

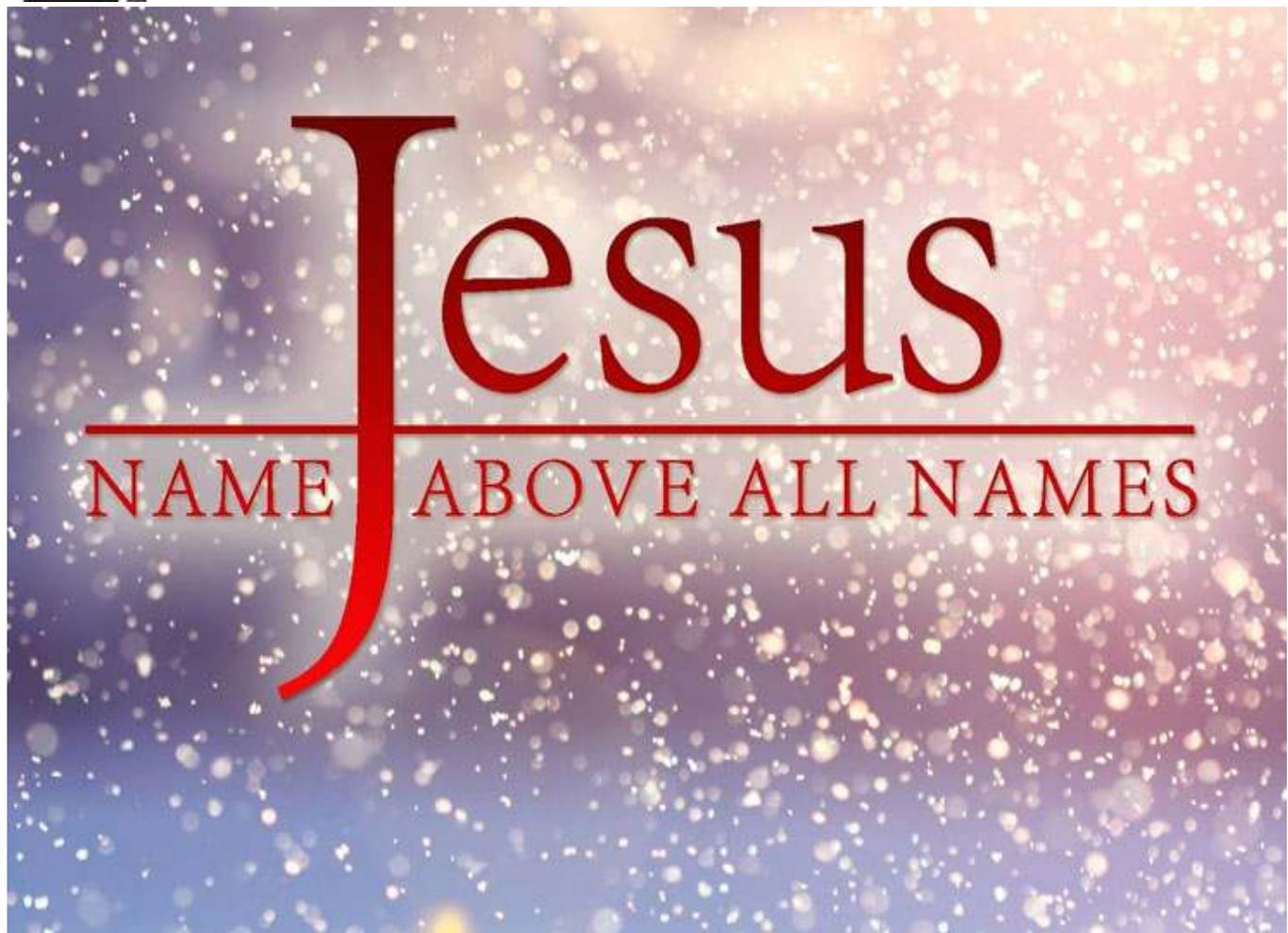
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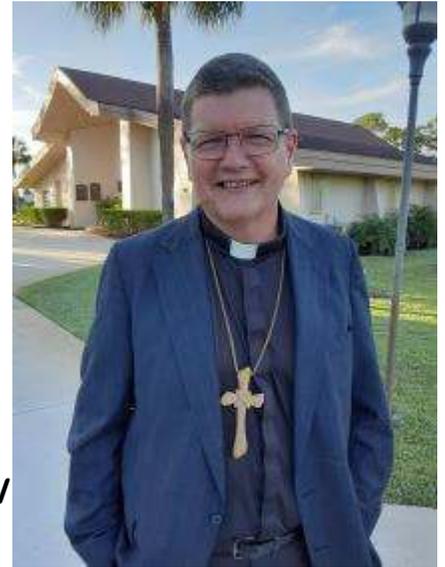
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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
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PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Happy Independence Day! I have always enjoyed the Fourth of July and fireworks. But this year, many places are even cancelling community celebrations and parades due to the Corona Virus. I have shared before that musicians have a way with words, and I often find great comfort in the lyrics of a great Christian song that helps me to stay focused and hopeful. There is a Christian band called "Unspoken" who sing a song that really taps into how our current national and international situation can make us feel like giving up hope. I shared a portion of this song in a sermon in June. My article for this month is based on the lyrics to their hit song "Reason". They begin the song with the following words, *" This year's felt like four seasons of winter. And you'd give anything you think to feel the sun. Always reaching, always climbing. Always second guessing the timing. But God has a plan a purpose in this. You are His child so don't you forget. He put that hunger in your heart. He put that fire in your soul. His love is the reason, to keep on believing. When you feel like giving up. When you feel like giving in. His love is the reason. To keep on believing"*

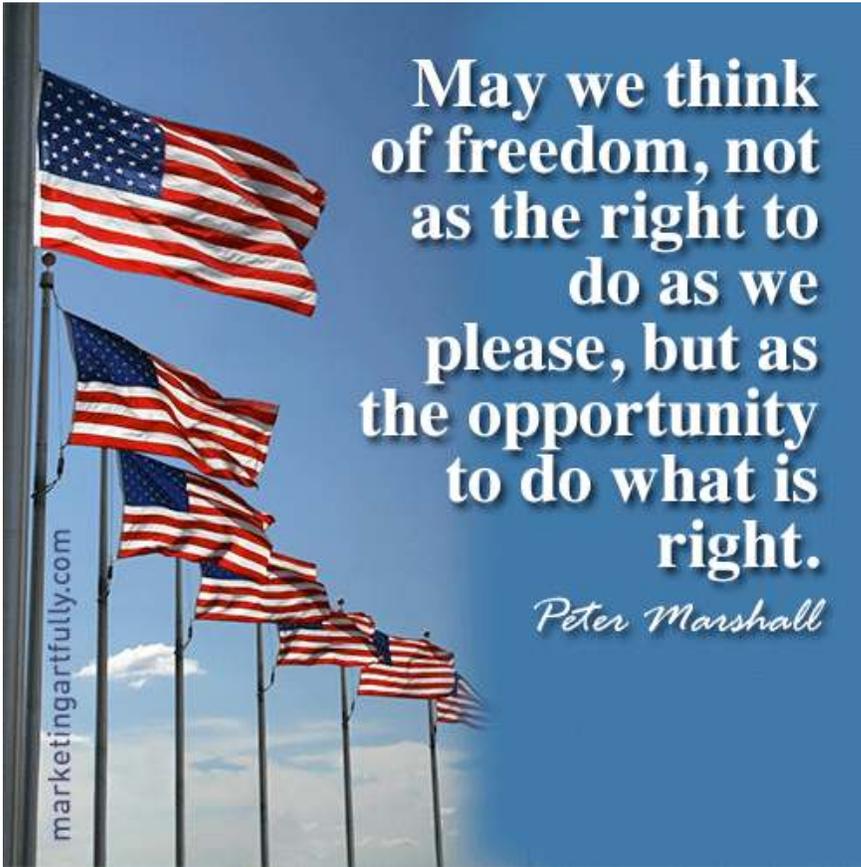


Don't give up. Don't give in. Keep on believing. In these times of uncertainty and chaos, God is with us and God will walk with us through it all. As I shared last month, some of the challenges we have been faced with have led to good things. Romans 8:28 says, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." In the words of the old saying, "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good." The Church Council has set a tentative date for holding public worship services. Worship will not be like it was before the virus. There will have to be safety precautions put into place to safeguard the well being of all who worship in the Church. Please read the notice in this month's newsletter from the Council (page 7). In the meantime, please continue watching worship online. We have encountered some problems with livestreaming due to the speed of the internet at the church. Because of slow internet connection, the services were delayed in posting online. These challenges will continue for a couple more months as we work towards a solution. Since the church does not yet have fiber optics brought to the building, the Council voted to upgrade our internet and bring fiber optic to the church. This change in service may take 60-90 days as it requires a permit from Collier County. The upgrade will mean that the church will be changing our e-mail address. I am aware this is yet another change, but it will be worth it when everything is installed and we have faster internet and better phone connections. You will be notified of the new e-mail address in the near future. We shall overcome the challenges that have been placed on us. And there is a light at the end of this tunnel. That light is Jesus Christ. Things will get better, and we will be able to enjoy the things we once took for granted like fireworks displays and public worship inside the church. But until that time, I invite you to keep that hunger for Jesus in your heart, and the fire of the Holy Spirit in your soul. And remember that His love is the reason, to keep on believing.

P.S. We may not be able to enjoy public fireworks this 4th of July, but join us on [Sunday](#) the 5th for a patriotic worship service!

Pastor Jeff

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .



BLUE ZONES PROJECT . . .

God's blessing on your day! I recently brought to Council the proposition of becoming a Blue Zone Church. Blue Zones Project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier in Southwest Florida. Things like providing healthy snacking options and exercise opportunities can make us eligible and provides us with free marketing and advertising. To enlist we only need 30 people to take the Blue Zone pledge. To receive more information on how to take the pledge, call the Church office Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. By taking the Blue Zones Personal Pledge, you take the first step toward living a longer, healthier, happier life and have joined hundreds of your friends, neighbors, and co-workers in transforming well-being in Southwest Florida. This is a free project to help us live longer healthier lives in our community. Please take the pledge. Thank you.

Kelli Ungs

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Six Months Ended June, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$201,982	\$220,534	(\$18,552)
Operating Expense	\$174,960	\$191,210	\$16,250
Net Income (Deficit)	\$27,022	\$29,324	(\$2,302)

MAY, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES . . .

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that we applied for a PPP Loan with the ELCA Credit Union and it was approved. The amount requested and approved was \$21, 562. The BB&T investment balance is up \$17,000.

Pastor's report: Duties continue with posting Sunday services on line and Facebook. I continue to contact our members by phone, especially the ones scheduled for surgeries and procedures. Still can not visit shut-ins in person, but continue to pray with them by phone. The Synod has established a Capital Campaign called "United as One" for congregations in need of financial assistance for either technology to help them do worship virtually or simply in need of financial assistance due to the Corona Virus pandemic. The Synod has dedicated \$100,000 from their budget to this campaign. They hope to raise an additional \$300,000. As you look at attendance, you will notice a substantial increase in numbers. The Synod has recommended that congregations take the number of views online and multiply it times two. They believe it is fair to assume that the average number of viewers at home are two people watching. Some will be alone, and some will have more than two. This is how our average attendance is so high for April. I am open to discussion regarding how we record average attendance online. You will also notice a substantial increase in giving for April. Much of that increase comes from the anonymous \$10,000 matching funds challenge which was met and ended with just over \$17,000 matching income from the congregation. I give thanks for the generosity of everyone to make this possible. Office remains closed to public but open to individuals that come to the door during business hours. New video equipment and soundboard are to be installed May 17th and instructions will be given the 18th. This will be recorded for training purposes. THANK YOU for your ongoing communication with members. I have learned of many situations where surgeries are scheduled or people are in need of prayer and spiritual care for family situations. Is anyone interested in helping identify and form a care calling tree to relieve the Council members who may not be interested in continuing in this process? I will be on vacation from June 15th thru July 4th. This will include 2 Sundays, and I will seek supply pastors for that time. I am officiating at our son's wedding in Iowa.

Team reports:

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported that the balance in our Ameritrade account as of April 30, 2020 is \$124,813.

Evangelism – Charlotte reported that she is continuing to make calls to members of the congregation.

Local Missions– Paul Hashagen reported that he and his wife, Ann, are still helping with food distribution at St. Matthew's House in Immokalee. Safety requirements must be met for them to continue in the future.

Parish Relations – Barb Keller reported that SOTG does not have virus protection insurance coverage.

Worship & Music – Pat Cooper reported that she has received positive feedback regarding the video services and music provided.

MAY, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES (CONTINUED) . . .

Old Business:

Kelly Ungs is working on the “Blue Zone Project”. The project requires that at least thirty people register on Blue Zone website, and as of this date, that has not happened.

New Business:

Opened a savings account at ELCA Credit Union for \$1000.00 per loan requirement.

Pastor Jeff was given a discretionary fund of \$500.00 to use when necessary.

A motion was made, and seconded, not to open the church until Council has had a chance to discuss specific guidelines on the safety of opening. Council will also consider what the Synod recommends.

Council agreed to pay Francisco Gonzales Landscaping Company \$200.00 per month to trim the bushes and spray for insects.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cooper, Secretary

The minutes which follow have not yet been approved by Council.

JUNE, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES . . .

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice President, Pete Peterson.

The meeting of the Shepherd of the Glades Council was held via conference call and in person because of the Corona Virus. Members in attendance: Larry Buettner (phone), Bob Tidmore, Pat Cooper, Pete Peterson, Doug Walck, Paul Hashagen, Bonny Dery, Barb Keller, and Charlotte Wahlig (phone). Pastor Jeff Ungs was also in attendance.

Devotions were given by Bob Tidmore.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting as written was made, seconded, and passed.

Pastor’s report:

Ted Henning died May 13, 2020. There was a private memorial on May 20th due to the Corona Virus. This was video recorded for others. Other deaths in our congregation: Jim O’Neal on May 29, 2020 with service in Akron, OH; Virgil Herrick on May 12, 2020 with service at home church in MN; Shirley Herrick on May 4, 2020, also with service at home church in MN. New video camera and sound system are installed and working well with the exception of problems caused by slow internet speed. We continue to have over 200 views per week on our website and YouTube. I will need to do training on the new system some time soon so more than one person knows how to operate it. I am still working on simplifying the system and drawing out a step by step process. I have implemented “virtual greeters” at the beginning of our services and have had many compliments about seeing people staying safe in their homes while greeting us before worship. I have invited the readers to come to the church or be recorded on video and playing during the service. Jan Wolfe has now resumed the role of finding people for these positions. A reminder: I will be out of the office on vacation for my son’s wedding from June 15-29. I will be back for July 5th service. Rev. Tara McGraw will be presiding during the two Sundays I will be gone. Abraham will be present to run the live streaming.

JUNE, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES (CONTINUED) . . .

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that giving was higher than budget. Bob spoke to the investment fund manager who said we have invested in good strong stocks and recommends that we stay with these same investments. Larry Buettner asked for a statement of our investments to review at our next meeting. For the PPP loan, \$21,562, it was decided to wait to pay until all the government decisions have been clarified, including the total of what can be forgiven since the loan interest rate is only 1%. As of June 1, we have only used \$9,000 on payroll. Doug Walck motioned for the report to be approved; seconded by Pete Peterson, and approved by all.

Team reports:

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported that the balance in our Ameritrade account as of June 1, 2020 is \$124,813.

Property – Doug reported that someone had damaged one of the benches in front of the sanctuary. He purchased the needed materials and fixed it. He also bought a new battery for the orange tractor.

Evangelism – Charlotte reported that she is continuing to make calls to members of the congregation.

Local Missions– Paul Hashagen reported that St. Matthew's House is closed.

Worship & Music – Pat Cooper reported that Pastor Jeff and Megan have been working very diligently with the services and videoing.

Old Business:

The Pastor will review the Covid Virus numbers as given out by NCH prior to talking about reopening the church and what we have to mandate to open tentatively on August 1. All people must wear masks. If they do not have one, we will provide one. Those who refuse to wear a mask will be asked to sit in the choir section. All books will be removed. There will be no communion unless Pastor feels that it is necessary. No greeting with hugs or handshakes. People must sit 6 feet apart. No singing. No coffee hour after church. Larry mentioned that we need to be clear that attendance is optional and that audio and video will still be provided after we open. Pastor Jeff asked about taking the temperatures of those attending (asked by Keith Scamehorn). No one thought this was necessary. A motion was made by Charlotte Wahlig and seconded by Bonny Dery to approve these guidelines. All voted in favor.

New Business:

Pastor Jeff explained that our internet connection speed is too slow for good streaming. He recommended that we take steps to remedy this problem. The only drawback will be changing our email address; the new email address will not be connected to the provider. Bob Tidmore made a motion to make this change; this was seconded by Paul Hashagen and all voted in favor.

Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m. with closing devotions by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting will be September 8, 2020 with devotions by Keith Scamehorn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cooper, Secretary

TO BEGIN AGAIN . . .

The church Council met on Tuesday, June 9th to develop a comprehensive plan regarding the circumstances and conditions for the Church to restart public worship. The guidelines herein are temporary and will remain in effect until it is safe to resume our regular worship routine. The following is a brief summary of the decisions of the council.

- 1. IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE REMAIN AT HOME AND WATCH THE SERVICE FROM THE INTERNET. WE URGE ANYONE WHO DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE IN ATTENDING CHURCH IN PERSON TO CONTINUE TO VIEW OUR SERVICES AT www.sotgweb.org . SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY 10:00 AM PENDING TECHNOLOGY. SERVICES WILL REMAIN ON THE WEBSITE FOR TWO WEEKS.**

- 2. A tentative date of August 1st has been set as the date for holding public worship under the following conditions. In the event condition “a” is not met, an alternative date is September 1st.**
 - a. The number of persons admitted to local hospitals for Covid-19 and the number of deaths from this virus must be demonstrating a decline or remain stable for two weeks prior to the date scheduled for public worship.**
 - b. All people attending public worship will be asked to wear a mask. If they do not have a mask, we will provide one. If they choose not to wear a mask, they will be invited to be seated in a section designated for them.**
 - c. All books will be removed from the pews. All liturgy will be projected.**
 - d. For the safety of all in attendance, singing and communion policies will be determined and explained prior to worship.**
 - e. All attendees will be requested to sit at least six feet apart.**
 - f. Doors will remain propped open, and there will be no shaking of hands by the greeters or during the passing of the peace before or after service. The Pastor also will not shake hands at any time as a greeting.**
 - g. Offering plates will not be passed. They will be placed in a prominent place in the entrance.**
 - h. A 3x5 card will be printed with the expectations of those participating, and each person in attendance will be asked to give their name, and contact information. In the event of a positive Covid-19 test of someone who attended worship, we will contact you.**
 - i. There will be no coffee time following worship. Ushers will dismiss you.**
 - j. In the event public worship attendance becomes close to capacity with CDC recommendations, a mid-week service will be offered.**

Announcement of opening for public worship will be via e-mail, phone texts, and the first available newsletter.

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

HAPPY JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

July 1	Dee Lipe	August 4	Carol Christian
July 2	Barbara Glaser	August 6	Jay Berthe
July 4	Nancy Larrabee	August 6	Joan Maywood
July 5	Bailey Tait	August 6	Tom Moore
July 6	Heidi Dziubla	August 6	Michael Patten
July 7	Doug Walck	August 8	Polly Orner
July 8	Ann Wood	August 8	Ron Modjeska
July 8	Ann Hashagen	August 8	David Willits
July 8	Daniel Bernabei	August 8	Deborah Moeser
July 9	Roland Cumor	August 9	Marilyn Stadler
July 10	Mike Boyd	August 10	Ginny Trendel
July 12	Lee Collins	August 10	Phil Willman
July 13	Linda Dean	August 10	Steve Snover
July 14	Bruce Erickson	August 13	Robert Dyer
July 18	Chuck Keller	August 14	Jim Brooks
July 19	Randy Kuzel	August 15	Dorothy Julien
July 20	Andrea Tack	August 17	Don Bohler
July 20	Holden Bernabei	August 17	Elouise Larson
July 21	James Bernabei	August 18	Anne Buck
July 21	Cadence Snover	August 18	Annette Larson
July 21	Jocelyn Snover	August 21	Howard Wiesener
July 22	Karen Puerner	August 21	Scott Kischer
July 22	Sue Walck	August 22	Betty Sauer
July 25	Pat Spanitz	August 23	Barbara Cholewa
July 25	Bruce Kobs	August 23	Bob Saaranen
July 26	Bud Moran	August 23	Lori Bernabei
July 27	David Roforth-Smith	August 26	Carole Michel
July 27	Shelby Moran	August 27	Ron Dahl
July 29	Joanne Hogan	August 29	Nancy Bullock
July 29	Jeanne Jones	August 29	Jenna Snover
July 30	Ruth Smith	August 30	Christine Willits
August 1	Karen Cox	August 31	Charlotte Wahlig
August 1	Beverly Bartczak	August 31	Luana LaStella
August 2	Damon Delp		

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD . . .



JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

July 11	Peter & Margarete Krehan	August 11	Sandy & Doc Lofthouse
July 19	James & Lori Bernabei	August 12	Be & James Oppermann
July 24	Bruce & Judy Kobs	August 12	Margie & John Carr
July 29	Pastor Peter & Carol Lyberg	August 14	Jane & Ron Limpus
July 29	Pastor Jeff & Kelli Ungs	August 18	Barb & Chuck Keller
July 30	Beverly & Paul Smith	August 18	Karen & Brad Puerner
July 31	Elouise & Dave Larson	August 20	Elaine & Jim Sima
August 2	Heidi & Mike Dziubla	August 24	Karen & Don Johnson
August 4	Virginia & Yerry Madison	August 25	Mary Lee & Ken Jordan
August 4	Leslie & Hank Beers	August 25	Sherry & Ed Larson
August 5	Darlene & Lowell Momberg	August 26	Bonnie & Ron Dahl
August 6	Vi & Don Bohler	August 29	Brenda & William Charleston
August 7	Debbie & Don McWaters	August 30	Doris & Bill Marderness
August 8	Carolyn & Jack Fee		

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	The Family of Jim Lee	Elaine Sima
Didi Arpia	Anita Lehr	Micah Smith
Dana Dickerman Family	Pat Lussy	Paul Smith
Ken Drum	Ron Modjeska	Donald Spanitz
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Carl Morken	Tim Stover
Jack Fee	The Jim O'Neal Family	Karen Tangen
Carol Freitag	Jim Oppermann	Ken Tate
Sue Haberkorn	Karen Puerner	Bob & Ginny Trendel
Family of Ted Henning	Charlotte Sebe	Family of Shirley Watson
The Herrick Family	Don Sharpe	

Please let us know when someone should be added or removed from the Prayer list.

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown
Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth
Airman Corey Malinowski
Capt. Michael Scott
Army Sergeant Kendra Stofflet at Ft. Campbell Army Base, KY
Warrant Officer Robert Stofflet at Ft. Campbell Army Base, KY
Lieutenant Sterling Payne, 205 Ming St. Warrensburg MO



JULY, 2020



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 MAILING OF NEWSLETTER	3 OFFICE IS CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY	4
5 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	27	28	29	30	31	

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AUGUST, 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2 NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	17	18 PRIMARY ELECTION 7 A.M.— 7 P.M.	19	20	21	22
23 TWELVTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE	31					

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