



COALVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 2025 Newsletter



From the Pen of Bro. Len

**What comes to your mind
when you think of
Independence Day?**

For many Americans, the Fourth of July serves as a day to watch fireworks, barbeque and have a good time with friends and family. While there is nothing wrong with having these traditions, it is important to remember the reason behind why we celebrate this holiday. This year we as Americans celebrate the 249th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It is quite amazing that this “experiment” in democracy is still ongoing especially when one considers the enormous challenges faced by our forefathers who penned this amazing document and the cultural shifts and anti-American movements seeking to undermine the foundations of our beloved America. It seems like a lifetime ago when Americans and America proudly waved our flags and celebrated with parades and town gatherings this monumental day honoring the courage and foresight of the men & women who sacrificed everything in order to cast off their shackles of bondage and create the place and the people called “America/Americans.”

Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, was bold in proclaiming his faith. To him, signing the Declaration of Independence meant no longer submitting to Great Britain, but rather, submitting to the Lord. As a result, America would be free from the power of man and able to serve Christ.

What a significant day in history! Adams was joined by others who believed “God willed it” and placed aside their petty squabbles to embrace the possibility that “for such a time as this they had been birthed and brought together by the hand and will of the Almighty to declare their intentions to pursue the will of God for themselves and their country .” Therefore they bowed in prayer before the Almighty to ask the Lord for His assistance and pledged before God Almighty and each other that whatever the cost they would sacrifice their all to the cause of Independence so that they and their children and all their countrymen might enjoy the liberties and freedoms of a land where each person could serve and follow the Lord God Almighty according to the Word of God and the Will of God. And, sacrifice these men did! Upon the foundation of their blood, sweat and tears America has stood amidst the changing and challenging years to still proclaim—“God Bless America Land that I Love.” **May we continue their fight!**

It is important to remember what our duties are as Christians. We are called to serve Christ and Christ alone, and it is such a blessing that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to do so. Oftentimes, the enemy will use distractions to keep us from fulfilling our duties as Christians. Being distracted by all that happens on the Fourth of July can cause us to lose sight of the true meaning of the holiday. This is dangerous, as it can ultimately cause us to stray away from Christ. So, why is it important to acknowledge the significance of Independence Day, and how we can do so

in today's world? American liberty is a blessing from God. Because of our freedom, we can express our faith and boldly share it with others. It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters across the globe.

With this in mind, I encourage you to not lose sight of why we celebrate Independence Day. Take time to reflect on the ways God has blessed you in your life, and make it a goal to not take the freedoms we have for granted. As you spend this day with family and friends, I encourage you to celebrate the blessing of freedom that was given to us by Christ and by those who wear and have worn the uniforms of service. Lift up a prayer for those who have been given the privilege of representing us in the halls of Congress and especially lift up President Trump and those of his cabinet.

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Brothers and Sisters of Christ, thank you for always praying for our church. We are truly blessed. **God's living presence is our greatest**

joy. May every step, every day in this journey of life become '**just a closer walk with Him.**' His hand is reaching out to you. Don't hesitate, grab onto your Savior,, your guard, your healer, your everything. He not only wants your praises, devotion, and love, He wants you to depend on Him.

Aren't we blessed! We don't have to travel to be with Him. He lives within you and me. We are indeed His temple and His grace and mercy are new every morning..

This month do yourself a favor and bless **yourself.** Spend more time with your eyes on His Word and soak up all that He offers you for those moments. What you put inside yourself no one can take away. You will experience how 'real' He really is.

These scriptures will awaken us to His daily presence with us.

June 29th – July 5th: Call on Him. Jeremiah 33:3

July 6th – 12th: We must take time to be with Him. Psalm 46:10

July 13th – 19th: Our relationship with Him bears fruit. John 15:5

July 20th – 26th: His Presence brings joy. Psalm 16:11

July 27th – August 2nd: Let Jesus help you clear the path to Him. James 4:8

There is power and strength in His Word and His presence. May you be filled with peace and joy. 🙏🙌

From Jan

Youth

The youth are going on their summer retreat
July 18th – 21st.

CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone and welcome to July. We hope everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Rise With the Son II Gospel concert, July 19th, Saturday, at 5:00 p.m., in our CLC, Cornerstone and The Sons of Allen will have a musical event with dinner to raise funds for the Seashore Mission. Everyone is welcome. Please come out and support the Mission. There is a suggested donation of \$20 at the door. If you cannot attend, donations can still be accepted by any Cornerstone member up until July 13th. The Seashore Mission has needs throughout the year and we are trying to support a mid – year event, until our Christmas Birthday Party in December. There will be 3 music groups as well as food provided. Thank you so much for your continued support.

From Rev Mitchell...

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce our upcoming event, Rise with the Son Gospel Concert! This is not just any concert, but a special fundraiser for repairing our walk-in freezer and cooler, as well as purchasing a new dryer. Our current dryer has seen better days and is unfortunately beyond repair.

We would love for you to join us and be part of this uplifting experience. However, if you are unable to attend, we kindly ask for your support through prayers and any financial donations you can provide. Your generosity will greatly help us in achieving our goals and ensuring the smooth operation of our mission.

If you are sending a check or money order, please note "GOSPEL CONCERT" in the MEMO section.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Warm regards,

Reverend Elijah Mitchell
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If any of you can help in the kitchen that night, please get with Ms. Patricia, Richard or Phyllis. Thanks again.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38, NIV



INDEPENDENCE	N	L	S	T	A	R	S	S	M	B	R	E	S	W	F
STARS	J	I	A	B	M	E	L	E	S	E	E	R	W	R	G
STRIPES	U	O	B	M	P	R	C	H	E	L	G	A	E	S	G
EAGLE	L	M	L	I	Y	D	T	E	K	L	A	E	R	M	H
FREEDOM	Y	E	R	I	C	R	R	G	Q	L	D	B	I	K	U
PATRIOTIC	U	T	P	E	D	O	O	D	S	O	O	I	F	C	N
FIREWORKS	S	G	O	O	F	A	I	A	M	D	G	T	R	E	I
JULY	V	W	C	A	P	E	Y	J	T	W	N	E	E	X	N
FLAG	E	A	A	M	E	R	I	C	A	D	A	Y	S	T	D
AMERICA	R	L	M	E	U	B	O	A	T	I	S	O	U	P	E
PARADE	R	E	G	G	L	C	C	I	T	O	I	R	T	A	P
BELL	A	C	A	N	B	E	E	N	O	T	R	E	R	R	E
RED	Y	A	D	I	R	F	D	O	O	G	I	A	E	A	N
WHITE	U	Y	S	G	L	I	D	E	R	W	N	P	C	D	D
BLUE	C	H	A	I	S	T	I	A	N	O	G	E	T	E	E
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ONESTOPWORDSEARCH

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
4TH OF JULY

SEASHORE MISSION PRESENTS

RISE WITH THE SON II

GOSPEL CONCERT

SATURDAY, JULY 19 AT 5:00PM

FEATURING

THE COALVILLE CORNERSTONE BAND

&

THE GREATER ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

SONS OF ALLEN

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Anniversaries

Birthday

Monthly Events

Scheduled Meetings

Weekly Events

CLC – Christian Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

S – Sanctuary

CW – Contemporary Worship

TW – Traditional Worship

AB – Administrative Board

BG – BUNCO Group

CB – Cornerstone Band

CC – Cemetery Committee

DT – Daisy Troop

FISH – Young Adults

JAM – Children's Ministry

MT – Mission Team

SL – Senior Luncheon

UMYF - Youth

July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Witt Weston Becky Maslowski 11:30 AM, SL 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	2 Bob Torjusen Carol Richardson	3 Jana Franco	4 Happy July 4 th Stay Safe 7 PM, AA, FH	5
6 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & FISH, CLC	7 Juli Bocek	8 5 PM, MT, FH 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	9	10 Greg Rushing 12 – 3 PM, BG, FH	11 7 PM, AA, FH	12
13 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S Joseph Byrd 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & FISH, CLC	14 Bob & Karen Sherlock 6 PM, AB, FH	15 Karen Sherlock Dylan Thomas 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	16	17	18 7 PM, AA, FH	19 Levi Childers Rise w/Son II Gospel Concert 5 PM, CLC
20 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S Tiffany Ludlow	21 Dian McKaig	22 Ronnie Plummer 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	23	24	25 7 PM, AA, FH	26 Belle McGrew
27 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & FISH, CLC	28 Lily Cobar	29 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	30	31	Backpack Blessings 6 th – peanut butter 13 th – small cereal 20 th – chicken noodle soup 27 th – oatmeal/grits	