



First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

May 2022

## Directory Update Announcement

The Congregational Care Committee is updating our **church directory**. On Sunday May 1st and May 15th, photos will be taken following both the 8 am and 10:30 am worship services. You can update your photo then or send the office a favorite one of you and your family. You may send a digital photo or one to be scanned and returned.

Now would be a good time to review your entry in the current directory for any needed corrections, updates or additions. Corrections and additions can be made at the time of the photo sessions.

There is a sign-up sheet in the information center, and we ask that you sign up for one of the photo sessions after worship. This allows us to know approximately how many members will be at each photo session.

If you wish to have a printed copy of the directory please sign- up on the sheet in the information center. There will be a small fee for the printed booklet, however the amount has not yet been determined.

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## Camp Story Work Weekend

Camp Story's Annual Work Weekend will begin Friday, May 20th at 3pm and end on Sunday the 22nd at 3pm.

There are many projects that need to get done around camp before we can open for our summer season! Raking, cleaning, painting, and hauling wood are just a few projects on the long list! We also have some projects that are more involved construction wise.

If you know of someone who has a skill or is knowledgeable in construction, invite them too! You must RSVP so we can plan on food.

There is a sign up sheet at the information center or you can sign up online at [www.CampStory.org](http://www.CampStory.org). You may come and go as you please and do not have to be present for the entire weekend.

Work Weekend is always a fun time of fellowship and good old fashioned hard work! For any further questions, contact Alicia Ford at 307-763-0919 or [alicia.campstory@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.campstory@gmail.com).



## Camp Story Needs Female Counselors

Camp Story is urgently looking for female counselors to join the team for Summer Camp 2022.

You must be at least 18 years of age, have a passion for working with kids, and a love for Jesus!

Applicants can apply online at [www.CampStory.org](http://www.CampStory.org) or send your resume to Alicia at [Alicia.campstory@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.campstory@gmail.com).

Dear Ones,

Words have a tremendous capacity. They can heal and build up. Proverbs notes words can be “a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” In Matthew 8, Jesus heals the centurion’s servant without touch, presence, or even sight. He does not come into contact with the ailing one. It is by his words alone that this person is cured. Beyond healing with words, Jesus taught. His parables were short and yet revealing, giving glimpses of God’s eternal presence just by what he said. But words can also harm. The wisdom of Proverbs reminds us that it is with words that we can destroy our neighbors (11:9). And sometimes our words, though they do not harm, are useless. In 1 Corinthians, Paul proclaims that his talk is just loud and obnoxious noise - a clanging gong or a crashing cymbal - if these words are not filled with love.

One might say it is a spiritual imperative to care well for words. Yet, so much of how our world talks about faith and what we say of God is cheap. In his book *Testimony*, Tom Long wonders about a billboard that reads, “Don’t make me come down there” and is signed as if God said this. God did not. This is not a Scriptural quote. It is just words put into God’s mouth. We are good at that.

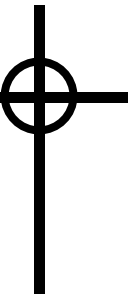
So, how do we speak of God and speak of our faith well? How do we keep our words from being idle chatter but move the conversation into deeper proclamations instead? We begin by practicing doing it well and growing in our comfort of speaking well about God and faith with one another in our own congregation. And we will do just that this summer as the Christian Education Committee and I will offer a summer churchwide book club. We will read the Tom Long book previously mentioned, *Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian*. Some of you might have reservations about the title. We hear “testimony” and we might think of the E-word (“evangelism”). While this book will touch on how we speak about our faith to others, the starting point that Long uses is not a sole desire to spread what we believe, rather, Long’s starting point for speaking well of our faith is the recognition that for Christians our faith is imperative to who we are. To speak of life without talking about God is to miss the whole truth of life. It is only to have a snapshot.

Further, to care and to grow in how we speak of God is to work to grow in our understanding of God and what God calls us to. Philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein once said, “The limits of language are the limits of my world.” Similarly, the limits of how we can speak of God are the limits of how we know God. To cease our quest to speak well of God is to become stagnant in our relationship with the Divine.

I am excited about this book and I hope you share this excitement. Not only is Tom Long a great storyteller and theologian (both come through in this book), this is a timely topic. And the summer is always a great time to dive into new conversations and to intentionally build fellowship and relationships with one another in our congregation. We’ll read the book through the summer and have conversations as we go. These will take place on the third Sunday of each month (June 19, July 17, August 21) with the time yet to be determined.

Even if you can just make one or two of the conversation times, consider participating in this study. If you’ve never done a study at the church, consider participating. Use the summer not as a time to disengage but as a time to purposefully grow alongside other church members. You can sign up in the office or in the narthex to participate. Please do so by May 22 so that we can order enough books. Cost of the book will be \$20. Let me know if you have further questions about this study.

Pastor Karl



We have been working on a massive house project. We have painted, gotten new flooring, re-done bedrooms, and for good measure, let's do 3/4 of a bathroom, too, while having a graduation countdown. During this time, I am on a mission to find a mural of a tree for our basement wall. I love the look of the tree and its meaning to me.

I have the image of the tree that I want in my mind. The trunk is twisted, the branches are reaching out, and it doesn't have many leaves on the branches. As I was describing the tree to my kids, one of them asked if I wanted the roots on the tree. I answered yes, and they followed up with why? I first told them it was because it looks cool; I said roots are what grounds the tree.

Several years ago, we traveled to Oregon. We had the opportunity to drive through the redwood forest to the coast. I knew they were huge, but nothing compares to seeing them in person. They were amazing. Of course, I had to do the touristy thing and hug the tree. I climbed over the roots. They were not tiny because they had to support and nourish the giant tree. As I was climbing over, I am sure everyone got a good laugh at my scampering. I wondered how deep these roots must go to support this ginormous, old tree. So like any curious person, I googled it. I was astounded by what I found.

The roots of a redwood tree are only about 6-12 feet deep. An average redwood tree is about 200-240 feet tall. Think about that. These giant trees have roots that aren't even half their size, and they hardly fall over. Why is that, is my next question. This answer is cool. The root system from the neighboring tree wraps around to help anchor. They branch out and intertwine up to 100 feet away from the trunk.

Let the fact that this forest of giant trees is all connected and intertwined with one another. They support and hold up each other. Redwood trees rarely fall over.

As I prepare to send another minion off into the world, the redwood tree and its root system have a strong meaning for me. I have to have faith that her roots are strong. That while she was little, the seed of faith started to root. She will seek out a faith community that will continue to nurture and support her. New roots will merge with the old.

I see the worship experiences, LOGOS, conversations in the fellowship hall, serving at Lunch Together, working in the nursery, and Sunday school as roots reaching out and wrapping around the participants. The shared experiences make up the roots. I imagine the more meaningful to the person, the thicker the root. What we see as a small, possibly meaningless encounter to us may be the root that holds that person up.

Our church is a multigenerational forest. The adults receive roots from the children as much as from the adults. The wonder and awe of the young when they listen to the scriptures and the stories for the first time can send out a root that inspires the adult to listen with fresh ears. We all should seek encounters to grow and intertwine our roots systems with others. We need to expand our forest by encompassing others.

The root system doesn't just hold up a tree, but they send the needed materials for the tree to grow and reach for the sun. In this case, these trees seek the sun and the Son. So what can we do to strengthen our roots system? Seek opportunities to grow your root system, and don't limit yourself to the comfort of your available system.

Returning to the question, my kids asked me why I wanted the root system. I want it so we can see as we grow and branch out. The roots of our faith and who we hold us up and make us who we are.

Thank you for all the roots you have wrapped around the youth of this church, and thank you, youth, for returning the favor. May you always stand firm.

## We Celebrate with our High School Graduates!



**Katie Turpin**

Katie is the daughter of Amy and Ron Turpin. During high school she was an All-State athlete, on academic honor roll, Spectrum, and most Athletic Woman in my Senior class.

Katie loves yard games and any type of sport. She enjoys singing and dancing; church and youth group;

and being in the outdoors and running.

Katie will be attending Black Hills State in South Dakota on a cross country and track scholarship. Her academic future is to major in biology and then become a PA,



**Izabel Clem**

Izzi is the daughter of CJ and Craig Clem. She has been an academic letter honor roll; Lunch Together volunteer; Advanced Placement classes; and dual enrollment. Izzi enjoys reading, singing, running and writing.

Izzi will be attending the University of North Dakota's Honor Program, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and working at Starbucks.



**Nathan Fitzpatrick**

Nathan is the son of Sandy and Howie Fitzpatrick. He will be graduating from high school with a 3.76 GPA and 4 successful years of high school track including a Simplot 3rd place finish. He's also run in multiple state champion races.

Nathan loves being outside doing anything like hiking, running, biking, fishing or

being with his friends and family.

Nathan plans on running track at Black Hills State and getting a teaching degree.



**Aiden Milne**

Aiden is the son of Tori and Rob Milne. His hobbies include singing, being awesome, swimming, and eating.

His accomplishments include wearing shoes to school; most man card punches; good French chef; secretary of National Honor Society; Spectrum member;

voted class clown; All Northwest Honor Choir; and swim team all 4 years of high school.

Aiden plans to attend Sheridan Community College pursuing a music major.





Jadyn's parents are Missy Gallagher and John DeTavernier and her grandparents are Pat and Jane Gallagher.

Jadyn's accomplishments include academic excellence; being a mentor to special needs



**Jadyn DeTavernier**

students; volunteering at the Senior Center; and participating in competitive Elite dance team for 7 years.

Her hobbies include dance, hunting, psychology, reading, writing, and photography.

Jadyn plans to attend Sheridan Community College in the nursing program and working full time at Century 21.



Rudy is the son of Erin and Kenny Osborne.

His accomplishments in high school include all conference wrestler and football player; won a state championship in football; maintained a 3.8 GPA; placed top 3 in the state for wrestling; and is a National Honor Society member.

**Rudy Osborne**

His hobbies and interests include sports, hiking, biked rides, and any kind of outdoor games, fishing, boating, and lifting weights.

Rudy's plans for the future are not decided yet but he's either going to wrestle at Wartburg college in Iowa or attend the University of Wyoming studying psychology.

Another of our high school graduates is Jack McMahan. Jack is the son of Lauren McMahan. Jack's plans are uncertain at this time.



**Jack McMahan**

## **Congratulations College Graduates!**



**Melissa Price**

Melissa is receiving a Master of Science in Learning, Design, and Technology from the College of Education at the University of Wyoming. She is graduating with a 4.0 GPA.



**Seth Porter**

Seth Michael Porter, son of Roger and Sharon Porter will graduate May 14th from West Chester University in Philadelphia with his PhD in Public Administration.



## Happy May from Presbyterian Women!

Happy May Day! Happy Mother's Day to all who are or have served as Mother's in any way! Congrats Grads and families of those graduating! Well done!

Speaking of Mother's Day we are having a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea for PW Missions. You probably have heard about it already and the tickets may all be gone (only 48 are being sold); but either way we will raise a cup of tea to celebrate you on May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 4 pm. Treva Mayo is our tea party director, speaker and consultant. Treva studied at the Protocol School in Washington D.C. Treva is a trained butler. She received her butler's training in the Netherlands. She also went to tea school. (Yes, there really is a tea school!) We are very excited about this event! It may even turn into an annual event. We'll see what the Lord allows and more will be revealed!

A **HUGE 'THANK YOU'** to all for the success of our Palm Sunday Pie Sale for PW Missions. We raised almost \$800.00. I don't know the exact dollar amount right now. Thanks to all who baked, bought, donated, ate, advertised or helped in any way. We appreciate your support of PW Missions. It was a nice time of fellowship as well! Oh, the choices! Y'all know how to bring some seriously yummy treats! Praise and thanks to God for you all!

PW donates to local missions as well as to the state (Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery), regional (Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains) and PW in PCUSA. In 2021 we donated to only two local missions; Camp Story Scholarship and The Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange. Some folks still pack bags and deliver to Coffeen School for Food Group every month – even through Covid. At Christmas; Circle 2 delivers care packages/baskets to shut-ins. Here is a list of other local missions who benefited from our donations in the past: Lifelink of Sheridan, Marion Day Care Center, Child Development Center, Advocacy & Resource Center, Compass Center for Families (formerly CASA), Compass Center for Families (formerly CASA), Lunch Together, VOA & Homeless Shelter, Sheridan Senior Center, The Sheridan Health Clinic,

Food Group, Salvation Army – toys, Everything Beautiful Thrift Store (in Lame Deer, MT), the Animal Shelter, Vision Beyond Borders and Veterans.

We can't out give God. When we give, He just seems to give us more! Our cup overflows. Our hearts overflow which sometimes makes our eyes leak because God is SO GOOD to us! (After all He is our Father and He knows everything about us and loves us anyway.) He often just blesses our socks right off of our feet!!!

We love because He first loved us. Salvation is not by works. But, we do things that God prepared for us to do. When we talk with God through prayer and reading His Word, He reveals things. He has put passions in our lives for a reason. He made us for a reason and a purpose. It is part of our walk and our sanctification process. It makes me think of the song, "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa.

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true,  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You  
Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true,  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You  
You are the potter I am the clay, Mold me and  
make me, This is what I pray  
Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true,  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You.

I like to say: Redecorate my heart, Make it ever true. Redecorate my heart, help me be like You.

Remove the sin and replace it with obedience to Your will Lord. Your will be done, not mine. Forgive and release those who have hurt us or spoken something over us that is not true and let it go. Our sins are forgiven and forgotten by You. As far as the east is from the west. Lord, quiet and bind the enemy of our souls that keeps bringing up the past. His promises are yes and Amen.

We had a wonderful April luncheon with salad, pizza (manna from heaven) and cookies. Kathy Beagle and her crew did an awesome job! Kathy Lundberg shared her experiences on the Camino de Santiago. She walked from Porto, Portugal and to Santiago, Spain. Many attended and enjoyed her presentation. Thank you Kathy!

The next PW meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Landis is our speaker. Carolyn McBurney, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery will also be visiting and sharing information from the state level of PW.

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We would like to encourage women to pray and think about attending our Women's Retreat at Camp Story. Ask a friend to attend with you! Last year we had 30 women from Wyoming, Utah and Nebraska. Several of the women had never been to camp before! Camp Story is such a special place to slow down, relax, give your worries to God, be prayed for and with, meet new friends, have fun, eat great food, be in God's majestic mountains and up close with nature. Through all of that people tend to feel refreshed and closer to God. The name of the program for this year is "Cozy Mountain Lodge." The study is based on Ruth who is the great grandmother of King David. The dates are June 17-19. The cost \$130.00 which is the same as last year. You will get registrations and information by email. There will also be registration forms in the in the information center at the church.

This is the year for the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains Triennial Gathering in Heber City, Utah. Road trip!!! This is another chance to do something different and have a time of fun and fellowship. It is July 15, 2:00 pm – July 17 at Noon. More information is on the bulletin board near the information center. Last time it was held in Sheridan.

I'm asking God to give you the fullest possible joy...today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen

Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy. John 16:24 NCV

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." C. S. Lewis

Blessings and Love in Christ from Helen and Rhea

## Compassion Sunday

Mission Committee has announced the next Compassion Sunday will be June 12th.

We would like to know who in our church sponsors a child so we can make sure to have the picture board ready for that Sunday.

Please contact Jan Leupold at 751-8720 with a call or a text if you are a sponsor.



**Thank you** to the men of FPC for serving a delicious Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday!

## Financial Summary for 2022 thru the end of March

### Giving:

Actual Giving	\$83,531
Budgeted Giving	\$94,215
Difference	-\$10,684

### Expenses:

Actual Expenses	\$84,781
Budgeted Expenses	\$94,685
Difference	\$9,904

### Net:

Actual Giving	\$83,531
Actual Expenses	\$84,781
Difference	-\$1,250

## Lunch Together

First Presbyterian Church is serving Lunch Together from Monday, May 30th - Thursday, June 2nd.

Volunteers to serve or provide dishes are appreciated and can contact Denise Mueller at 828-712-9500 if you have questions.

Thank you for helping!



*For their service to the church during the month of April, the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...*

**Musicians:** Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, FPC Choir Members, Pastor Karl Heimbuck, Doug Moore, Ethan Milne, Tyler Milne, Arianna Thurow, Diana Miller

**Worship Leaders:** Jason Szewc, Shelley Cundiff, Dave Youngren, Tracey Burke

**Ushers:** Gloria Dierking, Amy Turpin, Kim Wells, Denise Mueller

**Communion Prep:** Su Rappleye-Jackson, Denise Mueller

**Audio/Visual Systems Operators:** Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Eli Clem, Craig Clem, Izzi Clem

**Coffee Sponsors:** Gary & Sherry Laughton, Rev. Karl and Kendra Heimbuck, Mike Stoll & Tina Anderson

**Meal Deliveries and Lunch Together:** Denise Mueller, Mary Ludemann, Jan Leupold, Doug Moore, Beth Bailey, Janis Devore, Karen Fosher, Jerilea Phillips, Jody Roberts, Sandy Birkholz, Tina Anderson



**Keep them in  
your prayers**



**Ongoing Prayers:** Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Roy Davis, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert & Jeannette Ruttinger, Jae & Jennifer Satterlee, Cathy Coggins-Allen, and Eva Dierking.

**Prayers for Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bugher, Sandy Browne, Jack Elliot, Ron Patterson, Gary Dixon, Jeanette Trohkimoinen, and Karen Schreffler.

**Prayers for our Mission Partners:** Camp Story as they prepare for the upcoming camp season.

If you have prayer concerns that you would like shared, please call the church office at 672-1717.





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 - Karlie Glock  
May 2 - Maiya Browne, Kerek Ford, Linnet McGoodwin  
May 3 - Elizabeth Windsor  
May 5 - Jeri Joy  
May 7 - Carrie Douglas, Mary Otteson  
May 8 - Lorrie Ledgerwood, Karol Meineke, Grace Von Krosigk  
May 10 - Blaine Phillips  
May 11 - Jeff Mueller, Brooklyn Glock  
May 12 - Jason Browne, Carole Hansen  
May 13 - Tracey Burke, Jean Morgen  
May 14 - Londyn Bergstrom  
May 15 - Stephanie Baxter  
May 16 - Beth Bailey, Jadyn DeTavernier, River Osborne  
May 17 - Nancy Jenny  
May 20 - Darlene McNair, Reese Osborne  
May 21 - Sandy Fitzpatrick  
May 22 - Joyce Groneberg, Jim Perry, Diane Peterson  
May 23 - Jeremy Grimes  
May 24 - Janis DeVore  
May 25 - Margaret Litle, Marion Sept  
May 28 - Bill Porter  
May 30 - Larry Gold  
May 31 - Sarah Beagle, Fielding Phillips

### Thank You!

Thank you to my friends from First Presbyterian for all the Birthday and Easter greeting cards that you sent.

The cards were so appreciated.

Bethany Hunter



**Happy  
Anniversary!**

**May**

May 6 - Tod & Jan Windsor  
May 11 - Chad & Amber Quarterman,  
Jan DeVore & Cliff Cook  
May 18 - Doug & Kathy Beagle  
May 19 - Dave & Becky Motsick  
May 29 - Tim & Beth Lenz



The sounds of Easter. Thank you to the brass quartet for sharing your talents on Easter!

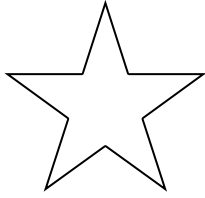
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## FPC 3rd Annual Talent Show

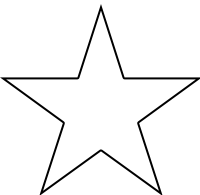
**LIVE! This year on Friday,  
May 13th at 7 pm in the sanctuary!**

Get your act together and sign up to share your talent.

It will be a great night of entertainment.



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## **Space Force**

**Ryan Laughton** (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

## **Air Force**

**Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)

**Bryce Williams** (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

**Brennan & Sydney Negrete** (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

**Megan Price** (Granddaughter of Karen Foshier)

**Captain Rory Montgomery** (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

**Brandon Fitzpatrick** (Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Grandson of Jim & Margaret Litle)

## **National Guard**

**Allen Price** (Son-in-law of Karen Foshier)

**Carsie Mitchell** (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

**George Johannesen** (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

**Bendix Johannesen** (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

## **Navy & Navy Reserves**

**William Ferries** (Son of Jane Buell)

## **Army & Army Reserves**



**Ethan & Johnna Hall** (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

**Jacob Botten** (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan Botten)

**Jacek Aksamit** (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

If you would like to have your loved-one in the military listed on this page, or if you would like to have their address printed in the newsletter, or their picture on our picture board, please give the information to the office.

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8 am Worship w/ Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:30 am Choir 4 pm Youth Group	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12 pm PW Luncheon	<b>5</b> Karl Out of Office	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mother's Day Afternoon Tea for PW Missions 2-4 pm
<b>8</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir 4 pm Youth Group <b>Mother's Day!</b>	<b>9</b> Karl out of office	<b>10</b> 11 am Properties 11:30 am Personnel 4 pm Worship Committee 5:30 Budget/Finance 5:15 pm Fellowship 5:45 pm Mission Committee	<b>11</b> 10:15 am Congregational Care Comm. 12 pm CE Comm.	<b>12</b> 7 am Bible Study 10 am Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7 pm FPC Talent Show	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir 4 pm Youth Group <b>Senior Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 pm Session	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Circle 2 10 am Circle 11:30 am Circle 3	<b>19</b> 7 am Bible Study	<b>20</b>  CAMP STORY WORK WEEKEND	<b>21</b> 2 pm John Trohkimoinen Service
<b>22</b> 8 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Choir CAMP STORY WORK WEEKEND	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 am Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>Office  Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  Karl Out of Office	<b>31</b> Lunch Together	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b>		



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