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Commentary on the 4th of July

The **Declaration of Independence** was voted on and approved on July 4, 1776. Thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America and no longer part of the British Empire. John Adams, our second president and signer, stated, “this day of July 1776 will be the most memorable date in the history of America”.

Patrick Henry was another of our founding fathers and signer as well as one of the most brilliant speakers of all time. He is perhaps best known for proclaiming “I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!” Liberty. People willing to die for it. Liberty is never free. Every generation must defend it.

Consider this statement made by Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and our third president. He said, “God, who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?”

This weekend, as you celebrate the Fourth of July, include in your celebration some time to consider and to give thanks for the liberty and freedoms you have. As Jefferson said, the liberties we have are the gift of God. We would do well to not forget that.

Happy Fourth of July, everyone.

Doorstep



I believe it is true that the older we get, the faster time seems to go by! It is summertime in a new year already! Which means, Christmas will be here before we know it!

We started Christmas in July many years ago to help alleviate some of the strain of providing gifts during the holiday season for more than 800 of our neighbors in need in the 260 households Doorstep will adopt this December from the Christmas Bureau.

In 2022, Doorstep assisted 259 households involving 820 individuals with Christmas gifts, food, health kits, school supplies, blankets, clothing, and gift cards. Each year we adopt families and individuals who meet the income requirements to be able to apply with the Christmas Bureau. We have created our 'wish list' based on the items our families requested last Christmas. Our focus for Christmas in July is non-seasonal items that should be available this time of year.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, and each household receives a blanket, and a health kit filled with full-sized hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth! Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc.

Please help where you can to brighten the holidays for some of your neighbors in need this December! Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July, or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Gospel Musicale

We were blessed to have the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church present a musicale of gospel music, a fundraiser for St. Andrews, on June 3rd. Kudos to Richmond McDaniels who organized the group to give us a truly enjoyable afternoon worshipping God through song. \$884.00 was raised for which we are truly grateful and new friendships were made!



Rummage Sale

Keep cleaning! We have many things listed online for sale and have sold already through Marketplace locally. We can still use many more items for our local in-person sale in September or early October. The earlier these items show up the better as it allows more time to go through them and organize. Of particular interest would be regular “everyday” things like kitchen/dining items, sheets/towels and “stuff” from the

garage like gardening or tools. Craft supplies, decorations and books always sell well also. Anything is fair game (except clothes), but especially those items I am unlikely to list online. If you need pickup, text or call me at 785-925-2344 or leave a message for Bill in the office and he can find me! Otherwise, they can be left in the basement downstairs in the big room outside the office.

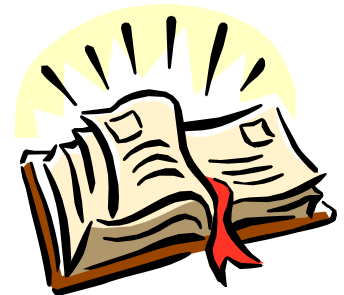
It is a win-win, you get to declutter and help the church at the same time!

Steph

July 2023 LECTONARY READINGS

Sunday, July 2 (Proper 8) Genesis 22:1–14 Psalm 13
Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42

Sunday, July 9 (Proper 9) Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–
67 Psalm 45:10–17 Romans 7:15–25a Matthew 11:16–
19, 25–30



Sunday, July 16 (Proper 10) Genesis 25:19–34 Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1–11 Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Sunday, July 23 (Proper 11) Genesis 28:10–19a Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24
Romans 8:12–25 Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Sunday, July 30 (Proper 12) Semicontinuous Genesis 29:15–28 Psalm
105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8:26–39 Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52



Communion will be observed on July 9th.

July Birthdays

Jo Ann Miller, July 1st

Misty Brown, July 7th

Francene Beall, July 10th

Alex Jones, July 13th





Jim and Kelly Carr, July 18, 2015

Larry and Susan K. William, July 24, 1993

Caring for our Members and Friends



Keep these folks in your prayers this week:

Jan Rice, Linda Ozaki, Karen Beckley, Kaylin
McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Linda McElroy,
Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly,
AJ Jones.

Remember our service men and women -both active duty and veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of storms throughout the country, wars and gun violence,

Pray for our government officials and world leaders.

SESSION



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-Sunday, June 25, 2023

[P] '25 Dean Robinson [P] '24 Sharon McDaniels [P] '23 Betty DeShazer
[P] '25 Larry William [A] '24 Linda Ozaki [P] '23 Bill DeShazer
[P] '25 Jan Rice [P] '24 Stephanie Reynolds [P] '23 Charles Franks

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of 05/31/23 - \$19,442.02
Memorial Fund - \$3,091.05
Pledge income for May- \$1,542.00
Non pledge income for May- \$900.00
Loose offering for May- \$82.00
Total income for May - \$2,781.09; Total May expenses- \$4,314.41

Birthday cake for Jo Ann and Francene on July 2nd.
Communion will be observed on July 9th. Will come forward to receive the elements, which will be the same in the covered cup.
Keeping the same format for Passing of the Peace.
Usher will continue to take attendance. No friendship pads to be used.
Hired new person for snow removal at \$75/hour. Will do removal if two inches or more of snow.
Bell Tower to be repaired and repainted.
Still working on sign repair. Appears one of the radio transmitters needs replaced.
To preserve the cool air, the doors to the sanctuary will be closed prior to and during worship. Also the double doors leading to the Fellowship Hall will remain closed.
See flyer for Doorstep's Christmas in July.
Next Session meeting is July 30th.

| July 2023 | | | | | | |
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| ◀ June | | | | | | August ▶ |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | | 1 Jo Ann Miller B'day |
| 2 Birthday cake For Jo Ann and Francene | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 Misty Brown B'day | 8 |
| 9 Communion | 10 Francene Beall B'day | 11 | 12 | 13 Alex Jones B'day | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Jim & Kelly Carr Anniv. | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Larry & Susan K. William Anniv | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Session | 31 | | | | | |

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

