



The Open Door

Pastors Notes

Happy July everyone! It seems this month is filled with celebrations, family time, vacations, and outdoor living.

I recently finished a book titled *What Matters Now* by Gary Hamel published in 2012. I thought it was a book about management and was unpleasantly surprised when he had an entire chapter about church. (It's one

thing to attempt to apply these ideas to the church and another entirely when the author goes right after our institution!) If we presume that he is correct, then we realize rather quickly that the "church" needs to adapt to our rapidly changing times. One way that we (Church Council) have decided to try to adapt is something called "Do Something Sunday." The first opportunity will be on October 1. What this looks like depends on you. There will be no corporate worship in the sanctuary that morning,

but there will be worship in our community! Team leaders are needed to step forward and manage a small team to do something in our community. The possibilities are almost limitless. What is God urging you to do? What have you seen lately that needs fixed, cleaned, assisted, fed, etc.? More information will be given about this opportunity to serve in our world. Talk to me regarding your idea and what you might need to be successful. We have a healthy mission fund to seed some of these projects, so

cost shouldn't be much of an issue. I'm excited to join you in our first "Do Something Sunday."

Pastor Tim



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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming July 17-21 from 6:00-8:15. We have an incredibly fun theme of Surf Shack! This church-wide mission is something EVERYONE can get involved in. Here's how:

1. We still need volunteers to make this even happen. Can you decorate on Sunday, July 16, at 11:30? (You will get lunch!) How about taking a small group of kids from one station to the next? Do you

like to play games? Are you willing to be an extra set of hands somewhere, help set up or clean up? There is a place for you at VBS!

2. We also need decorating supplies. This could be anything from beach chairs, beach toys, buckets, beach towels, beach umbrellas, and surfboards to Hawaii decorations. If you have something that would add to the fun atmosphere of Surf Shack, please label it with your name, and bring it to the church on Sunday, July

16.

3. On Friday night, July 21, we will have a closing program. Please come support the kids and their families.

Please let Kim Paroz (330-978-6554 or globaloutreach127@yahoo.com) know if you are able to help. This will be a VBS to remember! "Remember that the Lord is Great and Awesome!" —Nehemiah 4:14

Workers in July

Ushers @ 8:30 Service

- July 2
Dan Mix/Harold Mansfield
- July 9
Cheryl & Tim O'Connor
- July 16
Lee & Jim Schmitz
- July 23
Pam & Matt Pribanick
- July 30
Sue Wells/Alice McConnell

Ushers @ 10:30 Service

- July 2
Sherry Blasens/Pat Campbell
- July 9
Fran Pruchenski/Ann Kester
- July 16
Holly DeLaney/Genny Pavlick
- July 23
Dan Mix/Beth Lange
- July 30
Sherry Blasens/Harold Mansfield



The steeple will be lit from July 23-29 in memory of **Todd Phile**, whose birthday was July 28, by JoAnn Phile.

Open Door Deadline

The deadline for newsletter submissions is **always** the **15th** of the month. If you want to put something in the **August** newsletter, the deadline is **July 15**.

Liturgists

- July 2
Eva Rowley
- July 9
Cindy Jarrett
- July 16
Eva Rowley
- July 23
Ann Kester
- July 30
Ann Kester

July Lectionary

- July 2
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16
Isaiah 55:10-13
- July 23
Isaiah 44:6-8
- July 30
1 Kings 3:5-12

If you want to see what the General Synod will be looking at June 30-July 4, check out this website:

General Synod 2017 – resolutions



To all our wonderful volunteers

Homebound Friends

Roy & Helen Kuhn
7824 Tallmadge Rd.
Rootstown, OH 44272

Arthur Kirkpatrick
3854 Biltz Rd.
Kent, OH 44240



Members in Nursing Homes

Donna Byers
Longmeadow
565 Bryn Mawr St.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Mary Lou Johnson
The Gables at Kent Ridge
5241 Sunnybrook Rd., Room D23
Kent, OH 44240
330-677-3261

Katie Bauman
Brookdale of Ravenna
141 Chestnut Hill
Ravenna, OH 44266

July Birthdays and Anniversaries



- July 1** Nancy Wiley
Preston Hatcher
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Galloway
- July 2** Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kibler
- July 3** Susie Knudson
Amy Lange
John Bearss
Jay Kester
- July 5** Ruth Gintert
- July 6** Doug Dillon
- July 7** LaRee Munger
- July 9** Jean LeMaster
Lee Schmitz
- July 14** Margie Hatcher
Terry Montz
- July 19** Ben Hatcher
Seth Besaw
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jarrett
- July 22** Andrea Nunley
Dan Myers
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Dillon
- July 23** Julia Hayes
- July 24** Julie Bearss
Taylor Wadsworth
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Finney
- July 26** Sara Kinter
Bruce Lange
- July 27** Gemma Lang
- July 30** Claire Santoro
- July 31** Kara Waldsmith
Jim Nunley

Thank you to Shannon, Trista, and Miranda Hughes for providing all of the pictures for our new church directory. You are awesome, and we love you!!!!

Thank you for the generous donation of \$2,500 in gift cards for Wal-Mart, Sheetz, and Home Depot for Freedom House and for your continued support of the veterans at Freedom House!

*Jason Davis
Program Manager
Freedom House*

Interesting Facts About Independence Day

One of the United States' patriotic songs, "Yankee Doodle" was originally sung by British military officers prior to the Revolution as a means to mock the disorganized American colonists who fought alongside them during the French and Indian Wars.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812 and not decreed the official national anthem of the United States until 1931.

Three U.S. Presidents, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, died on July 4th; Adams and Jefferson died within hours of each other in 1826 while Monroe died in 1831.

The country's 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on Independence Day in 1872.

Americans consume about 155 million hot dogs on Independence Day alone; it is the biggest hot dog holiday of the year.

In 1870 Congress made Independence Day an official unpaid holiday; in 1938, it was changed to a paid federal holiday.

Americans began observing the Fourth of July as early as 1777, when the first-ever major celebration in Philadelphia included a parade and a thirteen-shot cannon salute and fireworks.

To avoid cracking it, the Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1846. To mark the quintessential day, every fourth of July it is symbolically tapped 13 times.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson are responsible for the bald eagle as the national bird; Benjamin Franklin wanted it to be the turkey.

The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest at age 70, and Edward Rutledge was the youngest at age 26.

Two of our nation's great national symbols were made overseas. The Liberty Bell was cast in England, and the Statue of Liberty in France.

The American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) estimates that more than 14,000 professional firework displays light up the skies in the United States each 4th of July.

—Heather Sanders

Prayer List

1. Kyle Bailey
2. Mike Bailey, Sr.
3. Tim Barrett
4. Kristen Braunreitter
5. Tish Brett
6. Martha Budd
7. Esther Burton
8. Jeff Ciuk
9. Carolyn Collidge
10. Fred Craft
11. Doug Cronk
12. Joe Delley, Jr.
13. Robin Deters
14. Dyllyn & Family
15. Nathan Gilliland
16. Dick Hargett
17. Karen Harris
18. Chuck Harton
19. Todd Hinkle
20. John Horning
21. Lucy Hughes
22. Jake & Family
23. Courtney Janko
24. Jeffie & Family
25. Arnie Klibert
26. Roy Kuhn
27. Kim Lane
28. Rick Lewis
29. Erin Loschetter
30. Pru Love
31. Jenny McCambridge
32. Penny Moretz
33. Bill Nickles
34. Jennie Prentice
35. Gilbert Rowley
36. Fred & Debbie Sanders
37. Don Schlather
38. Bill Sholler
39. Tom Steurer & Family
40. Adam Sweeney
41. Ryan Vrudney
42. Jane Wayman

Independence Day

Independence Day is a day of family celebrations with picnics and barbecues, showing a great deal of emphasis on the American tradition of political freedom. Activities associated with the day include watermelon or hotdog eating competitions and sporting events, such as baseball games, three-legged races, swimming activities, and tug-of-war games.

Many people display the American flag outside their homes or buildings. Many communities arrange fireworks that are often accompanied by patriotic music. The most impressive fireworks are shown on television. Some employees use one or more of their vacation days to create a long weekend so that they can escape the heat at their favorite beach or vacation spot.

The 4th of July is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United States. Many politicians appear at public events to show their support for the history, heritage, and people of their country. Above all, people in the U.S. express and give thanks for the freedom and liberties fought by the first generation of many of today's Americans. The Statue of Liberty is a national monument that is associated with Independence Day.

The 4th of July is a federal holiday. There are many public events, parades, shows, and fireworks displays.

In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration

of Independence on August 2, 1776. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parades, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826—exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration. It is also important to note that Native Americans lived in the country, and each tribe had its own nation and government prior to the European settlers.

Church Finances

From May 28-June 18 4 weeks

Amount Given to General Fund:
\$9,238.23

This includes \$53.23 from recycled paper.

Thank you for your support of EUC.

