

# July 2023 Newsletter

## *A Very Wonderful and Special Country*

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What a country this is! To my way of thinking, there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. I have visited many beautiful lands, but upon returning to the United States, there is always the feeling that Almighty God carved out here a very wonderful and special country.

We need to recount the stories of the great souls America has produced and who produced America. We need to tell and retell these stories beginning with the Pilgrim Fathers. Bibles under their arms, setting forth in little ships across a stormy sea, driven by not by the wind that rages the Atlantic and caught the sails of their little boats, but by the mighty conviction as children of God no one could make slaves of them. Something within drove them across trackless wastes to an inhospitable shore, where unharmed by the autocracy of men, they could worship God in all the dignity of free men.

We, too, need that spirit of freedom in our hearts. We need to re-emphasize morality, decency, and honesty. We need more of God and more of Jesus Christ. Deeply rooted in the American tradition are the sovereignty of God and the sacredness of humanity. Upon these two pillars rests American freedom.



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# A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch for nations then unborn. Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (An Episcopal Church Prayer Book).

*“People say money can’t buy happiness. They lie. Money buys coffee, coffee makes me happy!”*



## Prayer Corner

- For those that are home-bound, their caregivers, and those we especially name in our hearts.
- Ongoing prayers for those in the medical field who continue to care for those affected by COVID and the families and caregivers of those affected by the illness.
- For Trinity Church’s mission, ministry, and laity as they continue to serve the Huxley community.
- For our government and the government of NATO countries as they make decisions around the invasion of Ukraine.
- For our military personnel and their families as they serve our country.
- For those in our community struggling with health or financial issues.
- For those who suffer from depression or other mental health issues.

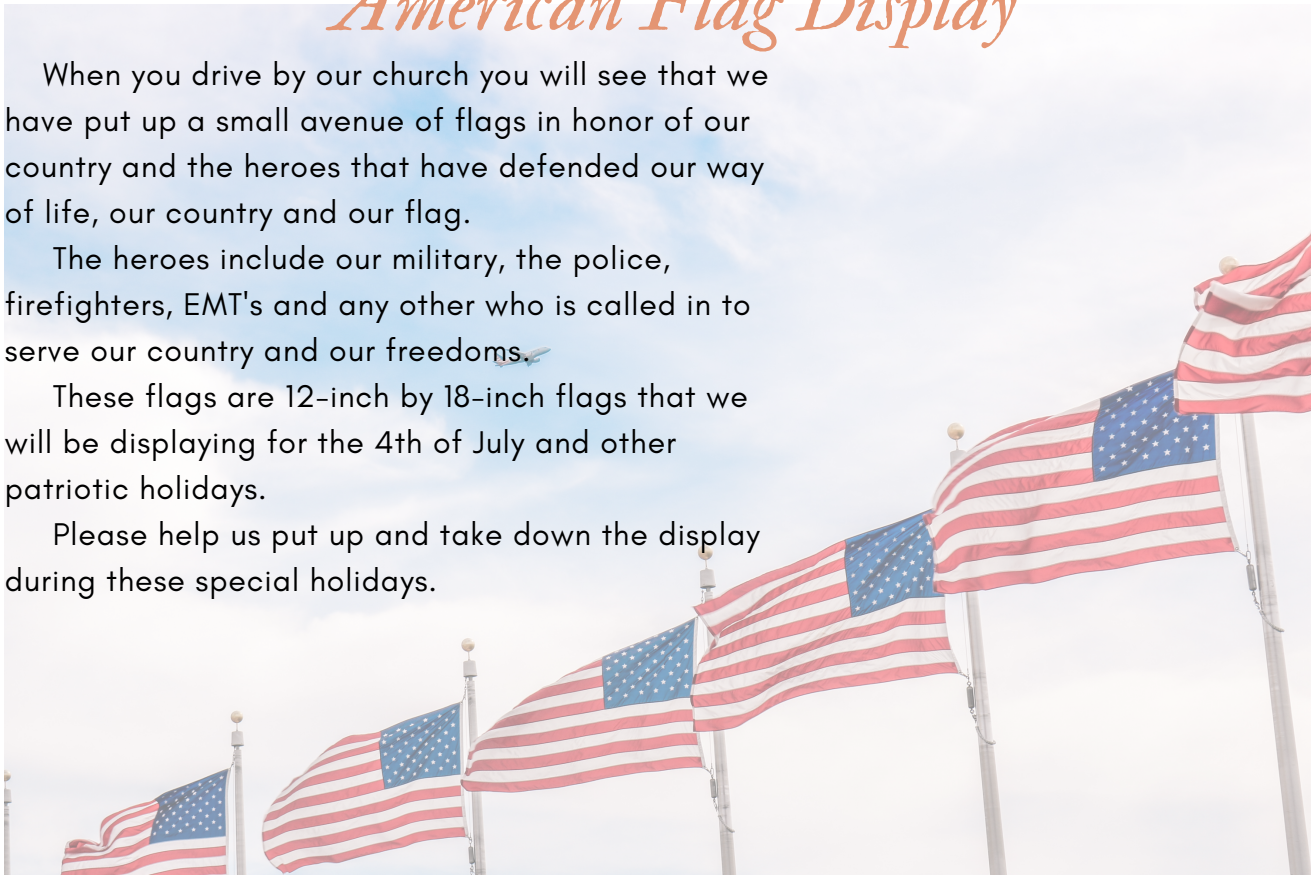
## *American Flag Display*

When you drive by our church you will see that we have put up a small avenue of flags in honor of our country and the heroes that have defended our way of life, our country and our flag.

The heroes include our military, the police, firefighters, EMT's and any other who is called in to serve our country and our freedoms.

These flags are 12-inch by 18-inch flags that we will be displaying for the 4th of July and other patriotic holidays.

Please help us put up and take down the display during these special holidays.



## *Communion Sunday*

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, July 2nd. Come and partake the Holy Communion.

## *Golden Angels*

The Golden Angels will sing on Sunday, July 16. Please come and join the group in praising God.



## *Brown Bag Sunday*

Help those in need by bringing a bag full of non-perishable food items on Sunday, July 18. Let us help serve the needy in our community.

## *Garden Bounty*

We are asking the congregation to bring vegetables from your garden to share with the church family. Place them in the fellowship hall for people to take some, starting July 16. Thanks



# JULY CALENDAR

Sunday Communion Service  
July 2 9:30 Worship Service

Tuesday 10:00 Slater Parade  
July 4 Happy Fourth of July

Sunday  
July 9 9:30 Worship Service

Wednesday Block Party  
July 12 5:00 - 7:00

Sunday Brown Bag Sunday  
July 16 10:15 Worship Service

Sunday  
July 23 10:15 Worship Service

Sunday  
July 30 10:15 Worship Service

Wednesday VBS  
Aug 2 5:00 - 8:00

Thursday VBS  
Aug 3 5:00 - 8:00

Friday VBS  
Aug 4 5:00 - 8:00



We will be hosting a Block Party at Trinity on July 12th from 5-7 p.m. to kick off Vacation Bible School.

We will be serving a free meal as well as having a bounce house, balloon lady, and yard games.

If you are able to help supervise games or serve food, please let Nicki McCrady, Tracy Weber, or Kathy Parmenter know.

Please invite your friends and neighbors and share the Facebook invitation that will be posted on the church's Facebook page. Thanks for your help!

## LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday is a special time when the church pauses to consider lay leaders' varied gifts for ministry to church and community. We have plans to celebrate with you the love and strength of laity across our congregation on Sunday, July 23. Come and celebrate the talents and gifts of our lay leaders.

## LET US KNOW

- Let us know if you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines.
- Let us know if you would like to receive the Verse of the Day devotions.
- Let us know if you are hospitalized. (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.) Contact the church through email [huxleytmc@gmail.com](mailto:huxleytmc@gmail.com) or 515-597-2625 You may contact Pastor Dass directly at 515-447-7953 or [emmanueldass@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanueldass@hotmail.com)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## THEME: FOOD TRUCK PARTY

August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

5:00-8:00

Food Truck Party!

On a Roll with God!

Register here:

<https://trinity-united-methodist-huxley.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

We need assistance with the following activities:

Leader and helper for Preschool age group

Recreation Leader

Puppeteer

Science Leader

Bible Story Leader and helper  
and Group leaders

All children from Huxley and surrounding areas are welcome. Invite your children, grandchildren, neighborhood and friends children.

# FUN TIMES

## 4TH OF JULY JOKES

What did the ghost say on the 4th of July?

**Red, white, and boo!**

What is the most popular sporting event on July 4th?

**Flag football.**

What is the firecracker's favorite snack?

**Pop-sicles.**

What do you call an American who eats pastries on the 4th of July?

**Pastry-otic.**

On July 5th, what do you eat?

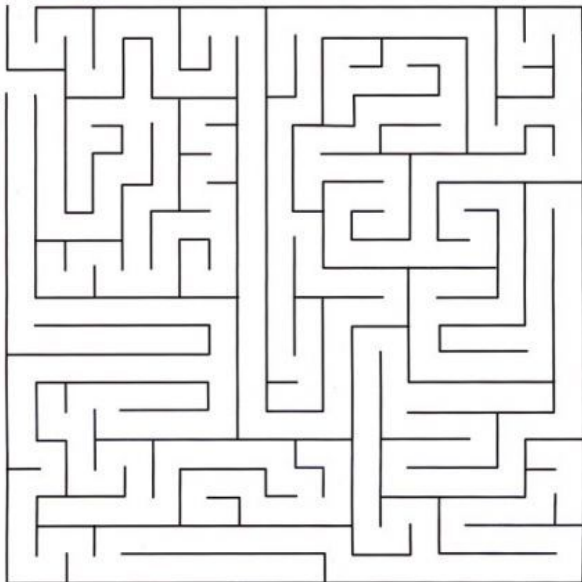
**Independence Day-Old-Pizza.**



## 4th of July MAZE

Start

Finish



Can you help Andy get his STAR back ?



## Fourth of July Word Scramble



Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to write out the scrambled secret message.

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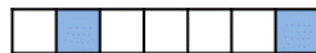
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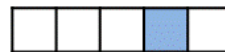
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