

Friends, as we are in summer enjoying all the fresh, delicious produce of the season, let us consider how we may grow spiritually in our faith and life together. I found this wonderful poem all about planting a garden for God's glory and our spiritual growth, and I thought I would share it all with you in this summer season:

Pastor Hilary Livingston

Planting Your Spring Garden (Attributed to Langston Hughes)

For the garden of your daily living:

Plant three rows of peas

Peace of mind Peace of heart Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip Squash indifference Squash grumbling Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful Lettuce be kind Lettuce be patient Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips: Turnip for meetings Turnip for service Turnip to help one another

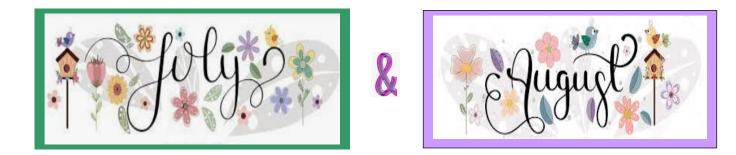
To conclude our garden we must have thyme: Thyme for each other Thyme for family Thyme for friends

> Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

Blessings,

Pastor Hilary

News from Care & Fellowship



July Indoor Picnic

Care and Fellowship will be hosting an Indoor Picnic following worship on Sunday, July 14th. So far, the menu includes hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, deviled eggs, potato salad, watermelon slices and brownies. Feel free to bring in your favorite picnic item to add to the feast!

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st 11th—Summer Pot-Luck Salad Luncheon

Please join us after church on August 11th for a **Summer Pot-Luck Salad Luncheon**.

Everyone is invited to bring a salad to share. Any variety of salad is welcome vegetable, fruit, pasta, potato, protein—the only limitation is your imagination (if you bring a green salad, please bring dressing, too).

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!!

HoC HAPPENINGS

Hi Family,

June's service to God through Hope Dining Room went off with Flying Colors—Red, White, and Blue! We celebrated June 14th's Flag Day with our clients by giving them each a flag or a key chain with a flag on it.

The meal was greatly appreciated and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We also offered the men books for Father's Day.

James thanked us for our prayers on his behalf. A polite young man named Christopher came for his first time today. He said our meal was so much better than food he would get with school lunches. Two women said they would place the flags on their family graves. Orlando was not feeling well. In his words, *"My body is wearing out."*









An Independence Day Prayer

by Rev. Edward G. Latch

Eternal God, According to Psalm 33, 'Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.' Stir in our hearts this day a humble yet high sense of patriotism for this Land on this Independence Day weekend.

May this time symbolize a renewal of our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and re-double our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people forever and ever. Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day of Independence to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will live in the hearts of a free people; justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Your Holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. AMEN







Pastor Hilary will be taking vacation so she won't be here on Sunday, July 7th.

Pastor Dave Lovelace will be our guest pastor leading worship that day. Please plan on attending to welcome Pastor Dave.



Concert Under the Trees by Debbie Reeves

It was a hot day on Wednesday, June 26th. On previous years, our annual event with the Newark Community Band was typically held in July. Last year, we thought if we had it in June, it would be cooler. We were able to schedule in June in hopes of it not being so hot. As we prepared for the event, Mother Nature had other plans. We were in the middle of a Heat Alert day. Temperatures soared into the nineties with a feel of above 100°. The possibility of a storm consisting of rain, high winds and hail was expected just as our concert was to begin. Our volunteers were ready for an unpredictable evening. It was decided to not cancel the event, but to move it into the Sanctuary. A smaller group called the "Ramblers" was to play. They are a Dixieland Jazz Band consisting of members from the Newark Community Band.

Our volunteers were able to shift gears and make arrangements inside. The music was wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We offered iced water bottles for anyone needing a cold drink. After the concert, everyone was invited downstairs to enjoy some Rita's water ice. We have always included the veteran's group, Warriors Helping Warriors, in this event. Bill and Marsha Connelly were present and helped with explaining the "Mission" of the organization. We took up a "Goodwill Collection" totaling \$1,206.00 to provide support for the group.

I would like to personally thank everyone for making this evening possible. Without the support, quick thinking, and perseverance of everyone involved, this would not have been possible. See you next year!

CONCERT UNDER THE TREES









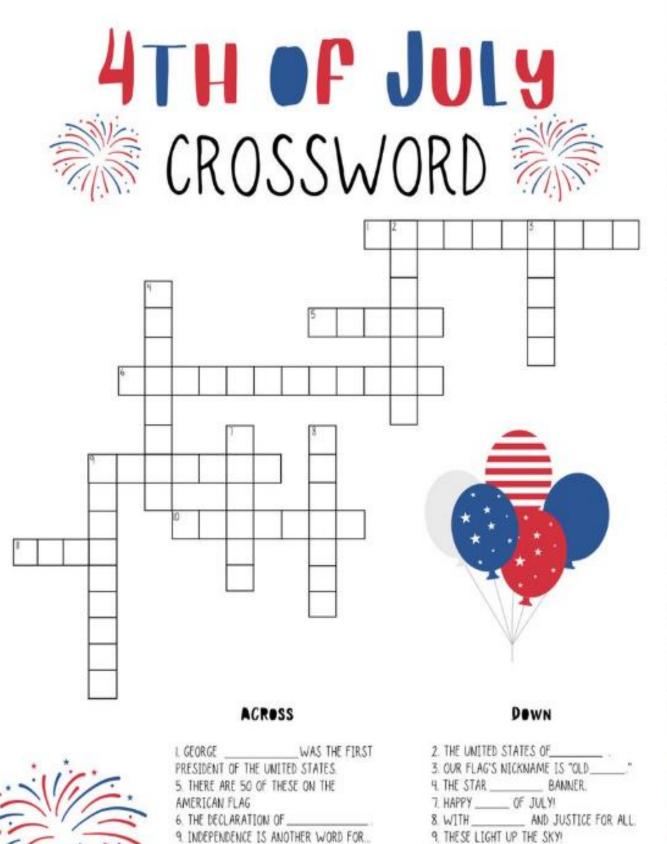
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