



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

July 2021

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,
Go Green...Spiritually!

Summer is here! – warm days, bright sunshine, and everything is really, really green. Summertime is a season of growth – from delicious home-grown vegetables from a local garden, to trees growing fresh leaves and branches, to our lawns growing tall and lush, and constantly needing cut! In our hemisphere, the summer months correspond with the season of Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar, a time of year not marked by a specific season or festival such as Advent or Easter.

The name “Ordinary Time” may sound a bit boring to us, but it can actually be a wonderful time of rest, renewal and continued growth in the Christian faith. The season of Ordinary Time runs from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (occurring in May or June) until Christ the King Sunday in November. This season is represented by the color green symbolizing ongoing growth and development in the Christian faith.

Ordinary Time is a great time of year to commit to a Christian practice, such as prayer. Or delve deeper into the Bible, either by studying a biblical theme or reading a particular book of the Bible. It is also a great time to continue practices, such as weekly worship, acts of service, giving, or taking a time of personal Sabbath rest. To make the most of Ordinary Time, think of one activity you can do to strengthen your commitment to Jesus Christ and set aside specific time to engage regularly in it over the course of the summer. With regular practice, these activities will open up space in your life for God to do extraordinary things. So, go green during Ordinary Time, and you will find that your faith will be anything but ordinary.

Blessings,

Hilary



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP INFO:

Please join us for worship on **Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM!**
In-Person worship in our **HoC Sanctuary** (w/COVID protocols)
or **virtual worship livestream** on our YouTube channel at:

<https://youtu.be/4IJAN2FHhS0>

or on our **Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HeadOfChristiana/posts/>

You don't need a Facebook account to access the page.



Join Pastor Hilary for a **Facebook Live** session following the
worship livestream between **11:45 – 12:00 PM.**

Join us for **outdoor fellowship after worship**
(weather permitting).

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.
Snacks & drinks will be provided.



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Please reach out to us if you need anything!!!

HO C Facelift



Now that our church has had a beautiful facelift,
the only thing needed to look our very best is YOU....

Come pray with us.



Warriors Helping Warriors, Inc.
104 S. Broad Street
Middletown, DE 19709
June 19, 2021

Dear Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church Community,

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your generous donations and your continued support. Your donation of food, cleaning supplies, gift cards and checks will go a long way in helping our veterans while they stay with us at The Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center.

As you know, we are supporting local veterans who have fallen upon hard times to improve their lifestyles via transitional housing for homeless veterans, permanent and affordable housing, home improvements, counseling, job searches, classes, helping them navigate through the military and VA systems and so much more. Your donation will be used to help veterans who come to The Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center get back on their feet and again become productive members of society. It is people like you that make a difference in our community.

We sincerely appreciate your support of our veterans.

Kevin Conley

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Warriors Helping Warriors

Your generous and much appreciated donations filled the back of Ed Crispin's truck.



The How and Why...

Submitted by ~Nancy Crawford

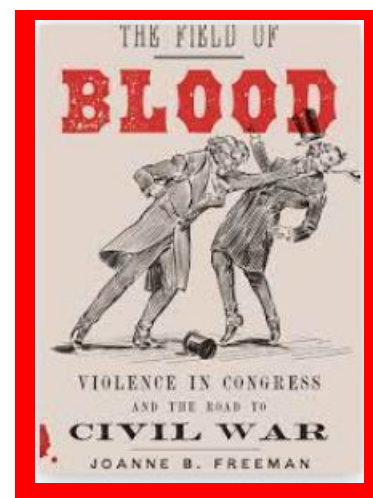
By the time this newsletter is published, many of us will be making plans for the impending July 4th holiday weekend—traveling, welcoming company, having or going to cookouts, grabbing some rest and relaxation, and, oh yes, fireworks!

If you're like me, and have more than a passive indifference towards politics, current events, and our young nation's impressive and hard-won history, I most strongly suggest you grab a copy of *"The Field of Blood—Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War"* by Joanne B. Freeman. Spoiler alert: it is not for the faint of heart politically speaking, but it is a must-read to learn the historic truth behind our political culture and fragile democracy. A read that will put a new light on our celebrations and give you a new perspective and understanding about our politics and the paths taken.

If you think politics today is a freak show and enough to make you want to move to Switzerland, you might change your mind after reading this portrait of American politics during its most rowdiest years...the very early days when spittoons were more often than not missed by gobs of tobacco juice making the carpeting in the capitol building squish when it was walked upon; the days when canings, over-turning furniture and out-and-out fisticuffs were daily occurrences in Congress...not to mention duels. Today's political atmosphere pales by comparison in the decades leading up to the Civil War when politics was not only verbally contentious, but rife with physical conflict on any given day.

Understand why there was a Civil War and why violence is as American as cherry pie and such a big part of our American culture.

This book was a finalist for the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln prize, a semifinalist for the Pen/John Kenneth Galbraith Award, an NPR Best Book of the Year, and a Smithsonian Best History Book of the Year winner. Enjoy!



“A Nation’s Strength”

by William Ralph Emerson



What makes a nation's pillars high
and its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
the foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
go down in battle shock;
its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
of empires passed away;
the blood has turned their stones to rust,
their glory to decay.

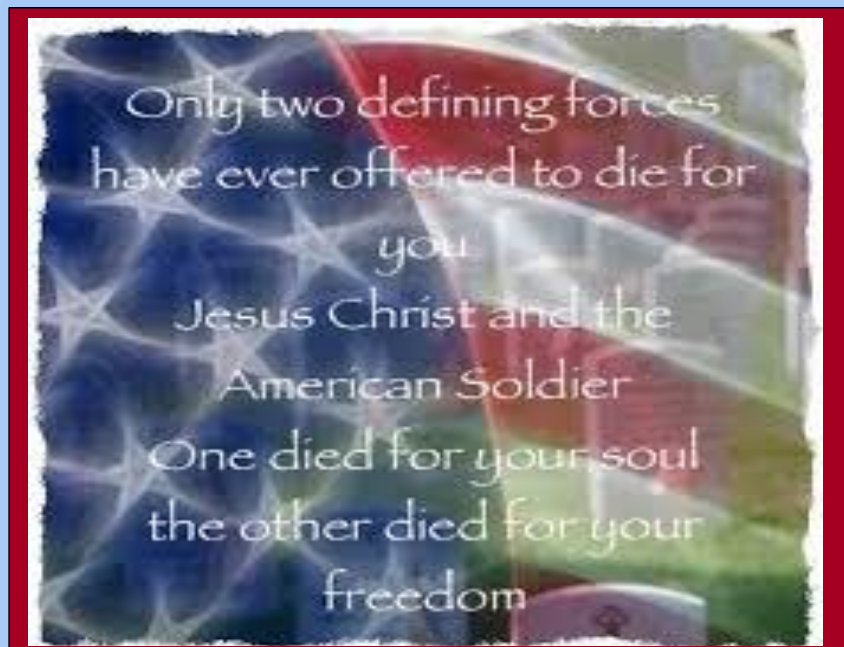
And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
has seemed to nations sweet;
but God has struck its luster down
in ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
a people great and strong;
men who for truth and honor's sake
stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
who dare while others fly...
they build a nation's pillars deep
and lift them to the sky.



Independence Day



4th of July Word Search



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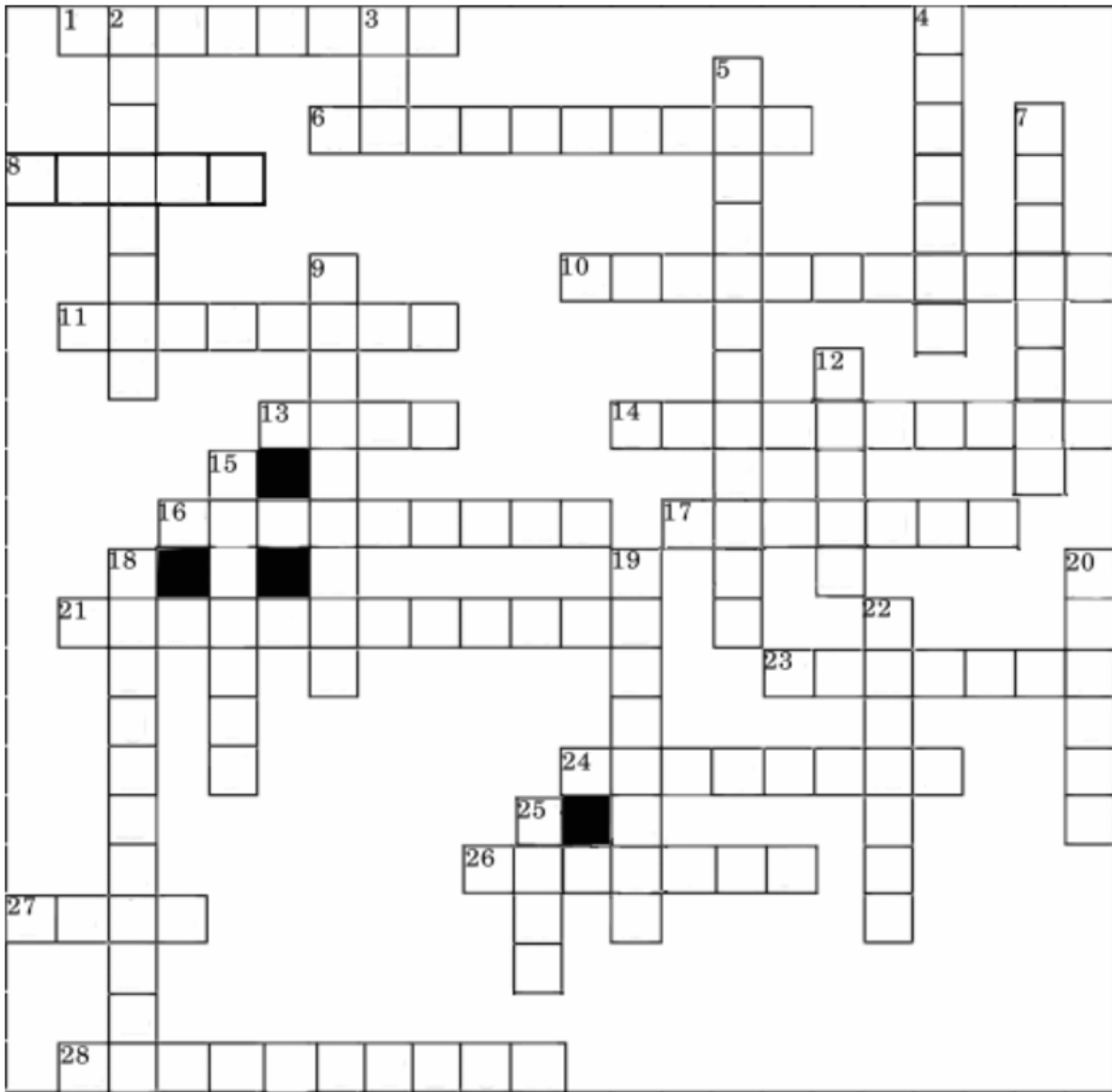
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AMERICA
BALLOONS
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BLESSING
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CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS
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HOLIDAY
HOTDOG
JUSTICE

LIBERTY
NATIONAL
PARADE
RED
SPARKLERS
STARS
STRIPES
TRADITION
TRIBUTE
USA
WATERMELON
WHITE



4th of July Deluxe Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Loyal to their country
- 6 Colonial army leader
- 8 Valley fort
- 10 First American Congress
- 11 Payment to government
- 13 Nation's birthday month
- 14 Made midnight ride
- 16 Bursts in the air
- 17 A big win
- 21 Freedom of choice
- 23 Bands march in
- 24 Original states
- 26 Record of events
- 27 Betsy Ross made one
- 28 British colonial war

DOWN

- 2 Citizen of USA
- 3 Colonist threw in harbor
- 4 Part of Great Britain
- 5 "We the People" document
- 7 Washington crossed it
- 9 60 second fighters
- 12 Not lies
- 15 No tyranny
- 18 ___ ACTS
- 19 British soldiers
- 20 Tea Harbor
- 22 Right of choice
- 25 George's title

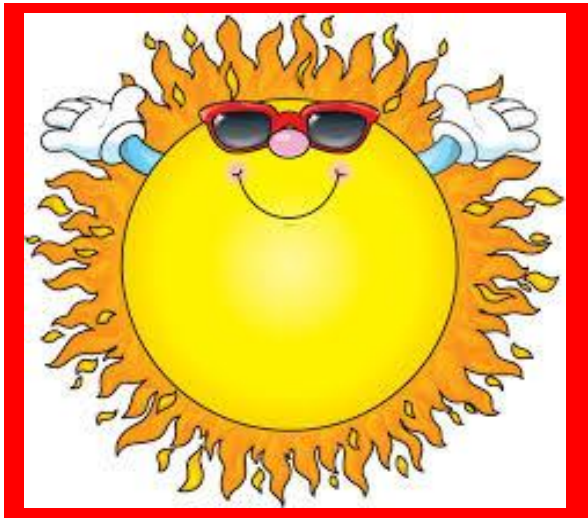
HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings



Saturday **July** **04** **HAPPY FOURTH of JULY**
Monday **July** **12** **LOOKING TREE DEADLINE**
Monday **July** **19** **7:00pm Admin & Finance Virtual Zoom Meeting**



*Life is like a camera,
 Just focus on what is important,
 Capture the good times,
 Develop from the negatives,
 If things don't work out,
 Take another shot!*



JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 3	Travis Christian	July 10	Sarah Tipton
July 8	Kay Brook	July 28	Virginia Cullum
July 9	Debbie Reeves	July 28	Aileen Murray
July 10	Betty Kackley		

