

# July



# July 4, 1776

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calendar

**Evan's Corner** - Summer Travels *or*  
See the USA in your Chevrolet, but  
**don't go alone.**



Route 66 - Corvettes - the Beach  
Boys - On the Road Again - all of these phrases con-  
jure up images of summer and travels and a yearning  
from deep inside that longs to travel...to see new  
things...to be part of a great adventure.

As Americans, the travel motif is hard-wired into our  
national psyche. Our country was birthed by forefa-  
thers and foremothers who traveled across the Pond  
**for one reason or another. We're often called a nation  
of immigrants. We traveled to get here, and we've**  
generally opened our arms to the weary and tired  
travelers who seek to get to our shore.

**We're fond of thinking that, as Christians, we're on a**  
journey. This arises naturally out of Scripture itself,  
which is full of journeys taken by both the righteous  
**and the unrighteous: Adam's journey from paradise  
to problems, Abraham's travels from home to a desti-  
nation unknown, the Israelites' long trek from Egypt  
to wilderness to the promised land, Paul's missionary  
journeys, and, the wandering of Jesus with the disci-  
ples throughout Palestine including his journey to  
Jerusalem. And there are stories like the parable of  
the Prodigal Son of a journey into depravity and back  
to wholeness and redemption.**

In July of 1976, I took a two week journey to Wash-

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ington, D.C. and then to Colonial Williamsburg. It was my personal celebration of the bicentennial. It was a great trip, but outside of spending a weekend with friends in Maryland, I was alone. I realized then the importance of conversation and community when one **is on a journey. It's very difficult to travel alone and so helpful when you have someone with whom to share the experience, to support you emotionally and to connect with your own spirit and soul along the way.**

**Likewise, it isn't easy, almost impossible, to be a Christian in isolation.** The journey is so rigorous and so long; companions, community and conversation are critical.

Conversation is important on the journey. Conversation with others, and especially conversations with God.

So my advice to you is this: Whether you are considering a summer trek to the beach, to some far off land - or you are contemplating the journey of life - go with a companion. It will make the journey so much more enjoyable.

Today when Barb and I travel, we have a new traveling companion - Mandy. Mandy is the voice of our GPS device. Mandy is always giving us warnings of turns up ahead - or turns that we have missed. I think her **favorite phrase is "Turn around when possible."** Even if I **disregard her directions completely, Mandy's tone with me never changes.** She is never distressed, never im-

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patient, and she never gives up on me.

God is that kind of traveling companion. He always knows where I am, where I need to be, and how I can get there. But even better than Mandy, God is always listening, and always ready to respond. I **can't imagine going on a journey** - or even to the grocery store without God to guide me.

Whether your journey is long or short, my prayer for you is that you might have conversation and community on your journey, and that you may be certain of your destination — and arrive safely. Amen.

## Evan

Would your 2, 3, or 4 year old like to sing songs, play with peers, and begin to prepare for Kindergarten? If so, Discovery Days is the Pre-School program for him or her! To enroll your child for next school year, please call the church office at 362-2443. Thank you.



Kris Cook, Director

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Ladies of the Social Concerns Committee wish to thank Bev Barnes, Diane Graham, Betty Woods, Jim Hickman, Jim & Kitty Maurer, Alberta Tolton, Teri Hajeck, Barb Kelley, Mary Ellen McCain, Betty Trickler, Kris Cook, Diane Stassel, Peggy Copeland, Mary Welch, Jan Mayes, Sandy Burkhart, Lois Eversman, Marion Lehker, Sandy Trueblood, Pastor Evan Lash and Rafael Casper for contributing their time and talents to make our May 22nd program on Child Abuse and Neglect a well received and informative program. The speakers did a wonderful job and presented a wealth of information.

Please plan to attend a third meeting on September 11, 2010. Speakers will be announced at a later date. There is much to learn yet as to how we can **make a difference in a child's life. Come and show** your support and see what together we can accomplish.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Hickman, Nina Salyer and Barbara Jackson

Dear FUMC

Special thanks to Rev. Lash and JoEllyn Chadwick for your visits and prayers to my mother, Virginia Richardson, while she was in the hospital and nursing home. Thanks for the caregram and all of your prayers. I also thank you to the hostess committee for the lovely funeral luncheon.

Rosalie Glanders & Family

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Dear Church Family,

Once again, I greatly appreciated the care package you sent me at the end of this past school year. I received the package during the week before finals, and both snacks and the knowledge that someone was thinking of me sustained me through hours of studying. Thank you for your support!

**Sincerely, Mark O'Dell**

Dear Friends:

Thank you so very much for your recent donation of \$1,000.00 to the La Porte Salvation Army. We truly appreciate your donation and your commitment to the people of the community of La Porte County. Know that your generous donation is greatly appreciated and will be utilized to assist the neediest in our community.

Once again, thank you for your donation and we truly value your ongoing support and friendship.

God Bless!

Timothy Farquharson, Captain



## All in our Church Family Life

We celebrate  
the lives  
triumphant of  
Dorothy Glanz  
who died on May 28,  
Mary Condon  
who died on May 29,  
Virginia Richardson  
who died on June 1

We gratefully  
acknowledge the  
following gifts

In Memory of  
Mary Condon  
Joyce Cooper, Connie  
Shaw, Jerry & Shirley  
Woodrick, Paul & Joan  
Graham, Mary & Don  
Welch, Loren & Shawn  
Heirbrandt, Jay &  
Barb Kelley, Lester &  
JoEllyn Chadwick, Ray  
& Joanne Irons, Leona  
Collins, Al & Marilyn  
Hill & Family, Jack &  
Betty Trickler, Lucille

Hill, Dom & Bernita  
Liberatore, Eileen  
Adamczyk, Anne  
Wegner, Glen Mosley  
& Pat Spahn, Carolyn  
Shaw, Wilbur & Mary  
Eggert, Mary Christ &  
Family, Norm & Ginny  
Juday, Willa Smith  
Donna Wainscott, Paul  
& Joy Diesslin, Carolee  
& Harry Gardner,  
Naomi Circle, Bill &  
Sandy Burkhart

In Memory of  
Virginia Richardson  
Joyce Cooper, Jack &  
Betty Trickler, Anne  
Wegner, Katherine  
Mrozinski, Jackie  
Brooks, Susan  
Brainerd, Barbara  
Knoll, Loretta  
Rudolph, James &  
Phyllis Hopper, John &  
Myrna Morris

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Doris Buell, Sarah Hundt
2. Karen Hubble, Thomas Toll
3. Eleanor DeMarco, Hannah Neal
4. Jean Caddy, Ian Laue
5. Abigail Zila
6. Jackie Brooks
7. Jeff Anderson
9. Andrew Caratini, Eloa Schultz
10. Kristin Anderson, Rick Gleim
12. Laura Gould, Bill Meinhard
13. Justine Caldwell
14. Joy Diesslin, Lilly Dowty
15. Kathy Anderson, Karen Bortz, Catherine Eldridge,  
Kayden Jones, Jim Maurer
16. Harry Gardner
19. Toni Lux
21. David Goodwin, Emily Morris
22. Barbara Dreiner
24. Martha Brady, Jan Hadley, Macoy West,  
Pat Zeisig
25. Mia Ryszka, Eric Yandt
27. Ben Walker
28. Don Major
29. Zack Liberatore, Michael Steele, Cheri Thomas
31. Josh Burleson, Cassie Dragos, Katherine Small,  
Olivia Steele



USHERS THIS MONTH

8:00—Ron Schafer, Ray Irons, Stanley Small,  
Jackie Brooks

10:30—Mel Shreve, Dom Liberatore,  
Scott Simerlein, Steve VanScoik

HOSTESS COMMITTEE: Angie Baugher, Karen  
Bortz, Karen Buckmaster, Susan Denzine, Rose  
Marie Dure, Fran Estep, Diane Graham, Lynn  
Karagory, Esther Kendall, Linda Kmitta, Carol  
McCombs, Fran Mickelson, Robin Podell, Duryne  
Porter, Pam Steele, Linda Straub, Cathy Sweet,  
Kathy Trevillian, Brenda Zirzow

FLOWER CALENDAR:

July 4 Timm  
11 Available  
18 Available  
25 Gropp

Year to date average attendance: 317

Year to date general budget income: \$168,481.10

Year to date general budget expense: \$181,255.49



**calendar**

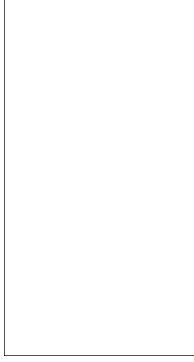
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 - Chapel Service  
9:00 – Contemporary Service  
10:30 - Sanctuary Service



**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 to 4:00

Sharing Christ's Love