

# NEWLETTER

## First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

### July and how we celebrate our Independence.

This month, we celebrate Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, is the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

We also might be celebrating the movie, *Independence Day*, starring Will Smith among others, when earth truly stands up for its independence from outside influences. Or possibly we are celebrating the song *Independence Day*, by Martina McBride, which describes an abused woman taking justice into her own hands, and burning down her house with her abuser inside.

As Christians, it seems strange to celebrate our independence, as we know that without God we are nothing. We know that old saying “pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps” is not realistic. No one is able to do that. Those who proclaim otherwise know in their hearts that without their predetermined financial position realized by their parents, their skin tone, and their birth area (comparing the U.S. to third world countries).

So what do we do as Christians? How do we be part of our nation, and remain true to our faith and its’ historical truth? One of the ways we can do this is realize the joy we receive from our dependence upon God. Not having to shoulder all the responsibility, not having to be the final judge, not having to take everything on by oneself is very freeing, and gives us a true reason to celebrate.

We can also look to some of our historical writings, the Noah story, the Abraham and Sarah story, the Joseph story, or Moses story. All these individuals relied totally upon God, but because of that were able to live long and well-lived lives. Many lived into old age giving all thanks to God for the blessings received.

And we can still celebrate the U.S. and its’ freedom from a tyrannical English rule. That freedom did come at a large cost to the young country. Many died, or lost family members. Those with family on both sides of the ocean lost ability to be in contact. So, although old news, American Independence is something to celebrate, even if it is just as a nod to an historical event.

In short, let’s celebrate, not our individual independence, but our country’s independence from tyranny, and our dependence upon God that leads to true ability to live with liberty from sin, hell, and fear.

What do you think?

\*\*Leigh



### A Strange and Patriotic Coincidence

Three of America’s founding fathers perished on a Fourth of July. John Adams (the nation’s second president) and Thomas Jefferson (the nation’s third president) died five hours apart on the same Fourth of July in 1826. James Monroe (the nation’s fifth president) expired on the Fourth of July in 1831, exactly five years later.

### Prayer Requests & Thank You’s



## JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proper 9 (14)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

Or Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Proper 10 (15)

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Or Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Proper 11 (16)

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Or Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Proper 12 (17)

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Or 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21



## SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY

### **JULY 1**

International Joke Day  
American Zoo Day  
Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day  
National Postal Worker Day

### **JULY 2**

National I Forgot Day  
World UFO Day

### **JULY 3**

Disobedience Day  
International Plastic Bag Free Day  
National Stay Out of the Sun Day  
National Eat Beans Day

### **JULY 4**

Independence Day

### **JULY 5**

National Bikini Day  
National Graham Cracker Day

### **JULY 6**

International Kissing Day  
National Fried Chicken Day

### **JULY 7**

Tell the Truth Day  
National Strawberry Sunday Day  
World Chocolate Day

### **JULY 8**

National Video Game Day  
Math 2.0 Day  
Liberty Bell Day (rang to signal reading of Declaration of Independence)  
National SCUD Day (also known as National Savor the Comic, Unplug the Drama Day)

### **JULY 9**

National Sugar Cookie Day

### **JULY 10**

Teddy Bear Picnic Day  
National Kitten Day  
National Pina Colada Day  
Don't Step On a Bee Day

### **JULY 11**

Cheer Up the Lonely Day  
Marine Corps Creation Day  
National Clerihew Day  
World Population Day

### **JULY 12**

Simplicity Day  
Etch a Sketch Day  
National Eat Your Jell-O Day

### **JULY 13**

Embrace Your Geekiness Day  
National French Fry Day

### **JULY 14**

Bastille Day  
Shark Awareness Day  
Cow Appreciation Day  
National Mac and Cheese Day  
Pandemonium Day

### **JULY 15**

Be a Dork Day  
Gummi Worm Day  
National Give Something Away Day  
National Pet Fire Safety Day

### **JULY 16**

World Snake Day  
National Corn Fritter Day

### **JULY 17**

Wrong Way Day  
World Emoji Day  
National Lottery Day

### **JULY 18**

World Listening Day  
Nelson Mandela International Day  
National Caviar Day

### **JULY 19**

National Daiquiri Day  
National Ice Cream Day \*(third Sunday)

### **JULY 20**

National Moon Day  
Space Exploration Day  
International Chess Day  
National Lollipop Day

### **JULY 21**

National Junk Food Day

### **JULY 22**

Spoonerism Day  
National Hammock Day

### **JULY 23**

Gorgeous Grandma Day  
National Hot Dog Day

### **JULY 24**

Tell An Old Joke Day  
National Cousins Day  
National Drive-Thru Day  
National Tequila Day

### **JULY 25**

National Thread the Needle Day  
National Hot Fudge Sundae Day  
National Wine and Cheese Day

### **JULY 26**

National All Or Nothing Day  
National Aunt and Uncle Day  
National Parents Day\* (fourth Sunday)

### **JULY 27**

National Crème Brulee Day  
National Scotch Day  
Bagpipe Appreciation Day

### **JULY 28**

National Milk Chocolate Day  
National Hamburger Day

### **JULY 29**

Rain Day  
National Chicken Wing Day  
National Lasagna Day  
National Lipstick Day

### **JULY 30**

National Support Public Education Day  
National Cheesecake Day  
International Day of Friendship  
National Chili Dog Day  
National Father-in-Law Day

### **JULY 31**

Talk In An elevator Day  
Harry Potter's Birthday Day  
National Avocado Day  
National Mutt Day

**UPCOMING**

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Baptism, July 4, 2021**

## From your little From your little Library in the corner....

Life can be tough. Stress, disappointment, heartache, hurt – all are part of the human condition. But while pain is unavoidable, misery is optional! The freeing message of *You Gotta Keep Dancin'* is that, no matter what your circumstances, you can choose to be joyful. *You Gotta Keep Dancin'*, by Tim Hansel.

*Angels*, by Dr. Billy Graham, records the experiences of Dr. Graham and others who are convinced that at moments of special need, they have been attended by angels. *Angels*, by Billy Graham. (Famous Authors)

“Today the spirit of strife and contention is destroying churches, marriages and families, friendships and relationships, and even personal relationships with God....Do you have troubled, broken relationships with those around you? Strife does not have to destroy your life.” From *Life Without Strife*, by Joy Meyer.

“The gospel is all the good news about Jesus. *Jesus Lives* will help your children love Jesus – the baby born at Christmas, the caring and loving teacher, the Savior who died on the cross, and the Christ who rose again at Easter.” From *Jesus Lives!* By Ron and Lyn Klug. (Yellow Dot - Children)

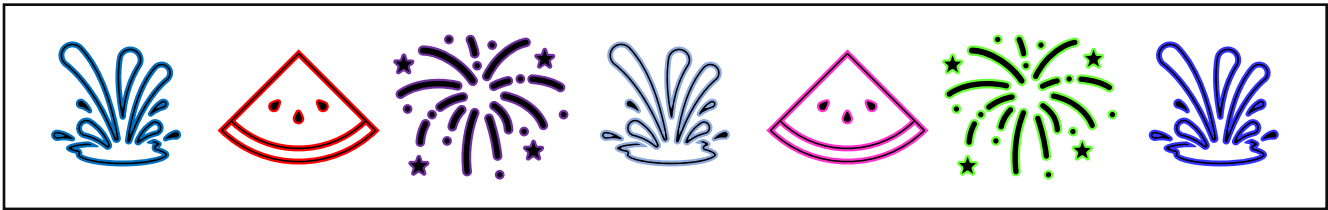
“The world tells kids, ‘You’re special if....If you have the brains, the looks, the talent.’ God tells them, ‘You’re special just because. No qualifications necessary.’ Only one of those messages will find its place in their hearts. That’s why every child you know needs to hear this one, reassuring truth.” From *You Are Precious in His Sight*, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot - Children)


friend has packed a shoebox just for him – a shoebox that will help to change his life. Raimundo soon finds new hope, new faith, and a new home in a peaceful village.” From *A Wing and a Prayer* by Franklin Graham. (Yellow Dot – Children)

Enjoy your summer with a good book!!



# Dates to Remember



JULY 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Bible Study, Holbrooks, 7 P.M.	2	3
4. Baptism Sunday  	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Communion Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Sam McKim Pulpit Supply	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## KIDS CORNER

# Word Search

How many of the words below can you find? Answers can be found forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. *Stuck? The solution can be found on [page 55](#).*

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