

Happy Saturday WFMC Family,

As usual, here are the links to tomorrow's "gatherings:"

Sunday Worship (all links will be live by 6:00 a.m., Sunday)

[WFMC YouTube Channel video service](#)

[WFMC Truthcasting/podcast message only audio](#)

[WFMC Facebook page, for Facebook users](#)

* [WFMC Livestream Service](#) beginning at 8:30 a.m. The service order is below.

ABF Meetings:

[Click here for the current list of ABFs meeting online, their times of meeting and links to meeting sites.](#)

YBF (Youth Bible Fellowships) 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Middle school guys, middle school gals and high school [Click here for those links.](#)

Drive-by 90th Birthday Parade for Dorothy Thompson is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and we'll all drive past Dorothy's house in a line. Details are included below.

Blood Drive at WFMC: Wednesday July 15, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Church Foyer All blood donors must make an appointment to help with social distancing and masks must be worn. On the day of your donation, you should complete your health history questions on your tablet, computer or smartphone prior to coming to donate by using Quick Pass. [You can click here to do that.](#) To schedule an appointment, [you can click here](#) or call 800.775.2522.

Chair-moving Help Needed: We need some help moving all of the sanctuary chairs to the gym (to be professionally cleaned) on Monday (July 6) at 8:00 a.m. Previous announcements have said 1:00 p.m., but we have changed the time to 8:00 a.m. Then, we need helpers to move the chairs back from the gym to the sanctuary on Wednesday (July 8) at 9:30 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact the church office or just show up at those times. Thanks so much!

WOW! VBS: If you participated in the online VBS and happened to take some pictures of the event, could you e-mail those to Cheryl Schell? cshell@wfmc.net

Some Thoughts on Independence Day: Abraham Lincoln and the Meaning of the Fourth of July

Dr. Caleb Verbois, assistant professor of political science, Grove City College.

When we think of the Fourth of July, we often think of backyard barbecues with friends. This year, with COVID-19, that's changed a bit. But Independence Day was originally more than just a party, and the Fourth ought to be something more to us. It commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our first national statement of beliefs. We need to consider this year, perhaps more than most, if we still believe in its principles:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Founding Fathers meant something specific by these words, and they really believed the Declaration was true.

Alexander Hamilton wrote in the Federalist Papers that to say something is self-evident means that if you understand the language, and have a properly functioning mind, you must assent to it. That is what the Founders meant when they said it was self-evident that all men are created equal with certain rights. They meant that for all time, and in all places, men are equal.

But it is not clear that we still believe this. Some think that rights are different in different cultures, or perhaps in different times. Others think the Founders were a bunch of frauds—hypocrites because, after all, when they signed the Declaration,

slavery existed and many of the Founders owned slaves. On this particular point, our modern critics of the founding would find themselves—unintentionally and unwillingly, of course—in a strange partnership with pro-slavery southern secessionists before the Civil War who argued that the Declaration was just a bunch of “glittering generalities” that were obviously untrue, or that they had only ever been intended to apply to white men, because only white men were equal and free in 1776.

Abraham Lincoln disagreed. He claimed that this interpretation misunderstood both the Founders themselves and the purpose of the Declaration. Lincoln argued that most of the Founders opposed slavery and worked to eliminate it. They wrote the Declaration of Independence, they passed the Northwest Territory Ordinance, forbidding the extension of slavery into the territory north and west of the Ohio River, and they passed legislation in 1807, to take effect in 1808, to end the slave trade, the very first year allowed under the Constitution.

Lincoln also pushed back against the notion that a principle can be proven false simply on the basis that its supporters are hypocrites. It is true, obviously, that some Founders owned slaves, and some, like Jefferson, never freed them. But that does not negate their principles. We are all hypocrites about something. Where is the man or woman who always lives up to his or her principles?

Lincoln claimed that the fact that all men were not legally equal and free at the time of the Declaration did not falsify it because, after all, the United States was also not independent at the time the Declaration of Independence was written. The Declaration was not declaring what was but what ought to be: it declared political, philosophical, and even theological principles. It was an argument that because all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that the colonies ought to be independent, and that all men, and indeed all women, ought to be free. It created a principle that the country would forever strive to reach. Lincoln believed the heart of America is not a race, a language, a geography, or even the Constitution—it is the principles enshrined in the Declaration.

The question today, much as in Lincoln’s time, is whether we as a people still believe the Declaration is true. And if it is not true, what, other than economic and political power, both of which look rather doubtful these days, really holds us together as a people?

We have a choice to make: We can abandon any pretense of believing in shared principles, and conclude that our shared democratic life is really just about power, or we can conclude that there are certain principles that we all ought to believe, because they are true, even if we have not yet figured out how to fully put them into practice. And then, just maybe, we can work on improving some of our practices to bring them more into line with our principles. That would be worth celebrating.

A Sense of Humor Check:

Now, here are some masks that I’d happily wear.



Peace and Blessings to you, Church Family,
Pastor Daryl

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory (Hymnal 227)

arr. Jason Payne

- **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7:00 p.m.**
Our high school seniors will be honored during the service, including their slide show, tributes, and prayer of dedication. This is a great opportunity for the church family to support, encourage, and pray for our students in general, and especially our seniors. Though traditionally a reception follows the recognition service, in light of covid restrictions there will not be a gathering this year. Seating is limited in the sanctuary, but we will have the service shown via projection in Room B200-201 and / or the Great Hall if overflow seating is needed. Thank you for your encouragement and investment in our 2020 HS graduates!
- Youth, Summer Fun and Prayer Meeting to start up July 15! Note Pastor Daryl's email updates for more details.
(Summer Fun and Nursery is provided only for children of prayer meeting attendees and program staff)

CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

3:00—7:00 p.m. CHURCH FOYER

All blood donors must make an appointment to help maintain social distancing, and wear a mask. Go here to schedule your online appointment for the church blood drive: https://my.kybloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72539. Extra precautions have been put in place to ensure blood donation remains safe and easy.



Ready for live sports? Softball is coming back to Wilmore in August. If you are interested in playing softball and you are at least 16 years old this is your chance. Even if you have played in the past, please contact Michael Dobie at 859-576-3526 or mrd_112@hotmail.com by July 20.



Rescheduled HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE JULY 6

The families of Anna Blankenship, Kate Madill, and Jessie Thompson invite you (again!) to a "Backyard Graduation Open House" Monday, July 6, 6-8:00 p.m. at 609 Haynes Court, Wilmore. Drive-by greeting option 5:30-6:00 p.m.

WFMC JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

July 6	"Re-scheduled!" HS Graduation Open House/609 Haynes Crt
July 8	Senior Recognition Service—Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.
July 15	Blood Drive—church foyer, 3-7:00 p.m. FM Youth, Summer Fun and Prayer Meeting begins!
July 19-22	Teen Camp / Eagle Ridge
July 22	FM Youth / Summer Fun / Prayer Meeting
July 23-26	Kids Camp / Eagle Ridge
July 29	FM Youth / Summer Fun / Prayer Meeting

WORSHIP GUIDE

God is so glad you've set aside this time to worship Him. He inhabits the praise of His people. As we gather, please take a moment to ask God to prepare us for worship—to open our ears and minds to His voice and to freely apply His word to our hearts and lives. Please also take a moment now to silence all electronic devices so that the Lord might have opportunity to freely speak to all.

GATHERING

Meditation on "Be Still, My Soul" (Hymnal 347) arr. Brenda Portman
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymnal 96) arr. Anna Laura Page
Let All Things Now Living (Supplement B13) arr. Robert Hobby
March on the OLD HUNDREDTH Psalm Tune (Hymnal 625) arr. Brenda Portman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicene Creed

All: *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

Jude 1-25

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Dwight

THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR.
Children please remain seated with your family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MINISTRY

Irving Berlin

God Bless America
Calvin Wright, soloist



**Please join us as we
celebrate**

Dorothy's 90th Birthday!

Wednesday, July 8th @ 10:00 am

Please meet at Wilmore Free Methodist Church (1200 Lexington Rd. in Wilmore) to join the "Birthday Parade" that will lead to her house @ 403 Bellevue Ext.

**Friends and Family can
safely drive by with
birthday greetings of
Honks, Waves, Posters, or
Balloons.**

You may pass along birthday cards with your favorite memory of Dorothy as you drive by. Anyone who would like to drop by after the parade are welcome, just have a mask and plan to be socially distant. Refreshments will be served.

**Hosted by Linda, Cathy, Amy & Kristy
(Text Amy #859-421-7135 or Call
Dorothy #859-553-2766 if needed)**

*** Dorothy Lee (Morgan) Thompson ***

