



July Birthdays

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| 1 - Duane Snow | 10 - Rowan Collier | 22 - Kerry Gabbard |
| 1 - Jayla Middleton | 11 - Derek McLean | 22 - Lucas Howe |
| 2 - Grayson Thornton | 11 - Jonathan Gabbard | 23 - Ed Dolbeare |
| 2 - Kim Jourdan | 11 - Kholtian Jarrett | 23 - Sharon Eilbes |
| 3 - Louis Williams Jr. | 12 - Carson Spears | 24 - Ashley Baldrige |
| 4 - Ron Stanley | 12 - Tara Gaston | 24 - Brenda Mulvany |
| 5 - Jean Brouillette | 13 - DeAnna Clark | 25 - Brayden Kuester |
| 5 - Susan Jones | 13 - Jordan Jones | 25 - Hayley Kuester |
| 6 - Floyd Tockstein | 13 - Laura Crain | 25 - Jay Luse |
| 6 - Kalin Bass | 14 - Kendra Galbraith | 26 - David Blair |
| 6 - Karen Charlton | 18 - Heather Gabbard | 26 - Dennis Charlton |
| 8 - Barb Lutz | 21 - Kamora Whitfield (Sexton) | 26 - Martha Brant |
| 8 - Bob Erxleben | 21 - Michael Gaston | 27 - Isaac Arnold |
| 8 - Clara Dasch | 21 - Vickie Heinzmann | 27 - Mike Hodge |
| 10 - Kale Benjamin | 22 - Bryan McIntosh | 29 - Connie Williams |
| 10 - Rich Crouse | 22 - Cole Piper | 29 - Mona Watson |

July Anniversaries

- 2 - Bob & Janet Padberg
- 8 - Mike & Vickie Heinzmann
- 9 - Mike & Vicky Hargis
- 14 - Clint & Danette Wolfe
- 14 - Kenny & Lindsay Detmer
- 14 - Marshall & Carolyn Goostree
- 20 - Derek & Ashley Vick
- 20 - Tom & Lara Morris
- 23 - Ed & Christy Dolbeare
- 25 - Logan & Allison West
- 25 - Wade & Olivia Holsapple
- 30 - Louis Paul & Daisy Williams

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~ 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Nursing / Retirement Home

CEDARHURST—Centralia

Carl Charlton

TWIN WILLOWS

Linda Haney

Lucy Molenhour

SALEM WOODS

Betty Branch

Joan Buhnerkemper

Darrell Yates

ODIN CARE CENTER

Randy Borger

Erlene Kohrig

Health Concerns

DeAnna Clark

Danee Wiggins

Fred Bisel (brother of D Lamb & G Beaty)

Lisa Pemberton (SIL of Joe Pemberton)

David Williams (son of Barb Williams)

Stan Rollinson (father of DeAnna Clark)

Evan Hughes

Les Horst (father of Melynda Frederick)

Jennifer Clark

Nancy Russell (mother of Bob Russell)

Debbie Leuty (friend of Lynn Jones)

Waylon Vick

Leroy Uchitjil (brother of Robert)

Earl Hieber

Dowell Kelley

Denise Szaro

Ann Tanner

Sheri Nuckles (sister of Melynda Frederick)

Jim White (brother of Dave White)

Michelle Iffert (friend of Dena Kemp)

Melissa Schnake (sister of Debbie Cartwright)

Ida Smith

Carol Schwartz

Kevin Frankland (brother of Sharon Sullens)

Darlene Bandy (mother of Steve Bandy)

Jane Liddle

Joe Van Natta (brother of Sandy Martin)

Mark Baldrige

Doris Baldrige

Pete Beal

Steve Schumpert

Brian Martin

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Unintended Sabbath

Let's face it, we have lived in the most fast-paced period in history. People fly from one continent to another. Technology seems to advance by the day. Our phones give us instant access to more information found in a full library. Entertainment, sports, hobbies, you name it, it is all accessible. These are incredible times. However, along with the fast-paced life made possible with travel, technology and accessibility, our schedules have been crammed with more work, more activities, and more clutter. We were multitasking more and resting less. Our leisure time was spent running from one place to another. It was a pace that perhaps was damaging us and our family in ways that we did not see.

Then it happened...a pandemic. It was uninvited, disruptive, even deadly. Life changed. Life slowed. Areas of our lives we could count on with a fair amount of certainty became unreliable. We can't even plan three months out, because we simple don't know what life will be like when the dust settles. Uncertainty is our new normal.

At the beginning of humanity, God intended for all of us to take time to re-evaluate, rest, and remember – to reset, if you will. He saw the need for us to have a Sabbath – a day of rest.

Though we would never welcome a pandemic, it has produced an unexpected and I believe positive result in many of our lives. In a way, this shelter-in-place was a sort of sabbatical for most of us. It gave us permission to slow down and reflect on what is really important in our lives.

Perhaps, like I am, you are thankful for this unintended Sabbath. And the question before us is “where do we go from here?” What lessons have we learned and what changes need to be made?

Starting Sunday, July 5th, I hope you will join us for a 4-part sermon series, called Unintended Sabbath.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Throughout the month of July we will be collecting:
**Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
(NO GLASS)**
for the Salem Food Pantry.
Items can be left in the collection box in the foyer.

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