

Dear friends in faith,

As we head into June, we have a lot in store. Our first Sunday is celebrating our graduates and encouraging them as they launch into new directions. Our second Sunday reminds us that even when we disagree, we are one in Christ, as we explore scripture about healing a divided house. Our third Sunday centers on the idea that God's kingdom always expands, which we see in the parable of the mustard seed. And our fourth Sunday revisits the story of Jesus calming the stormy sea, saying, *Peace, be still*, as we remember again that the unfathomable peace of God is surrounding us at all times, in all situations.

No matter where your travels take you this summer, I pray for God's protection over you. If you're a senior who will soon be heading off to college or a new job, or a college grad with adventures ahead, or going to visit family, or taking a trip to a new place you've never seen before, may God bless your time away from us and bring you back refreshed and renewed.

This month we will also continue partnering with St. James to complete the peace posts between our two cemeteries. This Sunday we will paint the background colors, and on June 13 we will do the lettering, so that next month they can be installed and celebrated. I hope you'll join in as you are able, so that you can be a part of it.

Please do remember that we will close the office from June 17 through 21, since our staff will be at Montreat. We will have emergency contact information in the enews beforehand in case it is needed.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tricia L. Petrucci". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Rev. Tricia