

# JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2025

## The Partner

### “Aligning!”

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” — Matthew 28:19, Jesus’ Great Commission*

*“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through: Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship, Spiritual Growth, Loving Service, and the Sharing of God’s Word.” — John Wesley UMC Mission Statement*

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We’re already having a terrific summer! ... and we still have more summer to go.

Just before the publication of our last “Partner” newsletter at the end of June, we received the results of the Readiness 360 survey (too late to include in that newsletter). We had 43 persons from our church family complete the survey, which is an outstanding response. Lots of valuable information was provided and gleaned from the survey. It told us about what’s helping move us forward as we strive for vitality, and it told us about what’s holding us back.

Our most glaring area for growth is known as “Missional Alignment.” Churches are missionally aligned when their ministry and their life as a church are aligned with their mission. Vital churches know and embrace their stated mission and order their ministry in alignment with that mission.

The survey has helped us understand where we need to improve. Our Vitality Coach, Cindy Reeder, has helped us with her outstanding consultation, especially with our Leadership Team. It has led us as a church to recommit to our mission. We’re already more intentional about our mission being seen and heard more regularly in our communications and our publications, so that our church family is not only more aware and conversant about it, but also given more opportunity to embrace our mission for themselves. Our church leadership is already re-ordering our priorities around our mission so that it drives all that we do at John Wesley, week by week and month by month.

We can clearly see that our John Wesley mission is squarely aligned with Jesus’ Great Commission. We are recommitting as a church to aligning our mission with every aspect of our ministry.

In each of the five areas through which we are committed to making disciples, we have set priorities for completing our mission.

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For Vibrant Worship, we and our Music Ministry Director Stephen Pompa are excited about giving our Music Ministry having more variety. For Christian Fellowship, we will continue to make our Mummer's Parade outreach the yearly fellowship highlight that it is for us and for our community. For Spiritual Growth, we will support the formation and growth of our new Young Adult Group that has bubbled up from our outstanding Youth Ministry. For Loving Service, we will focus on the growth and further development of our new weekly feeding ministry, Lunches with Love, led by our new community friend and partner, Janessa Chapman. For Sharing God's Word, we will continue to grow our well-received new ministry, Wednesday Night Alive.



We are Aligning!

We welcome and cherish your ongoing part in our quest to successfully and fruitfully align our mission with our ministry as John Wesley United Methodist Church. Thank you for your collective prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that altogether allow us to grow our vitality and to advance the reach of Jesus' Love in us and through us!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Doug



~ CARD SHOWER ~

**DORIS MCMURTRIE**  
**IS TURNING 100 on August 9th.**

**Let's shower her with birthday cards to celebrate!**

mail to:

Doris McMurtrie  
1244 Wayne Avenue  
Hagerstown, MD 21742



## CONNECTING FROM THE SHARING TEAM

Sharing Team did not meet in July.

On Saturday, July 19, a community picnic was hosted in our Social Hall from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. People were waiting at the door at 2:00! Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, and energy to make the event so successful.

- \* Starting the following Saturday, July 26, and all Saturdays in August, our Social Hall will become a Cooling Station from 1:30 - 4:30. Volunteers are needed.
- \* UMW (now United Women in Faith) is August 24. The ladies are finalizing plans for the worship service, and there will be an ice cream social following in the Social Hall.
- \* No Choir Rehearsals, Wednesday Night Alive, Wednesday HLW Study or Thursday Zoom until September.
- \* The Wesleyan Class Sunday School is studying Adam Hamilton's *"The Message of Jesus"* on Sunday mornings during the summer at 9:00 am.
- \* SAVE the DATE: Sunday, September 14 for the annual Church Picnic at Marty Snook (Halfway) Park. We are looking for people who might want to help with the picnic or donate a Bingo prize. See detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter including the sign-up form.



The next scheduled Sharing Team meeting will be on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 pm via Zoom – open to anyone who would like to share ideas. Contact Barb or Greg or the church office if you need the link.

Blessings,

Barb & Greg Hoover

### Attendance & Offering Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>
June 1	32	2	34	\$ 1,800.20
June 8	45	-	45	1,407.43
June 15	28	2	30	1,975.20
June 22	30	-	30	975.20
June 29		1		1,780.20
July 6	34	2	36	1,221.43
July 13	39	2	41	825.40
July 20	31	2	33	2,075.20



~ Blessings, Sheila & Sherry

## TRUSTEES PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT



Trustees Property Committee met in July after a two months break, so there was a lot to catch up on.

In the absence of a Custodian/Caretaker, Richard Willson has stepped in whenever and wherever he can to take care of all the little repairs, meet with outside vendors/contractors, and keep up with the needed responsibilities. This has been a tremendous help. Thank you, Richard!

We had several larger projects that had been started, but were uncompleted. Matthew Payne has been working on those projects as his schedule allows:

- ◇ Finishing the new storage closet in the basement area where the NA group meets
- ◇ Finishing the new Custodian closet located near the Men's RR on first floor
- ◇ Continuing work on the restroom project on the first floor (renovations to existing Ladies Restroom plus new unisex restroom)
- ◇ Plans to repair the flooring in the entrance-way to the Men's Restroom, 1st floor

The following issues or projects have also been addressed over the past month or so:

- ◇ Brick and mortar repairs to the gable of 131 N. Potomac and stonework repairs to some of the stonewalls, has been completed by Gruber-Latimer Restoration.
- ◇ A new heat pump system has been installed in 131 N. Potomac Street.
- ◇ We are reviewing quotes to replace the flat rubber roof on Rowe Hall. We have had many recent leaks and repairs, and the rubber is starting to pull away from the sides.
- ◇ The annual cleaning of the church boiler resulted in the discovery that the water feed tank was extremely corroded and leaking, requiring replacement. This is a large, custom made stainless steel tank.
- ◇ The maintenance check of the sanctuary A/C units revealed that one of the units had a leak. Two access core valves were replaced along with two A55 belts. The squealing when the A/C cuts on and off has now stopped!

We have recently had an issue with the organ and some internal problems that created some parts failure. We are currently discussing a big ticket item in the combination action, which will probably result in a system upgrade, but further discussion is needed.

The 213 Planning Team has begun work in the Parlor as part of their Wedding Venue plan.

We want to remind you that the code to the back door key lockbox is scheduled to be changed on August 1. If you will need access to the building, be sure to contact Karen in the office.

Currently we are not sure of the plans for the 131 N. Potomac Street property. 131 is a lovely, large house with a potential for many uses. But it's also an old house with some old house issues. The 213 Team and Property Committee are researching and considering some of those options as we meet with outside groups who have expressed an interest in the building.

Again I want to extend my thanks to everyone for offering to help and lend a hand with the little tasks that never end... for picking up trash off the grounds, turning off a light, just reporting an issue. Thank you.

Take Care, Stay Safe, and God Bless.

Barbara Hoover, Chair

Trustees Property Committee

## NEWS FROM MICAH'S BACKPACK



In just a few short weeks it will be school time again and that means Micah's will be back up and running.

And we need your help to keep it going. If you have a couple extra hours to give, we would appreciate your time and energy.

You can help out by:

**Packing the backpacks.** This can be done on your schedule and don't worry about having to pack every week or even all 20 bags. If you can pack once a month or every six weeks and care for any number of bags, that would be a big help. It's easy and every detail will be explained.

**Delivering the Backpacks.** We would love to have you join the rotation of people who deliver the bags every week to Ruth Ann Monroe Primary School. This is usually done on Thursday mornings. You just pick up the bags at the church and take them to the school. There are carts to help make this task a bit easier, and you would only have to make the delivery approximately once every five weeks.

**Helping with the Food Bank Deliveries.** This only requires an hour or two and only happens 3 times a year when we make the large Food Bank pickup. It's usually in the afternoon. You just have to be at church when the food arrives, help unload the truck, and get the food into the Micah's Room.

**Shopping for the Extras.** If you love to shop and can stretch a dollar, this is the volunteer task for you! Since we can't get everything that we need from the Food Bank, we do need to make shopping trips to Walmart, Sam's Club, etc. You just take the shopping list of what is needed, pick it up and drop it off in the Micah's Room. And of course you will be reimbursed for the cost of the food.

It takes a lot of work to make Micah's run smoothly. If you can help, please contact the church office.

Blessings,

Wilson Wright Circle I



## WEDNESDAYS HEAVENLY LIVING WORKSHOP

We have an opportunity to engage in a 4-week in-person/Zoom discussion each Wednesday evening as part of Wednesday Night Alive from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm beginning September 10. (Meeting ID: 828 4006 3526 Passcode: 404756 Phone: 1-301-715-8592) Please join us!!!

### **“Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy: The Simple Art of Taking Back Your Life” by Matthew Kelly**

Matthew Kelly spent thirty years rushing from one thing to the next. Leaving one thing early, arriving at the next thing late, squeezing as much as was inhumanely possible into each day—always striving for more, better, and faster.

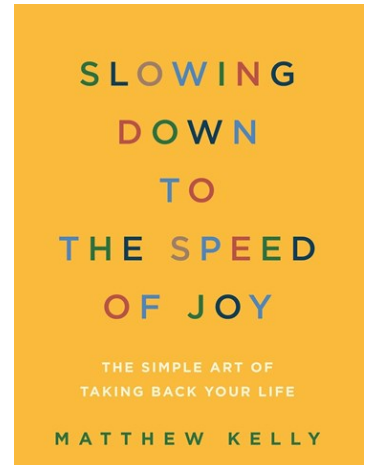
But then something changed.

Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy is a deeply personal book. It provides a rare and intimate look at the author’s own struggles with busy and urgent. By revealing his own vulnerabilities, Kelly provides us with the practical insights and timeless wisdom necessary to banish busy and urgent from our own lives.

Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy is not just a book. It is a way of life. It will quite simply and in every way imaginable change your life.

Session titles:

1. Beyond The Joyless Urgency – September 10
2. Human Flourishing – September 17
3. The One Thing – September 24
4. The Secret of Life – October 1



## NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The combination on the key lockbox on the back door will be changed effective August 1. If you need access to the building, please try to arrange your arrival during the hours that Karen is in the office, which is Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 2:00 or contact Karen in advance for a new code. Sorry for any inconvenience.

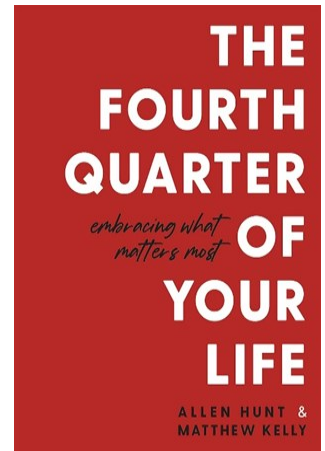


## THURSDAY ZOOM STUDY

We have an opportunity to engage in a 5-week Zoom discussion (Meeting ID: 828 4006 3526 Passcode: 404756 Phone: 1-301-715-8592) each Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm. beginning September 11. Please join us!!!!

### **“No Regrets – The Fourth Quarter of Your Life”**

**by Allen Hunt & Matthew Kelly**



"I want to live the rest of my life with no regrets. And I am sure gonna try to figure out how. Just as she is turning 60, a life-altering event brings Lisa face to face with this startling realization. The mother of three beautiful children, grandmother to a sweet newborn grandson, a woman with close friends and plenty of activities to keep her busy, Lisa thought she was satisfied with her ordinary life. But now she just cannot shake the feeling that something is missing. Determined to die with no regrets, Lisa launches into a powerful journey to make the most of the fourth and final quarter of her life. Along the way, she enlists the help of Anthony, the happiest 97-year-old she has ever met, encounters a nun who sparks a soul-stirring experience, and discovers in herself greater strength than she knew she possessed."

A captivating and groundbreaking fable, *No Regrets* is the only book out there that provides a roadmap for how to make the most of the final season of life. If you, like Lisa, are searching for greater meaning in your life, then join authors Allen Hunt and Matthew Kelly as they reveal five incredible secrets to living intentionally and making the most of your own fourth quarter. No matter what quarter of life you find yourself in, you will be inspired, moved, and encouraged to make the most of the one life you've been given. The companion workbook, *"The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing What Matters Most,"* offers great ideas on how to live purposely.

#### Discussion Topics:

1. Say Yes to God – September 11
2. Focus on a Fourth Quarter Virtue – September 18
3. Give. It. Away – September 25
4. Forgive. Often – October 2
5. Be Open to Life – October 9



## MY THOUGHTS — A PEEK INSIDE



There's a scripture text in 1 Kings 17: 8-16 that tells of a prophet (Elijah) who, during a severe famine, is directed by God to seek refuge with a widow in Zarephath. Despite her own dire circumstances, the widow trusts Elijah's word, uses the last of her flour and oil to make a small cake of bread and shares her last bit of food with the prophet as he had instructed her to trust in God's promise that her flour and oil would not run out.

Now I don't know how you feel about that scripture, but I find it scary and exhilarating all at the same time. Here's this widow who is preparing to use the last of her flour and oil to make a cake so she and her son can lie down and die and this prophet tells her to make him a cake so he can eat too!! The nerve of that guy! But as you know from the scriptures, the flour and oil do not run out, just as God promised.

Last month when Dr. Bill Brown came to present the R360 report to the Leadership Team the Lord laid on my heart that scripture. I didn't understand why then, but in 20/20 hindsight I do now.

God was preparing the Leadership Team to trust him! Get real, face the facts; but don't waiver, just trust! I gave each of them an inspirational thought that night that read:

**"If you have no faith in the future, then you have no power in the present."**

The following Sunday, the Leadership Team participated in a three hour working session where they reviewed your mission statement and listed all the things you were doing at JW under each area.

***"Our Mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ through: Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship, Spiritual Growth, Loving Service, and the Sharing of God's Word."***

After listing the many things you do, they had to prioritize them as to their importance. Where did they feel they should spend time and money: Here are the results:

**Vibrant Worship – Varied Music**

**Christian Fellowship – The Mummer's Parade**

**Spiritual Growth – The Emerging Young Adult Group**

**Loving Service – Lunches With Love**

**Sharing of God's Word – Wednesday Night Alive**

What does this mean? Let's go through the list.

Pastor Doug and Stephen Pompa will be exploring new ways to add an enriched variety of music

to your **Worship Services**. They are already working on this.

The youth should look for innovative ways to use the **Mummer's Parade** as a means of Fellowship, not just for themselves, but to show the community their love for John Wesley and invite others to join them on their journey.

There is an **emerging young adult group** at John Wesley, but they will need Godly men and women to lead them into deeper discipleship. Young adults live in a world today that most of us didn't have to deal with when we were their age. They need modeled for them solid, Christian values and folks willing to listen and guide. Maybe you're one of those folks.

**Lunches With Love** is a true gift to the community and needs your prayers as we search for sponsors and grants that will help Janessa expand the ministry. Maybe you know of a sponsor or know of a grant that we can write to help feed our neighbors? Maybe you have experience with grant proposals and would like to assist in the process.

Last, but not least, the **Wednesday Night Alive** program is very new and needs help preparing meals every week and friendly faces to serve and welcome our neighbors and church family.

Finally, programs do not run all by themselves. All of these programs will need financial support from the operating budget and the restricted funds designated for their use. The Leadership Team is having a working session next month to align money to mission.

Please continue to keep each member of the Leadership Team in your prayers as the tasks are not easy. They are called to be realistic, but hold it in tension with the God of Hope who can keep the canister of flour and oil filled.

Again, I'm here to listen and offer support to anyone as we seek the best for John Wesley in the months ahead.

Many Blessings!

Cindy Reeder, Church Vitality Consultant

## ATTENDANCE PADS

Thankfully, COVID is finally over and we are trying to get back to a normal. So that we can better track attendance, we will again be requesting that each Sunday you sign and pass the attendance book down the church pew for all to sign. Feel free to place notes and prayer requests there too. Thanks for your help.



## UPDATED INFO

Throughout the month of August, the Leadership Team will be calling all members to update their personal information. Thank you also for your help in this matter as we try to keep our database with up-to-date contact info.

## THE SOUNDS OF JOHN WESLEY UMC — UPDATE



Why are we not using the organ on Sunday mornings, you ask. The answer is a bit complicated; I will try to give you the summarized version.

So we have been having some ongoing issues with the combination action, which controls the organ stops, and therefore the different tones and volume. We have been able to do band-aid repairs that worked. However, recently we experienced some additional internal issues, leaving the combination action disabled. We are looking at replacing the complete relay and combination action system with a new, upgraded system.

Obviously this is a big ticket item, so Trustees Property Committee and Leadership Team (along with Stephen Pompa) will be evaluating and discussing our options, moving forward.

Currently our organ is insured for a \$1.5 million replacement cost. The organ was built by M. P. Moller in Hagerstown in 1921, and subsequently rebuilt by Moller in 1942 and 1963. The organ was again rebuilt by the Reuter Organ Company in Lawrence, KS in 1993. Lewis and Hitchcock (aka Lawless Organ Company) have been working with us in recent years for all repairs and maintenance.

The organ is playable, but it becomes a complicated process to do manually what the combination action did. In the meantime we are fortunate to have an amazing pianist in our Music Director, Stephen Pompa. We have an amazing instrument in our Sanctuary piano. That equals amazing music on Sunday morning as we wait to get our organ issues resolved. What a gift!

We thank the congregation for their understanding, their prayers and their commitment to keeping our magnificent organ in quality condition.

***“Whatever you do, do all things to the glory of God”***

Barbara Hoover,  
for The Sounds of John Wesley UMC Task Force





# SAVE THE DATE! JOHN WESLEY CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 14  
Marty Snook/Halfway Park  
Pavilion #4



## Annual Picnic

The picnic is being held on Sunday, September 14 - the same day that the fall schedule resumes - at Marty Snook Halfway Park. It will be in Pavilion #4 again this year.

Pavilion #4 is the last pavilion back (and easily accessed off of Bower Avenue, if you're coming from that direction). There is parking right there by the pavilion, the area is pretty flat. There is also playground equipment at that pavilion.

The committee is starting to work on plans, but the time will be 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, as in the past. We plan to have chicken again and some special cool treats from the Christ Cream truck after the meal. Some vespers and hymns, and as always, fun and games and good fellowship.

Chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

If you would be willing to help with the picnic, or provide a Bingo prize, please see Barb or Greg Hoover. Additional details will be out closer to the date.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend. We are going to try to accommodate your choice of chicken pieces. So complete the form below or call the church office. Reservations are due by Tuesday, September 9.

~ Your Family Life Committee ~

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR JOHN WESLEY T-SHIRT.



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JWUMC CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, September 14  
2:00 - 5:00 pm – Marty Snook/Halfway Park – Pavilion #4  
Chicken, drinks, and place settings provided – Bring a Dish to share

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your Fried Chicken preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Breast    \_\_\_\_\_ Wings (2)    \_\_\_\_\_ Thigh    \_\_\_\_\_ Leg



**~ SAVE THE DATE ~**  
**CHURCH PICNIC**

Sunday, September 14  
 Halfway Park  
 Pavilion 4  
 (same as last year)  
 All are invited!!

Join the HCC Alumni Association for the 20th Annual

**RED, WHITE & BLUE CONCERT SERIES**

dedicated to the memory of the late Col. Ronald "Wayne" Taylor

**FREE LIVE MUSIC**  
 @ THE HCC ALUMNI AMPHITHEATER

MAY 18 · 6:15 PM  
 U.S. ARMY SIX STRING SOLDIERS

JUNE 1 · 3:00 PM  
 U.S. NAVY COMMODORES

JUNE 15 · 3:00 PM  
 U.S. NAVY SEA CHANTERS

JULY 3 · 6:15 PM  
 229TH ARMY BAND

AUGUST 16 · 6:15 PM  
 AIR FORCE CELTIC AIRE

SEPTEMBER 19 · 6:15 PM  
 U.S. ARMY BLUES BAND

*\*Schedules are subject to change by the U.S. Military.*

Concerts are FREE and open to the public! Concessions are available for purchase; no outside food or drink will be permitted.

For more information, call 240-500-2346.

HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Summer Break**

*No Choir Rehearsals, Wednesday HLW Study, WNA or Thursday Zoom Study until September!*



# August

- 2nd: 1:30pm, Cooling Station (Social Hall)  
 3rd: 9:00am, Wesleyan Sunday School Class  
 3rd: 10:00am, Communion Sunday Worship  
 3rd: 12:00pm, Lunches with Love  
 7th: 8:30am, Men's Breakfast  
 9th: 1:30pm, Cooling Station (Social Hall)  
 10th: 9:00am, Wesleyan Sunday School Class  
 10th: 10:00am, Sunday Worship  
 10th: 12:00pm, Lunches with Love  
 11th: 7:00pm, Sharing Team  
 16th: 1:30pm, Cooling Station (Social Hall)  
 17th: 9:00am, Wesleyan Sunday School Class  
 17th: 10:00am, Sunday Worship  
 17th: 12:00pm, Lunches with Love  
 18th: *Partner Deadline*  
 19th: 6:00pm, Wilson Wright Circle  
 20th: 10:00am, Susanna Circle  
 23rd: 1:30pm, Cooling Station (Social Hall)  
 24th: 9:00am, Wesleyan Sunday School Class  
 24th: 10:00am, United Women in Faith Worship  
 24th: 11:00am, Ice Cream Social  
 24th: 12:00pm, Lunches with Love  
 25th: 6:30pm, Leadership Team  
 30th: 1:30pm, Cooling Station (Social Hall)  
 31st: 9:00am, Wesleyan Sunday School Class  
 31st: 10:00am, Sunday Worship  
 31st: 12:00pm, Lunches with Love

\*\* Pastor Doug is on vacation June 11th through June 22nd.

Our prayers and sympathy  
are extended to  
the family and friends of



## **Robert Nilson**

who passed away on  
June 28, 2025

Our prayers and sympathy  
are extended to  
the family and friends of

## **Bob Heck**

who passed away on  
June 30, 2025

Our prayers and sympathy  
are extended to  
the family and friends of



## **George Stone**

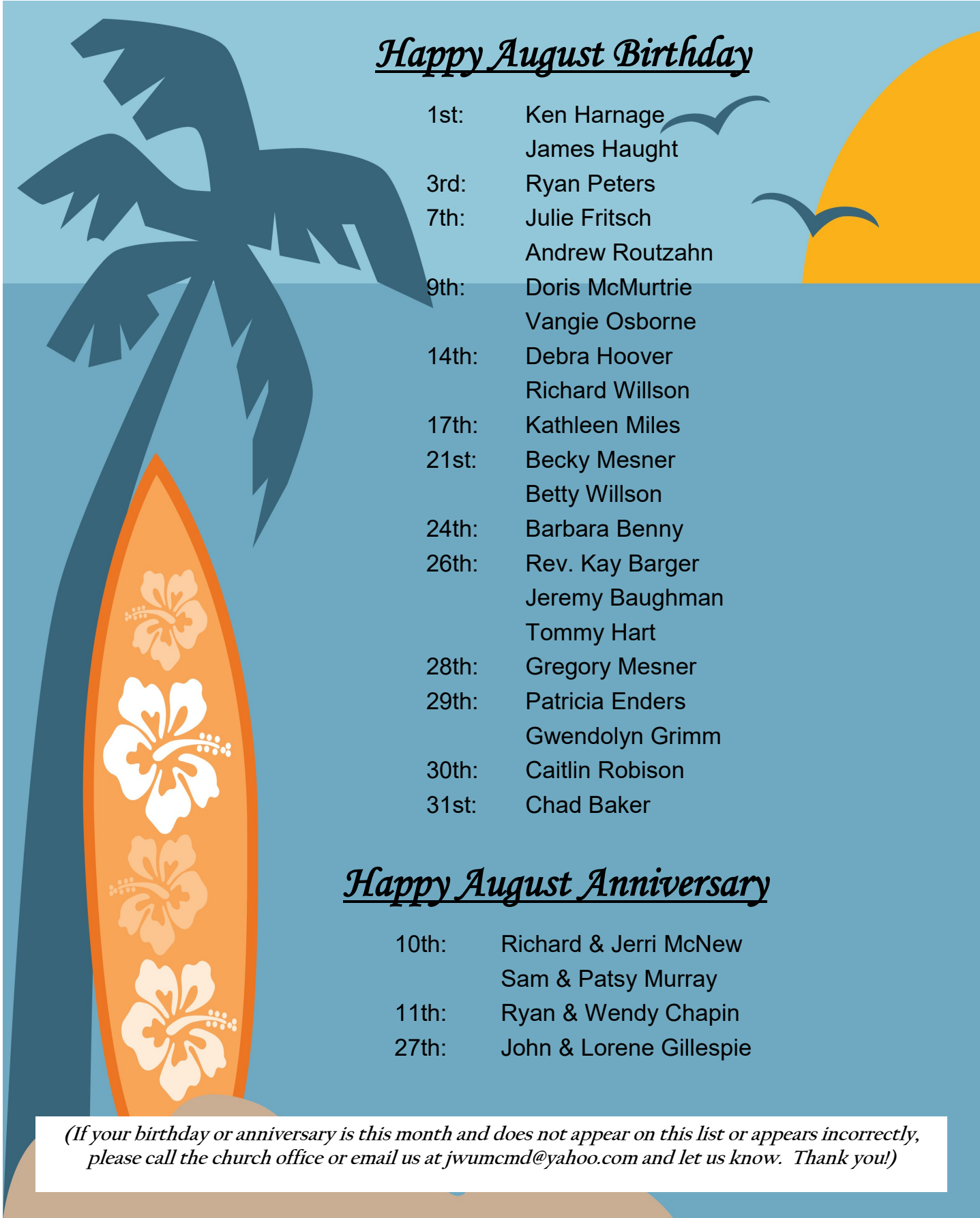
who passed away on  
July 1, 2025

### **A PATH OF PERSISTENCE**

Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."  
 How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will?

~ Newsletter Newsletter

## Happy August Birthday

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- 1st: Ken Harnage  
James Haught
- 3rd: Ryan Peters
- 7th: Julie Fritsch  
Andrew Routzahn
- 9th: Doris McMurtrie  
Vangie Osborne
- 14th: Debra Hoover  
Richard Willson
- 17th: Kathleen Miles
- 21st: Becky Mesner  
Betty Willson
- 24th: Barbara Benny
- 26th: Rev. Kay Barger  
Jeremy Baughman  
Tommy Hart
- 28th: Gregory Mesner
- 29th: Patricia Enders  
Gwendolyn Grimm
- 30th: Caitlin Robison
- 31st: Chad Baker

## Happy August Anniversary

- 10th: Richard & Jerri McNew  
Sam & Patsy Murray
- 11th: Ryan & Wendy Chapin
- 27th: John & Lorene Gillespie

*(If your birthday or anniversary is this month and does not appear on this list or appears incorrectly, please call the church office or email us at [jwumcmd@yahoo.com](mailto:jwumcmd@yahoo.com) and let us know. Thank you!)*

# PUZZLE PAGE



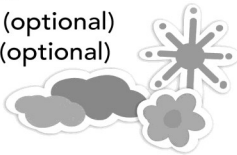
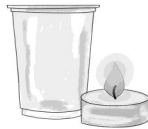
## SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

### What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



### What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



## WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets? Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines. Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort. It is book 23.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials. My book is number 24.  
I am \_\_\_\_○○\_\_\_\_.
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.
8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.  
I am \_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_.

Prophets are \_\_\_\_\_.

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### VISION STATEMENT:

*“We strive to be a Christ Centered Church, advancing the Kingdom of God  
by nurturing and ministering to all peoples.”*

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Our Mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ through: Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship,  
Spiritual Growth, Loving Service, and the Sharing of God’s Word.”*

