



Worship

Sundays 10:00 AM
Holy Communion

- July 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30
- July 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 5:1-6, 18-28
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 6:12-28
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 1:1-17
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

Sunday School

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Summer Break

From Pastor Phil

Celebrating Freedom

On the Fourth of July our nation will be celebrating 250 years of governmental independence from colonial England and the freedom of being a country of our own. It is fitting and right to celebrate such an anniversary.

As Christians we also gather to celebrate and remember the cost of a different kind of freedom every week. As we each walk through life, we live in response and gratitude to that freedom. It is freedom from the power and influence of sin that dominates every person unless the price is paid to set us free and grant us new life.

We do not deserve the freedom we have living in this nation. It is a gift given to us by the sacrifice of those who came before us. When we celebrate our national freedom, we also give thanks for what was handed down to us as an undeserved gift for us to care for, continue, and then hand down to the generations that come after us.

The undeserved freedom we have as Christians is also a gift made possible only by sacrifice. It is a freedom not for a nation but for the entire human race. It is ours only through the death and resurrection of the Son of God. So imprisoned were we by our sin that only the voluntary execution of the Son of God was sufficient payment and only the incredible love of God for sinners was sufficient motivation. We have a freedom that exceeds all other freedoms via the merciful grace of God.

As we give thanks for 250 years of national freedom and celebrate it together, keep in mind that we have an even greater freedom for which to give thanks and celebrate.

Pray that we all play a part in preserving our national freedom for future generations. Pray even more fervently that we will play a part in passing on the good news of the freedom we have in Christ.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants



July 5 Zo & Carl Redman
 July 12 Zo & Carl Redman
 July 19 Zo & Carl Redman
 July 26 Zo & Carl Redman

Lectors



July 5 Mary Lou Traxler
 July 12 Linda Grover
 July 19 Jeff Shuey
 July 26 Jim Vassar

Communion Bread Bakers



July 5 Wanda Phares
 July 12 Mike Cholodewitsch
 July 19 manna
 July 26 Lynn Miller

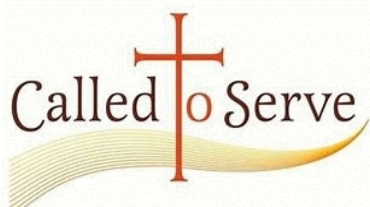
Coffee Brewers



The Java Café is open with snacks available.

Happy Birthday

July 2
 Kyra Engle
 July 4
 Jaxson Golden
 July 5
 Gretta Kissell
 July 7
 Ella Johnson
 July 12
 Cindy Bridinger
 July 13
 Abby Felske
 July 22
 Lydia Crawford
 July 24
 Zo Redman
 July 26
 Dani Coppes
 July 27
 Joel Crawford



Within this newsletter you will find opportunities to assist with preparations for our invitation to the public, especially our immediate neighbors, to join us to celebrate the official announcement of our presence at 170 West Davis. Plans are in the works for a possible pizza party off Friday August 28th for college age students, a Saturday August 29th afternoon/evening celebration with the whole community, and worship on Sunday August 30. Please save these dates, especially

Saturday and Sunday, and plan to be there to meet the neighbors.

We will begin collecting items and signing up hosts and hostesses for the various activities in July.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School

Summer Break



Women of Faith will meet Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



If you need a ride to church on Sundays, can provide a ride, please let David Murray know. Also, if you can visit any of our shut-ins, please let David know.

Facility Update

With the effort of many people, the entire exterior has been painted, so we are no longer two-toned. Some trim around the office and elsewhere still remain. Thanks to that same effort, landscaping has begun. We still are picking out rocks from areas of the yard. If you can help, please see Jeff.

The design for our initial sign has been approved by the Vision Team and will be in process during the month of July. We will continue to sort and organize our storage sections as time permits.



Our church is scheduled to work the Sharing Kitchen on Monday, July 20 and Thursday, July 23, 2026. See Dave if you can help thank you. Sign up sheets on back table by the snacks.

Introduction To Christianity

Midweek discussions will continue throughout the summer on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. We will be looking at topics and materials centered on what Christians believe.

A good way for us to remember the basics and to prepare us when we discuss the faith with people having no background in the faith.



Our July Mission Outreach Baskets
We are collecting for the United Way "Stuff the Bus" school supplies project.

School Supplies Needed

- Pocket folders, assorted colors
- 3-ring binders, 1" and 2"
- Notebook dividers, 5 and 8 pack
- Spiral notebooks, wide-rule
- Dry-erase markers, black
- Colored pencils, 12 and 24 pack
- Crayola markers
- Highlighters, assorted colors
- Highlighters, yellow
- Pens; red, blue, black
- #2 pencils
- Pink Pearl eraser
- Prang watercolor paints
- Scissors, pointed tip
- Wooden rulers
- Pencil bag with zipper
- School glue, 4 ounce bottle
- Baby wipes
- Germx, large bottle
- Clorox wipes
- Hefty Slider Storage bags, gallon and quart
- Tissues, large box
- Headphones



Remembering the first days of renovation.





Pastor will be taking extended weekends off the first Sunday of July and August. Arrangements have been made for service leadership and pulpit supply. In event of emergency, Teresa will be able to contact him as he visits family and friends in that state up north.



Open House/Rally Day

Donations for FOF Open House/Rally Day on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

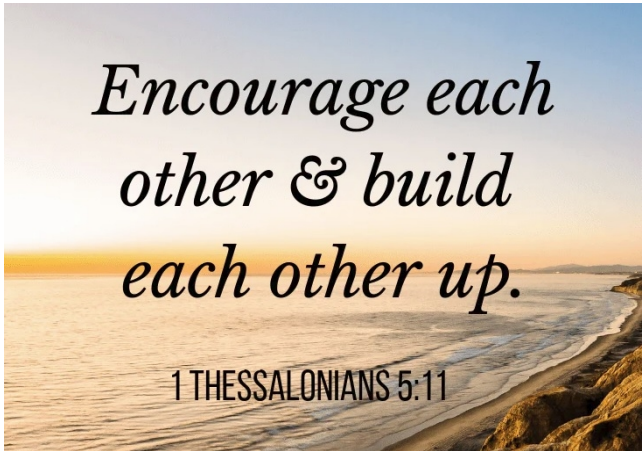
- Juice Boxes
- Canned Pop only (*NO 2 liter bottles*)
- Bottled water, different sizes
- Prepackaged Little Debbie Snacks or Rice Krispies Treats
- Assembled raffle baskets
- Gas cards in \$30 increments to be raffled (*preferably from stations in neighborhood of church*)

Sign up sheets for volunteers to help on day of open house will be available soon.



Thank You's

Thank you, from all of us at Family of Faith, to the facility ministry team for their time, talent, and muscle. The building and grounds look neat and orderly once again. I realize there will be more to do when the weather becomes cooler but we have a great beginning to build on. Again, many thanks and God Bless.



Vision Team Highlights

● Pastor's Report - Pastor Phil: Rotary Presidential Term: Pastor will become Rotary President the first of July.

Off on First Sunday of July: Pastor will be out of town July 5. Beth's brother will give the sermon. Kathy will find volunteers for the other areas of worship.

Update of Tiffin Football Meal: it was decided not to provide a meal for ~80 football members this year.

● Finance - Dan Miller: Dan gave the balances in the building fund and the general fund. He will have quarterly figures at our next meeting.

There have been no major maintenance issues. Dan received a maintenance agreement for all of the mechanicals for our new HVAC system. He is still investigating it.

The architect has signed off on the renovation of Phase 1; therefore, 5 Star can be paid their final bill.

The Republic dumpster has been picked up, but they are harassing Dan for their final payment. He may have to get Randy Schwartz involved.

● **Facilities** - Jeff Shuey: Landscaping Plans and Exterior Improvements: the outside painting is underway. It should be done this summer.

Building Use Policy: Jim Vassar, Mike Cholodewitsch, Randy Schwartz, and Pastor Phil will be meeting to discuss a building use policy.

Friday Trash Pickup and Upcoming Bulk Pickup: there are a few items to put out along the street for bulk pickup.

Operations Orientation and Manual Filing: this manual is 800 – 900 pages in length. Carl Redman and Jeff walked through with the contractor on how to use/operate the mechanicals.

● **Worship** - Kathy Falter: Pulpit Supply for Sunday, July 5, 2026, will be Mike Beeson, Beth's brother and Zo Redman and Beth Nahm will preach on August 2, 2026.

● **Spiritual Development** - Beth Nahm & Zo Redman: Possible New Christian Faith Development Materials Pilot: Beth suggested that the Adult Sunday School could use a book entitled Believe. There are also supporting materials.

Sunday School Curriculum Consideration: Beth and Zo Redman will meet with Julie Engle and Melissa Jameson to decide on the children's Sunday School curriculum for next year.

Pop-Ups: Beth would like to have several community events every so often.

● **Congregational Care** - Dave Murray: Communion is being taken to the shut-ins.

We will be helping at the Sharing Kitchen July 20 and 23, 2026.

It was decided that we can hold our Oktoberfest.

● **Outreach** - Julie Engle: Upcoming Mission Baskets: this month we are collecting monetary gifts for Embrace Grace and next month it will be school supplies for "Stuff the Bus."

● **Volunteer Coordination/President's Report** - Jim Vassar: There has been a request for a donation to the Junior Fair. It was decided to send them \$50.

● **Other Business: 170 West Davis Update:**

Transition: No Report

Connection Team:

Sign Recommendation to Vision Team:

Approve Design: a design for the outside sign was approved.

Designate Placement: several Vision Team members met out front after the meeting and decided where best to place our new sign.

Method and Time frame: It takes ~ two weeks to make the metal sign

Open House: It was decided to hold the open house August 29 and 30, 2026.



Deadlines: Bulletins - Thursday each week. Newsletter - the 25th of each month.

Please be mindful of the deadlines, so that the production of these important materials can be done in a timely fashion.

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