

JULY 2023

THE GOOD WORD

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July feels like a month of celebrations. Independence Day will soon be here, and fireworks, cookouts, parades and fairs, and carnivals come with it. For some of us, this is a time to express our patriotism as we celebrate the birth of our nation. This year feels like the first July 4th in a long time that I felt like celebrating. Past years have been fraught with COVID-19, divisive politics, and other national challenges.

There is a famous observation from Benjamin Franklin concerning the chair that President Washinton sat in. It's often been cited by politicians and historians. A painted sun on the chair looked like it might be rising or setting. Being an intelligent and philosophical founding father, Franklin could not decide if it was a rising or setting sun. Eventually, as they finished organizing the First Congress, he concluded that it was a rising sun for the young country. Every generation has to ask themselves the same question. Is it a rising or setting sun? It sounds obvious that we want a rising sun, but history hasn't been written. I pray that we all will strive to see the sun rise over our country. Take time this July to pray for our nation's well-being and best virtues to assert themselves as we strive to form ourselves into a more perfect union.

Another reason to celebrate this July is that this is my first anniversary of pastoring at Taylorsville UMC. I am happy that we have had this year together, and I hope we can begin to build on this past year for the Church's future. Thank you to everyone at Taylorsville who has been a welcoming presence to me and my parents. Lastly, July is also my birthday month. Im not 'hinting' at any birthday well wishes, but it adds to why I see July as a month to celebrate.

What reasons might you look for to celebrate this month? Even if you don't feel like celebrating, let's strive to create reasons to rejoice and make some noise.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Psalms 150:1-6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Pastor Josh



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

July - Need 2 for this month
 August - Need someone

READER

July - Need 1 person to read
 August - Need someone

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ryan Nace	22	Susan Shankle
9	Lee Wright	23	Pastor Josh Gillen
13	Rick Nace	26	Spencer Patterson
14	Cindy Harris	28	Rebecca Linn

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

9	Hearl and Sandy Wright
16	Tim and Michelle Manco
21	Gary and Vicky Patterson

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.



All Men are Welcome!
Saturday, July 1-9:00 AM
 Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD

Contact John Eaton with questions



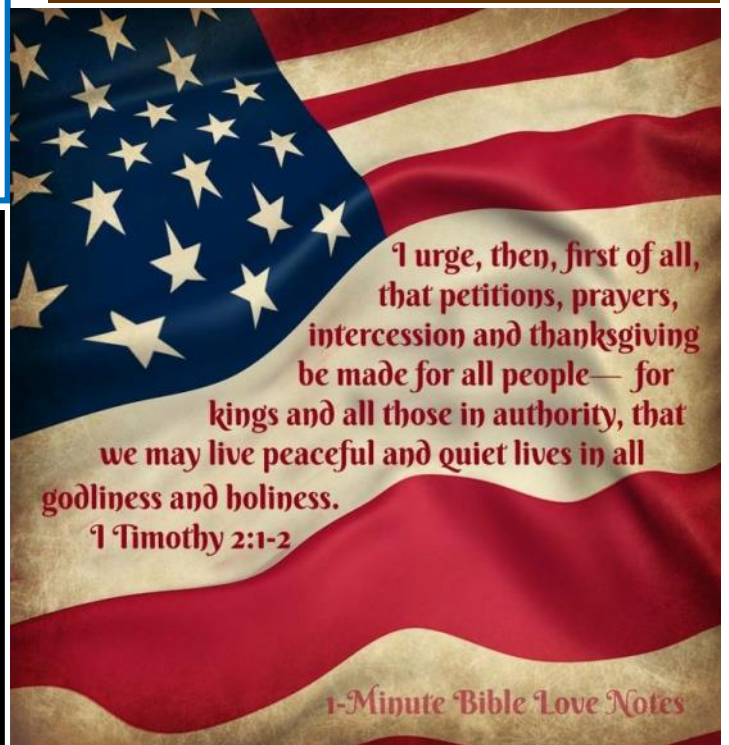
August Newsletter Deadline is: July 24



July

Mt. Airy Net is Collecting:

Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, cans of meat



1-Minute Bible Love Notes

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayer

- Anna - healing from knee surgery
- Linda Cole - hospital, pray for healing
- Family of Robbie King who passed away
- Storms around the country
- People with allergies
- Canadian wild fires
- Shootings around our country
- Mary Jane - healing from back surgery
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Ray-healing from broken arm, now can't do PT, healing prayers
- Sue's cousin, Steve-started new chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eyler-surgery
- Amy's cousin, Alex-swelling is down in skull, pray for healing
- Lisa's friend, Valinda, pray for healing
- Carol's step-daughter surgery went well, pray for healing
- Michelle Manco's sister, Diana has cancer
- Gail's friend, Donna-prayers for healing
- Bonnie's great niece, Micah-leukemia
- Eileen's sister, Judy-has scoliosis-prayers for healing from back surgery
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney-cancer
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer
- Gail's friend Rita-had kidney transplant, needs prayers for continued healing
- Those that are sick with COVID, other illnesses
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country
- Pray for our World
- Pray for Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown

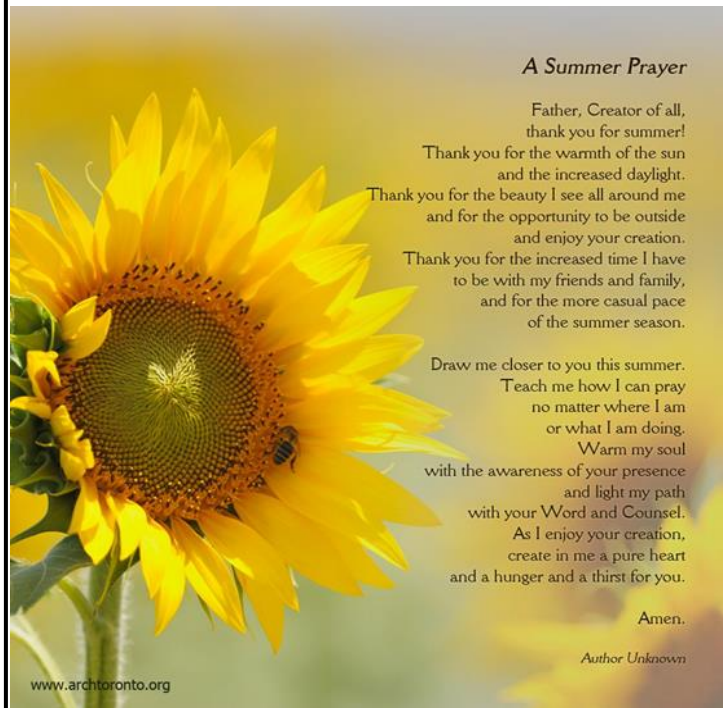


Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes

(U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service Sean!!



A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
 thank you for summer!
 Thank you for the warmth of the sun
 and the increased daylight.
 Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
 and for the opportunity to be outside
 and enjoy your creation.
 Thank you for the increased time I have
 to be with my friends and family,
 and for the more casual pace
 of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.
 Teach me how I can pray
 no matter where I am
 or what I am doing.
 Warm my soul
 with the awareness of your presence
 and light my path
 with your Word and Counsel.
 As I enjoy your creation,
 create in me a pure heart
 and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

Author Unknown

This July 4, 2023 the United States of America will be 247 years old.

- ♦ May you enjoy celebrating that we live in a country that is free.
- ♦ May you enjoy time with your family and friends.
- ♦ May you give thanks to God who made it all possible. Amen.

Joys

- the children that came for VBC and learned about God
- all who volunteered at VBC
- Pastor's Josh's 1 year anniversary at TUMC
- trustees always helping with church & property
- vacations
- the rain that we have had



We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this July

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Title: Discipleship: Kindness Returns

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:42-49, 58-67, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon Title: Disciple, Take up the Yoke

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon Title: Dirt and Spirit

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon Title: A Better Vision Endures

July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon Title: String it Together



Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines

Central to Jesus' teaching was the proclamation that the kingdom of God has arrived. This kingdom is God's rule on earth. Jesus' power to deliver people from affliction signaled that God's kingdom had arrived.

Jesus frequently taught by using parables, especially regarding the kingdom of God. He compared the kingdom to seed that produced crops, a treasure hidden in a field, a merchant looking for pearls, and a net cast into the sea. These parables revealed the urgency of the kingdom, the promised judgement in the kingdom and the ultimate value of the kingdom. These are the topics we will be looking at during July.

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9 in the church social hall.

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor

The class is starting a study on the Apostle Paul that will last for several months.

Podcast News from Jeff Taylor

The **TaylorsvilleUMC** webpage now has a section dedicated to podcasts produced by our church.

This page can be reached through the following link: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/podcasts>

It also has a menu item at the top of the home page. <https://taylorsvilleumc.org>

On it you will find three different playlists. A playlist is a group of podcasts related by subject matter.

You simply click on the displayed video to access all videos in the playlist.

The first playlist is a collection of Pastor Josh's weekly sermons called "Just Preach Jesus".

The second is a collection of our 9:00 am *Sunday school* class discussions currently centered on Jewish/Christian Reflections on the Lord's Prayer.

The third is a collection of podcasts by me on various topics regarding religion, theology, and history.

A fourth playlist was added early in March that contains the six Lenten study Zoom sessions for the Easter season.

These podcasts are not just for members of our church but are designed to appeal to the wider community.

So please feel free to talk about them and share the links with anyone you feel may be interested.

This is all part of **TaylorsvilleUMC's** plan to grow our on-line congregation.



SUMMER

Sunday School

Welcome to our Summer Children's Sunday School! We are changing our starting time-it will be held during church-right after the children's message. Over in the Education building we

will listen to Bible stories, make crafts, play games, and enjoy some playground time summer camp style. Our starting date will be July 2. Hope to see you there! If you have questions, please see Maria Novick.

Save the Date!!

Sunday, August 27th



Stay tuned for more information




2023

Office Hours
M, W, TH
9:00AM-2:30PM

TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 COMMUNION 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	3	4 	5	6	7	8 9:00AM Men's Breakfast
9 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pastor Josh's birthday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website.	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website.					Coming in August: Picnic- August 27	Mt Airy Net: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, cans of meat

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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

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*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM*

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