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Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**



The next Witness deadline, for the September/October issue, will be Wednesday, August 20th, 2025.

Please have any updates, changes, activities, pertinent club or committee information, etc. in to the Newsletter editor by then.

The deadline is always the third Wednesday of the month.

Thank you and God Bless!



### Game Night & Ice Cream Social – July 4th!

Hey there, party people!

Your Fellowship Committee is throwing a Game Night & Ice Cream Social on July 4th at 4:00 pm. We're blessed to have the cool stounds of Jim Anderson too and we want YOU to join the fun!

#### Here's what we've got:

- **Games** (because what's a game night without a little friendly competition?)
- **Ice Cream** (and all the toppings your sweet tooth could dream of!)
- **AC** (yes, you read that right—**FREE** (to you) **AIR CONDITIONING** to keep you cool while you play and indulge!

Sounds like a great way to spend a 4th of July to me!!

#### Here's what you've got to do:

- bring is **yourself**—and maybe a **friend or two** (the more the merrier, right?).

So, get ready to chill out, cool off, and have a blast! Can't wait to see you there!

#### Office hours

Wednesday-Friday  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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### GREEN BAG NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

Please bring your Green Bags to the stage in the Fellowship Hall **by August 8th**. They'll be **collected on August 9th** and taken to the C.A.P. Office (Community Action Program). Of course you can or drop off your donation in the Fellowship Hall anytime or, the office (Wed - Friday 9 to 1) and Deb Berner will make sure they get to their place on the stage. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Let's fill up those bags and send some  
love to the community.  
Thanks for making a difference!



### Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Please mark your calendars  
and have a safe holiday!!



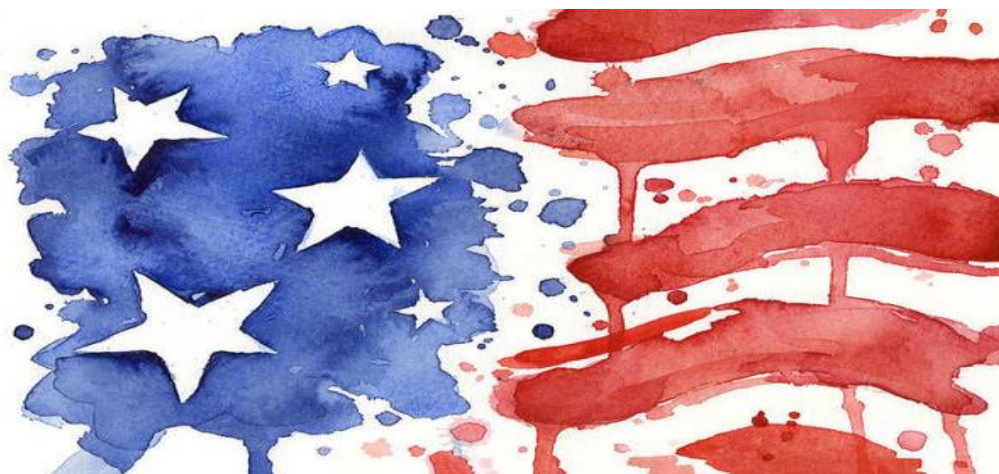


# Stay Connected and Inspired!!

Finding out about our upcoming events is as easy as riding a bike—well, that is, unless you're me! One minute, I'm happily pedaling along, wind in my hair, feeling like a kid and enjoying the ride; the next minute, I'm tangled in chains like a bike shop's worst nightmare, trying to bribe a squirrel with acorns to call 911! It's not pretty!! But don't worry, it's *waaayyy* easier than that! I promise, and they won't come with a side of tangled chains and emergency squirrel rescue!

All you have to do is be sure to check our Website regularly for updates, keep an eye on the screens in the Sanctuary, peruse the Bulletin for important details, explore the Vision Board for exciting announcements, and immerse yourself in the Newsletter—it's a treasure trove of information. *And*, it's the only "news" that won't make you want to throw your remote at the TV!

Let's make every gathering an opportunity for connection, growth, and perhaps even a friendly debate over who brought the best snacks? You won't want to miss out on anything! Embrace the joy of community (and some yummy food!) Your participation fuels our community's vibrant spirit!



# NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Happy July 4th

STAY TUNE FOR A CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS STARTING WITH OUR  
FIRST CO-TEAM MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025  
PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP PLAN  
THE ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER  
THROUGH APRIL

Will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 3:00 (or any portion of that time) during the summer months. We will be making crafts and sewing projects for the Christmas Bazaar to be held on December 6, 2025. All skill levels are welcome and can be a big help to the cause. We eat lunch at noon, so if you'd like to check us out, bring a brown bag lunch and come join the fun.

We'll have you in stitches!



# Highlights of the June 3, 2025, Stated Session Meeting

- **Committees Renamed as Ministries:** In a wonderful step toward aligning with our mission, the Deacons, Christian Growth, Evangelism and Membership, Fellowship, Mission, and Worship committees have been renamed as ministries. This change reflects our commitment to serving with unity and purpose.
- **Rescheduled Meeting:** Due to the inability to gather a quorum, the May 27 Stated Session meeting has been graciously moved to June 5. We are thankful for patience and adaptability as we work together.
- **Discussion of Elder Numbers:** A thoughtful conversation took place regarding the possibility of reducing the number of Elders to five. This dialogue is part of our ongoing efforts to steward resources and leadership wisely.





## Did you know our church has a Memorials Task Force?

We do! It is chaired by Cheryl Longshore along with members Harriet Haggett, Arleen Younkman and Gordon Graham. We operate as a Task Force and report through Evangelism and Membership to Session in all matters related to Memorial Gifts to the Church. We meet each quarter to review potential projects and to maintain our memorials. If you would like to serve on this Task Force, let us know.

Some of the memorial gifts you see in the Church are Jonathon's Podium and the adjacent Lectern, the oak Cross dominating the Sanctuary, the offering box in the Narthex, the Rose Garden, the improved sound booth and renovation of the Prayer Room.

The memorial board plaques of those that have gone ahead of us is in the bell tower corner and has an accompanying Memorials book in Fellowship Hall.

Funding is derived from Memorial contributions in the name of church members or friends. If you would like to memorialize a loved one, please be in conversation with a committee member or Pastor Jonathon for additional information.





## July/August Volunteers

### COMMUNION SERVERS

July 6

Verne Crissman, Guy DeChellis, Sharon  
Reinhardt, & Susie Wirsing

August 3

Carol Arnett, Deb Berner, Harriet Haggett,  
& Arleen Younkman

### LITURGISTS

July 6: Susie Wirsing      July 13: Doug Quine  
July 20: Deborah Pinnell      July 27: Dawn Gatke

August 3: Guy DeChellis  
August 10: Arleen Younkman  
August 17: Wendy Quine  
August 24: Verne Crissman  
August 31: Gail Evans

### USHERS

July 6: Arleen Younkman

### GREETER

### Upcoming Birthdays

Denise Wisseman	July 4
Verne Crissman	July 12
Carole Weinschenk	July 14
Sharon "Brownie" Rhymer	July 16
Marilyn Austin	July 25
Harriet Haggett	July 25
Deborah Pinnell	July 31
Linda Pimm	August 7
Jack North	August 8
Dawn-Adams Gatke	August 12
Dennis Gatke	August 17
Wayne Fiery	August 25
Les Armstrong	Sept. 6
Doug Quine	Sept. 12
Arleen Younkman	Sept. 20
Ruth Schlecht	Sept. 26



## TITHES AND GIFTS

	GENERAL FUND	DEACON'S FUND	TOTAL
May 4	\$1,979	\$55	\$2,034
May 11	\$3,656	\$100	\$3,756
May 18	\$1,670	\$0	\$1,670
May 25	\$2,256	\$40	\$2,296
June 1	\$3,271	\$0	\$3,271
June 8	\$6,261	\$130	\$6,391
June 15	\$1,463	\$0	\$1,463
June 22	\$718	\$0	\$718
June 29	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$21,274</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$21,599</b>

## ATTENDANCE

DATE	In Person Service	Virtual Service
May 4	46	20
May 11	50	31
May 18	36	33
May 25	38	25
June 1	37	25
June 8	47	28
June 15	41	16
June 22	37	24
June 29	N/A	N/A
<b>AVERAGES</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>

# Peach Cobbler

This old fashioned Peach Cobbler recipe is not only extremely easy to make from scratch, but it's made with fresh or canned peaches so you can enjoy it all year round!

Prep Time 15 minutes/Cook Time 40 minutes

Total Time 55 minutes Servings: 9

Calories: 315cal

Author: Lauren Allen



## Equipment

9x13 glass baking dish

## Ingredients

5 peaches , peeled, cored and sliced (about 4 cups) (or 600-700 g)

3/4 cup granulated sugar (150 g)

1/4 teaspoon salt

## For the batter:

6 Tablespoons butter (85 g)

1 cup all-purpose flour (120 g)

1 cup granulated sugar (200 g)

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup milk (180 ml)

ground cinnamon

## Instructions

Add the sliced peaches, sugar and salt to a saucepan and stir to combine. \*(If using canned peaches, skip steps 1 & 2 and follow the directions starting at step 3)

Cook on medium heat for just a few minutes, until the sugar is dissolved and helps to bring out juices from the peaches. Remove from heat and set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Slice butter into pieces and add to a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Place the pan in the oven while it preheats, to allow the butter to melt. Once melted, remove the pan from the oven.

In a large bowl mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the milk, just until combined. Pour the mixture into the pan, over the melted butter and smooth it into an even layer.

Spoon the peaches and juice (or canned peaches, if using) over the batter. Sprinkle cinnamon generously over the top.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 38-40 minutes. Serve warm, with a scoop of ice cream, if desired.

**Notes:** To substitute canned peaches, use 1 quart jar, undrained.



# Independence Day

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MINUTEMEN  
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REDCOATS  
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## Independence Day

July 4, 2025

We'd like to thank all the  
service men and women  
for serving our country  
and protecting our freedoms!

