



JULY 2018

Happy Interdependence - Christ Followers!

It's the HEAT of summer, that time of year where our national and personal independence are celebrated and hot dogs, baseball, apple pie and fireworks all seem a natural part of our good times shared with family and friends. As Christians we know that there is more to our "FREEDOM" than just our independence as a nation. We understand that our true freedom comes to us through an **interdependent** relationship with Jesus Christ. The price of our freedom was paid fully by Jesus, who lived his life to redeem us from our sins, who died on the cross to reveal the fullness of God's love for us and to pay the price of our freedom. God raised Jesus to new life—to everlasting, eternal life and, Jesus, in love, has called us to follow him and share his freedom and fullness of life, beginning here and now! This FREEDOM IN CHRIST far surpasses even the national freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America...though both have been secured by the sacrifice of others. I find it understandable why others living in nations that oppress their people would seek to find their way to America, much like our immigrant relatives did long ago. They come here, often at great personal cost and risk and threat of safety, seeking a better life for themselves and their loved ones. They come seeking freedom from bondage and oppression and poverty and hardship. The challenge for us as Christians is to advocate for families seeking refuge and freedom understanding that our relatives were once slaves in Egypt, and perhaps outcasts from other war-torn parts of this world. In Christ we know of TRUE FREEDOM and it is part of our calling to share CHRIST and HIS FREEDOM with everyone, everywhere and especially at our borders. How can we help keep families together, both aliens at our borders and families in our communities, struggling to hold it together? We know that FREEDOM is costly and we are aware of the sacrifice Jesus Christ has made for us all, so how can we pay it forward to those who are marginalized in our world and in our nation today? As Nelson Mandela said, "To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." More than a question of politics, this is a central question of our Christian faith today. So how will our Christian faith motivate us to share in the cause of seeking and supporting FREEDOM for others who are seeking help today?

My hymn for July is *He's Everything to Me* written by Ralph Carmichael

Vs. 1 - In the stars His handiwork I see, On the wind He speaks with majesty,
Though He ruleth over land and sea, What is that to me?

Chorus: Till by faith I met Him face to face, And I felt the wonder of His grace, Then I knew that He was more Than just a God who didn't care, That lived a way out there, and Now He walks beside me day by day, Ever watching o'er me lest I stray, Helping me to find the narrow way. **He's everything to me.**

Vs. 2—I will celebrate nativity, For it has a place in history,
Sure, *He came to set His people free, What is that to me?*

Ralph Carmichael (born 28 May 1927, Quincy, Illinois) is a composer and arranger of both secular pop music and contemporary Christian music, being regarded as one of the pioneers of the latter genre. Married to Marvella and father to composer and artist Carol Parks. His big break came at the end of the 1950s, when his work came to the attention of Capitol Records, who asked him to provide the arrangements for an album of mainly sacred Christmas songs by one of the label's biggest stars, Nat King Cole. The result, *The Magic of Christmas*, was released for the 1960 festive season.

May God Help Us To Share the Freedom We Enjoy! **Pastor Tom**



Pastor Tom Dendy

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Happy 4th of July!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

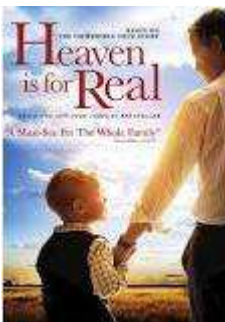
AUGUST 6-9

Monday—Wednesday 6pm-8pm, Thursday 6pm-8:15pm

Register online at www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org

Volunteers can register online or by using one of the forms available on the hallway bulletin board. There are also registration forms for VBS on the hallway bulletin board.

Please call the church office when you are aware of a fellow member or friend of Celebration that is ill or in the hospital



Join us for the movie *Heaven is for Real* on July 17, Tuesday, at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. Small-town businessman, pastor and volunteer firefighter Todd Burpo (Greg Kinnear) and his wife, Sonja (Kelly Reilly), are struggling to make ends meet during a tough year. After their young son, Colton (Connor Corum), undergoes emergency surgery, Todd and Sonja are overjoyed at the child's miraculous recovery. However, the Burpos are unprepared for what happens next -- Colton says that he went to heaven and back, and tells his parents things that he couldn't possibly know.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans



Socks for Santa. We will be collecting new socks of all shapes, sizes and colors for school-aged girls and boys during the month of July. These will be taken to the Salvation Army in December with the sneakers we will collect later in the year. The Salvation Army distributes the socks and sneakers to children in our area at Christmas. Last year, we collected over 500 pairs of socks. Look for sales and bargains on socks and bring them to church during the month of July.



GOD GAB

By Cecilia Evans

Are you looking for a new way to fellowship with other church members? Have you wanted to have a quick uplifting discussion on a Bible verse? GOD GAB is the place to be. These take place once a month, on a Monday at The Grumpy Monk on Hwy. 501. The next two months we will gather together are July 9 and August 20; mark your calendars and plan to come.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You have donated and Bob and Linda Miller have delivered **665 pounds of food** to Helping Hand this year. We are collecting food all year so bring in your canned goods and other items and leave them in the sanctuary. Helping Hand is a crisis intervention and referral agency whose mission is to provide assistance to those in need in our community. Helping Hand provides food, rent and utility assistance, gasoline, local and long distance bus tickets, prescription medications, diapers, hygiene items and referrals to other appropriate agencies. Last year we donated 1,199 pounds of food, let's try to double that this year. Ready for the challenge?

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler



Our June luncheon had us returning to dine at Café Old Vienna, where we have not been in quite a while.

There were 12 Ladybugs in attendance. There was plenty of schnitzel to go around along with spaetzli (aka noodles), red cabbage and potato pancakes. It also happened to be Marjorie's birthday this day. So we helped her celebrate with balloons, a "tiara" and a slice of chocolate cake.

We collected \$65.00 for charity. We all agreed to put this money to good use purchasing an edible arrangement for one of our LadyBugs who has been under the weather. Thank you, ladies, as always for your generosity. As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, July 5, noon at California Dreaming, located at 2657 Beaver Run Blvd. in Surfside Beach. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female, of course) are invited.....hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

July 1—Rick Thornburgh
 July 8—Nancy Torcivia
 July 15—Bernadine Lamar
 July 22—Bernadine Lamar
 July 29—Carol Butler

Liturgist

July 1—Elizabeth Wills
 July 8—Peg Speidel
 July 15—Rick Thornburgh
 July 22—Beth Bruton
 July 29—Anne Brallier

Visitors Table/Greeter

July 1—Margaret Reeder
 July 8—Linda Miller
 July 15—Nanette Kelly
 July 22—Joseph Mehalick
 July 29—Priscilla Mulligan

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

July 1—Betsy Hughes
 July 8—Vicki Jacobs
 July 15—Vicki Simons
 July 22—Leslie Eckert
 July 29—Betsy Hughes

Media Shout

July 1—Katrena White
 July 8—Bernadine Lamar
 July 15—Katrena White
 July 22—Bernadine Lamar
 July 29—Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

July 1—Nicklaus McIlrath
 July 8—Carol Butler
 July 15—Carol Butler
 July 22—Nicklaus McIlrath
 July 29—Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month of July

Kerry and Nanette Kelly, Jerry and Jenny Taylor

Communion for July

Priscilla Mulligan, Nanette Kelly, Nancy Resnick, Scott Sinnet, Terry Baker

Shepherd's Table Teams for 2018

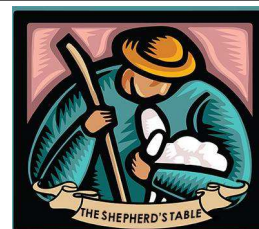
Team A: Nancy Torcivia, Dom Torcivia, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton

Team B: Roy Andrews, Laurie Andrews, Dot Crissey, Nancy Thornburgh, Rick Thornburgh

Team C: Kathy Wechter, Bob Stepanek, Carol Butler, Ken Krenzer, Lois Storms, Pat Himes

Team D: Anne Brallier, Sara Bamrick, Donna Woodard, Gerri Byrne

Team E: Jerry Rashid, Rosie Rashid, Leslie Eckert, Tom Dendy, Paul Youngblood, Patty Youngblood



THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS YEAR. Your dates will be listed on the calendar each month.

What is
Per
Capita?



PER CAPITA

By Terry Pettijohn

It is not too late to help Celebration by paying your Per Capita dues for the year. Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay in support of the larger Presbyterian Church (USA.). If you would like to help Celebration Church financially by paying your dues (in addition to your pledges) we greatly appreciate it. Just write a check in the amount of \$13.99 per person to Celebration Presbyterian Church. Thank you! Thank you to those who have paid their per capita!

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

3—Corey Jacobs
5—Sara Bamrick
7—Daniel Baker
7—Dom Torcivia
13—Judy Leonard
14—Charles Schmidt
16—Art Hughes

17—Sharon Hills
21—Kaitlyn Watson
21—Khloe Watson
22—Terrance Baker
24—Bernadine Lamar
29—Alli Wright
31—Ashlyn Burrows



FINANCIAL UPDATE



January—May

Total Income	\$102,149.96
Total Expenses	\$107,715.94
YTD Deficit	(\$5,565.98)

*We can clear our deficit through May
if everyone contributes an additional \$48.00 this month.*

June figures will be available soon.

Create Your Legacy

*Did you know you can help take care of your church after you die?
Remember to give a gift to Celebration Presbyterian Church in your
estate planning!!*



Vacation Bible School



VBS is just a little more than one month away (August 6-9) and then we'll be white water rafting to our theme "Rolling River Rampage". When we're not rafting, we'll probably be relaxing at our campsite.....so we'll need some camping equipment.

If any of you campers out there have a small tent, some camping gear and maybe even a kayak to help decorate our stage, see Carol Butler any Sunday after worship service or call her at 843-234-1573; or give Linda Berry a call in the church office.

BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

By Terry Pettijohn

This month's Confession is from the Reformation. This is the introduction, found on page 76 of the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Confessions. Feel free to read the actual confession in the Book of Confessions.

The Second Helvetic Confession

The word "Helvetic" is Latin for "Swiss." The setting of the Second Helvetic Confession is Swiss-German Reformed Protestantism.

After the great Reformer Ulrich Zwingli died in battle in 1531, Heinrich Bullinger succeeded him as minister of the church in Zurich. Bullinger was a model Reformed minister. A preacher, he expounded Scripture at least twice a week. A scholar, he wrote Latin commentaries on many books of the Bible. An educator, he initiated a system of schools for Zurich. A person with ecumenical and political concerns, he was in correspondence with leaders of the Reformation and with rulers throughout Europe. A pastor, he welcomed religious refugees into his own home. When the plague swept through Zurich in 1564, he insisted upon ministering to the afflicted, even though he knew he might become infected and die.

In 1561, Bullinger composed the document that later became known as the Second Helvetic Confession. He intended to attach it to his last will and testament to the Zurich church, but events in Germany soon brought it into the public arena.

The publication of the Heidelberg Catechism created trouble for the man who had ordered its preparation, Frederick the Elector. Lutherans considered it too Reformed in spirit, and they demanded that Frederick the Elector, governor of the Palatinate, be brought to trial for heresy. Not a theologian himself, Frederick turned to Bullinger, who offered Frederick this confession as the basis for his defense. When the Imperial Diet, the ruling body of Germany, met for trial in 1566, Frederick was exonerated.

Meanwhile, the churches of Switzerland adopted Bullinger's confession as their new confession of faith. Soon finding wide acceptance throughout Europe and beyond, it was translated into French, English, Dutch, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Arabic, and Turkish.

Reflecting the theological maturity of the Reformed churches, the Second Helvetic Confession is moderate in tone and catholic in spirit. From the opening paragraphs it emphasizes the church and its life and affirms the authority of the Scriptures for the church's government and reformation. By including an article on predestination, the confession asks the church to trust in God's free and gracious election of its membership in Jesus Christ. At the same time, the confession addresses the practical life of the gathered community, detailing matters of worship, church order and conflict, ministry, the sacraments, and marriage.

5th Sunday Offering

With the clearing of the land, we have become a more visible church. But how are we going to make the visibility and the land work to our advantage? We have been provided with a large plot of land that gives us immeasurable dreams of what we can do for the future ministry of the church. The good news is that space is not a problem as we grow. We have awesome volunteers that keep the grounds beautiful. With this land, there is maintenance needed. The maintenance of the land is a visible sign to the community that we take pride in our appearance. We will be collecting a 5th Sunday Offering on July 29 to continue the upkeep and care of the property. We ask that you help us maintain the outward presence of the property as we continue to grow with God's love internally.

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Holy Communion	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Offices Closed	5	6	7
8 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	9 GOD GAB The Grumpy Monk 6pm	10 Quilters 10:00 am	11	12 LadyBug Luncheon at California Dreaming 12 noon	13	14
15 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery STATED SESSION MEETING	16	17 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night <i>Heaven is for Real</i> 6pm	18	19	20 Breakfast Buddies at Cracker Barrel 9am	21
22 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	23	24 Quilters 10:00 am	25	26	27	28
29 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery 5th Sunday Offering for Property Care and Upkeep	30	31 Quilters 10:00 am				



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