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## Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
And so, he called it Dad.



On June 14, 1777 the founding fathers of America decided that the flag should have stripes with red, white and blue.

When we look at these things, it reminds us of Jesus.

The stars that are on the flag reminds us of the very first verse in the Bible. Genesis 1:1 says, " In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

The stripes and the red color remind us about the stripes from the whip that Jesus had on his back. He bled and died for us. He wanted to take our sin upon him, and He gives us forgiveness.

The white stripes remind us that once Jesus died and rose again, He cleaned our heart. Psalm 51:7 says, "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

The last color of the flag is the Blue. Blue is a very royal color that kings and queens wear. This reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and He rules everything from His throne in Heaven.

When we see the flag, let it remind us of the great country that we live in, but also let it remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made and the love that He has for us.

**Happy Fourth of July!!!**

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## Financial News:

Did you know that you can make monetary gifts to St. Andrews from the St. Andrew's Website? Go to [standrews.me](http://standrews.me) and in the first section under the header look for the picture shown below. We are blessed to be able to give back to God a portion of what the Lord has given us. For your convenience, you may give to the general budget or to designated purposes. Credit Cards or ACH gifts are welcome.



## 2020 Operating Budget as of April 30



Covid-19 has not deterred us from supporting generously the work of the Lord on earth. Here is where we stand one third of the way through the year. In addition to our operating income, you have given \$1000 in special gifts designated for the Food Pantry and ICM. These local organisations are rising to the challenges of the pandemic.

The flu pandemic of 1918 generally lasted 15 months. From an historical perspective, it was the deadliest disease outbreak in human history, killing between 50 million and 100 million people worldwide, according to the most widely cited analyses. The Lord has spared our congregation and our county.

## Kaleidoscope News

We miss everyone, and we are all excited to go back to church! We still have uncertain times ahead, but we have some plans in place if we are able to gather. We are looking forward to doing outside activities like water balloons, tie-dying, making homemade ice cream, etc. If we aren't able to meet in person, we will use Zoom to check-in with you all throughout the summer months.

We will communicate all summer plans and more information through email, the Remind app, the church's Facebook page and website. Take care and hope to see you all soon!



## Youth News

The youth have been meeting Sunday and Wednesday nights on Zoom. We cannot wait until we get to meet in person. We wish our two seniors well as they go onto their next chapter in life. Christopher and Selena we will miss you in youth.

Our M28 Camps trip to Lake Junaluska, NC has been cancelled. Thank you for ordering t-shirts from us. If you ordered one and have not received it yet, they are in Julie's office. If you haven't paid for your shirt yet, you can give the money to Julie. We miss our church family and can't wait to see everyone!



## Oxford Food Pantry Needs Your Help

In our cozy and beautiful town of Oxford, our Food Pantry is working hard to meet the demand for food. You've probably felt it at your supermarket too. With the numerous jobs suddenly lost and children being home from school, many more patrons are seeking assistance. At this time, your donations of both food and financial support are needed. What to donate? Consider rice, mac & cheese, canned fruit, beans, tuna, spaghetti, canned vegetables and fresh produce which can be left at the Pantry on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Donations can be mailed to P. O. Box 588 or made online at [paypal.me/pantryoxfordms](https://paypal.me/pantryoxfordms). Thank you in advance for helping your community and neighbor.



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