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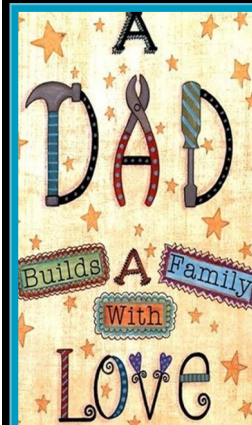
Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Minister

Rev. Tim Shoaf
Minister of Music & Programs

Traci Canter
Office Administrator



*Please come and worship with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M!
We would love to have you!*



JUNE

THE VISITOR

2025

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

The summer is here. I expect life to be hotter and slow down until September. Life in the summer around here can slow down a lot. For me it's a good opportunity to drink some cool lemonade, eat a good tomato sandwich, and see where the year has taken me.

Reading the Bible helps me to do all those things: slow down, cool off, count my many blessings, and reflect on what God is showing me in my life.

I invite you this month, maybe right this moment, to read Psalm 121 and reflect on your life in general, and on the first half of 2025, in particular.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Where is God taking you? What is He calling you towards? What is He calling you away from? What blessings has He given you so far this year?

Slow down, reflect and count our many blessings! May God bless you and keep you this summer!

Thanks be to God! *Rodney*



Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon

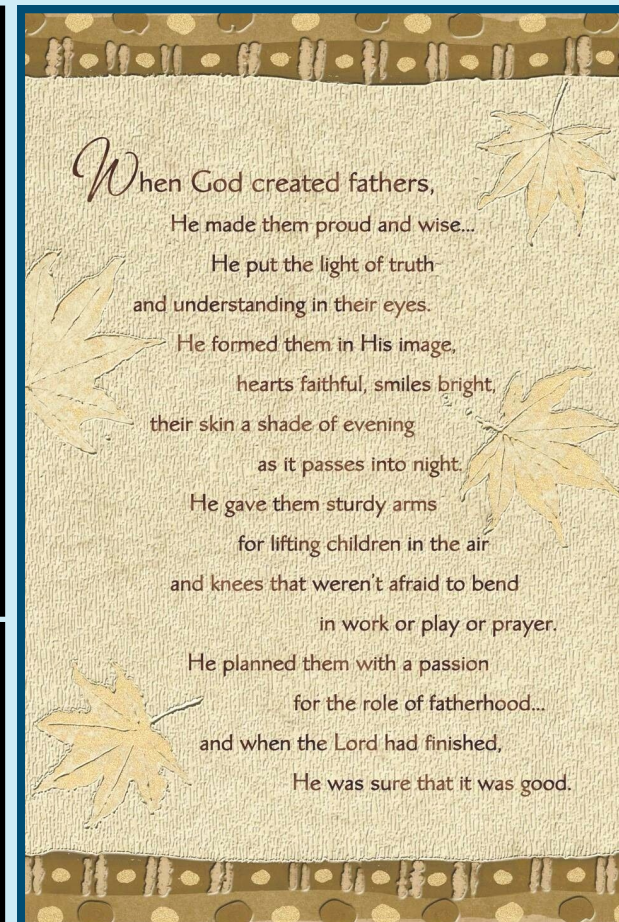
June 11th (DFH)
11:30 AM *(please note new time)*
Please sign up in the Narthex by
Sunday, June 8th.

*Come and join us! You will definitely
be so glad that you did!*

June Worship Leaders



Elders: Tony Bryant, Leader
Judy Gillespie, Back-up
Greeters: Paul Shropshire &
Sue Conrad
Communion Stewards:
Paul Shropshire & Sue Conrad



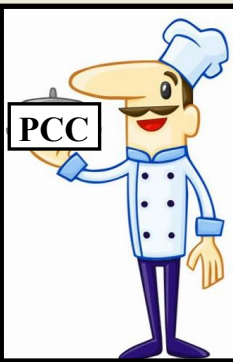
*When God created fathers,
He made them proud and wise...
He put the light of truth
and understanding in their eyes.
He formed them in His image,
hearts faithful, smiles bright,
their skin a shade of evening
as it passes into night.
He gave them sturdy arms
for lifting children in the air
and knees that weren't afraid to bend
in work or play or prayer.
He planned them with a passion
for the role of fatherhood...
and when the Lord had finished,
He was sure that it was good.*



CWF

CWF will be meeting **June 10th at 6:00 PM** for a meal together at **Sherwood Grill in Robinhood Plaza** beside TJ Maxx. All ladies are welcome to come and join us!

Looking forward: Chicken Pie Workshop will be September 11-13. More information will be forthcoming at that time.



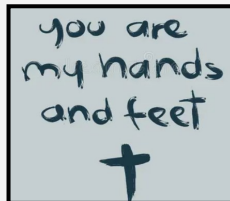
CMF

Join us **Tuesday, June 17 at 9:00 AM** at Mama Zoe's Restaurant on Reynolda Road.

Men, you don't want to miss this special time of food and fellowship!

Crisis Control Gift for the month of **June** is **Gummy Fruit & Snack Packets**

Thank you, PCC Family, for always being so supportive of this local, vital ministry.



A **BIG** thank you to everyone that donated, bought, and volunteered at our Annual PCC Community Yard Sale. PCC profited \$2000 this year! We will always remember and honor Mr. Tommy Timmons who began and truly loved these semi-yearly events with friends and family.



After Church Luncheon

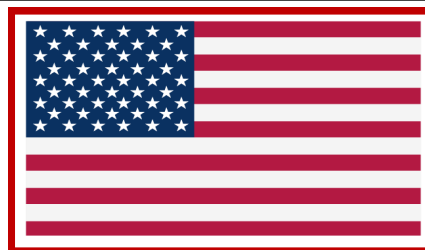
Sunday, June 22 ~ 12:00 PM

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share as we kick off the summertime season here at PCC!

(Beverages and paper products will be provided)

Flag Day falls on **June 14** of every year, just three weeks shy of Independence Day. In 1777, the Continental

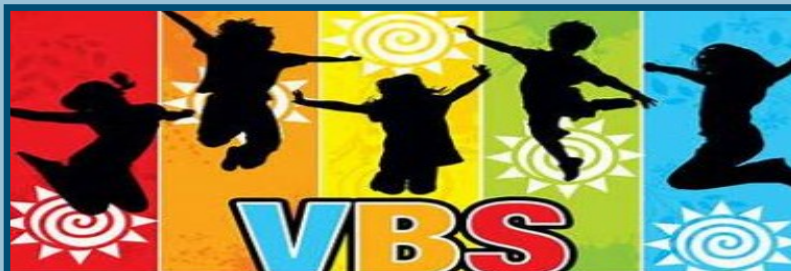


Congress of the United States adopted a resolution stating that the flag of the United States "should be of 13 stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of 13 stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation." The 13 stars and stripes, of course, represented the 13 original colonies. So as you're enjoying your summer vacation, or waiting impatiently for it to start, take a moment on the 14th to remember the flag. It has changed as over the years, but its symbolism and importance remain the same.

SAVE THE DATE

August 2, 2025

9:30AM - 1:30PM



Notes from Tim

Story behind the hymn: 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'

There are songs that very nearly sing themselves - songs that unite our minds and hearts, and in a matter of minutes transport us to a lofty place and another time. Such is the song chosen to be the subject of this story.

Samuel Francis Smith, age 24, was thrilled as he heard a children's choir at Park Street Church in Boston sing for the first time in public, a song he had written months earlier. The presentation was on July 4, 1832.

One afternoon Samuel, a student at Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Mass., was sitting in his room on the campus. The school was near the church in which the lantern was hung during Paul Revere's famous ride. Lowell Mason, a music publisher, had given young Samuel, who spoke several languages, a number of European music books, asking him to translate some of the songs into English. Mason thought, perhaps, they might be used in a new hymnal being compiled.

As Smith began the task, his eyes fell on a German song entitled "God Bless Our Native Land." The tune had already been used in England for more than 100 years as "God Save the King." Instead of translating the original lyrics, Samuel decided to compose a new message for the musical setting. Thirty minutes before sundown he began the task. As the sun was setting, he wrote the last line, finishing what was to become one of the most famous of all American songs. He later declared that he had not intentionally tried to write a patriotic song, but it soon took on a life of its own. It served as our unofficial national anthem until the adoption of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1931.

After graduating from Harvard and the Andover Seminary, Smith became a powerful minister in several churches in the East. He composed 150 hymns during his lifetime. He was also editor of a missionary magazine and spent considerable time visiting various foreign countries. He passed away on May 16, 1895.

Throughout his long and useful life he enjoyed many accomplishments, but none more significant and historic than the writing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Each time this song is heard, we should thank our Heavenly Father for all of the blessings we enjoy. Sing it bravely. Sing it proudly, and sing it with gratitude in your heart.

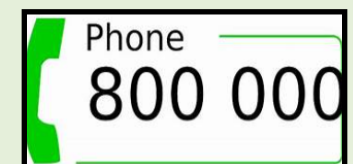
-Tim

*(Some information taken from "Behind the Hymn" by Leigh Matthews)



Bereavement: The family of Steve & Betty Clodfelter in the passing of their son-in-law, Stephen Pennell
Church Family: Betty Barker, Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley
Others:
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Terry Carter: Friend of Traci Canter
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt
Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter
Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer



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