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| |  | | --- | | **FUN IN THE SUN!**  Thank you to everyone who helped to make our second Fun in the Sun on June 24 such a great success!  After much uncertainty, we were blessed with a beautiful day.  Lots of Delicious Food, Great Musical Entertainment, Games, Bounce House and Water Slide. A fun time was had by all! | | |  | | --- | | A group of people sitting at a table under a tent  Description automatically generated | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Have your next Meeting at ALC!**  ﻿If your group or a group that you know is looking for meeting space, please consider meeting at the church. Our space can accommodate any size group from 2-200. You'll have full access to wi-fi and video services, and kitchen facilities. Meetings can take place in the classroom, narthex, or in the sanctuary. Rates are very reasonable and it's a great way to support your church. For more information, please see Mark Schultz or call him at 609-685-7096. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated | | |

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| |  | | --- | | **ALC Council**  **﻿**  John Carducci - President  Sheryl White - Vice President  Tom D'Esmond - Treasurer  Clark Shuster - Secretary  Tony Eith  Patty Heinemann  Mark Schultz  Minutes of Council meetings are posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions or concerns, please see any Council member. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated | | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Grief Support Group**  ﻿If you're grieving the loss of a loved one or anything else in your life, it helps to know you're not alone. This is a safe place to share your feelings while having the support and understanding of others who are also grieving. Participants are encouraged to bring photos and/or mementos of their loved ones to share with one another. Guests are always welcome. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, ask Clark or call him at 215-539-9185. | |

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