



July Newsletter 2024

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter the month of July, we very quickly find ourselves celebrating the 4th of July. This is our nation's independence and our nation's freedom.

Of course, freedom can mean different things to different people. As mentioned, one of the biggest freedoms we celebrate is what we celebrate as a country. In fact, there are 5 basic freedoms or rights that we enjoy that other countries may or may not have. We have The Freedom of Religion, The freedom of Speech, The Freedom to Vote, The Freedom of Assembly, and the Freedom to Petition the Government.

Furthermore, we have many other freedoms as well. For these freedoms, we all need to be thankful and grateful. Likewise, as believers in Christ, we also celebrate the fact that we have a whole other list of freedoms as well, through our faith and through Christ.

For example, we have the freedom to approach the throne of God, through the cross of Christ. Furthermore, we are set free in Christ, and set free from the power of sin, and are free to live lives worthy of the gospel we enjoy.

In fact, we read from John 8:32, which says, **"And you know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

Hence, just as we celebrate our freedom as a country, may we also celebrate our freedom in Christ, by freely living our lives in response to God's love and grace.

For we, as the people of God, have the ongoing blessing of celebrating our relationship with God and our freedom in Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor John

The Presby

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Session Digest

The Session met for its Stated March meeting on June 23, 2024, in the Session Room.

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Shirley Cavender, Colleen Dunford, Pastor John Langham, Scott Madden, Don and Lettie Nance, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Michael and Rachel Weller.

Motions approved by the Session:

- To accept the written Finance Report for May 2024.
- To approve creating a church Facebook Page.
- To approve the next Session meeting for August 25.

Review of Calendar of Events for July:

- 4 - *Independence Day, Office Closed*
- 7 - Communion
- 15- 20 - Lions Club Charity Carnival
- 21 - Cove Service

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Movie Night:

Please plan to join us for a fun night at the movies! The classic motion picture, “No Time For Sergeants”, will be shown by the Evangelism and Church Growth Committee, in **Hatcher Hall, on Friday, July 12th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be served.**

This was the last movie that Andy Griffith made before his long-running television series began. Andy plays the part of Will Stockdale, a country boy, hounded by a Drill Sergeant who finds it difficult to “break” him. While this is not a prequel to the “Gomer Pyle” spin-off from the Mayberry television series, the similarities are noticeable, and Don Knotts played a role in this film as well.

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Stewardship Message:

Stewardship is a commitment. We make a commitment every day to get to our jobs on time, to take care of our family members, to water our plants, and to take care of our pets.

We all have made a commitment to this church, and the way we show this is with our time, our talents, and our financial resources. One of those commitments is to spread the word of God, which we do by using our talents.

So, at the beginning of this Stewardship Season, the hope is that you will continue to make a commitment to the church by serving on committees, or serving on the Session, and by the gifting of your financial resources. With your commitment, we will continue to serve God into the future.

The Stewardship Committee

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5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on July 21st. You may bring it to the church, or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check. Many thanks for your giving.

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Cove Service:

The Cove Service will be held on Sunday evening, July 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a friend, and join us for this inspirational service, hymn sing, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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Newsletter & Office Information:

Please submit information for the August Newsletter to the church office by Friday, July 19th. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Hope Packs:

Hope Packs are suspended throughout the Summer, but will resume commensurate with the school schedules in the Fall.

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Monthly Meetings:

- Tuesday, July 9th: Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Hatcher Hall
- Tuesday, July 9th: Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16th: Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.

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Thank You Note:

We want to thank the members of the church who have helped us over our last "health hurdle." You have blessed us with your prayers, visits, food, phone calls, transportation and much more. We appreciate your outpouring of love and concern.

May God bless each and every one of you,

Letty and Don Nance

Circle 1 and Circle 3:

Circle 1 and Circle 3 Presbyterian Women's meetings will be "on hold" throughout the summer months, but will resume as usual once Autumn is on the horizon. Watch future newsletters for the exact dates these meetings will start scheduling once again.

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MISSION CO-WORKER SUPPORT:

SHARON KANDEL - ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN

REV. CHERYL BARNES - MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

REV. ELMARIE PARKER AND REV. SCOTT PARKER - IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Bible Study 6:30	4 Independence Day Church Office will be closed	5 Happy Birthday! Priscilla Hall Church Office reopens	6
7 11:00 Worship Communion Serv.	8	9 Church Growth Committee 4pm HH Finance Comm 4pm	10 Bible Study 6:30	11	12 Movie Night 7pm "No Time for Sergeants"	13
14 11:00 Worship	15 Happy Birthday! Chimer Durham Lions Club Carnival begins	16 Worship Comm. 10am Happy Birthday! Glenda Martin	17 Bible Study 6:30	18	19 Happy Birthday! Pat Hurst	20 Happy Birthday! Jamie Ritter Lions Club Carnival ends
21 11:00 Worship 5 Cents A Meal Cove Service 7:30	22	23 Happy Birthday! James Gearhart	24 Bible Study 6:30 Happy Birthday! Evelyn Love Ritter	25 Happy Birthday! Elsa Jane Morrison	26	27
28 11:00 Worship Happy Birthday! Bob Fore	29	30 Happy Birthday! Rev Donald Nance	31 Bible Study 6:30			