

# ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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*A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World*



## Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

The annual St. Paul's UCC Car & Bike Show, planned, worked, and supported mainly by our church, will be September 6<sup>th</sup>. It has been an enjoyable event for several years. Not only does it raise financial support for the community, needy families, and the church, it provides a venue for the community to come together to enjoy each other and get to know other people. Additionally, it is a fun event for adult and children alike. It is a very worthwhile project, but also one that is time and labor intensive. It really requires the support of every able-bodied member of the church to make it the best possible event.

I compare it to what the Apostle Paul says about the church in 1 Corinthians 13. He uses the analogy of the body. For the body to function to its fullest and optimum capacity, every part of the body must work together, one part not being greater than the other parts.

The same is true for the church, the Body of Christ. For the church to function to its fullest and optimum capacity, every member is important and needed and must work together. This brings honor to the church and honor and glory to God when this happens.

I appeal to every able-bodied member of the church to become involved in the car show this year. Lots of workers are needed and lots of desserts need to be donated. Please help our church shine. Contact the Men's Fellowship or Jodi Lange with questions or inquiries. Many thanks.

Pastor Deeker



## Proper Way to hang the United States Flag



(When hung on a wall)

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## July Extra Steps -

### Southern Warren County Food Pantry—(Marthasville, MO)

This pantry, housed in Marthasville, serves local families in need with non-perishable food items.

### Bethel Hills—(Dutzow, MO)

A community, developed by the Advocates for Community Choice (ACC) and their donors and volunteers, where adults with and without developmental disabilities live, learn, and worship together.



## ***St. Paul's UCC Staff***

Pastors by Supply.....	
Robbin DeVore (stpaulsuccmo.org@gmail.com).....	Secretary
Sally Rohe.....	Organist
Sally & Tony Rohe .....	Custodians
Debbie Garbs.....	Choir Director
Cathie Schoppenhorst, Gene Ahmann, Brenda Daniels, Amy Lange .....	Projection Technicians
Robbin DeVore .....	Newsletter Editor

## ***Church Council***

Bob Aholt.....	President, Altar Guild Rep.
Jim Buescher.....	Vice President, Pastoral Relations Committee Rep.
Diane Freese.....	Treasurer
Cathie Schoppenhorst .....	Financial Secretary, Missions Committee Rep., Historical Committee Rep.
Kendall Lange .....	Recording Secretary
John Buhr .....	Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange.....	Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.





# THE WOMEN'S GUILD

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

The Women's Guild will host a luncheon for the women of St. Paul's and for those from other churches in the area. Please arrive at **11:30am**.

A music program by Larry Brown from Columbia, MO will follow dinner. Guild members are reminded to bring sides to go with chicken salad sandwiches to share. Set up will be at 10:30am. **All women of the church are welcome!**

*NOTE: The date is later than usual due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and the availability of the entertainment.*

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## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We need *volunteers* to assist with coffee, lemonade, and donuts.



**The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.**

*See Marigene Kersten with questions or inquiries.*

*Thank you for your participation.*



## Quilting

**Mondays  
10am-4pm**

*Contact Audrey Meyer at 433-2210 with questions or inquiries.*



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**Sunday School Classes will resume in  
September—Date TBD.**

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## Steak Dinner Update

*Thanks to all who contributed in any way to support this event.*

**104 tickets were sold;  
104 attended**



Profit from this event was

**\$10,582.31**

*Cheryl Swartz won  
the 50/50 drawing = \$355.*

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## **SUMMER FUN FACT:**

The U.S. city with the highest average summertime temperature is Lake Havasu City, AZ, with an average temperature in July of 111 degrees F.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
MON., JULY 21ST—6PM**

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# Vacation Bible School

For children 3 years old through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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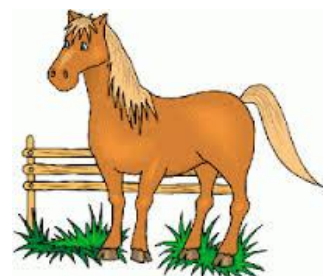


**—M-F, JULY 7-11, 2025—**



**9AM-12NOON**

Cost: \$10 per child



**THEME:**  
**"YEE-HAW /**



**BARNYARD ROUNDUP**

**Our VBS Mission Project is the Heifer Project.**

*Participant registration forms are available on the website,  
in the monthly newsletter, and at the church.*

# PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

For children 3 years old through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## St. Paul's UCC VBS



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**JULY 7-11, 2025**

**9AM-12NOON**

Cost: \$10 per child



Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Transportation: ☐ Walker ☐ Pick-up

Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other than above)

Child Name	Child Name	Child Name
Date of Birth	Date of Birth	Date of Birth
Entering Grade	Entering Grade	Entering Grade
Allergies/Medical Conditions	Allergies/Medical Conditions	Allergies/Medical Conditions

Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release: (Please sign that your child may be photographed) \_\_\_\_\_



## ALTAR FLOWERS:



**June 1:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

**June 8:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangement in honor of Darrell & Linda Hasenjaeger's 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (today), by Lulu Hasenjaeger.

Other arrangements are from the funeral of Grover Hilgedick.

**June 15:** in honor of the anniversaries of baptism of Isaiah & Jacob DeVore, June 19<sup>th</sup> & June 20<sup>th</sup> respectively, by Ron DeVore.

Extra arrangements are from the funeral of Grover Hilgedick.

**June 22:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangements are from the funeral of Grover Hilgedick.

**June 29:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

Extra arrangements are from the funeral of Grover Hilgedick.

**NOTE:** Consider sponsoring the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, a special date, or just because...Sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the lobby. The flowers are yours to take with you after the service of worship.

**ALSO NOTE:** The cost of flower arrangements has changed: Altar flowers = \$24; extra arrangements = \$30.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*\*\*Anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul's UCC should contact a council member or the church office.\*\**



### Suggested Scripture Readings for July

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** — 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30 or  
Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** — Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82 or  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** — Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52 or  
Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-18 Luke 10:38-42

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** — Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85 or  
Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-15,(16-19) Luke 11:1-13

The church was looking for a gently used 18-21 cubic ft. refrigerator with the freezer on top to be used in the Fry Shed.



The church would like to thank Tony & Sally Rohe for donating one.



# Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



<u>July</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	John Buhr (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Bob Aholt (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Jim Buescher (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Cathie Schoppenhorst (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange
<b>Readers</b>	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	Debbie Garbs

## Worship Attendance:

6-1-2025---42

6-8-2025---35

6-15-2025---41

6-22-2025---36

6-29-2025----next issue

## The Adult Choir

The choir breaks for the summer,  
and will resume in September.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Contact Debbie Garbs or Sally Rohe  
with questions or inquiries.

## July 2025 Supply

July 6— Don Deeker

July 13— Don Deeker

July 20— Don Deeker

July 27— Don Deeker



## Sudoku Solving Directions:

To solve, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. No number can appear more than once in any row, column or 9-box square.

(Answers on pg. 10)

	4		6		8			
5				1		7		
		2						6
4				9	7		2	
			5		4			
	3		8	6				9
7						1		
	5		1					3
		9			3		6	



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## ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION



The Adult Social Connection breaks in June-September; resumes in the fall.

*Attendance at the Concerts in the Park (downtown pavilion)  
is encouraged on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the months of May-September.*

*Be watching future newsletters for further information.*



### CONCERT SCHEDULE:

**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> – "SILVER RAIN"**

**AUG. 22<sup>ND</sup> – "GARDEN PARTY"**



St. Paul's UCC will have the food stand at this concert.

*Contact a council member if you are interested in assisting in the stand.*

*Further additional information to follow.*

**SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup> – "TEXAS GIANTS"**



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## With Deepest Gratitude

We would like to thank **THE MANY SUPPLY PASTORS** for their service to St. Paul's UCC during these months we have been without a settled pastor.

Many thanks to **REV. DON DEEKER, PASTOR EMERITUS**, for always being there for us—for keeping us under his wing. We very much appreciate his willingness to be our constant supply and cover pastoral care for St. Paul's during this time of transition.

Thanks also to **ALL** who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers, and the many kind and thoughtful gestures you have shown during this period of adjustment. May you all remain safe, healthy, and vigilant throughout these troubled times.

In His name,

St. Paul's UCC Church Council and Congregation

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## ST. PAUL'S UCC ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW

**September 6, 2025**

*See further details in the lobby and in upcoming newsletters.*



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## **FLAG TRIVIA:**

(answers on pg. 13)

1. The first U.S. flag had how many stars?
2. How were they arranged, and what was the significance?
3. How many stars does our flag have today?
4. How many stripes does our flag have?
5. How many red? How many white?
6. What do the colors of the flag represent?
7. When a flag is hung on a stage, where should it be located?
8. What is the one who specializes in the history of flags called?
9. Who made the first American flag?



## **“One More Thing...‘United We Stand’”**

The phrase “**United We Stand**” dates back to pre-Revolutionary War. It most commonly is used to imply patriotism and the idea that uniting as one creates strength, while division destines failure.

With all that this country, and the world, is faced with today, one could look at this phrase and read other meanings into it—“read into” the words to imply something else.

As we face the challenges of today, let us try to look at this statement with the vision that we are all God’s children—black, white, yellow, etc.—and know that we need strength to successfully live on this earth. While we are as different as we are alike, we should always strive to set aside our differences and look for the similarities in one another so that we can build on living in harmony.

One online source states:

- ❖ If members of a **family** remain united, they live happily. When the members of a family quarrel among themselves, the peace of the family is disturbed.
- ❖ If the different sections of the people in **society** fall out, there is a social disorder. When the people in a society live together in peace, social progress quickens.
- ❖ Unity brings wealth and prosperity to a **nation**. A nation cannot prosper if the people are not united. It should be the duty of all people to put aside their differences and come together. Disunity should always be discouraged. A country torn by strife becomes weak and cannot resist a foreign enemy.

**The Bible tells us in Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV):**

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Romans 14:19 (NIV) states:**

<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

6th: Rock Roloff  
Elise Thierbach  
11th: Lulu Hasenjaeger  
Jaxon Mitchell  
12th: Amber Mueller  
13th: Dan Thornton  
Terry Paridy  
14th: Candace Siem  
Paul Crusius  
15th: Marigene Kersten  
16th: Don Deeker  
18th: Truman Hagenbuch  
Mary Mittler  
20th: Lydia Chambers  
21st: Adrianna Engelage  
22nd: Herb Homeyer  
23rd: Shawn Wohler  
24th: Doris Bunge  
25th: Hunter Rohe  
29th: Shane Wohler

happy birthday

(Sudoku answer from pg. 7)

9	4	1	6	7	5	8	3	2
5	6	8	2	3	1	9	7	4
3	7	2	4	8	9	5	1	6
4	8	5	3	9	7	6	2	1
2	9	6	5	1	4	3	8	7
1	3	7	8	6	2	4	5	9
7	2	3	9	5	6	1	4	8
6	5	4	1	2	7	7	9	3
8	1	9	7	4	3	2	6	5



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10th: Steve & Megan Zeh  
Jim & Karen Joerling  
14th: Allen & Celeste Mueller  
23rd: Dan & Patty Thornton

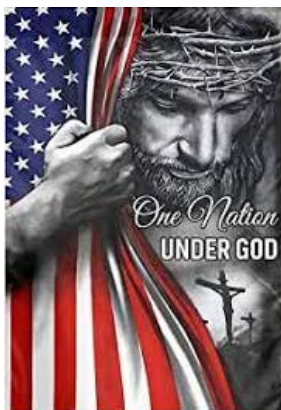


# ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

(none this month)

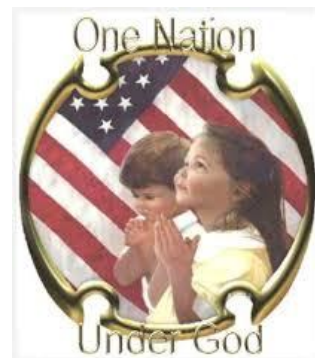


**Church Council Meeting:**  
**Mon., July 14<sup>th</sup>—6:30pm**



*"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God...then we will be a nation gone under."*

*Ronald Reagan*



## **USA FUN FACTS:**

- ❖ 2 sets of fathers and sons have served as presidents of the U.S.—John Adams (1797-1801) and John Quincy Adams (1825-1829), and George H. W. Bush (1989-1993) and George W. Bush (2001-2009).
- ❖ U.S.A. is the third largest country in the world. U.S.A. is smaller than Russia and Canada.
- ❖ According to YouGov ratings, America's most popular candy is M&Ms, followed closely by Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.
- ❖ The word Pennsylvania is misspelled on the Liberty Bell.
- ❖ In the 1973 movie, *The Exorcist*, the infamous steps are in Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

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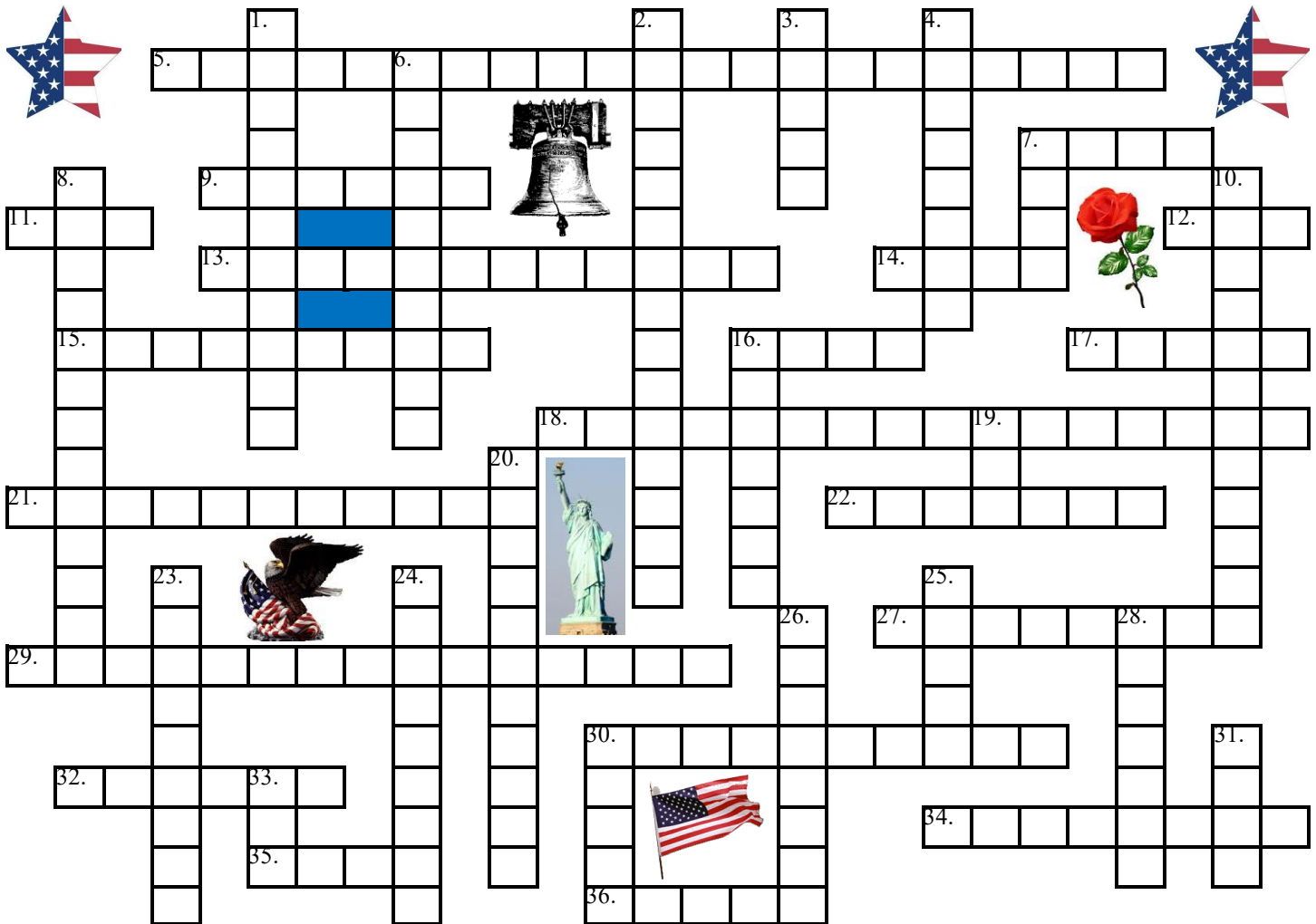
## **INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN FACTS:**

- ❖ Most signers of the Declaration of Independence signed the document on Aug. 2, 1776.  
Only 2 signed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 3 of the first five presidents died on July 4<sup>th</sup>: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.  
Adams and Jefferson died on the same day in 1826.
- ❖ President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.
- ❖ John Adams would think the country is celebrating Independence Day on the wrong date...  
Adams wrote that July 2nd, the date the Second Continental Congress voted in Philadelphia to declare independence from Britain, not July 4th, would be the day patriots celebrated their freedom. "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch in the history of America," Adams wrote on July 3rd. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this time forward forever more."
- ❖ To declare the adoption of Independence, the Liberty Bell was rung on July 8, 1776.  
The Liberty Bell got its first crack after its very first ring.
- ❖ Congress made 86 revisions to Jefferson's first draft of the Declaration of Independence, including anything that referenced slavery.
- ❖ In 1941, Congress declared the 4th of July a national holiday.
- ❖ What other countries celebrate the Fourth of July?  
Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal, and Sweden. Denmark Danes and Norwegians celebrate American Independence Day because thousands emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900s. Other European countries, like England, Portugal, and Sweden, hold celebrations near American military bases and/or spots frequented by American tourists to boost travel during early July.
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- ❖ How did Nathan's Fourth of July Hot Dog Contest begin (Coney Island, New York)?  
It apparently started after a disagreement among four immigrants over who was the most patriotic.
- ❖ Is there something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence?  
Yes. It might not be a treasure map as Nicholas Cage's character claims in "National Treasure," but there is apparently a message written upside down at the bottom of the signed document: "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th of July 1776." It is not known who wrote it or when. Since parchment was usually rolled up during the Revolutionary War years, it's thought this memo served as a label.
- ❖ What year did the Fourth of July become a legal federal holiday? 1938

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# July Crossword



## ACROSS:

(Answers on pg. 20)

5. Our National Anthem, based on words from Francis Scott Key's poem, originally titled "The Defense of Fort M'Henry. (four words)
7. The U.S. National flower, which was given its original status in 1986, by President Ronald Reagan.
9. July's zodiac signs are \_\_\_\_\_ and Leo.
11. The number of white stripes on the U.S. flag.
12. Our nation's motto, which appears on all U.S. currency, as well as in Latin on the great seal of the U.S.A.: "In \_\_\_\_\_ we trust."
13. United States nation's capitol.
14. Seventh month of the year.
15. The head of state and head of government of the United States. This individual directs the executive branch of the federal government and is the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Armed Forces. (official title)
16. Number of years in a Presidential term.
17. Number of stars on the U.S. flag.
18. The head of the U.S. State Department, responsible for foreign affairs. (title, three words)
21. The symbol of freedom, which hangs in the tower of Independence Hall in Pennsylvania and bears the inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (two words)
22. This seventh U.S. President's face appears on the U.S. \$20 bill. (last name)
27. One of the Founding Fathers of the U.S., whose face appears on the U.S. \$100 bill. (last name)



29. The national monument, given as a gift of friendship by France in 1886, located in New York Harbor, that depicts the Roman goddess of Freedom. (three words)
30. The first President of the United States, whose face appears on the one-dollar bill. (last name)
32. The Great Seal of the U.S.A. bears an eagle with a shield across its chest, symbolizing the country to rely on its own virtue. Held in the talons of the eagle's left foot are a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_, denoting the power of war.
34. The U.S. flag is often otherwise referred to as "\_\_\_\_\_". (two words)
35. "When the \_\_\_\_\_ is called up yonder, I'll be there." (from the hymn written by James Milton Black).
36. "To \_\_\_\_\_ thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV)

## **DOWN:**

1. The formal statement, written by Thomas Jefferson, declaring the freedom of the thirteen American colonies from Great Britain: \_\_\_\_\_ of Independence.
2. This federal holiday falls on July 4<sup>th</sup> each year. (two words)
3. The number of red stripes on the U.S. flag.
4. July's flowers are \_\_\_\_\_ and Water Lily.
6. Many classrooms begin their day with this formal promise of loyalty to the United States: "The Pledge of \_\_\_\_\_".
7. July's birthstone.
8. An official or executive next in rank to the President. (two words)
10. A body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed.
16. The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.
19. In 2004, George W. Bush signed the bill passed by Congress that made this our national tree.
20. The Great Seal of the U.S.A. bears an eagle with a shield across its chest, symbolizing the country to rely on its own virtue. Held in the talons of the eagle's right foot is an \_\_\_\_\_, denoting the power of peace. (two words)
23. The seamstress known for sewing the first United States flag. (first & last name)
24. Our national bird, which was on the threatened and endangered species list until 2007. (two words)
25. The eighteenth U.S. President, whose face appears on the U.S. \$50 bill. (last name)
26. The Armed Forces of a country.
28. The sixteenth U.S. President, whose face appears on the \$5 bill. (last name)
30. The residence of the President of the United States: \_\_\_\_\_ House.
31. A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievement, or noble qualities.
33. Opposite of peacetime.



## **FLAG TRIVIA:** (answers from pg. 9)

1. 13
2. They were arranged in a circle, representing the 13 colonies, ensuring that all were equal.
3. 50, representing the 50 states.
4. 13 to represent the 13 colonies.
5. 7 red; 6 white
6. Red = valor; white = liberty and purity; and blue = justice and loyalty
7. To the right-hand side of the speaker
8. Vexillologist
9. Contrary to popular belief, Betsy Ross did not. Early journals from the Continental Congress name Francis Hopkinson as the flag's designer. He also signed the Declaration of Independence.



# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FUN FACTS:

## 1600s AND EARLIER:

- In 1607, Jamestown, named after King James I, was named the first (permanent English) American colony.
- Pocahontas, from the Powhatan tribe, married John Rolfe, a tobacco planter, in April 1614.
- The Pilgrims came to America in 1620 on the ship named the Mayflower.
- During the Salem Witch Trials (June 1692-1693), twenty people were executed for suspicion of witchcraft (usually by hanging, not burning at the stake), and five more died in jail. The colony's governor ordered to ultimately end the Salem Witch Trials after the governor's own wife was accused of witchcraft.

## 1700s:

- There were 13 original British colonies that existed in America.
- On December 16, 1773, the colonists were protesting the Stamp Act, a British tax on print materials such as stamps and newspapers, with the Boston Tea Party.
- The first governing document of the newly created United States, later replaced by the U.S. Constitution, was The Articles of Confederation (November 15, 1777).
- Benjamin Franklin is credited with inventing bifocals (1784).
- From 1785-1790, the first capitol city of the United States was New York City.
- The first American state was Delaware (December 7, 1787).
- John Adams was the first American President to live in the White House (March 1797).

## 1800s:

- May 14, 1804-Oct. 16, 1805, Meriwether Lewis & William Clark led the first land expedition to the Pacific Coast.
- James Madison was the first U.S. President to declare war—June 18, 1812. It was the declaration of the War of 1812 against Great Britain.
- On March 28, 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act which moved the Native Americans into unsettled land in the West in exchange for their land within state borders. Approximately 100,000 Native Americans were forcibly relocated by the government under the Indian Removal Act.

### Trail of Tears Facts:

- The Choctaw tribe was removed in 1831.
- The Seminole tribe was removed in 1832.
- The Creek tribe was removed in 1834.
- The Chickasaw tribe was removed in 1837.
- The Cherokee tribe was removed in 1838.
- ❖ The Trail of Tears began with the signing of the Indian Removal Act.
- ❖ The Trail of Tears lasted around 20 years (1831-1850).
- ❖ The U.S. government and the American Indian tribes signed over 40 other treaties during this period.
- ❖ The American Indian people comprised 17 different tribes.
- ❖ The Trail of Tears comprised different routes that spanned around 1000 miles long.
- ❖ Roughly 4,000 members of the Cherokee tribe died of cold, hunger, or disease on the Trail of Tears.
- President William Henry Harrison served the shortest amount of time in office than any other U.S. President—he got sick and died 31 days into his term after being elected in 1841.
- The last time the Liberty Bell rang was for George Washington's birthday by the request of the Mayor of Philadelphia in 1846.
- The bloodiest single-day battle of American history was the Battle of Antietam, or Battle of Sharpsburg, during the Civil War, fought on September 17, 1862. A total of 22,654 Union and Confederate soldiers were wounded or killed.
- The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863.
- 3.9 million slaves were freed at the conclusion of the Civil War (April 12, 1861-April 9, 1865).
- Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. (He was shot on April 14, 1865 and died on April 15<sup>th</sup>).
- The first U.S. President to be impeached was President Andrew Johnson in 1868.
- The cause of the great Chicago fire in 1871 is unknown, although rumors at the time involved a cow knocking over a lantern in a barn.
- France gifted the Statue of Liberty to the U.S. on July 4, 1881.
- German Karl Benz patented the first automobile in 1886.



## 1900s:

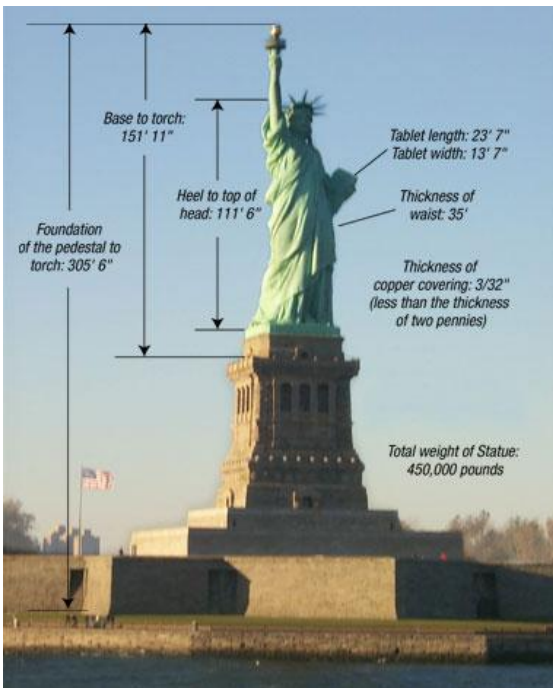
- On September 24, 1906, Devil's Tower in Wyoming was named the first U.S. national monument.
- Henry Ford's Model T hit the market in 1908.
- Edward Smith was the Captain of the Titanic when it sank on April 15, 1912.
- Juliette Gordon Low established the Girl Scouts of America in 1912.
- Passed in 1919, the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment prevented the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- In 1920, the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granted American women the right to vote.
- The first U.S. President to appear on television was Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939.
- On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.
- Four Presidents were assassinated while in office: Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy.
- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested after she refused to give up her bus seat, sparking national civil rights protests.
- The last state to be admitted into the union was Hawaii on August 21, 1959.
- The first man to walk on the moon was Neil Armstrong on July 21, 1969.
- On January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds into its flight, killing all seven crew members aboard. This was the first fatal accident involving an American spacecraft in flight.
- The first state to legalize marijuana for medicinal use was California in 1996.

## 2000s:

- Marine One is the call sign of the president's helicopter.
- Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda are widely believed to be behind the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
- On February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded on re-entry over Texas, killing all seven astronauts aboard.
- The hurricane that devastated New Orleans in 2005 was Hurricane Katrina.
- The first black U.S. President was President Barack Obama in 2008.
- On April 20, 2010, British Petroleum (BP) oil company's rig, Deepwater Horizon, exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, killing 11 workers and countless species of wildlife.
- In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed same-sex marriages.
- In 2020, Kamala Harris became the first woman to hold federal executive office in the United States (Vice President to President Joe Biden).
- The geographical center of the U.S. population (approximated in the 2020 census) is about 9 miles outside of Hartsville, MO.

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# Statue of Liberty Fun Facts



- Official dedication ceremonies held on Thurs., October 28, 1886.
- Total overall height from the base of the pedestal foundation to the tip of the torch is 305 feet, 6 inches.
- Height of the Statue from her heel to the top of her head is 111 feet, 6 inches.
- The face on the Statue of Liberty measures more than 8 feet tall.
- There are 154 steps from the pedestal to the head of Lady Liberty.
- A tablet held in her left hand measures 23' 7" tall and 13' 7" wide inscribed with the date JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776).
- The Statue has a 35-foot waistline.
- There are seven rays on her crown, one for each of the seven continents, each measuring up to 9 feet in length and weighing as much as 150 pounds.
- Total weight of the Statue of Liberty is 225 tons (or 450,000 lbs.).
- At the feet of the Statue lie broken shackles of oppression and tyranny.
- During the restoration completed in 1986, the new torch was carefully covered with thin sheets of 24k gold.
- The exterior copper covering of the Statue of Liberty is 3/32 inches thick (less than the thickness of 2 pennies) and the light green color (called a patina) is the result of natural weathering of the copper.

# USA NATIONAL SYMBOLS



## **National Flag: Stars and Stripes**

The national flag of the United States of America has fifty stars (representing 50 states) on the background of blue and 13 stripes (representing 13 colonies that rebelled against British rule and became the first states of the Union) in red and white. Red stands for hardiness and valor. White symbolizes purity and innocence. Blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

## **National Bird: Bald Eagle**

A large brown bird, with a white head and a sharp pointing beak is the Bald eagle. It was adopted as the national bird of the country for its association with the calibers of authority, strength, beauty, long life, and as an apt symbol of governmental power. It is both the national animal and the national bird of the United States. Its high flight in the sky symbolizes the might and power of the nation. It appears on the nation's emblem.



## **National Flower: Rose**

This was declared to be the national flower in a ceremony held at the White House Rose Garden. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan's signing of a resolution gave it the status officially.



## **National Tree: Oak**

In 2004, after the President signed the historic bill passed by the Congress, the Oak tree was officially recognized as the national tree of the United States.

## **National Emblem: Great Seal of the USA**

Drafted by Dr. Franklin, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Jefferson of the Declaration of Independence, the Great Seal of the USA was finalized on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1782. There is a shield on the chest of the Eagle without any support, symbolizing the country to rely on its own virtue. The shield is with stripes of white and red (representing states) taken from the colors of the national flag. The olive branch and a bunch of arrows denote the power of peace and war respectively. The reverse side of the seal has a 13-step pyramid, which is also considered to be the spiritual side of the seal.



## **National Motto: "In God, We Trust"**

"In God, We Trust" was adopted to be the motto of the U.S. in 1952 by a joint resolution of the Congress. It replaced the common but unofficial motto of 'E pluribus unum' (Latin for 'one out of many') that is inscribed on the great seal. It appeared on the country's coins in 1864. The motto was printed on paper currency (one-dollar note) in 1957.



## **National Sport: Baseball**

Baseball is known as the national pastime of the U.S. Americans feel it to be a part of their culture. It was the predominant sport played by the young before the game of football was established and became popular. It was in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, when baseball came to be recognized as the national sport.



*(Symbols cont. on pg. 17)*



## National Monument: Statue of Liberty

The formal title of the statue is "Liberty enlightening the world". It is a gift of friendship given by France in 1886, to commemorate 100 years of independence of the United States. The statue of liberty, located in New York Harbor, depicts the Roman goddess of Freedom. The value of liberty is expressed through the broken chain lying at the feet of the goddess. In one hand she holds a torch, which symbolizes enlightenment. The tablet held in the other hand symbolizes law; it has the date of declaration of independence inscribed on it.

## Symbol of Freedom: Liberty Bell

The liberty bell is regarded as the international symbol of freedom witnessing the Independence Hall, Philadelphia. It weighs around 2000 pounds and is made of copper and tin. The bell had rung in 1774 to announce the opening of the First Continental Congress, and in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The following words inscribed on it give the message of liberty:

*"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..."*



## The National Anthem: "The Star-Spangled Banner"

Written by Francis Scott Key and composed by John Stafford Smith. He wrote it after the valorous "The Defense of Fort McHenry" by American forces during the British attack of 1814. The Pledge of Allegiance was authored by Francis Bellamy in 1892. These glorify the national pride and mark historical significance of the American dream of independent state.

Although most people only know the first verse, the national anthem actually has four verses. See the complete version of **"The Star-Spangled Banner"** on page 19, showing spelling and punctuation from Francis Scott Key's manuscript in the Maryland Historical Society collection.

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## ICE CREAM TID BITS:



- July is National Ice Cream Month. On average, U.S. citizens consume about 5.5 gallons of ice cream per year.
- The waffle cone was created at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis when Abe Doumar, a traveling salesman, encouraged an ice cream vendor to serve their ice cream on rolled waffles made by another nearby vendor when they ran out of paper dishes.
- Chocolate ice cream was invented long before vanilla, and the first documented recipe for it appeared in the book *The Modern Steward* (pub. in Italy in 1692). The dish was based on hot chocolate, which was commonly mixed with spices like cinnamon and chili pepper, like what is known as "Mexican chocolate" today.
- Vanilla ice cream may be the default flavor today, but it was quite exotic and rare in the late 1700s, as vanilla was difficult to acquire before the mid-19th century.
- Ben & Jerry's was the first company to sell chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream in 1991, and the flavor was created based on an anonymous suggestion on a board in their Burlington, VT shop.
- Food photographers frequently use modified mashed potatoes as a stand-in for actual ice cream in photos. Ice cream melts too fast under the lighting required for photographing.
- An "ice cream headache" happens because the nerve endings on the roof of your mouth are not used to being cold, and they send a message to your brain signaling a loss of body heat. To help a "brain freeze," place your thumb on the roof of your mouth—it will warm the pallet, warming it up.
- Apple pie a la mode was invented at the Cambridge Hotel in New York when a customer named Professor Charles Watson Townshend regularly ordered ice cream with his apple pie. Another diner, Berry Hall, coined the dish's name.
- The earliest versions of Neapolitan ice cream were made of green pistachio, white vanilla, and red cherry ice cream and was made to resemble the Italian flag. That's called spumoni now. "Neapolitan" ice cream shifted to vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry in the United States because those were the three most popular flavors in the market.





# BATTER UP!



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BALTIMORE ORIOLES  
BOSTON RED SOX  
CHICAGO CUBS  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX  
CINCINNATI REDS  
COLORADO ROCKIES

DETROIT TIGERS  
HOUSTON ASTROS  
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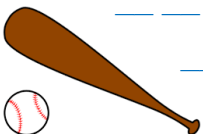
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SAN DIEGO PADRES  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
SEATTLE MARINERS  
TEXAS RANGERS  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS

After completing the word search, use the **UNUSED** letters to complete the messages: (Answers on pg. 20)

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\_\_\_\_\_.” ~Babe Ruth

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.” ~Pete Rose

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.” ~Derek Jeter



# The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

## In its original form it read:

**"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added.

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration.



## Today it reads:

**"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

## Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag.

Shortly thereafter, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down.

In World War II, the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.



(cont. from pg. 17)

## "The Star-Spangled Banner"

1. O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
2. On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,  
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
3. And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a Country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
4. O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land  
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Francis Garbs (father-in-law of Debbie Garbs) who passed away on 5/27; the family of Audrey (nee Groeper) Ruether (friend of Walean Bunge) who passed away on 5/26; Jeanette Stegner—was hospitalized, is home recovering; Murrill Wohler—on hospice; Mary Mittler—moved to Homestead at Hickory View; Phil Miltenberger—on hospice; Matthew Cooper (Washington Police Officer and School Resource Officer at Washington Middle School)—hit during a traffic accident while at Ted Drewes, and will be out of work for several months; Steve Calvert (friend of Curt Rohe)—health issues; Arnold & Marcia Rekate (Walean Bunge's brother & sister-in-law)—Arnold is in a rehab facility with pancreatic issues, Marcia has stage-4 cancer; the families who have been affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; the people of Ukraine & Israel, and of those who are in harm's way trying to protect them; those who have been affected by natural disasters; all who are ill as well as those on the front lines, caring for those who are ill.



**Those Battling Cancer:** Bonnie Borgmann, Caiden Thies, Phil Miltenberger, Mildred Hinnah, Teresa Wheeler, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratz, Marigene Kersten, Glennon Hepperman, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Marie Schneider, Eric Moritz, Marsha Meyer, Kurt Gildehaus, Dave Pruitt, Ted Lepper, James Heady, Isaac Mercer, Kristi Warneke, Ron Palitzsch.

**Those serving in the Military:** Andrew Gildehaus, Nick Sullentrop, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country!

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**Please remember those who are not always able to worship with us at St. Paul's UCC.  
Remember them in prayer, with a visit, card, or a phone call:**

Ellen Engelage  
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1080 Marie Lane  
Union, MO 63084



Mary Mittler  
Homestead at Hickory View  
1481 Marbach Dr., Room 317  
Washington, MO 63090

## -Meals on Wheels-

If anyone needs or knows of anyone who needs home-delivered meals from the Warren County Senior Center, please contact the center at 636-456-3379. **Volunteers are also needed** to deliver meals.

### ANSWERS TO WORD SEARCH (from pg. 18)

*"Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."*

*~Babe Ruth*

*"You owe it to yourself to be the best you can be—in baseball and in life."*

*~Pete Rose*

*"When someone says you don't have what it takes, you have two options: prove them right or prove them wrong."*

*~Derek Jeter*

### (Answers to Crossword from pg. 12)

#### ACROSS:



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| 5. THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER | 18. SECRETARY OF STATE |
| 7. ROSE                     | 21. LIBERTY BELL       |
| 9. CANCER                   | 22. JACKSON            |
| 11. SIX                     | 27. FRANKLIN           |
| 12. GOD                     | 29. STATUE OF LIBERTY  |
| 13. WASHINGTON, D.C.        | 30. WASHINGTON         |
| 14. JULY                    | 32. ARROWS             |
| 15. PRESIDENT               | 34. OLD GLORY          |
| 16. FOUR                    | 35. ROLL               |
| 17. FIFTY                   | 36. EVERY              |

#### DOWN:

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| 1. DECLARATION      | 23. BETSY ROSS |
| 2. INDEPENDENCE DAY | 24. BALD EAGLE |
| 3. SEVEN            | 25. GRANT      |
| 4. LARKSPUR         | 26. MILITARY   |
| 6. ALLEGIANCE       | 28. LINCOLN    |
| 7. RUBY             | 30. WHITE      |
| 8. VICE PRESIDENT   | 31. HERO       |
| 10. CONSTITUTION    | 33. WAR        |
| 16. FREEDOM         |                |
| 19. OAK             |                |
| 20. OLIVE BRANCH    |                |



# St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
6 Bring-A-Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am AM Fellowship	7 <u>NO</u> Quilting today 	8  6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @CBC	9  	10	11	12
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	14 10am-4pm Quilting  6:30pm Church Council	15	16  11:30am Women's Guild Luncheon	17	18 	19 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	21 10am-4pm Quilting  6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	22 	23	24	25  6-10pm Concert in the Park	26 
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	28 10am-4pm Quilting 	29	30 	31 		

*"In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on." (The Battle Hymn of the Republic)*

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