

## **JUNE**

**Theme:** Faith Seeking Understanding

### **June 1**

*"Theology"*

John 16:1, 22-23

Theology is the art of asking good questions that link our faith (what we feel and believe) with what we say (proclamation) and do (practice). Fideism is not asking ourselves any good questions in any of the above areas. It is usually accompanied by an attitude of disparagement of those who do. The Catholic, Orthodox and Methodists all agree that is dangerous to have faith without reason.

### **June 8**

*"Revelation"* (God burns the bush, we stop and talk)

Exodus 3:1-4

Most topics of theology will be "both/and". Revelation is both God's unveiling and our "aha". It is both objective (out there) and subjective (in here). It is general and special. It is always the very heart of mystery and at the same time very clarifying. It sets us free to be surprised and to be a surprise.

### **June 15**

*"Father's Day"* (Everyone's got two)

Romans 8:15-17

We all have an earthly and a heavenly father. One watches over us in limited and human ways, the other in unlimited and divine. As a "fatherless" child, this day is hard for me in one sense. On the other hand, being one gives the day a whole different view. Having a Father in heaven has made a real difference in my life. Come share this day with me.

### **June 22**

*"Christology"* Who is Jesus (to me)?

John 1:1-5

Both/and again? You bet! Good theology is just that way. The two candles on the communion table represent the two natures of Jesus, us, and the relationship between us. Come this Sunday as we explore together the "Word made flesh."

### **June 29**

*"Fourth of July Sunday"* (Universal and Particular: God for everyone and God for me)

Genesis 12:1-3

You guessed it...both and again. God is partisan and universal: particularly for each one and yet for everyone. God's work in me and my calling is particular to me. Our church has a particular call. So does our country. We are blessed to be a blessing.