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**Join Us Sunday Mornings**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 Choir Rehearsal/  
Fellowship Time  
10:30 Worship

**Office Hours**

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Stephanie Myers

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*From the  
Pastor*



***Have we been set free?***

Do you freely live your life in ways that make you happy? Do you do what you want to do? Do you freely do what is good for others? Do you do what is pleasing to God? Is freedom limited by what is harmful to others? Are we free when we put limits on ourselves because we care for other people? What does it mean to be free in relation to these questions?

In the United States we value our freedom very deeply. We celebrate it on Independence Day and hopefully remember its true meaning to shape our lives together. Part of claiming our own freedom is to recognize that others are free too. The challenge for a free society is balancing the freedom we all seek to live out. We do not control society, but we live out our witness as we participate with others in our free society as sisters and brothers.

Societal freedom is not the same as our freedom in Christ but it is connected. How is being set free by God's grace that same as these other senses of 'being free' and how is it different? Have you been set free by God's grace?

**The first sense of being set free by God's grace**, is to be set free from Sin and sins. Sin is the state of not being in perfect relationship with God and one another. We cannot remove ourselves from this. God has taken care of this in Christ Jesus, who lived, died and rose for our sakes. We still commit sins either by the good we don't do or the harm we cause. Part of our freedom to commit sins is also our freedom to resist and "overcome evil with good." Grace can set us free from sins committed in the past in the forgiveness that comes from God. It helps to know those persons we have sinned against also forgive us, but that is not always the case. We can reach out to others, but we cannot control their willingness to forgive us. God's grace stands nevertheless. **The second sense of being set free by God's grace** is that it helps us move out of sinful patterns so that our freedom to live faithfully is not inhibited. We are set free to grow into God's image that is already present in each one of us. We live out our freedom in response to God's grace. We can be thankful for God's forgiveness and live accordingly. We can forgive others and seek to be happy as we humbly live in relationship with others.

We are free as Americans to pursue our own happiness and build up the common good of our nation for the goal of "liberty and justice for all." We are set free as Christians to build up the body of Christ and let the love of God flow through us into the world.

*Shalom,  
Pastor John*

**JULY**  
**Scriptures & Titles**

**July 2**  
**Communion**  
**Celebration of Independence Day**

Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42  
“Free Gift of Life”

**July 9**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Romans 7:154-25a  
Matthew 11:;16-19, 25-30  
“Struggling with Sin”

**July 16**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
“Set Free from Sin to Walk in the Spirit”

**July 23**  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
“Hope: Living Toward the Promise”

**July 30**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
“The Great Value of Our Relationship with God”

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our first FREE community dinner was held June 9th and went very well. Youth group served dinner and guests and volunteers enjoyed a delicious meal. **Our next dinner is scheduled for Friday, July 14th and we will be cooking out, and it should be so much fun! Bring your friends and family.**

**Youth Group will be busy in July!**

- ◆ 7/9—12:30 to 2:30 YG
- ◆ 7/14-15—LOCK-IN
- ◆ 7/23—12:30 to 2:30 YG
- ◆ 7/27—Zoombezi Bay

Volunteers are needed for both the Lock-In AND Zoombezi Bay.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School)** or “Hero Central” will be held from Sunday, July 16th thru Thursday the 20th from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner at 6:00. For ages 3-12.

—Stephanie Myers,  
Next Generations Minister



“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”

— John 10:27



**Offering Envelopes**



**Summer Giving**

Our Offerings, the giving toward our ministry and mission, has been a little low lately. We encourage you to keep up with your intended (many have pledged) giving.

If you miss some Sundays, remember the need for your financial contribution continues while you are away, so please catch up as best you can when you get back. Our ministry and mission makes the Good News of Jesus Christ known and your participation is essential.

—Pastor John



**Coming this Summer...  
Columbus Clippers  
Family Outing!**

Date and time to be determined. Watch for more information or contact Kim Grant if you are interested:

**Kimberly1420@yahoo.com**  
or call or text me at: 614.314.6259



- 7/1—Deb Gifford
- 7/3—Wanda Myers
- 7/5—Matt Scott
- 7/15—Chris Bell
- 7/20—Nelda Green
- 7/21—John Schneider
- 7/27—Gene Briggs
- 7/30—Marilyn Reams



**July/August Anniversaries**

- 7/3—Linda & Paul Hyde
- 7/13—Martie & Howard Green
- 7/23—Janet & Jeff Shown
- 7/29—Wanda & Gary Myers
- 8/1—Chris & Mike Bell

**JULY**  
**Servant Ministries**

**Liturgists**  
**Coordinator—Kim Grant**

- 7/2—Martie Green
- 7/9—Ruth Scott
- 7/16—Kim Grant
- 7/23—Kim Grant
- 7/30—Greg Grant

**Children's Church**  
**Coordinator—Stephanie Myers**

- 7/2—Alice Yuhas
- 7/9—Kara Pleasnick-Frey
- 7/16—Sara Canitano
- 7/23—Dusty Nichols
- 7/30—Stephanie Myers

**Counters**  
**Coordinator—Doris Johnson**

Pat Harrison & Rick Juliano

**Nursery**

Sharan Ritzman

**Ushers**

Chuck, Josh & Mya

**Sound System Coordinators—**  
**Wanda Myers /Howard Green**

**Computer/Sound**  
Pat & Rick Juliano

**Acolytes**  
**(Light & Extinguish Candles)**

- July 2**  
Jessica (light) & Jada (extinguish)
- July 9**  
Mya (light) & Cameron (extinguish)
- July 16**  
Braedyn (light) & Alexis (extinguish)
- July 23**  
Elina (light) & Brody (extinguish)
- July 30**  
Jada (light) & Jessica (extinguish)