## Methodist Church **Awalkering** July 2023

Treedom in Christ

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 NIV.

This Independence Day we celebrate the birth of our nation, a country based on the ideals of liberty, responsibility, morality and freedom. Celebrating freedom is what Independence Day truly is. This celebration comes at a high cost, as freedom is never free. Some people have given everything, including their lives, and yet freedom is infinitely valuable. Our

founding fathers had a core belief that freedom for this new nation was valuable enough to risk everything they had. They risked their fortunes, their families, their power and prestige, and their honor. Many paid for our freedom with their blood.

Each week as we meet to worship in security and comfort, we do so because numerous men and women in our armed forces have given their limbs and lives on foreign soil. These soldiers died in forsaken places, many whose names were not known, so that we could celebrate the freedoms we have today in America. Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Freedom is not free; the price is always paid in blood." The blood that poured out onto battlefields in Charleston and Yorktown was not the first blood that was given for freedom. More than 2000 years ago, a man shed his blood so that we all could experience freedom. Jesus came to earth to bring freedom for all humanity. John 8 tells us that "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now, a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So, if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Paul writes in Romans 8 that "The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death." This month Americans will be celebrating independence from tyranny and bondage and also our independence as a nation. The day may come when we no longer will enjoy all the freedoms that we currently cherish. Nonetheless, as Christians we can daily celebrate our Independence from the tyranny and bondage of sin, guilt, fear, and death. These freedoms are forever. Happy Independence Day, Church Family. If the son has set you free, then you are free indeed!

Till The Nets are Full,

Pastor Brian

The next scheduled meeting is July 12, 2023.

#### **FINANCIAL NEWS: May 2023**

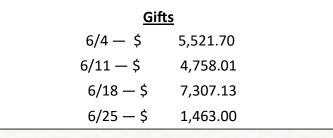
2023 Church Income Budget	\$ 323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$ 322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$ 154,729.67
Expenses YTD - 2023	128,294.46
Differences (+/-)	\$ 26,435.21
Total Income received 5/2023	\$ 26,455.66
Total Expenses spent 5/2023	\$ 29,670.24
Differences (+/-)	\$ 3,214.58

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received	
Christian Care Center	\$ 45.00
Feed My Sheep	\$ 10.00
Piano/Music Equipment	\$ 50.00
Small Repair Projects	\$ 200.00
Backpack	\$ 638.22
Total	\$ 943.22
<u>Memorials</u>	
Undesignated	\$ 400.00
Men's Bible Class	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 420.00



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THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED **MONDAY, JULY 3RD AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.** 







### ONE DAY VBS IN THE PARK

**KNUPPLE PARK** 

JULY

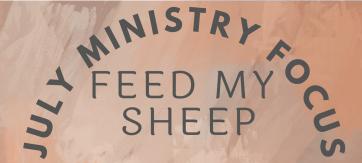
WEDNESDAY

12

9 - 11 AM



WE HAVE STARTED A NEW
OUTREACH EVENT THIS YEAR!
OUR ONE DAY VBS WILL BE AT
THE PAVILLION AT KNUPPLE PARK
ON JULY 12TH, 9-11 AM. WHAT AN
AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY!
SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE!



OUR MINISTRY FOCUS THIS
MONTH IS OUR "IN HOUSE"
OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED IN
OUR COMMUNITY, FEED MY
SHEEP. WE'VE PROVIDED FOOD,
GAS, PRESCRIPTIONS AND
UTILITIES ASSISTANCE TO MANY.
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS
MINISTRY. REMEMBER TO MARK
YOUR CHECKS ACCORDINGLY OR
PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE
BOX IN THE SANCTUARY.



## Community Call to Prayer

Every Wednesday beginning May 3,2023 6-7 PM, The Chapel

We will gather together to pray for restoration, renewal, revival and whatever God lays on our hearts. Everyone in the community and our church family is invited. This is not a service or program, but a time to unite and pour out our hearts to our Heavenly Father. All are welcome and you may come and go as your schedule allows. We are still looking for volunteers to serve. For more information please contact Lee Sheppard at leezebshepp@yahoo.com.



# THREADS OF HOPE Every Friday 10AM - 12 PM

Providing handmade and sewn items to local charities.
Join us and use your sewing skills or learn new skills to help make a difference in our community!



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ВЕТИВИ SERVICE REQUESTED

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