

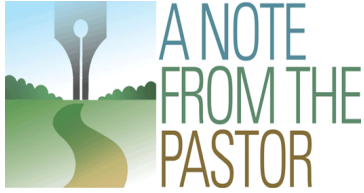
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Land where our fathers died  
Land of the pilgrim's pride  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring!

On "Independence Day," the American people celebrate the great gift of freedom they have received as a nation. Even so, in many of the most popular American songs we hear repeated over-and-over again, in so many words, the familiar refrain: "I want to be free! I've got be free."

If only I were free of the burden of worry and grief ...  
If only I were free of this or that responsibility...  
If only I were free of the drudgery of my work...  
If only I were free not to have to answer to anyone...  
If only I were free to stay in bed until eleven every morning...  
If only... If only... If only...

In the stories of his life in the thirteenth century, Francis of Assisi is depicted as a man for others, a man who loved others, a man who was always there to "give a cup of cold water" to one of Jesus' "lowly ones." But there were many lepers around in Francis' time and he had a terrible fear of lepers. And he knew, somewhere deep inside, that some day he was going to have to break through that barrier of fear before his spirituality could really grow and he could move deeper into his life with God.

And there came the day when he knew he was going to have to embrace his leper. It happened on a day when he went out for a walk with Brother Leo. They heard the bells (in Francis' time, instead of hollering "unclean," the lepers were forced to carry little bells and ring them to warn passersby). They heard the bells and a leper emerged from a clump of trees.

Brother Leo was horrified as he looked at this sick man. Half of the leper's nose had been eaten away; his hands were stubs without fingers; his lips were oozing with white infection. Leo turned and ran away. But Francis ran forward and embraced the leper -- breaking through his barrier of fear. And his life was never the same after that episode. It was a milestone on his journey. He experienced a new sensitivity to others, and a new sense of freedom and obedience to God.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, may we pause and survey our lives, assess the mistakes, rejoice in the ground covered and reawaken enthusiasm for the continuing journey toward freedom. What is important for us is to further those aspects of Independence Day which really celebrate and anticipate the true freedom for all people; not only political freedom, but economic and social freedom as well...

Grace and peace,  
Don

## HEAD DEACONS for July are:

Sherline Lear  
Mindy Foust

## THE USHERING TEAM for July is:

Dick and Kathy Wilson  
Lloyd Warner and Shawn Heimlich

## ELDER GREETER for July is:

Stewart Walker

## TRUSTEES MEETING:

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

## DEACONS MEETING:

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

## SESSION MEETING:

June 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:15 a.m.



## Women of the Church

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS Meetings and Events – July 2010

See everyone in September at the Fall Gathering.  
Have a wonderful summer!



### MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. This program will be in effect the first Thursday of each month through June. Please call the church office at 873-5011 if you need vouchers. ***Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper! See you there!!***

### SARA'LEN HARBAGE'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

Sara'len's family would like to honor her with a card shower on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is July 13<sup>th</sup>, and has asked her church family to participate.

If you would like to send birthday wishes to Sara'len, her address is:

Mrs Sara'len Harbage  
Arbors West Subacute & Rehab Ctr  
375 W Main Street  
West Jefferson OH 43162

### CAN SUNDAY is July 25<sup>th</sup>

Regular can drop-offs for recycling are *the last Sunday of each month*. If you need to have a large amount of cans picked up, call Bill Bowen at (614) 371-3266. **Thank you!**



### JULY:

- 1 - Doris France
- 2 - Elizabeth Collins  
Randy Collins  
Jane Denhardt  
Alexander Kent  
Grant Thomas
- 3 - Sammy Lamphear  
David Rozelle
- 6 - Linda Erdman
- 7 - Gavin Heimlich
- 8 - Michael Hargis
- 11 - Nancy Patterson
- 13 - Sara'len Harbage
- 14 - Harley Bodenbender
- 16 - Eugene Graber
- 17 - Melissa Erdman  
Michelle Jordan
- 18 - Zac Snively
- 20 - Belva Latham
- 21 - Rita McCray  
Vicki Pettibone
- 23 - Clarence Durban
- 27 - Lisa Smucker
- 29 - Johanna Keiser  
Leanne Manring  
Wanda Rummell
- 30 - Michael Wilcox
- 31 - Lauren McClymont  
Heather Merkle  
Chad Sperling



### JULY:

- 9 - Ray & Jean Russell
- 15 - Brian and Tracy Beach
- 20 - Steve & Nancy Patterson
- 25 - William & Elaine Wilcox
- 26 - Shawn & Julia Heimlich
- 27 - Jack & Judy Brady
- 28 - Bob & Suzanne Merkle
- 31 - Brian & Cate Neidenthal

## **SAVE THE DATE – BIBLE SCHOOL**

Dates: July 19-23

Time: 9 AM to Noon

Theme: Galactic Blast

"Wrap-Up" Program: July 23 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

### **GALACTIC BLAST: A Cosmic Adventure**

**Praising God!** Is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that brings children into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The children will be offered opportunities to connect with a powerful but personal God, a creator whose acts resonate throughout the universe and, a friend who touches our lives in small, intimate ways. They will also be involved in science demonstrations, craft projects, recreation activities, and snack time.

## **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 1            | <b>PCPC Day at Max &amp; Erma's</b>          |
|              | 7:00 Dist. Scout Leaders Meeting             |
| 4            | 10:00 Sunday Service                         |
| 13           | 10:00 Sunday Service                         |
|              | 11:15 Trustees Meeting                       |
| 15           | 7:00 Dist. Scout Com. Mtg. – Fellowship Hall |
| 18           | 10:00 Sunday Service                         |
|              | 11:15 Deacons Meeting                        |
| <b>19-23</b> | <b>9-12 Vacation Bible School</b>            |
| 23           | 6:30-8 Bible School "Wrap-Up" Program        |
| 25           | 10:00 Sunday Service                         |
|              | 11:15 Session Meeting                        |