on Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 PM. Those interested in singing in worship on June 29 may join us for rehearsal at 9:00 AM on that Sunday morning and those interested in the hymn festival choir may visit the following link to sign-up for more information: [forms.gle/nfzrB5Tmbs9viMRz9](https://forms.gle/nfzrB5Tmbs9viMRz9).

These opportunities are open to all adults and students 6th grade and older.



## Save the Date: Grandin Road Summer Hymn Festival

### “We Believe...”

Commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed Saturday, July 12 | 4:00 PM  
Dr. Michael Pekel, guest conductor

## Summer Special Music

Before the return of our ensembles in fall, we have four opportunities for special music. These offerings may include vocal solos, instrumental solos, duets, etc. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and would like more information, please contact Dillon J. Swanson at [dillon@rcpres.org](mailto:dillon@rcpres.org).

Dates:

July 6, 13, 20, & 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Summer Youth Ministry & June Schedule

Summer Youth Ministry Sign Ups have gone live! Look to Isabella's weekly newsletter to sign up for and as a reminder, rising 6th graders are invited to participate in Hometown Mission Week!

Sunday, June 8 | 11:00 AM—4:00 PM  
Canoe Float

Wednesday, June 25 | 3:00 PM—4:30 PM  
Pop-Up Youth Group for Middle Schoolers

## Hometown Mission Week—Shepherds Wanted

August 4—6, 2025

Shepherds accompany and serve with a small group of youth 1-3 days of our Hometown Mission Week. As a Shepherd, you arrive with the youth, worship alongside them, help drive them to mission sites, and work alongside them at the sites. At times, you will serve as a small group leader—prompting kids to think on questions (given to you) about their service. You make sure the kids in your group are always present as we move from site to site and the places where we are eating a brown bag lunch (often in a local park). While mission sites are not yet determined, activities in the past have included gardening at the Carver Garden, sorting food at the PCC, making PB&J sandwiches at the Rescue Mission, decorating lunch bags at RAM, landscaping at the Bradley Free Clinic, sorting donations at the Rescue Mission, waterway clean up at Wasena Park, and many more! If you are interested or would like more information, contact Isabella at [Isabella@rcpres.org](mailto:Isabella@rcpres.org).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Living the Word

Saturday, June 21

Saturday, July 12

Saturday, August 16

All dates are 10:00 AM—12:00 PM at Ms. Leigh's

## God Alive Garden

Wednesday, June 18

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, August 6

All dates are 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at Ms. Leigh's House



# MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

## June Mission Partner: Presbyterian Community Center



This month our loose plate offering will go to support the work of the Presbyterian Community Center. For over 70 years, the PCC has supported the South East neighborhood of Roanoke through emergency services, a food pantry, and Pathways for Youth, an afterschool program for youth that has a 100% graduation rate from High School. The PCC is in the homestretch of getting their new building up and ready for occupancy but faces delays as all construction projects do. We know that well with our own renovation a few years ago! This month we'll hear from April Lewis, the PCC's volunteer coordinator about opportunities for us to serve with our time and talent.

## Meet Our New Building Supervisor—Mike Stacy



Mike Stacy and his wife Elizabeth have been married for 24 years and have 3 wonderful children: Kathleen 27, Blake 26, and Mary Jane 22. He was raised in Fairfax, VA and graduated from Virginia Tech with a BS from the Pamplin School of Business in Management and Marketing with a Minor in Political Science. Mike started his career with Frito-Lay (PepsiCo) upon graduation with various roles over the last 33 years culminating with the past 12 years as a Zone Sales Director retiring in March 2025. His hobbies and interests include faith (he is an active member of Our Lady of Nazareth Church), family game nights, tennis, golf, home renovations and outdoor activities. Mike will begin working at RCPC part-time on June 9 and will transition to full-time upon Linda Marshall's retirement at the end of June.

## Linda Marshall's Retirement



Join us on Sunday, June 29 as we celebrate Linda Marshall's retirement both in worship and with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We're grateful for Linda's many faithful years of service to RCPC and hope you'll join us for this celebration.

## PW Event: Paint Night

Presbyterian Women invites all women of RCPC to their June PW Event: a Paint Night at Bubba's 33 (4824 Valley View Blvd) on Tuesday, June 24 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Registration is required by Sunday, June 15 to Ellen Austin at [ebaustin11@gmail.com](mailto:ebaustin11@gmail.com) and each registration costs \$30.



**2025 Confirmands**



**Living the Word**



# FELLOWSHIP

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Crystal Clayton<br>Lynnie McCurdy<br>Lori Tosoni | <b>8</b> Easton Beckett<br>Owen Bryant<br>John Henry Hamlin | <b>15</b> Stephanie Danco<br><b>16</b> Jessi Beckett<br>Marshall Chapman | <b>23</b> Nancy Ayling<br>Liz Mutcherson<br>Tracy Sheets |
| <b>2</b> Maddie Sackett                                   | Erik Onyett   | <b>17</b> Bill McGuirt   | <b>24</b> Neil McNally                                   |
| <b>3</b> Katelyn Ann Spyhalski<br>Lee Williams            | <b>9</b> Alyssa Moorman                                     | June Paxton  | Laurie Powell-Ward                                       |
| <b>4</b> Amelia Martin<br>Analise Martin                  | <b>10</b> David-Charles<br>Campbell                         | Rebekah Wellons  | <b>25</b> Kai Brockman                                   |
| <b>5</b> Noah Britt<br>Dick Wagner                        | David Danco   | <b>18</b> Jennifer Carignan<br>Sherry Frantz                             | Flora Heddleston   |
| <b>6</b> Becky Guynn<br>Gregory Shaff                     | Margaret Harvey   | <b>19</b> Rachel Brockman  | Linda Staley   |
| <b>7</b> Roena Barbre<br>Ralph Berrier                    | <b>11</b> Jacquelyn Blakeman<br>Reif Kessler                | <b>20</b> Harry Anderson<br>Helen Favor                                  | Sam Vance  |
| Kathy DeFalco   | <b>12</b> Donna St. Clair                                   | Jonah Hanks  | <b>26</b> Henry Moore<br>Bess Parry                      |
|   | <b>13</b> Dale Hanslik<br>Bob Nesmith                       | <b>21</b> Connie Barker<br>Susan Kessler                                 | <b>27</b> Jennifer Owen-O'Quill                          |
|   | <b>14</b> Patrick Alcock<br>Betsy Prillaman                 |  | <b>28</b> Bill Foster<br>Spencer Shaff                   |
|   |   |  | <b>30</b> Dick Oliver<br>Joe Ann Sperger                 |

### Special Anniversary Wishes:

Jerry & Sue Garrett on celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary on June 11.  
Fred & Nancy Hoffman on celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 13.  
Johnsey & Camilla Cabaniss on celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 22.  
Bill & Joanne Foster on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 22.  
Don & Judy Coombs on celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on June 27.

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Dick Wagner on celebrating his 94th birthday on June 5.  
Bob Nesmith on celebrating his 90th birthday on June 13.  
June Paxton on celebrating her 93th birthday on June 17.  
Connie Barker on celebrating her 101st birthday on June 21.  
Joe Ann Sperger on celebrating her 90th birthday on June 30.

## Pump-a-Pint Summer Blood Drive

RCPC's Summer Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups are available at [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG). You are also welcome to contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or email [alexanderlj@yahoo.com](mailto:alexanderlj@yahoo.com) and she will gladly get you on the schedule! The sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Area before and after Sunday worship services in May. The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group would love to have you join the ranks of faithful donors here at RCPC. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved three lives!

## Salem Red Sox Game

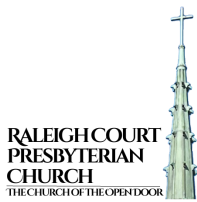
Our next RCPC Salem Red Sox outing will be on Friday, June 6 at 6:30 PM. We'll be back in Section 303 (upper level, up from the first base line) where we've been for most games. Tickets are \$11. You can bring your money to the church office, where it can be left in Dawn Long's mailbox, or get it to Jeff Bossert. Register online at [tinyurl.com/RCPCRedSox2025](http://tinyurl.com/RCPCRedSox2025) or on the sheet in the Gathering Area. Anyone with questions can reach out to him at [jbossert71@outlook.com](mailto:jbossert71@outlook.com).

## Book Group

Nancy Ayling's monthly book group will meet on the following dates in room 201 at 10:30 AM.  
July 9 at 11:30 (note the time change, bring your lunch!),  
September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10  
For book information or more details contact Nancy at [ayling42@verizon.net](mailto:ayling42@verizon.net)

| June 2025  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                       | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
| <b>1</b><br>10am—Worship: Sanctuary  | <b>2</b><br>12:30p—Small Group: Whaley       | <b>3</b><br>9am—Staff Meeting  | <b>4</b><br>7pm—Sanctuary Choir   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>6:30pm—Fellowship Outing: Salem Red Sox Game | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>10am—Worship: Sanctuary<br>11am—Workgroup Q&A Session: Facilities & Finances<br>11am—Youth Group Canoe Float<br>11:15pm—Earth Care Committee | <b>9</b>                                     | <b>10</b><br>9am—Staff Meeting<br>1:30pm—Blood Drive<br>4pm—Small Group: Dixon     | <b>11</b><br>6:30pm—Summer Book Study   | <b>12</b><br>10am—Summer Book Study<br>5:30pm—Justice, Equity, & Belonging   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>8am—Worship: Chapel<br>10am—Worship on Mill Mountain  | <b>16</b><br>4:30—Personnel & Administration | <b>17</b><br>9am—Staff Meeting<br>4pm—Small Group: Dixon<br>5:30pm—Endowment Board | <b>18</b><br>4pm—God Alive Gardening<br>6:30pm—Summer Book Study                      | <b>19</b><br>10am—Summer Book Study  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>10am—Living the Word<br>Gardening & Ice Cream |
| Montreat Worship & Music Conference  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>22</b><br>10am—Worship: Sanctuary<br>11am—Workgroup Q&A: Volunteer Opportunity  | <b>23</b><br>7pm—Session                     | <b>24</b><br>9am—Staff Meeting<br>4pm—Small Group: Dixon                           | <b>25</b><br>3pm—Pop-Up Youth Group: Middle School<br>6:30pm—Summer Book Study        | <b>26</b><br>10am—Summer Book Study  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>29 Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers</b><br>9am—Summer Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal<br>10am—Worship: Sanctuary<br>10am—Fellowship Hour             | <b>30</b><br>Staff Planning Retreat          | Monday<br><br>Tuesday & Thursday<br>Tuesday & Thursday<br>Thursday<br>Friday       | Centering Prayer<br><br>AA: Primary Purpose<br>Tai Chi<br>Hip Sober Chicks<br>AI-Anon | <b>WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS</b><br>10:00 AM at<br>St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church<br>10:30 AM<br>5:30 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>11:45 AM |  |  |





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## Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 AM—Chapel, Nursery Available

10:00 AM—Sunday School

11:00 AM—Sanctuary, Nursery Available, Livestream (Facebook & YouTube)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley | Pastor and Head of Staff        |
| The Rev. Isabella Fagiani | Associate Pastor                |
| Leigh Sackett             | Director of Christian Education |
| The Rev David Dixon, MD   | Minister of Care                |
| Dillon J. Swanson         | Director of Music Ministries    |
| Betsy Prillaman           | Preschool Director              |

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