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Messenger



Prayer for July 4th

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfil the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today.

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge,
...

May America remain loyal to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and extend their application to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression, persecution,
and unjust discrimination; save us from religious, racial and class conflicts;
may our country be a haven of refuge to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together, of reconciling differences of opinion and averting
clashes of interest, of helping one another to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

That the Star-Spangled Banner, the symbol of our American democracy,
may ever wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave. Amen.

REMINDER: There will be ONE JOINT SERVICE Sunday, July 6, at 10 A.M.



SUNDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

SATURDAY, JULY 5

9-12 noon Methodist Market

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship



1. Emily Cresswell

Lauren Allen

5. Chat Phillips

29. Mr.& Mrs. Chip Heidel



Happy 4th of July!

Destination Devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):

*In the mountains: “The mountains and hills will burst into song before you” (Isaiah 55:12).

*At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip: “They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come follow me,’ Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people” (Matthew 4:18-19).

*Near an ocean and river: “Let the sea resound...let the rivers slap their hands” (Psalm 98:7-8).

*In the desert: “They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud” (Exodus 16:10).

*In the woods: “Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the LORD...That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season” (Psalm 1:1-3).

*In the flatlands: “‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me...I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest’” (John 4:34-35).

*On a “staycation: close to home: “Love the LORD your God...These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts...Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road...Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).



For the summer months we will be in the series, ***Together as Believers*** and ***Talking With God***. Each week we will have a lesson about how the new Christians came together after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. We will learn how the Holy Spirit led them to be strong in their faith.

Making Wise Choices - Paul writing a letter to help Philemon.

Prayers Anywhere- What to Say When You Pray- The Lord's Prayer

Trusting God's Answers - Why Doesn't God Just Fix Things - Paul's Letters

Prayers From the Heart- Two Prayer at the Temple- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Prayers for All People - All Kinds of Prayers - God wants us to pray for everyone.

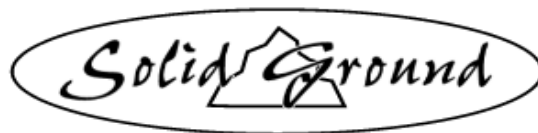
Prayers of Thanks - One Came Back - The Ten Lepers

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Summer Activities Schedule

Wed., July 9 - Surprise activity in the works

Wed., July 23 - Bowling at Party Safari. Time: TBD



There will be youth gatherings and fellowship during the Summer. Updates will be sent out.

M28 Camp –Dates June 27 – July 2, 2025

Current Camp Itinerary:

***We will leave the Church early on the morning of Friday, June 27th**

***Travel to Birmingham for the half-way stop and break for an activity.**

Continue to travel the rest of the way to Gatlinburg, TN.

***We will stay in Gatlinburg for 2 nights and Whitewater Raft on the Pigeon River with Big Creek Expeditions on Saturday, June 28th.**

***M28 Camp in Lake Junaluska, NC will begin on Sunday evening, June 29, and continue through Wednesday, July 2. We will return home on July 2.**

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, June 29, 2025

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/ Donna Heidel
Scripture	Revelation 3:1-22
Sermon	“A Word to the Church”
Flowers	Molly & Bill McNair

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

29. 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 7:11-17
30. Where were you?	Job 38:1-7

JULY

1. Judges by Himself	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15
2. By faith we understand	Hebrews 11:3-6
3. Caught red-handed	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a
4. Lead me in righteousness	Psalms 5:1-8
5. Crucified with Christ	Galatians 2:15-21