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The Declaration of Independence



We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776). It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776? The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.



Doorstep

This July we are taking all of our summer events and rolling them into one month! We have Christmas in July collections for our adopted families this December, and our 3rd Summer Cash Bash to earn matching funds!

Doorstep will adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals this December through the Christmas Bureau. We have created a more specific list of items this year, based on the requested items our families listed last Christmas. Our collection focus for Christmas in July is non-seasonal items that should be easily available this time of year.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, and each household receives a blanket, and a health kit filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth! Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc.

You can bring your Christmas donations to worship in July (if your congregation is open), or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Our 3rd Summer Cash Bash has our generous, anonymous donor offering up to \$15,000 in match money if we receive donations of \$20,000 or more, during the month of July! Please note your congregation and 'Summer Cash Bash' on your donations so we apply it to the matching total! Donations typically drop during the summer months, and this will help Doorstep continue to operate, pay our bills, and help our neighbors in need pay theirs.

In Loving Memory – Janet Schiesser



Janet passed away on June 5, 2022. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, June 18th at St. Andrews with a reception following. In keeping with the spirit of Janet's wishes, it was a party like atmosphere with family and friends, butterflies on the tables and mini cupcakes in the form of a colorful rainbow. Janet will be truly missed by all who knew her.

July 2022 LECTONARY READINGS

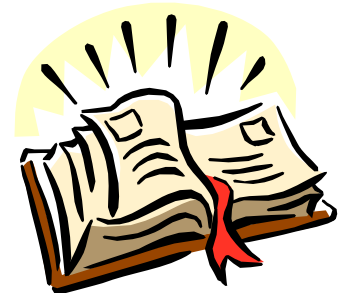
Sunday, July 3 (Proper 9) - 2 Kings 5:1–14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16 Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Sunday, July 10 (Proper 10) - Amos 7:7–17 Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1–14 Luke 10:25–37

Sunday, July 17 (Proper 11) - Amos 8:1–12 Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15–28 Luke 10:38–42

Sunday, July 24 (Proper 12) - Hosea 1:2–10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]
Luke 11:1–13

Sunday, July 31 (Proper 13) - Hosea 11:1–11 Psalm 107:1–9, 43 Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21





Communion date to be announced.

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 K. William, July 24, 1993

Caring for our Members and Friends



Keep these folks in your prayers this week:

Norm, Karin, Sharon, Robin Schiesser and family
Jacob Franks, Marlene Watson, Sharon McDaniels,
Gale Myers, Fred Diaz, Mary Ottiwell, Rita Kelly ,

Paulette Schrock, Dolores Wilmers , Kathy Fuller, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones.

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

Pray for peace for our community, nation and the world. Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine as the war goes on there.

Lift up in prayer those victims of the continuing tragedies in this country.

Pray for God's peace in the midst of so much turmoil.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders that they may govern to serve the people and lead with wisdom and compassion.



Session did not meet in June

July 2022						
◀ June						August ▶
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
17 Session	18 Jim & Kelly Carr Anniv.	19	20	21	22	23
24 Larry & Susan William – Anniv.	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

