

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

Alan, Ed Baker, Barb, Bert, Bev, Carol, Christine, Francis Cook, Dan, Bill Elliott, John Fleming, Ellen Gracie, Melissa Grettler, John Griffin, Jack Grippe, Valerie Hayes, Hal Holstrom, Zack Irwin, Janet B., Jessica, Jim, Linda, Lisa, Mary, Maxine McGough, Peter, Peggy Perkins, Lou Salzer, Doug Trabert, Russ Vaugh, Sue, Brad Webber, Sue Wendell, Sally Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

7/12 Sarah Rupert
7/13 Shelby Davis
7/30 Bill Gracie

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen they trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

The Bible Project

-Outreach-

- ◆ \$300 was given to the US Committee for Refugee's & Immigrants, and \$300 was given to the American Red Cross.
- ◆ Friendship Quilt Group will not be meeting this month as they will be having their summer picnic. For more information contact Karen Bond.
- ◆ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** Tuesday July 7 at 7pm and Thursday July 16 at 10:00 am to noon. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.

-News of Note-

- ◆ Chair Yoga will pause for July. For more information please contact Janet Stachowiak at 814 734-4594.
- ◆ We can always use a few more LEM's to help with the Sunday services. If you are interest in becoming a LEM please contact Fr. Dave.

-Views From the Pews-

Fireworks, Freedom, and Faith

July has a way of reminding us to slow down just long enough to watch the fireworks, enjoy an ice cream cone that melts faster than we can eat it, and marvel at another glorious sunset. It's a month of family gatherings, vacations, cookouts, and trying to remember where we put the citronella candles.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we're also reminded of a different kind of freedom—the freedom Christ gives us. It's not found in perfect circumstances or a carefree summer schedule. . It's the freedom to live with hope, forgiveness, and the assurance that God walks beside us every step of the journey.

Summer can easily become a blur of ball games, camping trips, reunions, and lawn mowing that somehow seems never-ending. Yet even in the busiest season, God invites us to pause. He speaks through laughter around a picnic table, children chasing lightning bugs, watching the neighborhood kids play outside until dusk and always filling the ice tea pitcher!

Wherever July takes you, remember that church isn't just the building we gather in on Sundays. We are the Church wherever we go. A kind word, a helping hand, a patient smile, or simply listening to someone who needs a friend can shine Christ's light brighter than any fireworks display.

As always, our church family continues to be a blessing because of each of you. Thank you for your faithful service, generous hearts, and willingness to share God's love in countless ways—many of which happen quietly and without recognition.

May your July be filled with laughter, safe travels, meaningful moments with loved ones, and many reminders of God's goodness.

Happy Independence Day, and may God bless you and your family throughout this beautiful summer month!

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
— 2 Corinthians 3:17

Cyndi Altman



The Lectionary

Sunday July 5

[Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67](#)

[Psalm 45: 11-18](#)

or [Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

Sunday July 12

[Genesis 25:19-34](#)

[Psalm 119:105-112](#)

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

[Matthew 13:1-9,18-23](#)

Sunday July 19

[Genesis 28:10-19a](#)

[Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23](#)

[Romans 8:12-25](#)

[Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

Sunday July 26

[Genesis 29:15-28](#)

[Psalm 105:1-11, 45b](#)

or [Psalm 128](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Listen-



To start the series click on the link below:

[Episode 1 - What Makes the 10 Commandments Special?](#)

Once you have gotten to the website you can navigate to the other podcasts in the series.

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BibleProject Podcast Series

The 10 Commandments

What are the 10 Commandments, and how are they different from other laws in the Bible? Join Tim and Jon as they explore these commands, which are not a list of rules, but wisdom literature that leads to life.

-Vicar's Note-

As most of you know I am a bit of an out of the box thinker and like to try new things. Instead of a Good Read or the Catechism Corner, this month I am adding a Good Listen to the newsletter.

Many of us are busy and often do not have a lot of time to sit and read but we do have time to listen to a podcast while we are being busy. It is easy to slip on a set of head phones or put in some ear buds, download a podcast and listen while we work. We can even listen to a podcast while we are driving as long as we pay attention to the road.

The Bible Project offers some fascinating podcasts and the latest series on the 10 Commandments is especially good. It lays down the basis for how God's people are to live their lives and why obeying God's Word leads to life. We all have heard these commands before but the deep dive presented in this series will make you really think about these commands more as a way of living instead of a set of immutable laws.

So this summer take a little time to listen to a few podcasts while you are out and about or just chilling in your backyard with a glass of lemonade. It is always a good time to study scripture.

Peace,

Fr. Dave +