

ST. PAUL'S UCC NEWSLETTER



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A Loving Church, Making a Difference in the World



Letter from our Pastor Emeritus

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

The above is Amendment One to the Constitution of the United States of America, the first of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. As we celebrate the freedom we have as citizens of the USA, it is important to recognize the first freedom is “the freedom of religion.” That is, the freedom to worship, or not worship, as we please. Too often this right has been misinterpreted to mean freedom from religion.

Jesus tells us in John 8:32, “*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” Often in life we find ourselves “shackled by a heaven burden and cumbered with a load of care.” When those words describe our situation in life, that is when we need the touch of the Master’s hand. When Jesus sets us free, we are free indeed.

Pastor Deeker



Proper Way to hang the United States Flag



(When hung on a wall)

OR



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July Extra Step -

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

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Robbin DeVore	Newsletter Editor

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Bonnie Borgmann	Treasurer
Cathie Schoppenhorst	Financial Secretary, Missions Committee Rep., Historical Committee Rep.
Terri Ogle.....	Recording Secretary, Altar Guild Rep.
Jacob DeVore.....	Buildings & Grounds Committee Rep.
Jodi Lange.....	Social Media Rep., Christian Ed. Committee Rep., Membership Care Committee Rep.



UNITED

WE STAND





THE WOMEN'S GUILD Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The Women's Guild will host a luncheon for the women of St. Paul's UCC and for those from other churches in the area.

Please arrive at **11:30am**.

A music program by Junie & Jane 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!

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.

Steak Dinner Update

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

**83 tickets were sold;
83 attended**



Profit from this event was

\$9,715.41

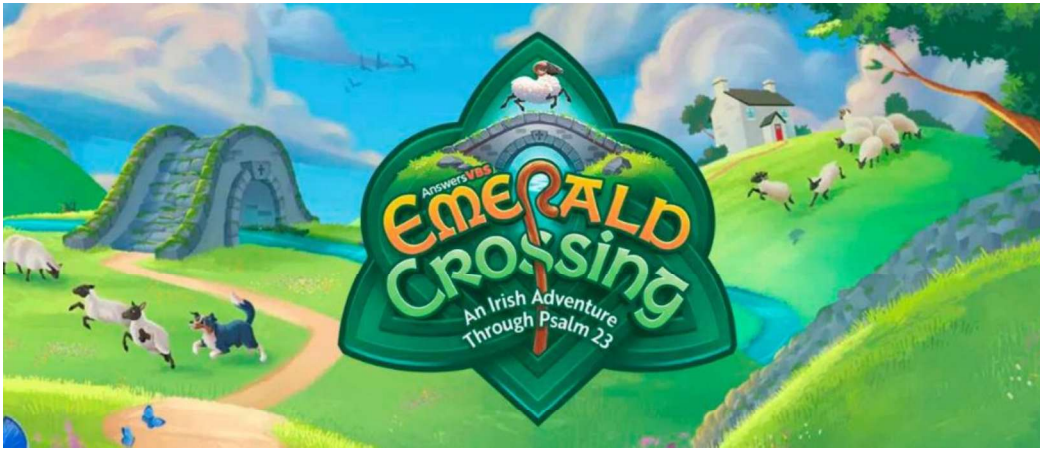
SUMMER FUN FACT:

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 20TH—6PM





Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's UCC

103 S. Second Street
Marthasville, MO

636-433-2482



—M-F, JULY 20-24, 2026—
9AM-12NOON



Cost: \$10 per child



THEME:

"EMERALD CROSSING"

*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 5th grade.

St. Paul's UCC VBS



103 S. Second Street
Marthasville, MO
636-433-2482

JULY 20-24, 2026

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 below that your child may be photographed.



ALTAR FLOWERS:



- June 7:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.
Extra arrangement in honor of Darrell & Linda Hasenjaeger's 34th wedding anniversary (June 9th), by Lulu Hasenjaeger.
- June 14:** in honor of the anniversaries of baptisms of Isaiah DeVore (June 19th) & Jacob DeVore (June 20th), by Ron DeVore.
- June 21:** in loving memory of Carrie Deeker, by Don Deeker.
- June 28:** to the honor and glory of God, by the Women's Guild.

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.



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 5th** — Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17
or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
- July 12th** — Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8),9-13
Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
- July 19th** — Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12,23-24
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19
or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
- July 26th** — Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11,45b *or Psalm 128*
1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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.



Services of Worship

9:30am

Pastor by Supply



July	5th	12th	19th	26th
Ushers	Cathie Schoppenhorst (lead) Karen Dohrer Cathie Schoppenhorst Lulu Hasenjaeger Cindy Buescher	Jodi Lange (lead) Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt Marigene Kersten Ann Jenkins	Terri Ogle (lead) Audrey Meyer Terri Ogle John Presser Nancy Presser	Bonnie Borgmann (lead) Tony Rohe Curt Rohe Robbin DeVore Kylie Rohe
Acolytes	Kersten Mayer	Kennady Mayer	Addy Engelage	Colsie Lange
Readers	Cathie Schoppenhorst	Karla Aholt	Terri Ogle	Curt Rohe
Greeters	Brenda Roloff Cathie Schoppenhorst	Gene Ahmann Karla Aholt	Audrey Meyer John & Nancy P.	Tony Rohe Curt Rohe
Fellowship	Wayne & Wilma Zeh	John & Kay Buhr	NEED VOLUNTEER	Debbie Garbs

Worship Attendance:

5-31-2026---40

6-7-2026---38

6-14-2026---35

6-21-2026---44

6-28-2026---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 2026 Supply

July 5— Don Deeker

July 12— Don Deeker

July 19— Don Deeker

July 26— Gary Schulte

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. 9)

	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	



ADULT SOCIAL CONNECTION



The Adult Social Connection breaks in May-September; resumes in the fall.
Attendance at the Concerts in the Park (downtown pavilion) is encouraged on the 4th Fridays of the months of May-September.
Be watching future newsletters for further information.



CONCERT SCHEDULE:

JULY 24TH – "THE SAPPINGTONES"

AUG. 28TH – "GARDEN PARTY BAND"

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

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

Further information to follow.

SEPT. 25TH – "TEXAS GIANTS"



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

FLAG TRIVIA:

(answers on pg. 11)

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?

Project Linus

"Providing Security Through Blankets"



Our mission is to provide a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through gifts of new handmade blankets, lovingly created by volunteers.

We started our chapter in April 2024, and to date, we have given away almost 1500 blankets. Projectlinus.org is a nonprofit organization with over 300 chapters nationwide.

We request blankets, quilts, or afghans to be 45"x60" and larger. Gender-neutral preferred due to more boys in the system than girls.

Motorcycles & More in Marthasville, MO is a drop-off blanket site. Feel free to drop off blankets during their business hours. You can find more info on our Facebook group: Project Linus of East Central Missouri.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6th: Rock Roloff
Elise Thierbach
- 7th: Rosalie Carter
- 11th: Lulu Hasenjaeger
Jaxon Mitchell
- 12th: Amber Mueller
- 13th: Dan Thornton
Terry Paridy
- 14th: Candace Siem
- 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
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

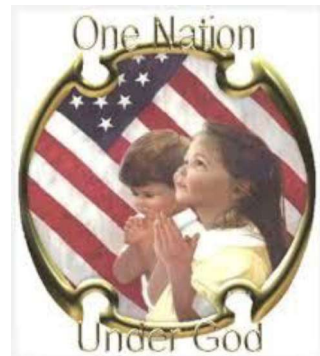
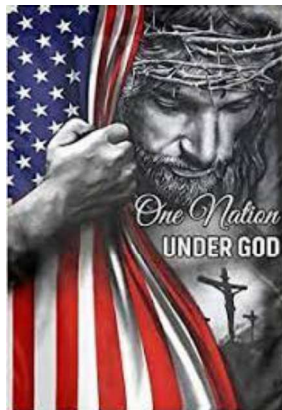
- 10th: Steve & Megan Zeh
Jim & Karen Joerling
- 14th: Allen & Celeste Mueller
- 23rd: Dan & Patty Thornton

ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

(none this month)



Church Council Meeting:
Mon., July 13th—6:30pm



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

Ronald Reagan



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



A	M	E	R	I	C	A	A	E	R	A	W	A	L	E	D	M	E	R	I	C	A
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| ALASKA | IDAHO | MICHIGAN | NEW YORK | TENNESSEE |
| ARIZONA | ILLINIOS | MINNESOTA | NORTH CAROLINA | TEXAS |
| ARKANSAS | INDIANA | MISSISSIPPI | NORTH DAKOTA | UTAH |
| CALIFORNIA | IOWA | MISSOURI | OHIO | VERMONT |
| COLORADO | KANSAS | MONTANA | OKLAHOMA | VIRGINIA |
| CONNECTICUT | KENTUCKY | NEBRASKA | OREGON | WASHINGTON |
| DELAWARE | LOUISIANA | NEVADA | PENNSYLVANIA | WEST VIRGINIA |
| FLORIDA | MAINE | NEW HAMPSHIRE | RHODE ISLAND | WISCONSIN |
| GEORGIA | MARYLAND | NEW JERSEY | SOUTH CAROLINA | WYOMING |

After completing the word search, use the UNUSED letters to complete the message: (answer on pg. 20)

“ _____ ! _____ ! _____ , _____ .
 _____ .”

(Katharine Lee Bates)

“ _____ , _____ .” (Irving Berlin)

FLAG TRIVIA: (answers from pg. 8)

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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN FACTS:

- ❖ Most signers of the Declaration of Independence signed the document on Aug. 2, 1776. Only 2 signed on July 4th.
- ❖ 3 of the first five presidents died on July 4th: 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.
- ❖ 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

“AMERICA, AMERICA”

ACROSS:

(Answers on pg. 20)

2. The U.S. National flower, which was given its original status in 1986, by President Ronald Reagan.
5. The _____ River is the longest river in North America.
7. _____ is named after Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian explorer who sent forth the then revolutionary concept that the lands that Christopher Columbus had sailed to in 1492 were part of a separate continent.
9. 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 _____ branch, denoting the power of peace.
10. America’s West Coast borders the _____ Ocean.
13. 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.”
14. _____ has the longest coastline of all the U.S. states.
16. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida borders this body of water. (three words)
19. The largest state by land area.
20. The formal statement, written by Thomas Jefferson, declaring the freedom of the thirteen American colonies from Great Britain: _____ of Independence.



22. The only U.S. state that is solely made up of islands.
23. The most widely grown produce in the United States.
25. America's number one junk food by far, followed by ice cream as the second.
27. The United States has four time _____.
28. In 1865, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes _____.
30. The number of stars on the current American flag that represents the number of states that make up the U.S.
33. At 555 ft. tall, the _____ Monument is the tallest structure in Washington, D.C.
35. Andrew Johnson (in 1868), Bill Clinton (in 1998), and Donald Trump (in 2021) are the only three U.S. Presidents to have ever been _____.
36. The original American flag had thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. The stars were arranged in a _____.
39. The color of the sun.
40. Our National Anthem, based on words from Francis Scott Key's poem, originally titled "The Defense of Fort McHenry". (four words)
44. This federal holiday falls on July 4th each year. (two words)
46. There are thirteen _____ on the American flag.
47. The country that, in 1886, gave the Statue of Liberty, that depicts the Roman goddess of Freedom, as a gift of friendship.
48. The seamstress known for sewing the first United States flag. (first & last name)
51. The only U.S. president to have never lived in the White House. (first name only)
53. 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)
54. The largest city in the U.S., followed by Los Angeles, Chicago, Brooklyn, and Houston. (three words)



DOWN:



1. The abbreviation for United States of America.
3. The number of red stripes on the U.S. flag.
4. The number of white stripes on the U.S. flag.
5. The Missouri River runs from Montana to just north of St. Louis, MO, where it empties into the _____ River. This river system is the fourth longest river system in the world.
6. John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey _____.
8. The smallest state by land area. (two words)
9. The U.S. flag is often otherwise referred to as "_____". (two words)
11. America's East Coast borders the _____ Ocean.
12. In 1912, 3,020 Japanese _____ Blossom trees were planted around the Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park. The first festival, named for these trees, was celebrated in 1935.
15. 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.
16. The Gateway Arch is known as the "_____". At 630 ft. tall, it is the tallest man-made monument in the United States. (four words)
17. The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.
18. In 2004, George W. Bush signed the bill passed by Congress that made this our national tree.
21. A body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed.
22. A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievement, or noble qualities.
24. The only U.S. President to have ever resigned from office. (last name)
26. Hawaii and _____ are the only two U.S. states that do not practice daylight savings time.
29. The highest mountain in the U.S. is Mount Denali, formerly known as Mount McKinley, which is located in _____.
31. _____ Wilson is the only U.S. President to be buried in Washington, D.C. He is entombed at the Washington National Cathedral.
32. The original American flag had thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, representing the thirteen _____ that declared independence from Great Britain.
34. Our national bird, which was on the threatened and endangered species list until 2007. (two words)
36. The largest library in the world: The Library of _____.



37. Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy, are the four U.S. Presidents who have been _____.
38. Presidents Hoover and Adams both kept _____ as pets in the White House.
41. Mount Kilauea, in _____, is said to be the most active volcano in the world because it has been erupting continuously for more than 35 years.
42. Many classrooms begin their day with this formal promise of loyalty to the United States: "The Pledge of _____".
43. He was the tallest U.S. President, at 6 ft. 4 in. (last name)
45. "To _____ thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV)
49. "...O'er the land of the _____ and the home of the brave." (The National Anthem)
50. (Same as #2 Across).
52. Our Nation's Capital is Washington, _____. (abbreviation)



"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)**:

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

Romans 14:19 (NIV) states:

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

Respectfully submitted by: Robbin DeVore



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 15th).
- 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.

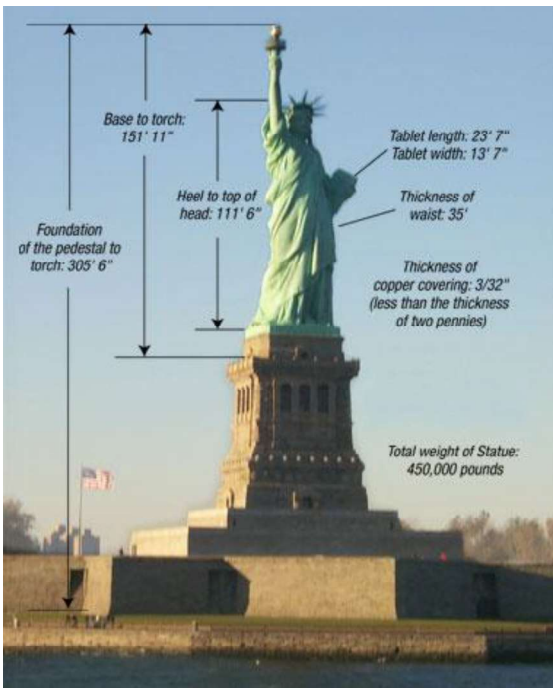
1900s:

- 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 18th Amendment prevented the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- In 1920, the passage of the 19th 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.

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 20th, 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 19th century, when baseball came to be recognized as the national sport.



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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.

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.

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.



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"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 Marvin Engelage who passed away on 6/23; the family of Bob Wilkerson (husband of Beverly “Bea” nee Mittler) who passed away on 6/23; the family of Jack Heady (uncle to Robbin DeVore and Trudy Heady) who passed away on 6/19; the family of Murrill Wohler who passed away on 5/30; Tim DeVore—hospitalized with heart-related issues and internal bleeding; David Gildehaus (son of Joe & Cathie Gildehaus)—head-on collision on 6/8, lung contusions and multiple broken bones; Walean Bunge—health issues; Mark Jones (Marge Jones’s son)—blood clots in both lungs; Denny Kammer—heart issues; Debbie Keith (friend of Robbin DeVore)—health issues; the people of war-torn countries, and of those who are in harm’s way trying to protect them; those affected by armed violence in this country and in the world; those affected by the recent natural disasters; all those recovering from surgery and other health issues, those fighting cancer, and those homebound/shut-in/in-care facilities.

Those Battling Cancer: Susan Miesner, Bonnie Borgmann, Nancy Thater, Rev. Jeff Mueller, Caiden Thies, Brenda Napier, Mildred Hinnah, Eric Moritz, Marcia Rekate, Brenda Gratza, Marigene Kersten, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Ted Lepper, Dave Pruitt, Teresa Wheeler, Marsha Meyer, Kristi Warnecke, Kurt Gildehaus, Glennon Hepperman, Isaac Mercer.

Those serving in the Military: Nick Sullentrup, Tyler Buescher, Luke Bronstrup, Caleb & Sarah Murphy, and others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country.

**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
Grandview Health Care Center
201 Grand Ave., Room #314
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Mary Mittler
Homestead at Hickory View
1481 Marbach Dr., Room 211
Washington, MO 63090

Jeanette Stegner
c/o Debbie Borrson
46 Brownstone Lane
Cuba, MO 65453

-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.

USA Word Search (from pg.10):

“America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.”
“God bless America, my home sweet home.”

Answers to Crossword (pg. 12)

ACROSS:

- 2. Rose
- 5. Missouri
- 7. America
- 9. Olive
- 10. Pacific
- 13. God
- 14. Alaska
- 16. Gulf of Mexico
- 19. Alaska
- 20. Declaration
- 22. Hawaii
- 23. Corn
- 25. Pizza
- 27. Zones
- 28. Booth
- 30. Fifty
- 33. Washington
- 35. Impeached
- 36. Circle
- 39. Yellow
- 40. The Star-Spangled Banner
- 44. Independence Day
- 46. Stripes
- 47. France
- 48. Betsy Ross
- 51. George
- 53. President
- 54. New York City

DOWN:

- 1. U.S.A.
- 3. Seven
- 4. Six
- 5. Mississippi
- 6. Oswald
- 8. Rhode Island
- 9. Old Glory
- 11. Atlantic
- 12. Cherry
- 15. Arrows
- 16. Gateway to the West
- 17. Freedom
- 18. Oak
- 21. Constitution
- 22. Hero
- 24. Nixon
- 26. Arizona
- 29. Alaska
- 31. Woodrow
- 32. Colonies
- 34. Bald Eagle
- 36. Congress
- 37. Assassinated
- 38. Alligators
- 41. Hawaii
- 42. Allegiance
- 43. Lincoln
- 45. Every
- 49. Free
- 50. Rose
- 52. D.C.



St. Paul's UCC Church Calendar—July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Bring-A-Meal Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am AM Fellowship	 6 10am-4pm Quilting	 7 10am-4pm Quilting	1  11:30am Women's Guild Luncheon	2  9 	3  10 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  11 
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	13 10am-4pm Quilting 6:30pm Church Council	14 6:30pm-7:30pm Food Pantry @ CBC	15  16 	17  18 11am-12N Food Pantry @ CBC	24  6:30-9:30pm Concert in the Park	25 
19 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship	20 NO Quilting today  6PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	21  VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	22  God Bless America	23  30 	31 	26 9:30am Worship 10:30am AM Fellowship



"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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