

# The Hilltops

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***We are followers of Jesus, who tend God's garden, serving the mind, body and spirit of all God's children.***

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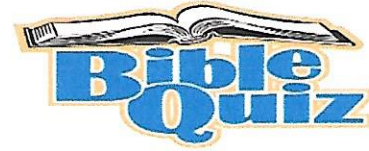
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What golden image did the Israelites make at Mt. Sinai?

(June Question: Deep in the wilderness of Judaea, what insect did John the Baptist use as sustenance?

**Answer: Locusts.)**



Betty Conley, Jul 5  
Shirley Coit, Jul 11  
Gary Provencher Jr., Jul 12  
Wendy Freeman, Jul 20  
Marcia Scofield, Jul 30  
Lynn White, Aug 4  
Alicia Heymann, Aug 5  
Lindsay Connors, Aug 6  
Elizabeth Hayward, Aug 9  
Adam Giardinella, Aug 19  
Jeff Rice, Aug 24  
Alice Chase, Aug 26  
Rick Oakley, Aug 29  
John Siart, Aug 29  
Shirley Hult, Aug 31



Krissy & Ken Miner, Jul 20  
Jack & Lucille Sampson, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>



Debbie Alger; Lily Andreasen; Joan Arsenault (Lynne's friend); Kathryn Bruen (Louise's sister, stroke); Patrick and Collette Burns; June Carr (Louise's lifelong friend); Betty Conley; Charlene Corris (a steamboat friend of Shirley Coit); Ralph Cusano (cancer); Mary Ann DiStefano (The Poehler's dear friend, ovarian cancer); Philip Durno (cancer); Keith Edmonds (cancer & heart problems); Emma Ermel; Marcus Ermel; Delaney Fallon; Susan Fallon & family; Bill and Gail Felton (homebound); Sandy Freeman; Donna Gallagher (brain injury); Andrew Garbino; Shirley Gibson & family; Steven (Ann Goebel's brother, cancer); Jimmy Harnish (cancer); the family of Kathy Harris; Lucky & Penny Howie; Michele Kelley; Jean Krikorian; Dondi LaRue; Tommy Maciorowski; Chloe Miner; Dick & Judie Moore; Bob Newton; Lucinda Nichol (Judy's daughter); Linda Oakley; Lance Osborne; Debby Parker; Wallace Powers (cancer); Terry Quinn; Leslie Rice; Gloria Roddy (multiple myeloma); Peter Sheldon; Richard Simmons; Al St. Croix (cancer); Louise Thorpe; Patty Thorpe (MS and graves disease); Jimmy Tompkinson; Christine & Roy Walker; Don Waye (cancer); Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall; Emma Whitman; Sheila Wick; Nevaeh Wilder (cancer); Edward (Margie Wilson's brother, cancer); Robert Withee; Bonnie Wozniak; the victims of natural disasters all over the world; all those unemployed; all those affected by the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic.

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***"The Church is not empty, we have been deployed."***

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*Submitted by Nancy Conlon*

*Today I give thanks for all those  
who have nonviolently given their lives  
for the sake of peace,  
who have suffered and sacrificed and even died  
for the sake of justice and healing.  
I give thanks for those who suffered  
for the underground railroad,  
for the cause of unions, for women's suffrage, in  
the civil rights movement,  
In antiwar and environmental work.  
For those who have sacrificed, suffered and died  
without weapons in their hands  
I give thanks, and honor their service.  
And I pray that we all may emulate their  
courage,  
their vision and their hearts of peace,  
and give ourselves in the cause of justice.  
May God bless not only the great sacrifices  
but every Little step we take  
for the sake of the mending of the world.*

Steve Garnaas-Holmes  
Unfolding Light, May 27, 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00am Outdoor church service (weather permitting)	3	4 7:30pm Church Council (Virtual meeting)	5	6	7	8
9 9:00am Outdoor church service (weather permitting)	10	11 7:30pm Church Council (Virtual meeting)	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due
16 9:00am Outdoor church service (weather permitting)	17	18 7:30pm Church Council (Virtual meeting)	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am Outdoor church service (weather permitting)	24	25 7:30pm Church Council (Virtual meeting)	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Outdoor church service (weather permitting)	31					



**Worship Times:**

9:00am Casual Service  
10:30am Traditional Service

**Meetings and Social Events:**

11:30am Church Council (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
11:30am Positive Pot Luck (Last Sunday)

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