



First  
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Church  
of Waynesboro, Virginia

# The Columns *Online*

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## **A Message from our General Presbyter**

*Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. What have you done this week to love your neighbor?*

And remember neighbor does not only mean the person who is next door. Neighbors are everyone. In a country that so many want to call Christian, my heart breaks that a young white man would drive hours to another community to kill Black people as they did their Saturday grocery shopping. I was in Buffalo when it happened visiting family, and to say that the community was shocked is just the bare minimum of the feelings that have been shared as innocent lives are laid to rest because someone was filled with hate for another human being because of the color of their skin.

Our response cannot be to merely throw our hands up believing there is nothing we can do. There are plenty of things we can do. Make the time to learn the history of this country that was left out of the curriculum when we were kids. The history that we don't want to know because it is painful. We can speak up when we hear that racist joke and say it's unacceptable, we can say it's time for those confederate flags to come down because no matter what you may think they represent – in short, they mean you believe that you are superior to other people because of the color of your skin.

Neighbor, we are all made in the image of God. We can do better to share that message, to live that message because Jesus loves us. We can do no less than to love one another, to love everyone.

*What have you done this week to love your neighbor?*

Blessings,  
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# Music Notes.

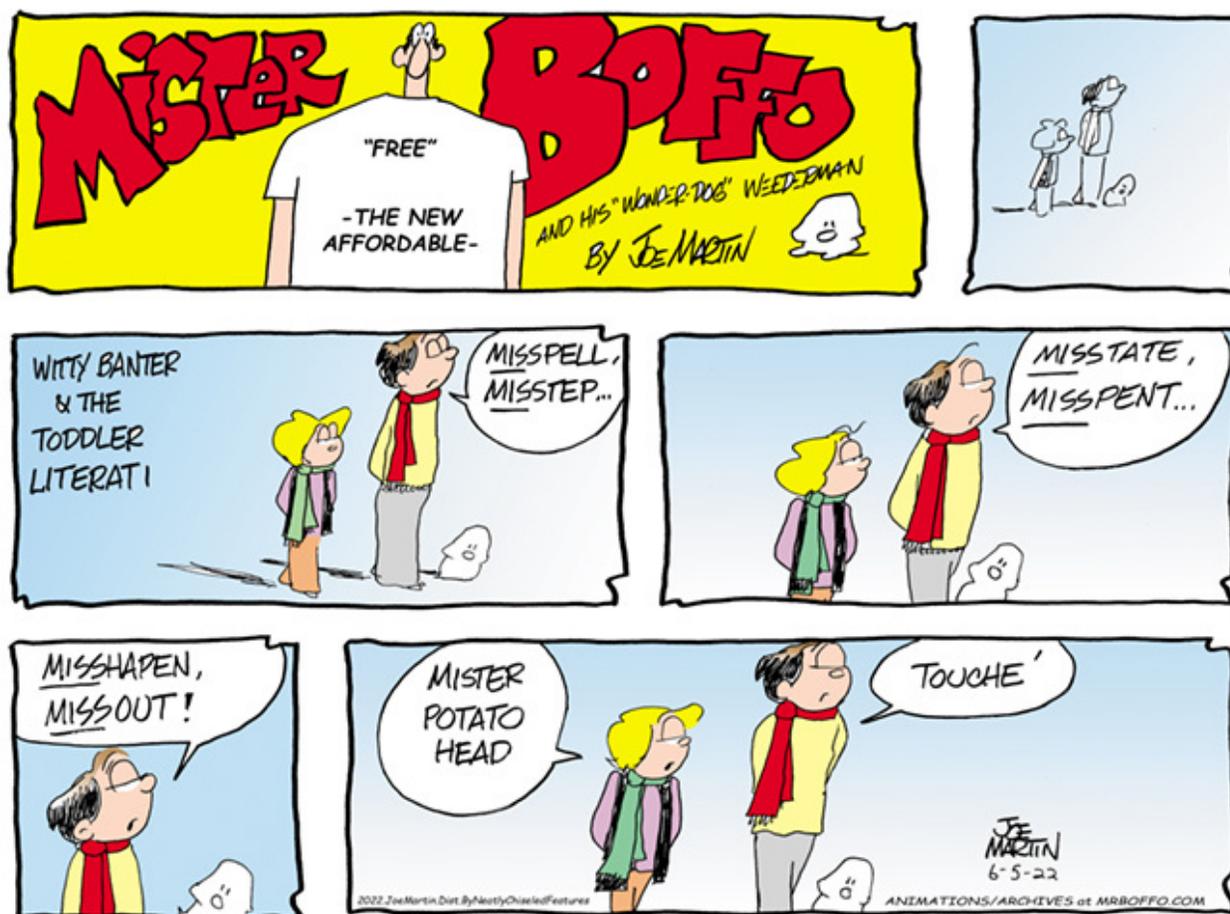
This Sunday, we honor the Holy Trinity – *Father, Son and Holy Spirit* – in Scripture and in song. Both the opening and closing hymns reflect the joy and thanksgiving for our one Triune God. The opening hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, is the very first selection in our hymnal. This stirring hymn will conclude with an arrangement created by Roger decades ago. The text of the closing hymn, *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*, is a paraphrase of the *Te Deum*, first translated from Latin into German by Ignaz Franz in 1771 and into English in 1858 by Clarence A. Walworth. The text was set to the tune *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich* in 1774, not long after the text was translated into German.



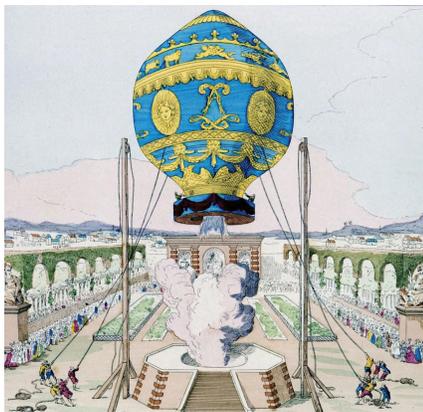
Walworth.

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# This Week in History.



Brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier make first sustained flight in a hot-air balloon at Annonay, France.  
June 5, 1783



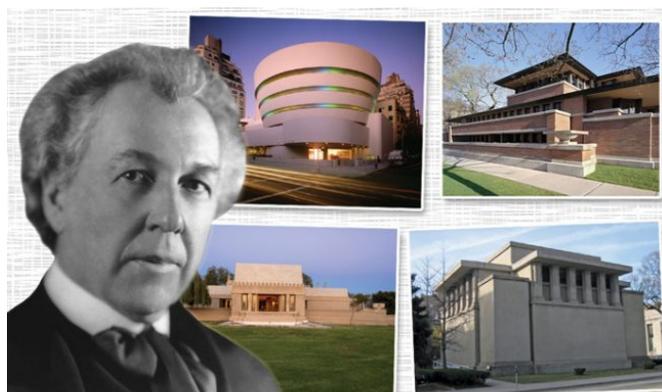
Senator and Presidential hopeful Robert Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles, CA.  
June 5, 1968



Susan B. Anthony fined \$100 for voting in the presidential election in Rochester, NY.  
June 6, 1872



Operation Overlord commences with the invasion of Normandy beaches in Nazi occupied France.  
June 6, 1944



Architect Frank Lloyd Wright born in Richland Center, WI  
June 9, 1867



Painter Paul Gauguin born in Paris, France.  
June 7, 1848



Harry & Jean Pettit are married in Framingham MA.  
June 9, 1962