

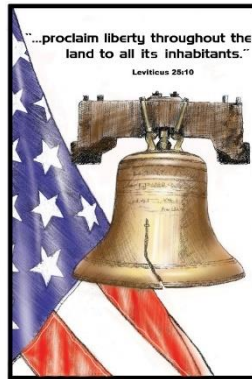
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# Messenger



## ***PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION***

***Presented by the Chancel Choir***

***SUNDAY – JULY 6***

### ***10:00 A.M. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE***

*Please join us as we **celebrate America!** We gather together to declare the joy of **our independence!** We gather together to **give thanks for blessings** beyond imagination! We gather together to **honor our veterans, past and present**, who have protected and defended **our freedom!***

*As we celebrate today, we are grateful for our many blessings, and pray that God will continue to watch over this great land, the United States of America!*

*We urge all of our service men and women and veterans to be present so that we might recognize them by standing as their branch of the service is recognized. We thank them for their service to our country. Any family members of veterans are welcome to stand also.*



## SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

9-12 noon Methodist Market



6. Maddie Canard

11. Dee Webb

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### Holy Ground

For me, there's nothing quite like taking off my sandals in the summer and walking through the grass. But when our sons were infants, neither shared that love of going barefoot. When we'd attempt to lower them to play outside, they'd raise their legs, trying not to touch the tickly, prickly, green ground.

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned Moses through the burning bush. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5, NIV). In God's presence, Moses faced a turning point: either resist God's instructions or obey, leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

Maybe taking off my sandals this summer can remind me that I'm standing in God's presence. I may not hear a booming voice, and I might just be standing at the kitchen sink doing chores. Or I might be at a barbecue, with the opportunity to truly listen to my neighbors. God's presence permeates life's big moments as well as the mundane.

How can you "take off your sandals" and enter what God has for you?

—Janna Firestone



## Memorial Gifts

*Barbara Daves Arnold*

Frank M. Patty, Jr.

Ginger Norquist Taylor

### HISKIDZ SWIM PARTY

Thanks to Pam and Hubert Hatfield for hosting the Hiskidz swim party last week!





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

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY, July 6, 2025**

Greeters

Scripture

Sermon

Flowers

Bettina & Steve Newman

Joshua 5:13-15

**"God Bless America"**

Linda & Bob Coker

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JULY**

**6. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 7:36-8:3

7. Generations will know

Psalm 22:27-31

8. A remnant spared

Isaiah 65:1-9

9. God heard my cry

Psalm 22:19-28

10. A sound of silence

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

11. Hope in God

Psalm 42 and 43

12. All one in Christ

Galatians 3:23-29