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It was 250 years ago that Thomas Jefferson and 55 of his patriotic colleagues inscribed their names on the document we know as the Declaration of Independence. It was risky and dangerous. Anyone of them could have faced charges of treason, though in fact none of them actually succumbed to that fate. Five signers were actually taken prisoner by the British, though they were captured as prisoners of war rather than for signing the Declaration per se. Still, at the time, who knew? They were risking their lives and wherewithal by signing the Declaration.

As we reflect back upon July 4, 1776, these fathers of our nation should be respected, if not revered, for their courage and bravery. They most certainly didn't know what might transpire to and with them. But they believed in their cause; they felt that cause was both just and justifiable. So, they took a stance and inscribed their names.

While I both respect and admire these men for their stance, I am also aware that we tend as US citizens to view ourselves as the first and foremost of those who have promoted "liberty and justice for all." It was in 1974 that I made a move, a big move which landed me on continental Europe, i.e. in The Netherlands, where I began serving as the assistant pastor of the American Protestant Church of The Hague and initiated doctoral studies with the theological faculty of the University of Leiden. It was in the year 1574, in the midst of the Dutch rebellion against the Spanish who served as overlords of the land, that the city of Leiden was surrounded by Spanish troops who were intent upon starving the population into submission. The citizens became increasingly desperate, even electing to eat tulip bulbs for nutrition. William of Orange, who was the leader of the Dutch resistance, was repeatedly rebuffed in leading his troops to liberate Leiden. Finally, as a last-ditch effort the Dutch literally "pulled the plug" on the dikes, thereby allowing water to flood the

polder-land which the Dutch had reclaimed from the North Sea. The Spanish troops, accustomed to a warmer and drier climate, found themselves sloshing around in ankle-deep water, and they withdrew. William and his troops “sailed” to the relief of Leiden, providing the starving citizens with their first solid food in months—food consisting of onions and raw herring, which remains a patriotic meal consumed by the Dutch.

While I still cherish and respect our national forebears, we need to recognize that sometimes we tend to laud their accomplishments, which while notable, are not as special nor unique as we might suppose. And though humility is not a fruit of the Spirit as delineated by the Apostle Paul, humility is certainly closely aligned with gentleness, which is a fruit of the Spirit as delineated in Galatians 5. And that certainly is something which we need to grow, promote, and embody! Indeed, our nation would do well to dedicate itself to developing more of this fruit!

Summer Worship

Worship is vibrant and vital in the summer even if it is less formal! The sanctuary is air conditioned so the weather shouldn't be a problem. We will celebrate **communion** on the first Sundays of the month, **July 5** and **August 2**. The summer will fly by. Don't miss out on what God is saying to us this summer!

Pastor Search Committee to be Formed

At the recent Session Meeting, the board members discussed the next steps in finding a permanent Pastor for Logan. Plans call for the establishment of a Permanent Pastor Committee to be formed sometime in September. Volunteers from the congregation will comprise this committee. Please pray about this over the summer and see if God is calling you to serve our church.

The Chosen

We will be starting Season 5 of The Chosen on Tuesday, September 8. The video will be shown for eight weeks on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm. More information will be available in September.

Worship and Music

May 31, 2026, we acknowledged Memorial Day and congregational choices in first hymn slot. Pastor Keith celebrated communion with about 50 of us on June 7, 2026, by intinction.

Stay tuned for changes with Faith and Fun time as we take a brief hiatus over the summer. We are looking forward to getting our guitarists back in tune for the fall and singing some of the hymns we have missed for a while. I am also exploring new ways to present more contemporary music into the service.

In a side note in connection with buildings and grounds: flowers have been planted in pots. Due to the lack of rain if anyone notices they are dry there is a watering can on the side of Hoffman House-no more hoses being dragged around. It would be appreciated if people had a few minutes and watered them. Also if anyone has fifteen minutes to spend weeding one of the flower beds or around the outdoor tables and chairs that too would be appreciated.

A letter went out to the Mains that their end date for the use of the Hoffman House would be mid-January.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy O'Hara

Church Officers

Session will not meet during the summer.

The summer is a time of rest and relaxation for many of us. It is a time for getting away and a time to recharge before the start of another Fall season. As you take in the joys of the summer weather, I ask that you take some time out of your schedule to prayerfully consider being an elder or Deacon. While we still have many more months to come before the New Year, it is always a good idea to keep your heart open to the possibility of serving on one of these church boards. Pray about it over the summer. Where is God calling you to serve? Any questions? See Mike Smith (nominating committee)

Zoom Links and Meeting IDs

The **passcode** for Zoom will always be **Logan** with a capital "L"

Livestream on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G_il-p0wIw

Thrift Store

The next Thrift Store openings will be on September 12 and 26 from 9 am until noon. We are not open for the summer months but work still goes on during the hot weather. We could use some additional help to sort items and reorganize for the September reopening. We work on Tuesday mornings from 9 until noon. If you have some extra time available, please consider spending it with us.



We are now accepting all donations so please place them on the Hoffman House porch. Children's and baby clothes of all types are much needed.

Seven years can be a long time but the seven years I've spent in the Thrift Store have flown by. I've enjoyed my time here but it's come to an end. It's been a labor of love and very rewarding. Thanks to our loyal volunteers, shoppers & donators. Meg Murray will be picking up the reins.

In His Name,

Sandy

Kudos

Sending out a big thank you to Lori Corker for doing the slides every week. It's a time consuming job which is greatly appreciated.

Flowers for the Chancel

Check your calendars and call Lesley in the office (856-547-5571) with the date and dedication you desire. Feel free to leave a message on the phone machine after hours. Cost is \$20 for each flower arrangement



Logan Picnic



Our annual church picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Redbank Battlefield. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the family life center later in the summer for all attending. Hope to see everyone there. Please call Ruth Gamble at 609-284-1380 with any questions.


Summer Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 4 Cindee Nary
- 5 Lynne Wagner
- 6 Tracy Simpson
- 9 Pete Szkotak
- 15 Christopher Miller
Don and Robin Painter 
- 23 Carrie Aquilino
- 26 Mary Leese
- 27 Chris Geissler



August

- 3 Sarah DeFrates
- 4 PJ Szkotak
Darlene Anderson
- 7 Dianne Geissler
- 8 Terry and Russell Warner 
- 22 Chris Gilmore
- 23 Lori Corker
- 25 James and Cindy Evans 
- 26 Julie Spositi
- 27 Andy Goulburn
- 30 Jamie Jung
Jack Nary



Mission Moments by Lori Corker

Well, in case you haven't heard (HA HA), America will be celebrating its 250'th anniversary on July 4 this year. At the core of independence is the ability to live in a country that offers everyone to exist in "The land of the free and the home of the brave" (Francis Scott Key).

For most of us, 4th of July brings shared memories, good food, and happy experiences. This year will be a little different with special ceremonies, awards, speeches, and many more observances in honor of America's birthday.

When I was a kid, 4th of July was one of my favorite days of the year. Seeing bright colors and hearing music at the parade, going to a BBQ at my Great Aunt's house with family and friends, and of course, going to the fireworks in the evening. The last thing on my mind was definitely going back to school!

However, when I became a parent, I was made aware of the burden that buying back to school supplies can be on a family's budget. Our back to school supplies collection helps to ease the cost for the parents in our local community and it also makes students feel secure that they have the materials they need to succeed in school. Our donations benefit the Audubon School District (specifically Haviland Avenue and Mansion Avenue Schools).

Please see the list below for the requested items. Our collection will end on Sunday, August 30, in order that delivery can be made shortly after Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

Look for boxes in the mission corner and, as always, even the smallest donation can make a difference to God's children!

2- pocket folders- (red, yellow, green, blue, black, purple and orange)	Red Pocket Folders	Wide ruled marble composition book	Sturdy zippered pencil case
Plastic pencil case	Fabric pencil case	Large pink erasers	Pencil cap erasers
Post it notes	Elmers washable glue sticks	5-inch scissors	Yellow highlighters- chisel tips
Quart storage zip-loc bags	Gallon storage zip- loc bags	Paper towels	Baby wipes <u>AND</u> Hand sanitizer

PLEASE DO NOT DEVIATE FROM THE LIST. THANK YOU.



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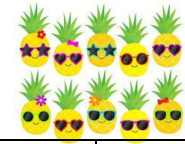


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5 <i>Communion</i> Worship 11:00am	6	7 Thrift Store Workers 9:00-noon	8	9	10 Cards	11
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