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**THE PILGRIM PRIEST PONDERES
SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES**

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²***For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*** ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [Ephesians 6:10-17 NRSV, emphasis added]

“Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? ***I renounce them.***

“Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? ***I renounce them.***

“Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? ***I renounce them.***

“Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? ***I do.***

“Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? ***I do.***

[From the service of Holy Baptism, Book of Common Prayer pgs. 302-303]

Dear Friends in Christ,

Like many of you, I was devastated by the massacre of the innocents (21 dead) at an elementary school in Uvalde, TX on May 24. This, combined with the shootings in Buffalo, New York (10 dead) on May 14, and elsewhere throughout our country in May ALONE, leads me to ask: "WHY GOD WHY???"

And this morning (June 2), 4 dead at a hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

And all of this is on top of the hundreds of children who have been killed in the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The debate over gun control in the United States is running at a white hot frenzy....so frenzied that those with differing opinions seem incapable of listening to each other, much less cooperating together.

Let me compare the gun violence in this country and the world to a person suffering serious bleeding. That person arrives in the Emergency Department of one of our hospitals. The medical staff's first response is to STOP THE BLEEDING. In other words, their first response is to the presenting SYMPTOM. As they seek to control the bleeding, attention becomes focused on WHY bleeding has occurred. In other words, what is the CAUSE of the bleeding.

TREAT the SYMPTOM => DISCOVER the CAUSE. Symptoms need to be treated immediately; causes may take days or weeks or months to properly diagnose and treat. Ask my wife Molly.

It seems to me that the loudest perspectives on Gun Violence are focused on assigning (rather than discovering) the CAUSE, and have confused CAUSE with SYMPTOMS.

For Christians, especially Episcopalians, we believe that the CAUSE of Gun Violence is "Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God". The Letter to the Ephesians is very specific about what we how we are to act in this fight against Evil.

We are also very clear about how we are to respond to the SYMPTOMS in this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God. Pray for the grace to listen to those "across the aisle" so that we may come as a country to a consensus on how to treat the SYMPTOMS of Gun Violence.

Your fellow Ambassador in Christ,
David+

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	2 Alanon 7:00 pm	3 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	4 Rummage Sale 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
5 Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	6 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	7 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	8 Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	9 Alanon 7:00 pm	10 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	11
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19 Father's Day Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	20 Jazzercise 9:15 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	21 Jazzercise 9:15 am Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	22 Jazzercise 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	23 Jazzercise 9:15 am Alanon 7:00 pm	24 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	25
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June Anniversaries

Gene & Charlotte Bradley on June 4

Don & Jacqui Parker on June 13

Eric & Allison Ferriell on June 16

Mike & Pam Kock on June 26

Michael & Kathi Oaks on June 27

If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.

June Birthdays

Barb Roy on June 3

Kathi Oaks on June 9

Austin Spangler on June 22

Janice Helms on June 24

Will Frush on June 25

Christopher Kock on June 30

St. Francis will have another Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

While you Spring Clean don't throw it away, keep it for the Rummage Sale. There is no time like the present to clean house and donate any of the items you find to St. Francis.

You can collect home décor, toys and games, books, movies, jewelry, clothing, etc.



St. Francis is also hoping we will have a Fall Rummage Sale as well, so start collecting anything you would like to donate for that sale. Let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome to set up a table for free.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Harris at (937) 672-7993.

Summer of Sharing Our Gifts

June 12, 2022, through September 4, 2022



Summer of Sharing Our Gifts. We need your help.
All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God.

This summer, you are invited to share your gift during the 10:30 am Sunday worship service. Everyone, of all ages, can share their gift of music, singing, ensembles, dance, poetry, favorite inspiration, favorite book excerpt, etc. are invited to participate.

This is a great opportunity to add joy to our service as well as praise the Lord. There is a signup sheet in the narthex or see Diana Graham.



Please look for jars around the church to throw your loose change in. They will be located on the table in the Foyer, near the coffee pots in the kitchen, and on the table during coffee hour. The donations for June will help to pay for supplies for flowers and plants around the church.



On Sunday, June 5, 2022 we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. On this day we will celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church.
2) WEAR RED.

Please come and enjoy our weekly Sunday Salon Series with Fr. David. We meet at 9:00 am in the Library each Sunday morning.



No preparation is required, although it will be beneficial to bring your Bible to the Salon Series. Hope to see you there!



The Springboro Juneteenth Jubilee is a family-friendly community celebration being held on **June 18, 2022**, honoring the important day in our nation's history, June 19, 1865, when we all truly became free. On this day, the last slaves in Galveston, Texas were finally told of their freedom, nearly two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation had abolished slavery. On this day, we celebrate our shared history, freedom, and continued commitment to equity and inclusion for all.

Enjoy fun for the entire family as you celebrate the Springboro Juneteenth Jubilee at six unique venues across the city the weekend of Juneteenth. Attend all six or choose your favorites. On Saturday, a shuttle will be available to take you to each location. Enjoy music and live performances at North Park, explore sites of the Underground Railroad, bicycle in our Freedom Ride, or sign up for our 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

WHY JUNETEENTH IN SPRINGBORO? Springboro is a significant landmark in the history of the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. Our founding Quaker community played a major role as a safe harbor for slaves paving the way for freedom for Black Americans.

“It’s our connection to God and each other that gives meaning to our lives.”



Procter Camp, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, is a place for children, youth, and families to grow in faith, sing, learn, play, and pray together.

In 2022, our programs include Youth Camp for children entering 3rd-8th grade, Senior High Camp for 9th-12th grade, Family Camps for all ages, and Day Camp for 1st-6th grade. We’ll end the summer with Silver Camp, for kids at heart, 50+.

At Procter, we learn, share, pray, and sing together every day. Campers and staff members of all (or no) faith backgrounds are welcome.

We also swim, canoe, fish, have campfires, enjoy creative arts, spend time at [Procter Center Farm](https://www.proctercenter.org/farm/), play sports and wacky games, and explore the natural world around us.

Visit Procter Center Farm at <https://www.proctercenter.org/farm/>

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GATHERING TIMES

SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM - SUNDAY SALON (DISCUSSION GROUP FOR ALL)

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER FOR JUNE

LORD OUR GOD, RADIANT, LIGHT GIVING, AND ALMIGHTY GOD THROUGH ALL THE AGES, BE WITH US IN OUR TIME TOO. BLESS US, WE PRAY, AND LET YOUR BLESSING SPREAD FROM US TO OTHERS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME. MAY EVERYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR WORD COME ALIVE IN US AND IN THE WORLD. AMEN.

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