



# Soundings



## Lambertville United Methodist Church

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**JULY 2024**

Pastor Bryan Kilpatrick

### Pastor's Page

#### "On Freedom"

*For you were called to freedom, brothers [and sisters]. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*  
- Galatians 5:13-14

#### Read Galatians 5:13-26

Happy Independence Day brothers and sisters in Christ!

It's once again time to gear up for the quintessential American holiday! As you read this, it is likely you have joined other Americans in contributing to the **over \$9 billion in food for the Fourth of July**, and some may have even contributed to the **over \$1 billion annually spent on fireworks**. We have planned on going to see firework displays, or are planning on having one of our own (please be safe and make good choices!). Some of us might watch the annual Nathan's Hotdog eating contest, while others might be planning for a day of fun in the sun. However you and yours are planning on celebrating this year, I hope you will do all that you can to take care of yourselves and others.

As I was preparing for this article, I found myself thinking about the idea of freedom. At its most basic understanding, freedom is **the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved**. As Americans, we also understand freedom as **the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint**. Therefore, when we gather together to celebrate our freedom on Independence Day, we tend to celebrate it as the reminder of how we freed ourselves from the perceived tyranny of England coupled with taking time to celebrate the freedoms we hold dear as citizens of this country. Yet as followers of Christ, we must also take time to think about freedom as we understand it from a faith perspective. **What might it look like to take time to celebrate the freedom we have been given in Christ? Does the freedom granted to us by God line up with our typical understanding of freedom as celebrated on July 4<sup>th</sup> each year?**

As is often the case with such questions, the answer is not as clear cut as we might like. While the Christian faith did have some impact on the founding of our country and our typical understandings of what freedom means, we must also recognize that as followers of Christ this surface level freedom is not enough. Once we have acknowledged our freedom, it becomes necessary for us to use that very freedom in a manner that is Christ-like. In Galatians, Paul reminds us that Christ set us free not only from slavery to sin and death, but from the law as well. He suggests that when we embrace the Spirit of God and truly live into its guidance, there is no longer a need for the law, for we will then be living by a law that is spiritual. To that end, **Paul encourages us to use this newfound freedom for the benefit of others rather than for ourselves**. He reminds us that freedom has a tendency to make us a bit selfish; that unchecked freedom can lead to sin and corruption like immorality, debauchery, hatred, jealousy, and selfish ambition, to name a few.

Instead, **Paul encourages us to embrace the freedom of the Spirit to serve one another in humble love. And we will know when we are living into this freedom when our actions reveal the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. Perhaps we should keep this in mind as we prepare to celebrate the freedom we often take for granted, for it may be that the more we embrace this Spiritual freedom, the more the country we love so much is made better for those who come after us.

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## **Thank you**

Thank you to all our volunteer mowers. You spend countless hours at the church weekly and we really appreciate you keeping it beautiful!

Thank you to Sandy and Jeff Lewandowski for always having communion ready to go! We appreciate you!

Thank you to Pam Bolton and Cathy Roberts for going above and beyond for the food pantry! They spend hours every week making sure that it is running smoothly. Thank you to our volunteers who come in weekly as well! We could not do this ministry without all of you.

Thank you to Jacob Dawes who is here every week behind the sound board making sure our services run smoothly. Thank you to Dawson Chandler for covering for him whenever he cannot make it!

Thank you to Dick Light for always coming to the rescue when anything in the church breaks. He is always just a phone call away.

Thank you to all our Trustees that have arranged for the roofs and parking lot to be completed very soon! That involved countless meetings to get these projects rolling.

Thank you to Debbie and Kent for all the hard work you do from choosing the music, learning to play the music and creating the slides. Also, thank you to Debbie for doing Children's sermon on a weekly basis!

Thank you to Bobbie Garrison, Ed Smith and Marsha Frank for leading our youth. I have heard fabulous things from everyone that attends.

Thank you to all that have donated to the roof project. The narthex roof is complete! Hallelujah! Now on to the next roofs.

Thank you to Dianna Snyder, Becki Paracheck and Laurie Digby who have been spraying and weeding around the church.

Thank you to Brian Fellman and Kent Krabach for weed whipping! The yards look great!

Thank you to Dawson Chandler for keeping the ball field and outfield ready to go for our teams that rent the field!

## **ONE Worship service**

Join us this Sunday, June 30th for our ONE Worship service at 10:00am. Afterwards we will have a potluck. We will be serving spaghetti as the main dish but feel free to bring another entrée as well.

## **Save the date! July 14!!**

On July 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having a ONE worship service outdoors at 10:00am with an old fashioned ice cream social afterwards. We will be inviting the community to both the service and the ice cream social. Monetary donations are needed for the ice cream and toppings. You may contribute by noting "ice cream" on the specials line on your envelope. July and ice cream just go together in the shade of the trees on our lawn. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

## **Special music**

Would you be willing to share your special talent with your church family? If you would like to sing, play an instrument or both during one of the summer services please let the office know.

## **Summer Bible Study**

Pastor Bryan is continuing to lead a 10-week summer Bible Study in the library. The next one will be Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00pm. This study focuses on a book called, *Epic: An Around-The-World Journey Through Christian History* written by: Tim Challies. The book study focuses on precious relics that will be looked upon in their historical context. Through thirty-three selected objects the author introduces the reader to the history of Christianity in a unique and creative way.

## **Quilt raffle**

We have a quilt that we are raffling off right now. The tickets are \$5 for one, \$7 for two and \$10 for three. All proceeds will go to the old fashioned ice cream social coming up on July 14th.

## **Spotlights**

Our evangelism group has been busy with handing out Bibles at the Farmer's Market and Fireworks event to putting together the inserts for the attendance pads with all the information you need to know for the upcoming Sundays. There is a lot of behind the scenes work going on and we wanted to say a huge thank you to the group.

Also, a big thank you to our Outreach group. They have already put a lot of work into the upcoming old fashioned ice cream social and upcoming cookout in September, along with other events coming this year. Thank you all!

*Thank You!*

## Membership News

“I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving be offered to God for all people.”

(1 Timothy 2:1)

### **General Intercessory Prayers:**

Families dealing with Depression, Grieving Families, Marriages, Missionaries, Service Men & Women, Shut-ins, Unemployed, Unspoken, Youth

### **Individual Intercessory Prayers:**

Ward Gambrell, Joyce Zuccarell, Barb Shaneour, Myron Smitley, Marcia Brown, Bob Kalb, Terrie Houck, Brenda Wobser, Jan Harvey, Bob Houck, Rich Schroeder, Phyllis Dudek, Debbie Krabach, Mary Jones, Susan Mitchell, Bo Bodine, Tim Dew, Brooke Brown, Julie Harder, Glenn Davis, Don McConaughy

### **Shut-Ins:**

Colleen Fisher, Sue Roach, Barb Frobel, Vicki Clouse, Rose Leighty, Elsie Rochlitz, Marcia Smotherman

### **Extended Church family & community:**

Marsha Frank's brother John, Cindy Vedra's brother, friend, Lyndell and friend, Jim, Debbie Needle's, brother, Kay Platt's brother Wayne Stewart and sister-in-law, Ruby, Cathy Robert's cousin, Sister Ann, Dianna Snyder's son, Jeremiah and husband, Tom, Debbie Krabach's brother-in-law, Donna Schafer's brother-in-law, Dick, and sister, Trudy, Kilpatrick's cousins, Caden, Jamie and Terral, McIntire's sister-in-law, Marianna Jim Villarreal's cousin, Barbara, brother, Ron and sister-in-law, Karen, Susan Mitchell's brother, Ken Brooke Brown's mom, and friend Amy Joyce Earley's son, Jeff Sandy Ritchey's friends, Jackie, Shelli and Dan Carole Rayle's daughter, Tori and mother-in-law, Bonnie

### **Military serving :**

Alex Perry

## Usher schedule

The usher schedule for July-August in the narthex. If you can help out with ushering at either 8:30 service or 10:30 service, please sign up for one or multiple days. Thank you!

## Need assistance with weeding around the church

If weeding is something you don't mind doing, please feel free to stop by the church anytime that's convenient for you and pick away to your hearts content. The memory garden seems to need it the most at this time.

## Farmer's market

Every Saturday the Farmer's market is open from 9-1 and set up in our parking lot. Here is a list of food trucks that will be in the parking lot for July. The food trucks usually open at 11:00am:

July 6– Holy Cheezus

July 13– Mac & Laof's grill

July 20– Deet's BBQ & Coffee Grind

July 27– Queso Kitchen



## Trustees—Cemetery Lots for sale

The church is in possession of several cemetery lots at Toledo Memorial Park. They are being offered to the congregation at \$800 per lot (current price from Toledo Memorial Park is \$1200 per lot). If you are interested in purchasing a lot or lots, please contact the office.

## Congregant in need of assistance

If you or anyone you know can pull two bush stumps out of the ground for one of our members please let the office know.

Also, the same member is looking for someone to do a dual garage sale with her at her house. She is thinking the end of July for a Thursday-Saturday sale. Her neighborhood gets lots of traffic. Let the office know if you are interested in this.

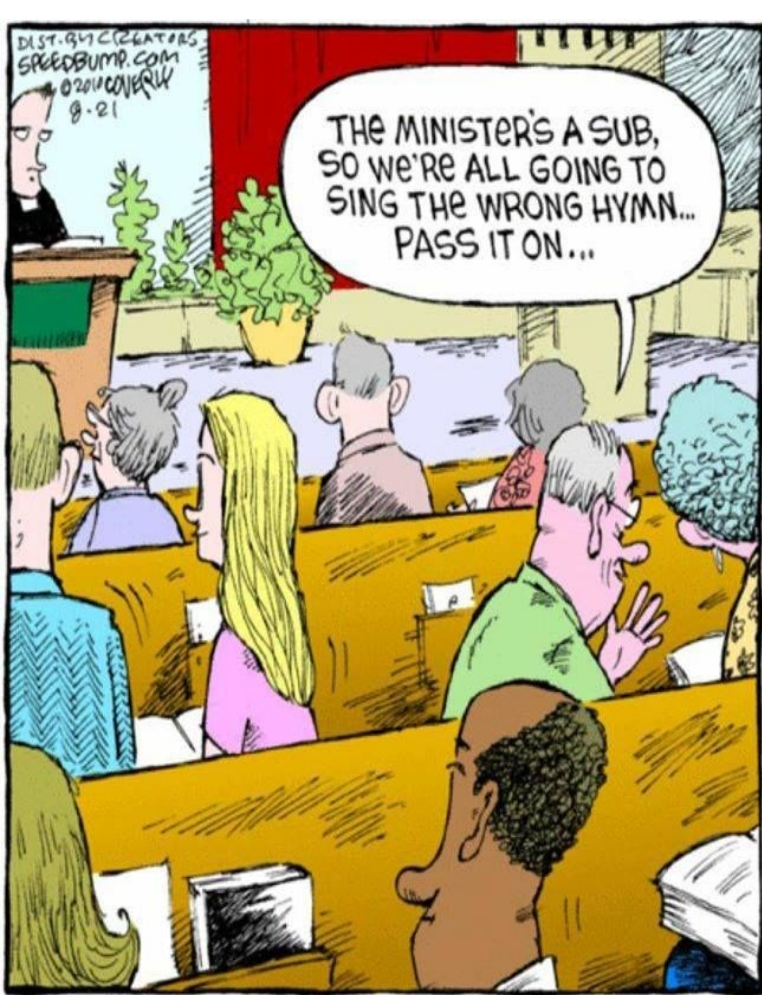


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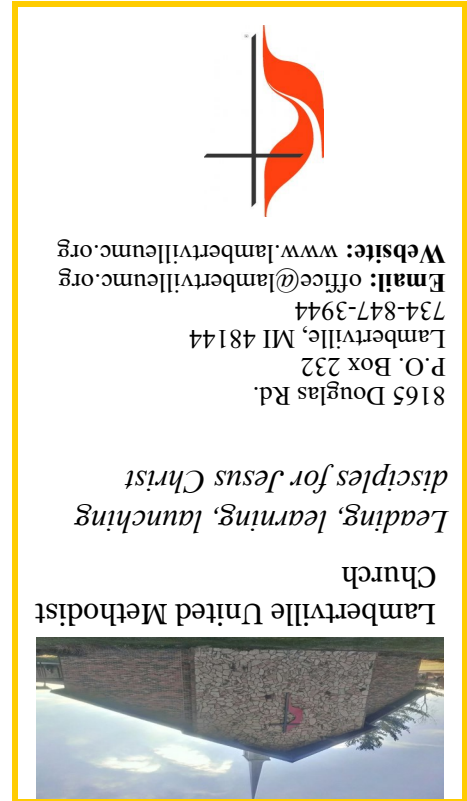
**are sponsored by:**

Becki Parachek– in memory of my husband

Lynn Parachek



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



## JULY BIRTHDAYS 2024

- 2– Tom Brown
- 2– Daneen Duvendack
- 2– Lin Sargent
- 3– Pam Brenneman
- 3– Maralee Demorest
- 4– Chelsea Chandler
- 4– Tom Guyton
- 4– Gerri Norvell
- 8– Julie Zimmerman
- 10– Delores Kalb
- 10– Gracie Allen
- 10– Gail Doxsie
- 10– Sawyer Beard
- 14– Pam Bolton
- 15– Jordyn Zielinski
- 15– Pastor Pat
- 17– Jean Robinson

- 16– Kyle Haubrich
- 18– Katy Gunning
- 18– Vicki Clouse
- 19– Rose Lee
- 20– Hannah Brown
- 20– Bradley Scherer
- 21– Margaret Miller
- 21– Kay Platt
- 25– Connie Carter
- 26– Scott Bauer
- 27– Jan Harvey
- 27– Aubrey Lisk
- 28– Madison Norton
- 30– Dan Meisner
- 31– Nora Wilkerson
- 31– Amy Tennant





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 10:00am- ONE Worship service 11:00am- Potluck	<b>1</b> 10:00am- Pickleball 6:30pm Basketball	<b>2</b> 10-11am food pantry 9am- Figure factory 5:00pm Twirl MI 5:30pm- Baseball 8:00pm Basketball	<b>3</b> <b>Office CLOSED</b> 10:00am- Pickleball 1:00pm- Custodial cleaning of gym 7:30pm- Basketball	<b>4</b> <b>4th OF JULY!</b> <b>Office CLOSED</b> 9am- Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:00pm- Twirl MI	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Basketball	<b>6</b> 9:00am- Farmer's market
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