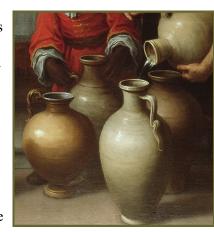
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Mary did not tell Jesus what to do; she simply reported the problem. We need to remember that Jesus was on a

"heavenly timetable," marked out for Him by the Father. It is worth noting that it was Jesus, not Mary, who took command and solved the problem, and that Mary pointed, not to herself, but to Jesus.

The miracle did something for His disciples. It revealed **His glory** and gave them a stronger foundation for their faith. There is something more to this miracle than simply



meeting a human need and saving a family from social embarrassment. The Gospel of John seeks to share the *inner meaning*... the spiritual significance...of our Lord's works, so that each miracle is a "sermon in action."

There is a story of a man who had an addiction to alcohol, who was converted and became a vocal witness for Christ. He was asked if he believed Jesus "turned water into wine."

"I certainly do!" the believer replied. "In my home, He turned wine into furniture, decent clothes, and food for my children!"

Note: While the Bible does not command total abstinence, it certainly *magnifies* it and definitely warns against drunkenness.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran



One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken up during June. Your generosity is appreciated!



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The Herald

LEARNING FROM JESUS

The month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno. June is noted for flowers and sunlight. June birthstones are Pearl and Alexandria; the birth flowers are the Rose and Honeysuckle.



This year, Father's Day is celebrated on June 16, and June 19 is Juneteenth also known as "Freedom Day." June 21 is the full moon and sometimes called the "Strawberry Moon."

June is a popular month for weddings. An old wives' tale says this, "If you marry in June you will be blessed with a lifetime of happiness and prosperity." Speaking of marriages, let's take a look at a miracle that occurred during a wedding that Jesus attended a couple thousand years ago.

"On the third day (the "third day" means three days after the call of Nathanael) a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee.

Jesus' mother was there and Jesus and His disciples also had been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine" (John 2:1-3).

Wise is that couple who invite Jesus to their wedding!

Remember, our Lord was not yet well known; He had performed no miracles as yet. Jewish wedding feasts lasted a week. So, to run out of wine could be costly both financially and socially.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Our church will be supporting the Ministerial Alliance summer lunch program by volunteering each Monday in June. Volunteers will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the Christian Church fellowship hall to prepare sandwiches, pack bags, and greet the children. One volunteer will be delivering coolers of lunch bags to the West City Police Station and the Hunters Trace housing area. Please see Mary Bolen to volunteer one or more times in June.



Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on Wednesday, **June 19**, at **5 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall.

In Our Community

Giant Flea Market

June 8 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. St. Joseph Church

Salad Luncheon

June 13 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. First United Methodist Church

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Ken Whittington, co-chairman

- Steve Meyer reported on the possible sale of unused pianos. Steve stated that there is no interest in used pianos, but that he would list them on social media.
- ❖ Annette was asked to investigate the cost of repairing or replacing the conference room chairs.
- ❖ Considerable discussion was held concerning the change of the church insurance from replacement value to actual cash value. The change to actual cash value will save \$10,692. In view of the church financial condition, the board opted for the savings although there is some additional risk. A representative of SCD Rea & Sons will attend the next board meeting to further explain the difference in the two options. We have the ability to revert to the higher cost option if we so choose.

 A church business meeting will be scheduled to allow the Congregation to vote on this issue.

A training session on how to use our new defibrillator has been scheduled for **June 26** at **5 P.M.** here at the church. The training is open to all in the congregation.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Christopher Langston Robert Lewis
- 17 Robert & Jane Taylor
- 18 Ken & Mary Bolen
- 24 Steve Meyer Sherri Ziems

- 27 Paula Borgra
- 28 Annette Lawson Marcus Owens
- 30 Fran Jenkel



THIS MONTH

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken up.

June 5	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz Bible Study
June 7	10:00 а.м.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
June 11	9:00 а.м.	Trustee Board Meeting
June 12	4:00 р.м.	Bible Study
June 19	5:00 р.м. 6:00 р.м.	Sing 'n Share Deacon Board Meeting
June 21	10:00 а.м.	Ministry at Helia Healthcare
June 26	5:00 р.м.	Defibrillator Training

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 а.м.	Worship Service
Mon.	9:30 а.м.	Summer Lunch Program



June Offering Sugar

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