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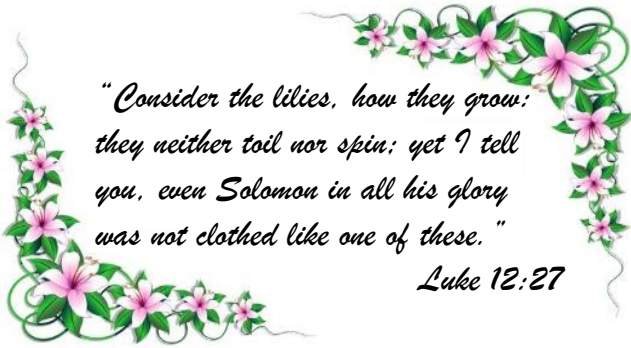


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*“Consider the lilies, how they grow:  
they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell  
you, even Solomon in all his glory  
was not clothed like one of these.”*

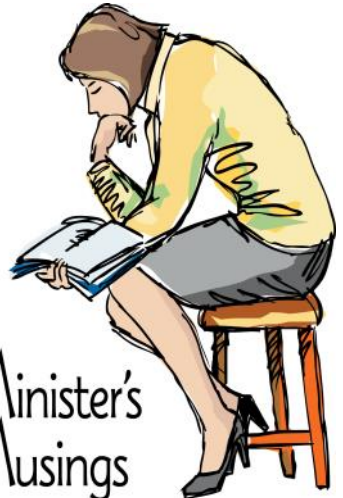
*Luke 12:27*

Dear Friends,

Israel might be a dry place most of the year, but it’s also home to some truly beautiful flowers. Bright red poppies, tulips, and anemones of every color; Calendula, crocus, iris, starry pansy and Madonna lilies. Scholars haven’t quite figured out which of these beauties is the flower Jesus spoke of in Luke, though we usually use the English word “lily”. Perhaps the term encompassed all the wild flowers that grew throughout Judea — we just don’t know. So go ahead — pick a flower, any flower: Heavy-headed sunflower, dainty sweet pea, stunning lily, crimson rose. Got one in mind? Good. Now consider it for a moment.

Observe its color, its contours, its leaves. Flashy or demure, it catches the eye. A pop of red or orange or purple, surrounded by a sea of vital green. Now imagine the feel of it — a velvety soft rose petal, perhaps, or a ruffled fuchsia or a tissue-paper azalea blossoms. And finally, its perfume — spicy, sweet, earthy, soothing, rich.

Now that you have this flower firmly in your mind, read Jesus’ words again: Not even the richest, most extravagant king in the world could clothe himself so regally as one of these lilies. It’s a little humbling, no? We can strive and fret and burn the midnight oil all we want, but these little masterpieces of nature are just going to pop out of the dirt, looking like a million bucks without having lost a single night’s sleep.



Minister's  
Musings

That's not to say that plants never get stressed — the poor plants at my house are a fine example. But they don't worry about it. They sprout, they produce fruit, they return to the earth. They make friends with bees. They wait for the rain. And all along, they simply get to be the lovely things that God made them to be. Useful, good and pleasing.

You, too, are one of God's lilies. Without even trying, you were made to be lovely. No stunning garment or piece of art could ever compare to how worthy and beautiful God thinks you are, and no amount of work or worry will change the way he feels about you, his masterpiece.

This summer, take some time to enjoy all of God's artwork in the world around you. The sunsets, the wildflowers in bloom, the people around you. Appreciate the goodness of it all; preserve it and protect it in honor of God. And remember that you, too, are a part of it all. Try not to worry too much. Good hands made you, child of God, and good hands hold you still.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Liv*

## BITS & PIECES

### A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

**Donna Eckard, Donna Whiteside** and the ladies of DWM for planning, organizing and producing our successful *Father's Day BBQ* . . . **AJ Smith & Kay Humphrys** as Father's Day grillmasters (they even brought the grill!) . . . **Stephanie Hall-Mullen** and **Sue Jewett** for picking up the hot dogs, hamburgers and buns . . . **Collins Conover & Harold Galpin** for responding to all the minor/major building emergencies that popped up while **Elijah Buck** and **Jim Jewett** were out of town . . . **Scott Becker, AJ Smith, Alex Nelson, Elijah Buck, Collins Conover & Liv Gibbons** for their work adjusting our sprinkler settings . . . **AJ Smith** cutting up and disposing of the limb (the size of a small tree) that blew out of one of our large sycamores and for taking over lawn mowing duties while lawnmaster **Jim Jewett** is out of town . . . **Elijah Buck** for figuring out why the Nursery air wouldn't work (and fixing it!) . . . and especially to **Harold Galpin** & his son, **Gary Galpin** for repairing the electrical connections in the sanctuary building when they had a major melt down.



## SPECIAL JULY DATES & TIMES - 2017

- \* Spelling Camp, *July 5th thru July 26th*
- \* Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED, *July 4th*
- \* Elder's @ Onnie's, *July 5th @ 9:30am*
- \* Stewardship & Finance, *July 12th @ 4pm*
- \* Breakfast Bunch, *July 13th @ 7:45am*
- \* Board Meeting, *July 18th @ 5:30pm*
- \* Breakfast Bunch, *July 27th @ 7:45am*
- \* Food 4 Friends, *July 27th @ 2pm*

### FOOD BANK LIAISON NEEDED!

Northwest thanks everyone for their continued support of our local Food Bank. However, we cannot accept perishable food items since we no longer have a dedicated volunteer who delivers our donations on a regular basis. **If you would be interested in helping out in this capacity (about once a month), please contact the office—[office@nwup.church](mailto:office@nwup.church) or (509) 946-3222.**



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your neighbor

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All Saints' VBS 2017

**July 31–Aug 4**

9 A.M. to noon

Age 4 through 5th grade

\$10 each

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*Hurt not others  
in ways that you yourself  
would find hurtful.*  
Buddhism



# GOD SAID WHAT?

Misquoting the Bible

A SERMON SERIES

JULY 9, 16, 23 & 30

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## 7/27/17—FOOD 4 FRIENDS

Master Chef, Sue Jewett, is returning to the Tri-Cities and so is *Food 4 Friends!* They will be meeting again just as soon as Spelling Camp ends—**Thursday, July 27th @ 2:00pm**—and everyone is invited to come join us and get in on the fun. Just bring your helping hands and maybe some fresh fruit or veggies to share (*desserts are also always welcome*). If you can't make it until later in the day, just let us know you are coming and we'll put you to work helping deliver the goodies. So come on out and help us spread some love around!

## SANCTUARY PIANO FUND

It's not too late to make a special one-time gift toward our replacement Sanctuary piano! Please mark it "Piano Fund".

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*We're on break*  
but regular meetings will resume again  
the second Saturday in September,  
**10:00 am September 9th in the Parlor!**

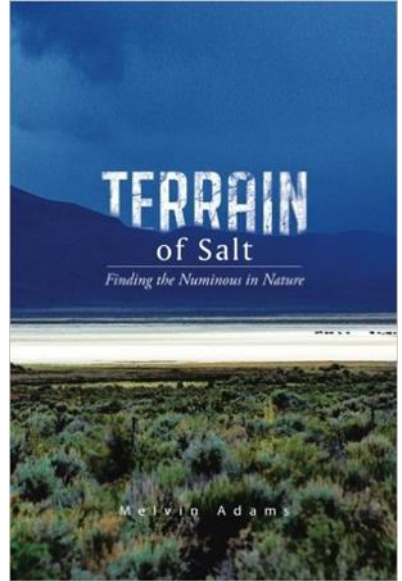




# New Book in the Library

## **Terrain of Salt:** ***Finding the Numinous in Nature*** *by Melvin Adams* *(reviewed by the Church Librarian)*

I have often been intrigued that some of the improbable allusions and metaphors to nature in the Bible actually occur in nature. These are not well known, but they can be discovered by some research. For example, scriptures talk about singing trees, stones crying out, valleys of dry bones, the sacred breath of wind, harvesting dew—but there really are trees that sing as well as sand dunes that sing, there are valleys of dry bones one of which I found, animals and plants that harvest dew, stones that in a sense cry out in ways we do not expect.



Beyond these there are many examples of finding a spiritual (numinous) dimension in nature in some unlikely places like highly saline lakes, lichen covered rocks, sand dunes and in groves of trees that indeed seem to be sacred. In addition there are numinous stories to be found in modern art, the circus, fly-fishing and in other unlikely places and events. The stories are not always beautiful or inspiring, because some reflect the pain, suffering and sorrow sometimes found in the Christian experience.

The essays in this book seek to find a common spiritual essence in nature and in human experience to supplement those found in scriptures.



### [CHURCH To-Go!](#)

Pastor Liv has put together some mobile worship kits for folks on summer vacations. Please be sure to pick yours up before heading out of town!



# ... also on the Prayer Shawl Shelf

## Hattitude: Knits for Every Mood

by Cathy Carron



Snappy, stylish, fabulous, and fun; there's just something about a hand-knit hat that screams "attitude!" With these 40 innovative patterns, knitters can quickly and easily make a hat to express any mood.

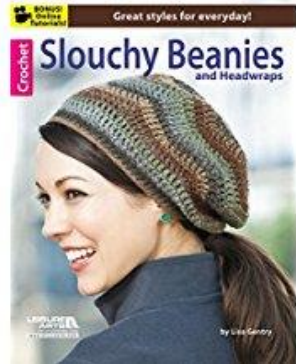
All the designs have unique twists of color or detail that make them stand out from the store-bought pack. Color photographs

accompany the instructions for each pattern, which come in both medium and large sizes.

## Crochet Slouchy Beanies & Headwraps

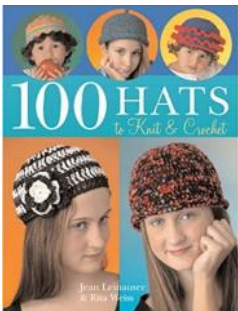
by Leisure Arts

Do you love to crochet quick gifts? These stylish beanies and headwraps stitch up in a weekend or less! You'll enjoy creating these exciting fashions with pretty shells, cables, ripples, and more. Patterns include adult sizes small/medium and large/extra-large, with sizing instructions for getting the perfect fit. 10 projects for Beginner to Intermediate skills, to make using medium or bulky weight yarns.



## 100 Hats to Knit & Crochet

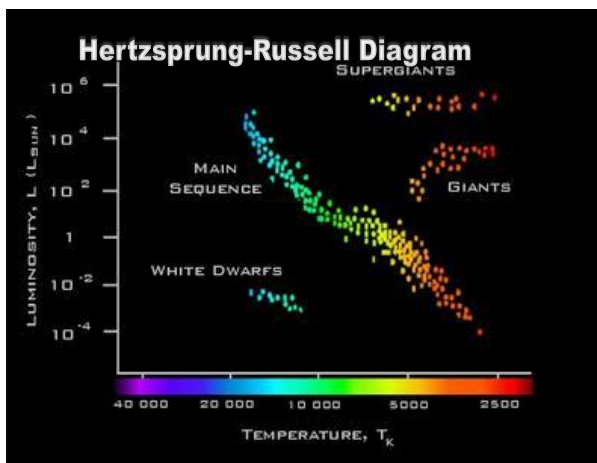
by Jean Leinhauser & Rita Weiss



It's hat heaven for those who knit or crochet, with just about every kind of hatwear there is for everything from fun parties to formal occasions, for women and men, children and teens, infants and toddlers. Apply your needles to a garden party hat with floral decoration, a hat for a ponytail, a little boy's baseball cap, a Russian hat

and muff—even Rapunzel's tresses or a sexy Cleopatra chapeau perfect for Halloween and more! Whatever the outfit, you can use these colorful photos and simple instructions (with your own imaginative adaptations) to top it off!

# Pentecost, Constellations & Gravity Waves



*by Melvin Adams*

Every Sunday our pastor sits down with the children on the carpet at the front of the church for a children's chat. On Pentecost she brought a compressed air tube filled with glitter. It discharged with a loud bang sending streamers and colorful glitter raining down on the children's heads to symbolize the Pentecost. The children even the toddlers were soon gathering up streamers and glitter. Amazingly the glitter was mostly in the shape of stars of different colors reminding me of the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram. I soon realized that the cannon discharged by our pastor symbolized more than the Pentecost particularly since near our town scientists were busy at the LIGO lab using highly tuned lasers to detect gravity waves as predicted by Einstein.

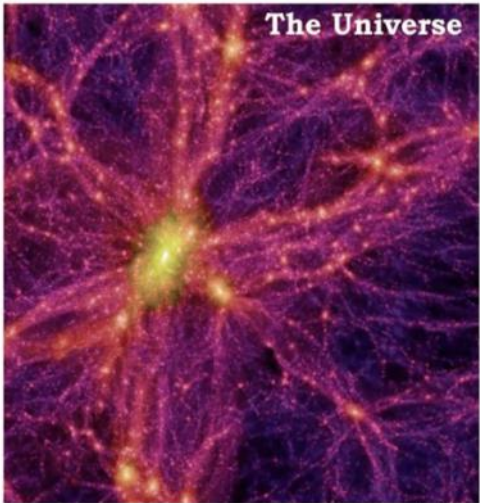
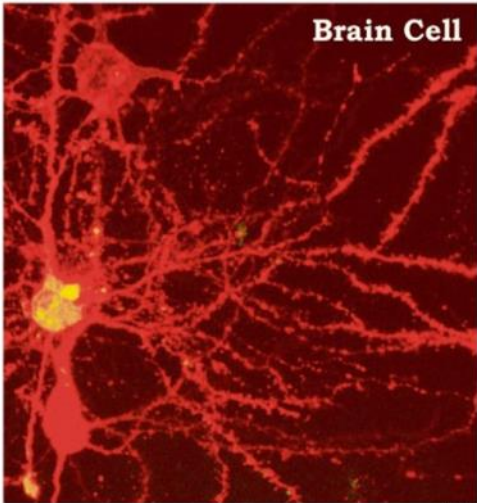
Ever since humankind emerged from the dark caves of our past and the shamans and elders began contemplating the stars; they have been gathering them into constellations of animals, gods and warriors. The fascination with stars has extended to sophisticated space-based telescopes, arrays of radio telescopes, launching of spaceships with golden message plates that will tens of thousands of years from now reach the nearest stars—even eventually the Milky Way.

Some scientists think that even life on earth was seeded from outer space since cosmic dust contains complex organic compounds necessary for life. I was fascinated with the children that Sunday morning gathering up the stars and carrying them off or sticking them on their foreheads. It is a primordial urge. Perhaps we are star children after all.



But the discharge of the pastor's glitter cannon also reminded me of the big-bang. The elemental ingredients of all that exists were exploded out of nothing to begin the process of making stars and planets and sentient life. Today computer simulations of the expanding universe resemble a network of nodes and branches. A thin section of a mouse brain reveals a neural network that looks just like the expanding universe set in motion by the big-bang. The network of the brain is a model of the universe and vice versa—maybe they are in a sense the same thing. The pentecost represents the explosion of spiritual energy into a network of nodes and branches lighting up the universe, but it is detectable by our hearts instead of powerful telescopes. This spiritual energy was palpable that Sunday morning while outside of town gravity waves from the collisions of black holes were being detected by lasers.

The universe is full of waves, cycles and networks of energy. We do not know if there are other neural nodes in the network that like earth harbor sentience. We should know that whatever the answer, the earth is a gem of creation with millions of species of life all permeated with a network of spiritual energy. It has taken billions of years to created this node of life and spirit in the network. For this reason alone our little earth is sacred. The spirit of the Pentecost makes demands on us and we need to tune our hearts like a laser to detect and respond by gathering up the spirit filled stars like the children did on Pentecost Sunday.



# WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

## Sunday, June 4:

Worship: 47  
 Christian Education: 6  
 Nursery: 5

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$	3,683.25
Capital Campaign		630.00
FPU Scholarship		100.00
NA Rent (Steps & Trad.)		50.00
TOPS Rent		50.00
Building Fund		25.00
Piano Fund		5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,543.25</b>

## Sunday, June 11:

Worship: 53  
 Christian Education: 6  
 Nursery: 7

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$	1,501.50
Capital Campaign		170.00
NA Rent (Free Spirit)		50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,721.50</b>

## Sunday, June 18:

Worship: 47  
 Christian Education: 4  
 Nursery: 4

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$	1,439.25
Building Fund		70.00
Capital Campaign		50.00
Piano Fund		10.00
Father's Day BBQ		5.00
Food 4 Friends		5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,579.25</b>

## Sunday, June 25:

Worship: 52  
 Christian Education: 7  
 Nursery: 6

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$	1,352.00
Fellowship Hall Rental		50.00
Capital Campaign		45.00
Piano Fund		10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,457.00</b>



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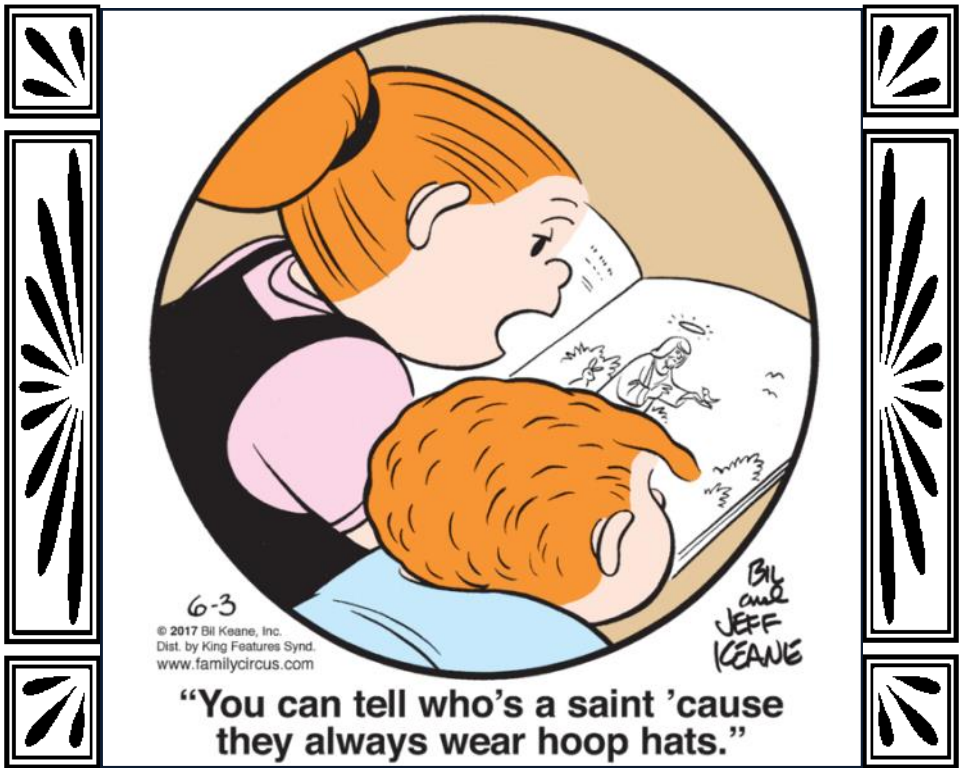
## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

3-Larry & Jonna Hansmeier  
 3-Liv Gibbons  
 13-April Willis  
 13-Gracelyn O'Hara  
 18-Harold & Lois Galpin  
 18-Anna Cirolini  
 19-Jim Berkey  
 20-Ann Williams  
 22-Andrew Conover  
 25-Matt & Sacha O'Hara  
 26-Scott & Janet Becker  
 26-Elijah Buck & Liv Gibbons  
 26-Marian Fichter



# July Serving Sundays

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
<b>Elders</b>	M. Dodson	R. Donahoe	C. Eckard	S. Wolf	O. Adams
<b>Worship Leader</b>	S. Hall-Mullen	J. Flaten	K. Humphrys	L. Hansmeier	S. Jewett
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Team 1-</b> D. Whiteside	<b>Team 2-</b> K. Giardinelli	<b>Team 3-</b> L. Hansmeier	<b>Team 4-</b> S. Hall-Mullen	<b>Team 3-</b> L. Hansmeier
Team Leaders in BOLD	J. Jakes B. Nundahl J. Lawson	O. Adams B. Butherus M. Kincaid E. Laughery	N. Dodson J. Willis J. Flaten J. Brinson- Wagner	G. O'Hara M. & S. O'Hara R. Gifford	N. Dodson J. Willis J. Flaten J. Brinson- Wagner
<b>Sound</b>	R. Pohoto	Jan Brinson- Wagner	R. Pohoto	Jan Brinson- Wagner	R. Donahoe
<b>Counters</b>	P. Cahow S. Hall-Mullen	J. Jakes A. Willis	J. Kion S. Hall-Mullen	D. Whiteside S. Jewett	J. Jakes A. Willis
<b>Greeter</b>	J. Jakes	<b>TBA</b>	J. Willis	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	J. Flaten	D. Eckard	B. Pohoto	J. Jakes	A. Kincaid
<b>Sunday School</b>	P. Cahow S. Hall-Mullen	S. Hall-Mullen P. Cahow	J. Lawson V. Souriyavongsa	J. Willis <b>TBA</b>	J. Lawson <b>TBA</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	S. Hall-Mullen Jewetts D. Brown	R. Gifford A. Kion D. Ayres	S. Wolf J. Willis F. & C. White	D. Whiteside Lawsons O'Haras	N. Dodson O. Adams J. Hansmeier



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