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Independence Day, better known to some people as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday that commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776.

It's historically significant because the Continental Congress declared the 13 American colonies no longer were subject to the British monarch.

Let that sink in. In 1776, Britain was a global superpower, and to declare independence took a lot of spunk, to put it lightly.

Of course, the United States had to win the lengthy American Revolutionary War, which it did.

So, although Independence Day celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Americans' quest for freedom went way beyond that act. Simple signatures don't always do the trick.

However, Americans have been celebrating Independence Day for years, and, like Christmas, sometimes the true meaning gets lost in all the hoopla.

That hoopla, such as fireworks, parades and cookouts, represents a good time for families and communities. That's fine. They are a fun way for people to get together and have fun, hopefully in a safe manner.

But Independence Day means more than sparklers, just as Christmas means more than presents under the tree.

It represents people's efforts to earn and keep freedom, and that's a struggle that continues to this day.

Sometimes the struggles are big, such as the ongoing civil rights movement.

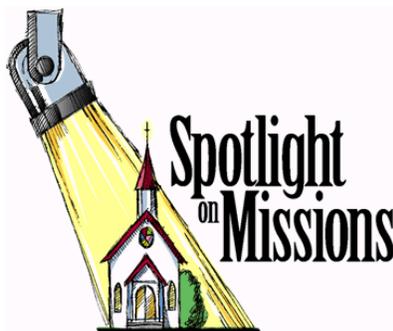
Others are smaller and more personal in nature, and just about everybody probably has a story to tell on that front.

However, a nation gaining independence from another nation is pretty big.

The quest for freedom is noted on other national holidays, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Independence Day stands out more, though, because it's more festive and less contemplative in nature.

Again, we love a fireworks display and a July 4 parade, with its decorated floats, marching bands and U.S. flags.

But people should remember all the sacrifices that went into the celebration, and those sacrifices, in some way or another, continue.



Doorstep

We are doing Christmas in July this year, but keeping our focus on a few areas only. (Flyer Attached)

Since we gave out all of the blankets and health kits items last December we need to replenish those items.

Blankets – Full/Queen & King.... We need one for each household (260)

If donating quilts, if you could please mark the size on them, we would greatly appreciate it!

We'll gladly take the smaller throws, but they do not count towards the 260 total. We give them out to larger families along with a blanket/quilt.

Health Kits – Bath & hand towels and washcloths. Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, combs, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Toys – All ages...

All of these items should be available in the summer months. We will focus on new, winter clothing for all ages in November/December.

We will not have the Summer Cash Bash this year as there are no matching funds available.

We will, however, be starting our year-long 55th Anniversary celebration to raise funds for a new HVAC system for the building, services and operating expenses.

Also, the 4th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run will be Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm, Lake Shawnee.

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION



Perhaps you have noticed that TRM has a new service for the homeless. They have a mobile shower trailer that can be taken to various locations



to allow the homeless to get showers and clean clothes. We can help with this benefit by supplying towels & wash clothes (new or used) soap, shaving needs, shampoo and clean clothes (suitable for the current season). If you would like to help, please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall and I will see that they get delivered to the mission.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please call me.

Dianne Deuser

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It's Fellowship Time Again

After many months of social distancing and following the Covid-19 guidelines, It looks like we can finally resume Fellowship Time following worship. We'll be starting this Sunday, July 4th. There'll be coffee and packaged treats, and we'll be to sit and visit with each other. So plan to join us for worship and fellowship.

Another change- we're going to resume the Passing of the Peace during worship. You can do that with fist bump, elbow bump or even a hug if the other person is comfortable with that. It's good to be able to get back to some of our normal activity.

Men's Group Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' groups will meet at Banjos on July 16th at 11:30. Take this opportunity for a time with your church family and friends.



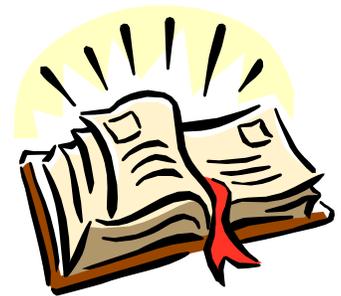
July 2021 LECTIONARY READINGS

July 4 (Proper 9) – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 11 (Proper 10) – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 18 (Proper 11) – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25 (Proper 12) – 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



Holy Communion will be observed on July 4th.

July Birthdays

Jo Ann Miller, July 1st

Misty Brown, July 7th

Francene Beall, July 10th

Alex Jones, July 13th

Brian McPherson, July 14th



Jim and Kelly Carr, July 18, 2015

Larry and Susan William, July 24, 1993

Caring for our Members and Friends



Keep these folks in your prayers this week:

Virginia Moore, Mary Ottiwell, Matthew Reynolds, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Norm Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers and Dolores Wilmers, JR McDaniels, Jerry Barton, Aaron Bulmer, Andy O'Neill, Tad and Gail Estes and family, Paulette Schrock

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those who continue to serve during this pandemic, the hungry and the homeless.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation and our community as conflicts still continue. Pray for cooperation and respect among our government officials on all levels.

SESSION



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-June 20, 2021

[P] '23 Betty DeShazer [P] '22 Claudia Hamer [P] '21 Dianne Deuser
[P] '23 Bill DeShazer [P] '22 Matthew Reynolds [P] '21 Sharon McDaniels
[P] '23 Charles Franks [P] '22 Stephanie Reynolds [A] '21 Jo Ann Miller
[P] '23 Linda Ozaki [P] '22 Jan Rice [A] '21 Janet Schiesser

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking 5/31/2021 - \$13,721.78

Memorial Fund - \$3,797.30

General fund pledge income in May- \$3,360.00. General fund non-pledge income - \$1,205.00. Loose offering - \$163.00.

Pastor Stacey's surgery went well and recovery is going good. She will be out of the pulpit on the 27th for a FCCLA meeting.. Bill will be filling the pulpit on that date.

Doorstep is requesting donations for their Christmas in July event. They are also needing to replace their HVAC system. Will be doing a fundraiser for that.

Rescue Mission needing donations of bath and laundry supplies for their travelling laundry and bath trailer. Session voted to allow them to use our parking lot to host one of their events with the trailer.

We will begin fellowship time in Fellowship Hall following worship on July 4th. Treats will be prepackaged.

We will also resume the passing of the peace in worship. We will maintain the pew arrangement for social distancing just as a comfort level for any who might be concerned. Communion will continue the same with the prepackaged elements.

The sign will be fixed sometime in July.

A committee consisting of Betty DeShazer, Sharon McDaniels and Claudia Hamer will give further consideration to having a Blessing Box.

Next Communion will be on July 4th.

| ~ July 2021 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 Jo Ann Miller B'day | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 Misty Brown B'day | 8 | 9 | 10 Francene Beall B'day |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Alex Jones B'day | 14 Brian McPherson B'day | 15 | 16 11:30- Men's & Ladies' Lunch | 17 |
| 18 Session Following Worship Jim & Kelly Carr Anniversary | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Larry & Susan William-Anniv. |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

DOORSTEP'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Each year we adopt 260 households for Christmas. There will be 800+ individuals in these households and we need your help in providing gifts & necessities.

Last year with the pandemic we did not have our 'normal' Christmas Store, and only gave out blankets and health kits with the food and gift cards. Therefore, we still have gifts in the basement ready for this year. For Christmas in July we are focusing on replenishing the blankets and health kit items we used, and toys which we rarely have enough of for the adopted children.

Below are specific items we need this Christmas.

Health Kit Items

Towels (new) bath & hand, and washcloths, Combs, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste/brushes, Shampoo, Razors



**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**



Quilts & Blankets

Full, Queen & King



Toys

Games - All Ages
Baby Dolls,
Balls - Football, Soccer,
Basketball
Teen Girls Gifts -
Make Up & Nail Kits
Back Packs
Color & Reading Books
School Supplies
Toys for Ages 2-12
NO Barbies Please

Please Bring Items To Doorstep In July For Families Who Will Be Adopted This Christmas.

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Worship 11:00 AM

