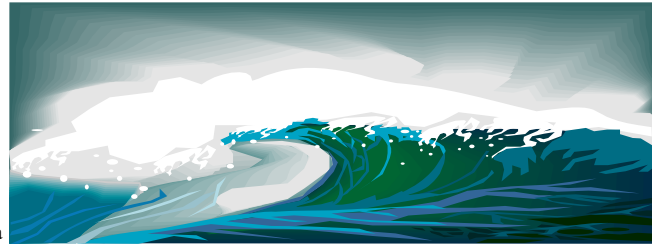




The *July 2024*
Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



July is upon us, and I started thinking about Independence Day celebrations, parades, cookouts, and fireworks. All those activities we partake in help us celebrate our freedom in this great nation. As Lee Greenwood sings, “I’m proud to be an American, where at least I know I’m free...and I won’t forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.” We are so blessed to live in the USA. We are so blessed to be able to worship as we see fit. But, just as proud as I am to be an American, I am also proud to be a Christian, and my heart sings, “And, I won’t forget the man (Jesus) who died and gave that right to me...” Where would we be today without Jesus? Where would our country be without Jesus? These questions have been asked generation after generation, and the answer is simple – we need Jesus because we are blessed by Him, protected by Him, and loved by Him. And where He is, freedom is.

In the Bible in Second Corinthians 3:17, the Scripture says, “*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*” Focus on the Family (FOF) has an article examining our freedom in Christ. I like how they explained the freedom Paul and Jesus spoke of in the Bible is not labeled as mere personal independence to do whatever we want in this life and choose our own path, but rather, this kind of freedom given by Christ is to be able to do what the Lord needs us to do. FOF says, “This spiritual freedom in Christ is what I call ‘inside freedom’ — the ability to obey God and choose His will for our lives.” Before Christ, we were dead in our sins. When Christ became our Savior, we were set free from the bondage and consequence of sin. We are now accepted by God.

The freedom we have in Christ was not bestowed upon us without cost. It came at a great price, paid by Jesus Himself. His death on the cross was the ultimate atonement for our sins. His death, burial, and resurrection signify that we too can overcome death and the grave. This is the true value and significance of the freedom we have in Christ.

Remember that our freedom in Christ is the ability to do what we ought to do. When sin reigns in our lives, we cannot do what we need to do for God. But His atonement for my and your sins is how we are reconciled to God.

Therefore, this time of the year, as you polish up your Corn Hole boards and prepare to play some badminton, let us remember that we do live in the greatest country in the world, and we are blessed by the Lord to be here. But let us also reflect on the freedom we have in our lives because of Christ on the cross. While Independence Day means a lot of different things to different people, for Christians, we have our own Independence Day. That was the day you bowed in prayer to the Lord and asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins, to come into your heart, and become a new creation. In that very moment – you were set free by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. So enjoy your watermelon and barbecues, but remember, we can celebrate another kind of freedom this week and every week. That is the freedom we have in Christ. Celebrate it.

In His Service,

Pastor Toby



Youth Fun!!



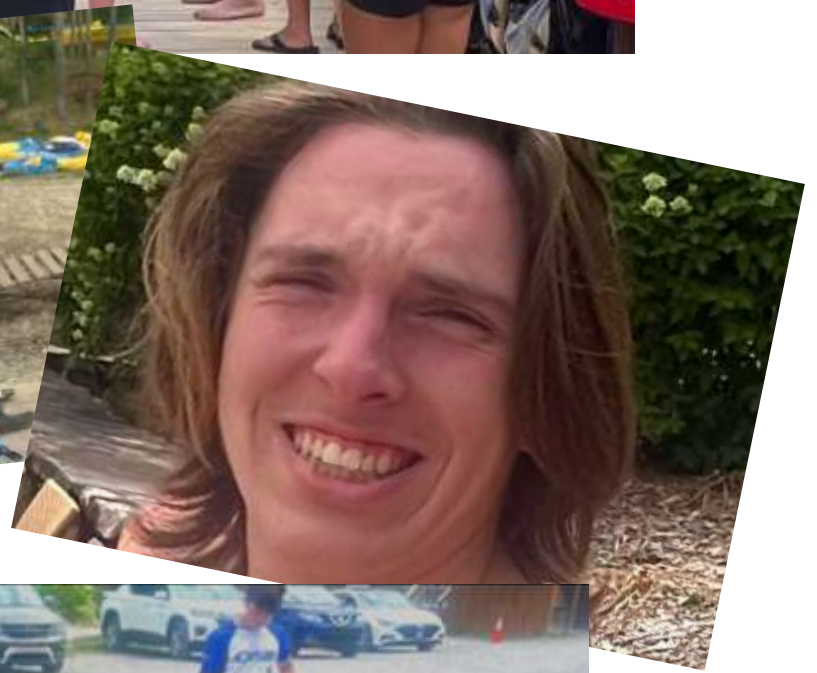
Really!!?!!



More FUN!!!



Water Park Adventures!



COME JOIN OUR JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Camps!



Cowen



Brothers Keeper





July 28 @ 5:00

Hotdogs and hamburgers with the fixin's
(Church furnishes meats, condiments and drinks)

Bring your favorite picnic item

Desserts; Salads; Chips; Baked Beans

Bring your favorite home-made ice cream!

Games! Corn Hole! and more!

Prizes for Corn Hole winners!

Come and bring your friends and family

215 Ann Street

(chill in the Fellowship Hall or enjoy the outside!)

The Flag



*Red for the blood shed in the name of freedom,
For which we fought,
United.*

*Blue for the oceans of time we have crossed,
Remaining the land of the free.*

*White for the peace we wish to share,
All men created equal.*

*Stars to remember those who fought throughout the night,
Bravely for our land.*

*Stripes to remind us of the lashings taken by the Prisoners of War.
With a seal, in God we trust*

*We each are one of many, in which we stand united in brotherhood.
A symbol of pride,*

*A salute to those who died in the fight,
A blanket to cover us in times of need,
Waving high to show we are still here, undefeated.
With honor, you are presented to the world.*

FOOD FOOD FOOD!



!Massive VBS FUNN!!!!



More VBS Fun and Mess!!



More VBS!





VBS WAS A BLAST!!!!



CommUnity Kitchen



Thanks to all of you who help with CommUnity Kitchen on Saturdays! The Wagoner clan took a turn to serve a luscious lunch for the people.

If you have a free Saturday, sign up to help. The schedule is on the side office door.

Men's Fellowship Mission



Al Arrington and Burt Lyons present Frank Miller at Parchment Valley a Life Vac kit for the facility. Thank you Men's Fellowship

Trustee at Work

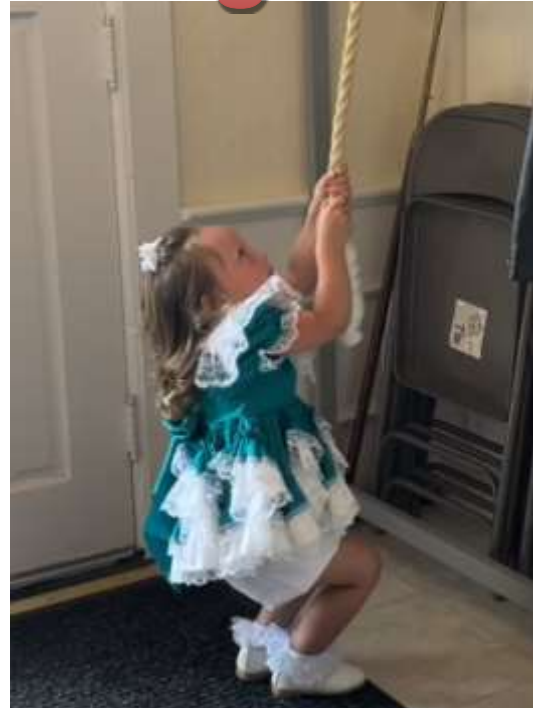


Trustee Alan Arrington takes time during his day to put in a French drain to help with drainage at the church. Thanks, Al.

June Bell Ringers



Max Pistelli



Kasee Johnson



Gabe Harpold



Colton Pistelli



Women's happenings

Prayer is a great instrument for those that love the Lord. We have seen miracles happen through prayer. The women's CIRCLE is sponsoring a 24 hour prayer vigil on Thursday, July 25 starting at noon. If you would like to participate by taking an hour, please contact Susan West. The last prayer hour is Friday, July 26 at noon.

Each year, CIRCLE takes time to enjoy a day trip to an area with great interest and fun for all women. This year's trip will take place on August 10 to Marietta, OH. Mark your calendars ladies and join in the fun. More info to come.

Our next CIRCLE will be meeting at the home of Abbi Woods on July 18 at 7:00. We will also be serving CommUnity Kitchen on July 20. All women are encouraged to come be a part of a great group of Christian women.

The Scholarship Girls have been announced. These ladies are in college now and would love to hear from you and covet your prayers. See below:

- **Taylor Osborne**

Home address: 1017 S Spring Street, Harrisville, WV 26362

Birthday: October 5, 2003

Church: Harrisville Asso: Harrisville

Best way for a church to contact:

email: mentalhealthmatters2003@gmail.com

Favorite Color: Blue Favorite Cookie: Chocolate Chip

Allergies: Shrimp

Collects: self-growth books Hobby: Tennis, Karate, Pageants, Cheerleading

College: Columbia University - NY Major: Neuroscience

- **Taylor Cassell**

Home address: 115 Pond View Dr., Culloden, WV 25510

Birthdate: March 31, 2006

College address: 1120 Bryant Street, 212A-2, Fairmont, WV 26554-1521

College: Fairmont State University Major: Photography

Chosen Vocation: Digital Media/Photographer

Email: Tayrilee17@gmail.com

Church: Hurricane Baptist Asso.: Teays Valley

Best way for a church to contact her: by her phone (contact the office)

Favorite Color: Blue Favorite Cookie: Chocolate Chip

Hobby: Photography/Videography, hanging out with friends

A Talent You Like to Share: Photography, videography, vlogging

Allergies: None



Operation Christmas Child

CONTINUES

The collection for the Shoeboxes continues in July with Hygiene products such as:

- ◆ Combs and brushes
- ◆ Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)
- ◆ Hair clips and barrets
- ◆ Wash cloths
- ◆ Bar soap
- ◆ Fun Adhesive bandaids
- ◆ Eating utensils (no knives)
- ◆ Nail clippers and files
- ◆ Small tissue packets

Bring items in and place in the box under the office bulletin board.

Thank you for supported our shoebox ministry!



Train up a child...



Colton Pistelli



Connor Wyant



Xavier Donahue

Junior ushers

Thank you for your gift!



Ann Johnson and **Landon King** shared their talents with special music during morning worship services. Great Job! Thank you both!

Focus on Sunday School:



Real Freedom

This month we celebrate our Independence Day. It is a day to remember and be thankful for our freedom in our country.

We have lots of freedom - we can go to church and worship how we want; we can eat whatever we want (if our moms and dads say ok), we can live where we want in a house, a tent, apartment, mobile home in Alaska, Florida, Hawaii or West Virginia. All kinds of freedoms.

The Bible says we are free because Jesus says we are.

“Who the Son sets free, is free indeed” John 8:36.

God brings us to His family and it didn't cost us anything. **But it cost Jesus everything.** All we have to do is believe we are sinners, ask forgiveness, and believe Jesus died for us so we don't have to.

Just think - Freedom to live for Jesus - a free home in heaven - praising the One who gave us ultimate freedom!

Let's show we are really free; come to Sunday School!

It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!

July Birthdays



- Pastor Toby—7/1
- Micah Arrington—7/4
- Dena Williams—7/5
- Christie Mize—7/5
- Allen Palmer—7/5
- Sherry Dzierzanski—7/6
- John Stephenson—7/12
- Roger Rader—7/12
- Jeff Flesher—7/16
- Finley Donahue—7/16
- Annabelle Flesher—7/19
- Jordan Williams—7/19
- Dale Vanderlaan—7/19
- Carolyn Brown—7/21
- Rilyn Stump—7/21
- Ron Starkey—7/30

Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan

**Bible Book of the Month
July 2024
Philippians**



July Calendar

- July 1 Trustee Meeting; Nominating Committee
- July 4 Independence Day—Office Closed
- July 7 Social Committee Meeting after church
- July 8 BOCE
- July 9 Men's Fellowship
- July 10 Second Quarter Reports Due
- July 10-13 Youth Yard Sale
- July 10-20 High School 2 at Camp Cowen
- July 11 Deaconess Meeting
- July 15 Anchor Articles Due
- July 16 Finance Committee Meeting
- July 17 Second Quarter Business Meeting
- July 18 CIRCLE
- July 26-29 Family Camp at Camp Cowen
- July 28 Annual Church Picnic
- July 30 Deacons Meeting
- * Game Day every Thursday 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays)

CommUnity Kitchen

- July 6 Mick & Susan
- July 13 Alan & Gusta
- July 20 CIRCLE
- July 27 Rose & Glen

*Sign up for
CommUnity Kitchen 2024!*

**Delivery People needed for
CommUnity Kitchen.
Contact Susan**

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



July 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Allen & Holly Palmer | 2 Adam Palmer | 3 Adam & Brittany Pistelli, Colton, Max, Ella | 4 Tyler & Jennifer Pitts, Owen & Isabella | 5 Mick & Susan Price | 6 Mary Proctor |
| 7 Kay Pursley | 8 Roger & Belinda Rader | 9 Juanita Raines | 10 Lee & Connie Reynolds | 11 Tyler & Michelle Ritchie Josh & Mary | 12 Brent & Angel Ritchie, Conner, Lincoln, Beckham | 13 Gary & Rhonda Samples |
| 14 David & Felisha Scott | 15 Josh Scott | 16 Grace Shirley | 17 Darrell & Camille Smith | 18 Jim Speer | 19 Tim & Connie Staats | 20 Diana Staats |
| 21 Jamie Standridge | 22 Ron & Amy Starkey | 23 Warner Stephens | 24 John Stephenson | 25 Tom & Beverly Stephenson | 26 Glenn & Rose Stevens | 27 Ralph & Jen Taylor, Kelly, Logan, McKenzie |
| 28 Mark & Amy Bowles—Taylor | 29 Destiny Thomas | 30 Stephen & Leanne Thompson, Ryley | 31 Randy & Carolyn Torris | | | |
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