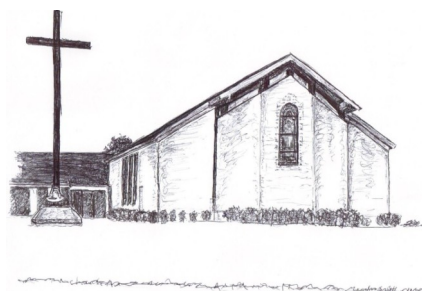


Presby News

JULY 2016



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

A couple of Sundays ago, after the morning worship had ended and everyone was beginning to leave, I saw something that made me extremely proud.

On that particular Sunday, we were blessed with a number of visitors. With immense pride, I watched as the members of our church greeted and visited with the visitors. I noticed how some walked from one side of the sanctuary to the other as they made their way to welcome new folks.

Also, I noticed that no one seemed to be in a big hurry to leave and how members visited with each other as well as with the visitors.

What made me especially proud was that all of this took place without any special promotion on my part for you to practice such spontaneous hospitality. It just happened so naturally and freely--the way genuine Christian fellowship is supposed to happen, don't you think?

I believe that when people are filled with the love of God that it is reflected in their attitudes and relationships with one another as well as the visitors in their midst.

We all have great reason to thank God for the visitors who have been participating in our worship services the last several Sundays! We give all the glory to God for His leading people to join with us as we come together to worship Him.

Also, we pray for His leadership in reaching out to the many individuals and families who are still in need of the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the welcoming and loving fellowship of our church!

Please join with me in praying that the Holy Spirit will reveal to us anything we need to do as a church family to be more effective in reaching more people for the Kingdom of God.

I believe that if we pray sincerely for His guidance and are willing to follow His leadership, the future is bright--very bright for First Presbyterian Church!!!

Jim



SPECIAL DATES

July 3	Brookdale Worship
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 18	Session Meeting
July 19	Healthworx Meal

*Wednesday Night Meals/Fellowship Suspended
Choir Rehearsal Will Continue.*

Dr. Heath in office on Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm





Fourth of July Trivia



Happy Birthday, America!

Here's a few fun things to know about Independence Day:

1. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July Fourth?

Answer: Two

2. What day did most signers of the Declaration of Independence actually sign the document?

Answer: August 2, 1776

3. Do you know which President was born on July Fourth?

Answer: Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.

4. Which three presidents died on the Fourth of July?

Answer: Three of the first five presidents: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. The second president, John Adams, and the third, Jefferson, both died in 1826, the 50th anniversary.

5. Most of the Founding Fathers agreed that July Fourth is the correct day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain — except one. Who is it and why?

Answer: John Adams thought July 2, the day of the Second Continental Congress voted in Philadelphia to declare independence from Britain, would be the day patriots celebrated. "The Second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America," Adams wrote on July 3. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews [sic], Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.

6. When did the Fourth of July become a legal federal holiday?

Answer: 1870. Then, in 1938, Congress reaffirmed the holiday to make sure all workers received full pay.

7. Is there something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: Yes! It's said the following is written upside down and backwards: "Original Declaration of

Independence dated 4th July 1776." It's not known who wrote it, or when. In Revolutionary War years, parchment was rolled up, so this probably served as a message.

8. The Nathan's Fourth of July Hot Dog Contest has become an annual tradition. How did it start?

Answer: It's a pretty cute story: Legend has it that four immigrants got into an argument over who was most patriotic. To prove themselves, they ate as many hot dogs as they could handle — because nothing says America like excess.

9. America isn't the only nation that celebrates the Fourth of July. Which other countries do, and why?

Answer: It might sound odd, but if you celebrate the Fourth of July outside the U.S., you still might see fireworks in Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden. This is because thousands of people emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900s. Some European celebrations on the Fourth take place near tourist destinations — to attract travelers — or near American military bases.

10. When were fireworks first used to celebrate July Fourth?

Answer: 1777. Congress chose fireworks as a way to celebrate the first anniversary. They were ignited over Philadelphia. The celebration also included bonfires and bells.

11. How many people lived in the U.S. when the Declaration was signed?

Answer: 2.5 million (Current population: 300 million)

12. What baseball player threw a 4-0 no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox on July 4, 1983?

Answer: New York Yankees pitcher Dave Righetti. It was the first no-hitter in 27 years.

13. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: The Pennsylvania Evening Post

14. Which president first held a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson

July Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
July 3	Vacancy Helen McDaniel (March-Oct)	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Elizebette Kennedy Communion Team: Annelize & Dirk Benade
July 10	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
July 17	Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May)	
July 24	Jim Hockensmith Vacancy	Jim Smolenski	
July 31	Vacancy	Jim Hockensmith	



Anniversaries and Birthdays

July 8	Wynn Ware
July 9	Jim Huffman
July 9	Liz Smith
July 10	Annelize Benade
July 12	Payton Jewell
July 12	Liz Magee
July 15	Nancy Smilie
July 16	Bill & Martha Higgins
July 21	Justin Ware
July 22	Rocky Wilson
July 23	Christelle Benade
July 31	Dee Dee Ellington



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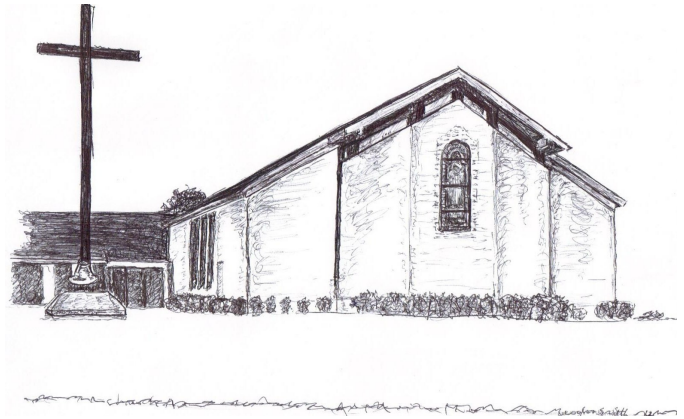
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

(Meals & Committees/Fellowship Suspended)

- 5:45 Meal
- 6:30 Fellowship/Committees
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Will Continue)

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Come experience God's love at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.