



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

July 2024

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Planting for God's Garden

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:



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

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends

Plant four rows of lettuce:

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

*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!



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

submitted by Donna Reed

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.

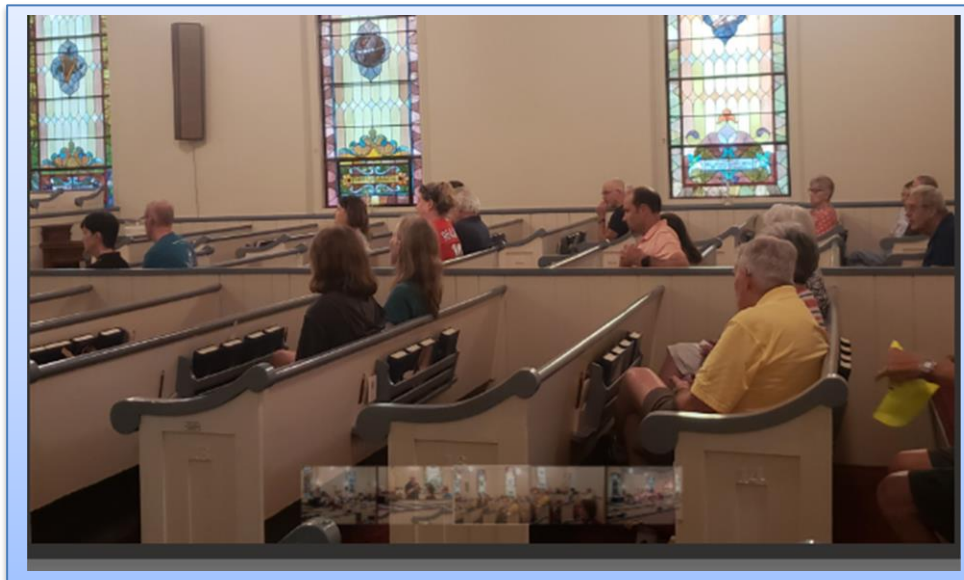
Our volunteers were able to shift gears and make arrangements inside. The music was wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We offered iced water bottles for anyone needing a cold drink. After the concert, everyone was invited downstairs to enjoy some Rita's water ice. We have always included 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



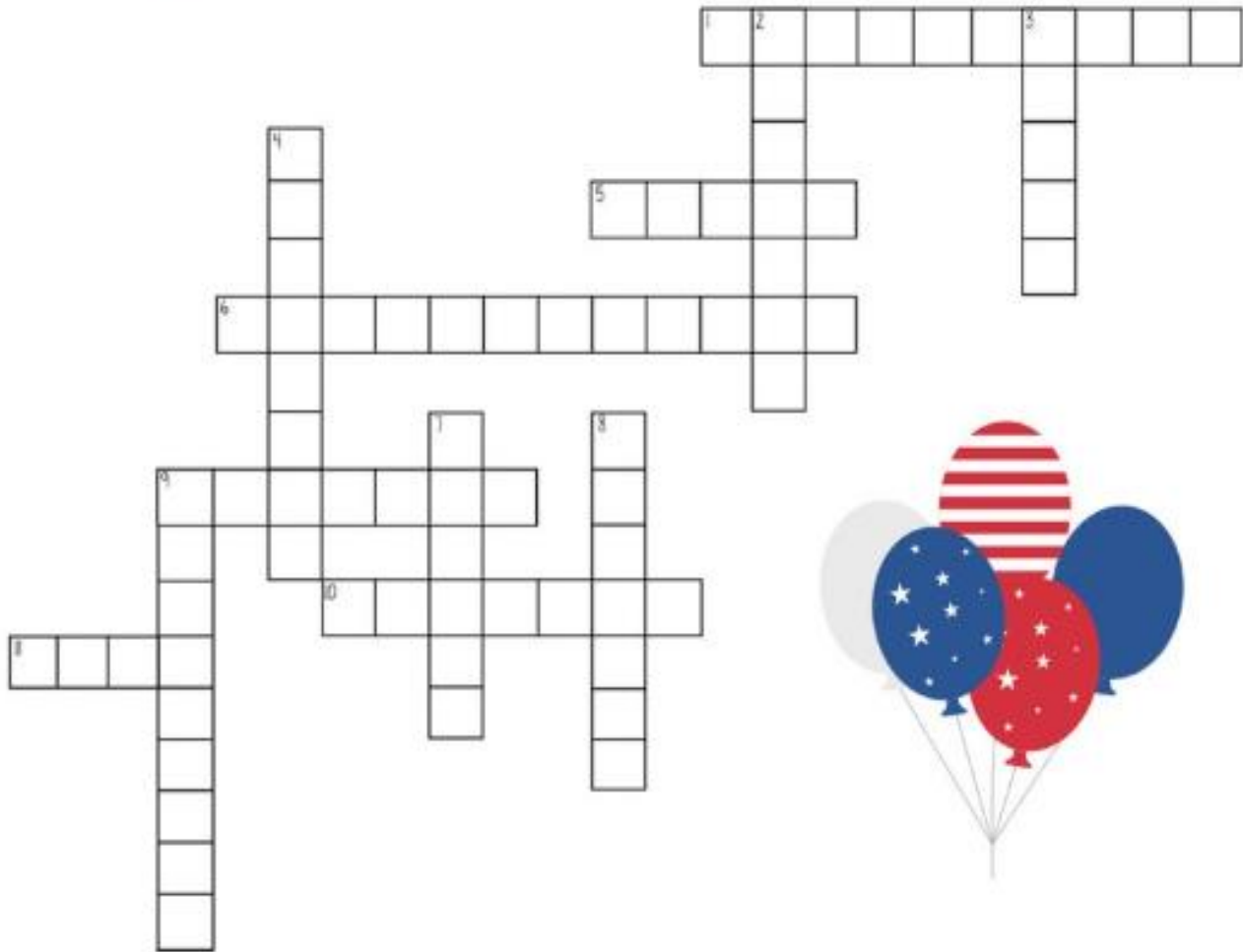
CONCERT UNDER THE TREES



4TH OF JULY



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. GEORGE _____ WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
5. THERE ARE 50 OF THESE ON THE AMERICAN FLAG
6. THE DECLARATION OF _____
9. INDEPENDENCE IS ANOTHER WORD FOR...
11. RED, WHITE, AND _____

DOWN

2. THE UNITED STATES OF _____
3. OUR FLAG'S NICKNAME IS "OLD _____"
4. THE STAR _____ BANNER.
7. HAPPY _____ OF JULY!
8. WITH _____ AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
9. THESE LIGHT UP THE SKY!
10. THERE ARE 13 OF THESE ON OUR FLAG.



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FROG PRINCE
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GRANDMOTHER
GRETEL
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JACK
KING MIDAS

LAMP
LITTLE MERMAID
LITTLE RED RIDING
HOOD
MIRROR
PEA
PINOCCHIO
PRINCESS
RAPUNZEL
RUMPELSTILTZKIN
SEVEN DWARFS
SHOEMAKER

SINBAD
SNOW QUEEN
SNOW WHITE
STEPMOTHER
STEPSISTERS
SWAN
THIEVES
THREE LITTLE
PIGS
THUMBELINA
UNDINE
WISHES

HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings



Tuesday	July	04		HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY
Tuesday	July	09	11:30am	Nifty-Wiftys @ Wesley's
Friday	July	12		Looking Tree Deadline



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		

