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The Messenger

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Something Important from Pastor Bryan

July is such a great month. It literally starts off with a “bang!” I am so grateful to be a citizen of the greatest country in the world. The patriotic music, the parades, houses, and people decorated in red, white, and blue and high skies filled with “red bombs bursting in air.” I don’t remember the exact date or purpose of the trip, but I remember flying into New York around July 4th one night and was struck by seeing fireworks down below surrounding lady liberty. It was moving.

Our nation is great in many ways. But it has also had its “duds” and misfires over the years. A case in point was around the 1850’s. America was in a funk in many ways. The economy was collapsing, there was the threat of the war over the issue of slavery. Morality was slipping and the populace was polarized on many other fronts. Oh wait, that sounds like 2022, doesn’t it?

If there was ever a time for American citizens to pray, it was then. And so, a single layman, from a church on Fulton Street in New York set himself to praying. He didn’t know what else to do. Nothing else was working when it came to the churches ability to influence the greater culture. So, he prayed and invited others to do so.

Did it make a difference? Did it ever! Join us for worship this Sunday, July 3, for Episode 5 of our summer series, *The effects of a prayer-FULL church on a Country*.

I believe you will find it timely and hopeful.

If there’s ever a time to be a prayer-FULL church, you know the rest by now. Thank you for joining me during this summer of prayer.

I’m looking forward to seeing you in worship!

Pastor B



July Birthdays

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Brenda Ainsworth 7/03
Guillermo Alvarenga 7/27
Wesley Alvarenga 7/01
Karen Baser 7/28
Megan Bateman 7/29
Cade Bethea 7/06
Janis Brothers 7/30
Steven Caver 7/20
Ashley Coleman 7/22
Grayson Daniels 7/10
Sara Derden 7/17
Amanda Dixon 7/03

Dick Evans 7/24
Lauren Fox 7/27
Reese Fox 7/29
Shelby Free 7/20
Bryan Hancock 7/10
Nelda Hansen 7/24
Cole Hartley 7/15
Tyler Henderson 7/25
Katie Hord 7/19
Lauren Hord 7/02
Sloan Knight 7/06
Tony Lambert 7/03
Abby Maynard 7/18
Nan Molock 7/03

Karlee Morris 7/17
Todd Norman 7/28
Tom Pinson 7/15
Brad Poen 7/06
Hannah Poen 7/08
Sam Patton 7/23
Richard Rein 7/01
Anna Coker Smyly 7/27
Sutton Smyly 7/28
Marolyn Speer 7/19
Mary Brooks Stovesand 7/02
Hadley Testa 7/26
Jerrie Townsend 7/18
Shannon Williams 7/14



Stuttgart UMY's 5th Annual Rummage Sale

Start bringing your sale items to the
Christian Life Center

Monday, June 27th until Thursday, July 7th
8:00 a.m.—5:45 pm

• Sale dates

Friday, July 8th & Saturday July 9th
7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

In Need Of Prayer...

Please be in prayer for those listed and not listed, but who are in our hearts as they struggle with life's problems.

AT HOME: Dick Evans, Sylvia Gist, and Otto Teague.

NURSING HOMES: Stuttgart Crestpark-Virbell Carnahan, Ann Graham.

Cavalier England- Louine Leech

HOSPITALS:

OTHERS: Brenda Buffalo (sister to Tammy Whiteside), Gary Carnahan, Rita Hargrove Clinton, Samantha Coffman (granddaughter of Sarah & Garland Derden) Mike Hill, Deborah Jo Leech, Burt Ragland, Gary Sebree, Sarah Wilson, April Calloway Stephens.

RECENT MEMORIALS

FOR CHAD COLEMAN

given by:

Dr. & Mrs. Stefan Calloway

FOR MARGARET ANN TACKETT

given by:

Mr. & Mrs. David (Jimmie Jo) Leech;

Mr. & Mrs. Strand Kramer;

Mrs. Barbara Morris Melton;

Mike, Jeananne, &

Samantha Hawking;

Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Jane) Campbell;

Mr. & Mrs. Dean (Edie) Daugherty;

Larry & Melody Stackhouse.

FOR THOMAS H. WALTON, JR.

given by:

Larry & Melody Stackhouse;

Katherine K. Jefferson;

Ellen J. Magevney;

Mr. & Mrs. Todd (Laura) Murphy;

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. P. Carlton;

And Ms. Ann C. Forbus.

Music Ministry Amy Youngblood

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A BIG THANK-YOU FOR...

Sunday, May 29

Lindsey Phillips for leading music and singing The Lord's Prayer so beautifully.

Sunday, June 5

Serena Brawley, Tiffany Kagebein, Katy Morris, Christen Moss for the blessing of a handbell quartet.

Chancel Choir for leading worship.

Sunday, June 12

SOUL Sisters for blessing us with a Spiritual anthem, "How Can I Keep From Singing" and leading worship.

Sunday, June 19

The Chancel Choir for the worshipful anthem "I Feel the Spirit" during the Offering.

Sunday, June 26

The Chancel Choir for leading us in all of our music.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP NEWS!

Thank you! to Kim Morgan for serving in our Nursery on June 2 and Katie Mae Peacock for serving on the June 19 while Elizabeth was on vacation.

We are excited to share with you the opportunity to give to the Lord electronically.

Offering

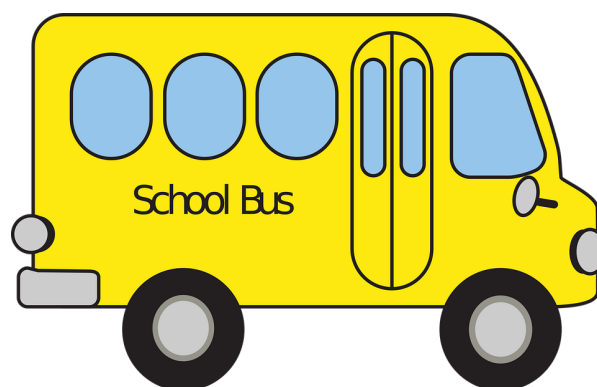
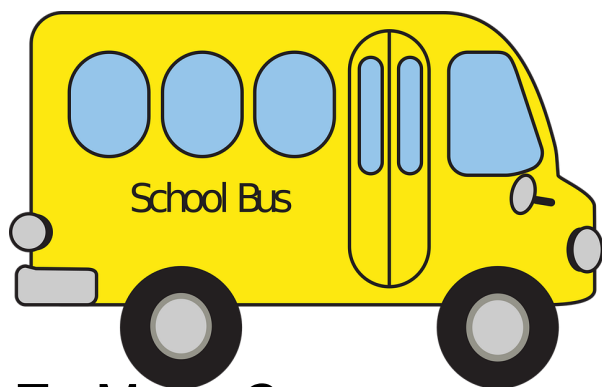
This provides you with the opportunity to participate in an important part of our service, as well as demonstrate the habit of giving to the children in our services.

If you would like to give to the Stuttgart First United Methodist Church online, visit our website or download the app.



<https://www.stuttgartfumc.org/online->

Thank you for giving!



The Mission Committee is asking our church family to help **“STUFF THE BUS”** with school supplies for the teachers and students of Park Avenue Elementary School. The school is the largest campus in our town and has the most need. The month of **July**, we are asking that you bring school supplies to the church and fill the bus (located in the sanctuary). In August, the supplies will be delivered to the school. Cards will be placed on the sanctuary walls for you to choose from or you may bring any of the following items listed. Thank you for your support and let's show our students and teachers how much we appreciate them.

Nansi Brown

Items you may bring: crayons (*Crayola 16 count*), scissors (*Fiskar*), pencils (*Ticonderoga*), glue and glue sticks, markers (*Crayola*), dry erase markers, highlighters, construction paper, composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, wide ruled loose leaf paper, hard plastic 3 prong folder with pockets, earbuds/ headphones, school boxes, backpacks, file folders, ream of copy paper, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and tissue.

TWO MORE WEDNESDAY WONDERS LEFT! **July 13 and 20!!**

We have been having so much fun on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 in the CLC. We had 25 in attendance the first night. We have talked about the Wonders that only God can do through the stories of Moses parting the Sea and Jonah and the Fish. All children going into K-5th grades are welcome. The next 2 stories we will learn about are Jesus Feeds the 5,000 and Jesus Calming the Sea.



Jesus Calming the Sea



Jesus feeds the 5,000

The recent Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe vs. Wade* returns the issue of abortion back to each State. The recent events has led some people to wonder what the United Methodist Church believes. The Book of Discipline of the UMC has a section titled "Social Principles" that provides the denominations official position on many social issues.

The following is quoted from the *2016 Book of Discipline*, paragraph 161.k:

"The beginning of life and the ending of life are the God-given boundaries of human existence. While individuals have always had some degree of control over when they would die, they now have the awesome power to determine when and even whether new individuals will be born. Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion.

But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child.

We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases, we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers. We support parental, guardian, or other responsible adult notification and consent before abortions can be performed on girls who have not yet reached the age of legal adulthood. We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender

selection or eugenics (see Resolution 3184).

We oppose the use of late-term abortion known as dilation and extraction (partial-birth abortion) and call for the end of this practice except when the physical life of the mother is in danger and no other medical procedure is available, or in the case of severe fetal anomalies incompatible with life. This procedure shall be performed only by certified medical providers. Before providing their services, abortion providers should be required to offer women the option of anesthesia.

We call all Christians to a searching and prayerful inquiry into the sorts of conditions that may cause them to consider abortion. We entrust God to provide guidance, wisdom, and discernment to those facing an unintended pregnancy.

The Church shall offer ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth.

We mourn and are committed to promoting the diminishment of high abortion rates. The Church shall encourage ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies such as comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education, advocacy regarding contraception, and support of initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls around the globe.

Young adult women disproportionately face situations in which they feel that they have no choice due to financial, educational, relational, or other circumstances beyond their control. The Church and its local congregations and campus ministries should be in the forefront of supporting existing ministries and developing new ministries that help such women in their communities. They should also support those crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women explore all options related to unplanned pregnancy. We particularly encourage the Church, the government, and social service agencies to support and facilitate the option of adoption. (See ¶ 161L.) We affirm and encourage the Church to assist the ministry of crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women find feasible alternatives to abortion.

Governmental laws and regulations do not provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, family, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel."



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Worship & Small Group Schedules

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SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Christian Fellowship Class
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Grp.
5:30 p.m. Youth JR/SR HI Grades
..... Hang out for summer.

MONDAY

6:45 a.m. Jacob's Ladder
6:00 p.m. Carillon Ringers

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Jacob's Ladder

WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. Jacob's Ladder
12:00 p.m. No Bible Study CLC
..... will resume this fall.
12:00 p.m. No Bible Study—Parlor
..... Will resume this fall.
4:45 p.m. Mid-Youth Bells
5:30 p.m. Junior High Boys Bible Study
6:00 p.m. No Bible Study—Parlor
..... Will resume this fall.

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Jacob's Ladder

FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. Jacob's Ladder

Come Worship With Us!

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