



Jerome Silberman (June 11, 1933 – August 29, 2016), known professionally as **Gene Wilder**, was a beloved American actor, screenwriter, director, producer, singer-songwriter and author.

Notable Quotable

“But he that dares not grasp the thorn Should never crave the rose.”

~ Anne Brontë, English novelist and poet

June Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between June 1st–20th are Gemini’s Twins. They have two distinct sides to their personality: sociable and ready for fun, or serious and thoughtful. Sometimes they feel as if one half is missing, so they forever seek new friends.

Those born between June 21st–30th are Crabs of Cancer. Guided by their hearts, Crabs are deeply emotional and nurturing. They create comfortable homes and always welcome people into their circle.

- Veronica Jackson 1-Jun
- Marie Irwin 2-Jun
- Rosa Feliciano 3-Jun
- Alexander Remack 3-Jun
- Margaret C Egan 5-Jun
- Victor Bertoldi 7-Jun
- Sonia Marder 7-Jun
- Joyce Carswell 11-Jun
- Bernice Todd 13-Jun
- Matoula Petrakis 18-Jun
- Roberta Davis 23-Jun
- Arlene Sheer 26-Jun
- Florence Santoro 27-Jun
- Salvador Colon 30-Jun

May is a special month here at Methodist: National Nurse’s Week is May 6th-12th, and National Nursing Home Week is May 13th-19th. In honor of the dedicated and caring people who comprise our Methodist Home family, there were various events held all month, including a staff barbeque on the 23rd. Great food was served, and 39 prizes were gifted to staff in a raffle. The prizes were generously donated by local businesses to thank these caring professionals and volunteers for all that they do for our community.

Residents also enjoyed a variety of daily activities in May. On the 4th, we took a virtual trip to Cornwall in Southwest England through the eyes and ears of our intrepid Missouri travelogue group. Beautiful spring weather was enjoyed on the patio with wine, cheese, salami and crackers on the 11th, and Theresa and friends gave another spirited performance in the main dining room the following day.

We celebrated Mother’s Day with residents, family, and friends and a delicious brunch on the 13th, and the next afternoon, we had a special show-and-tell with a large group of residents as part of the Nursing Home week celebrations.

The Meyers Family gave a classical performance on the 19th, and on the 20th, Justin Amrhein led a sing-along while playing acoustic guitar. To observe Megan Markle’s marriage to Prince Harry, we discussed our obsession with our royal friends across the pond on the 21st. Bobby Liggio entertained once again at our May birthday party on the 24th, Memorial Day was observed on the 28th, and we enjoyed a bit of poetry at the close of the month with Arnel. Sunday catholic mass and Friday Jewish Sabbath were observed throughout the month, as well as regular events like Cash Bingo and Saturday manicure socials.

All in all, it was another great month at Methodist, and we look forward to what’s in store for June!

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Celebrating June

Iced Tea Month

Fireworks Safety Month
June 1–July 4

The Wicket World of Croquet Day
June 2

Yo-Yo Day
June 6

Flag Week
June 10–16

Father’s Day (U.S.)
June 17

World Music Day
June 21

“Happy Birthday to You” Day
June 27

Seeing What’s Right

When Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, no one knew she would grow into a famous advocate of the blind and deaf. Her life story, nonetheless, has inspired countless people. Keller was not born deaf or blind. She lost these senses after contracting a childhood fever.

She lived an isolated and frustrating childhood, imposed on her by her inability to communicate. It was a teacher, Anne Sullivan, who broke through this barrier. For 49 years, Sullivan and Keller worked as teacher and pupil.

Keller became the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree, thanks to Sullivan and friendships with author Mark

Tale of the Tape

June 14–16 heralds Duct Tape Days, and it is no coincidence that this celebration aligns with Father’s Day on June 17. After all, duct tape is Dad’s most versatile tool. Duct tape was originally invented by Johnson & Johnson during World War II as a cloth-based waterproof tape used to seal ammunition boxes. It wasn’t a man who invented it, but the mother of two Navy sailors, who believed so much in her idea she wrote a letter to



Helen Keller, born June 27th, 1880

Twain and oil executive Henry H. Rogers. Keller became an educator, lecturer, and activist, promoting political and social equality for women and the disabled. She helped found the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920.

Helen Keller is often presented as one of the best examples of the triumph of the human will and spirit. Despite her many perceived disabilities, she dedicated her life to helping others.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt touting her invention. The rest is history, and men have been obsessed with duct tape ever since. After all, duct tape can be used for everything from taping ducts to curing warts, removing pet hair, plugging leaky canoes, and catching insects. Some innovators have even gone so far as to create duct tape wallets, shoes, and dresses. Look no further for the perfect Father’s Day gift.

Chaplain's Corner June 2018

"Let the beauty we love be what we do".—Rumi

June heralds the start of "summer". It is also the mid-point of the calendar year. For me, it is a time to reflect on the first half of the year, and a time to plan for the second half of the year. I enjoy this quotation from Rumi because it reminds me to find peace, and reflect peace. To be "present" with myself and to be "present" for others. It reminds me that "what we do" does not always have to be a rushing-around kind of "doing". We can "do" by being still, and finding the beauty around us. We can "do" by reflecting on the beauty around us. The saying goes: "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". I would add that it is also in the heart and soul, too. When we reflect on love and peace, we can "be" loving, peaceful, forgiving, and merciful. We are "doing" the beauty that we love. We are "being" examples for others. Spend the month of June reflecting on this quote of Rumi. Then, enter the second half of the year with a more peaceful attitude, so you and I can be comforted by stillness.

Blessings, Chaplain Janet

Mitchell Korn of the Recreation Department serves hamburgers, hot dogs, and other warm-weather fare to hardworking Methodist Home employees and volunteers at the National Nursing Home Week Staff Barbeque.



Residents and their families take part in the annual Mother's Day Brunch.

Resident Spotlight: Muriel Powell

You'll recognize Muriel as the petite and elegantly-attired resident with a pixie-cut, hardly ever spotted without a cardigan or her fellow 5th floor resident "bestie", Elaine.

Of English and Scottish descent, Muriel was born and raised an only child in Brooklyn. She enjoyed spelling and history in school, but strongly disliked Math. Her family had a car and loved to go on picnics and weekends away in the country. She has a very early memory of being at a hotel at Bear Mountain and getting her head stuck in the uprights of the staircase, but most of her memories of this time are of the beauty of New York.

When she was 20, Muriel attended a dance and met the man who would become her husband, Jack, who was in the Coast Guard. She describes their meeting as electric, and a few years down the road they were married with a young son, and moved to Alabama where they would live for 17 years. Her son went on to enter the Coast Guard, and later, two of his sons made careers of the Coast Guard as well.

Muriel has always been a creative sort. Recently, a painting of hers was chosen for a year-long traveling exhibit put on by the organization Leading Age New York. Painting is new for her, although she has always had her hand in something. When she was a girl, she would make beautiful, large-scale dollhouses from scratch, and sewed clothes for both the dolls and herself, even making her own graduation dress as a teen. Later, as a young married woman, she would build a real house she lived in with her husband, pulling timbers, hammering nails, and even doing the roofing!



This lively and detailed painting by Muriel Powell was shown during our Nursing Home Week Art show

Muriel has a lifelong love of animals, and had 3 Setters in Alabama. Later, after she came back to New York with her son in 1960, she recalls a tiny white kitten someone left at her doorstep, which was the start of a collection of cats. Naturally, the subjects of her paintings are frequently pets. One of her first paintings was of a puppy. A friend liked the piece so much she convinced Ms. Powell to sell it to her! Starting off with simpler images, her paintings have gotten more and more detailed, now taking weeks to complete.

Her self-confidence has grown with her art, and on reflection of her life she says that she has always been stronger than she thought she was, raising her son, working in the city as a banker, and surviving in good times and bad. She says that she has always tried to bend with life's changes, adding that if you try to stand too straight throughout it, you'll snap. She carries this quiet strength with elegance and style, and expresses it with warmth and humor. Muriel is a talented artist and a treasured presence here at Methodist, and we look forward to seeing what new creations she has in store!