



JACOBS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CHAPEL CHATTER

**This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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### THE PASTOR'S PEN

#### Our Wesleyan Heritage – Continued

John and Charles Wesley established some church growth principles which worked in their era, but which are Not confined to their time.

1. *Accept personal salvation as the basis of faith.*
2. *Believe a plain gospel to reach plain people.*
3. *Commit every believer to a small nurture group.*

#### **John Wesley's Rules for the Band-Societies (drawn up Dec. 25, 1738)**

The design of our meeting is, to obey that command of God, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

To this end, we intend, -

1. To meet once a week, at the least.
2. To come punctually at the hour appointed, without some extraordinary reason.
3. To begin (those of us who are present) exactly at the hour, with singing or prayer.
4. To speak each of us in order, freely and plainly, the true state of our souls, with the faults we have committed in thought, word, or deed, and the temptations we have felt, since our last meeting.
5. To end every meeting with prayer, suited to the state of each person present.
6. To desire some person among us; to speak his own state first, and then to ask the rest, in order, as many and as searching questions as may be, concerning their state, sins, and temptations.

Some of the questions proposed to everyone before he is admitted among us may be to this effect: -

1. Have you forgiveness of your sins?
2. Have you peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Have you the witness of God's Spirit with your spirit, that you are a child of God?

4. Is the love of God shed abroad in your heart?
5. Has no sin, inward or outward, dominion over you?
6. Do you desire to be told your faults?
7. Do you desire to be told of all your faults, and that plain and home?
8. Do you desire that every one of us should tell you, from time to time, whatsoever is in his heart concerning you?
9. Consider! Do you desire we should tell you whatsoever we think, whatsoever we fear, whatsoever we hear, concerning you?
10. Do you desire that, in doing this, we should come as close as possible, that we should cut to the quick, and search your heart to the bottom?
11. Is it your desire and design to be on this, and all other occasions, entirely open, so as to speak everything that is in your heart without exception, without disguise, and without reserve?

**Any of the preceding questions may be asked as often as occasion offers; the four following at every meeting: -**

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

**Conditions of Membership into Methodist Society:**

There is only one condition previously required in those who desire admission into these societies: a desire "to flee from the wrath to come, to be saved from their sins:" But, wherever this is really fixed in the soul, it will be shown by its fruits. It is therefore expected of all who continue therein, that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

**Thus we say to those who unite with us:**

**You are supposed to have the faith that "overcometh the world." To you, therefore, it is not grievous:**

**I. Carefully to abstain from doing evil; in particular:**

1. Neither to buy nor sell anything at all on the Lord's day.
2. To taste no spirituous liquor, no dram of any kind, unless prescribed by a Physician.
3. To be at a word both in buying and selling.
4. To pawn nothing, no, not to save life.
5. Not to mention the fault of any behind his back, and to stop those short that do.
6. To wear no needless ornaments, such as rings, earrings, necklaces, lace, ruffles.
7. To use no needless self-indulgence, such as taking snuff or tobacco, unless prescribed by a Physician.

**II. Zealously to maintain good works; in particular:**

1. To give alms of such things as you possess, and that to the uttermost of your power.
2. To reprove all that sin in your sight, and that in love and meekness of wisdom.
3. To be patterns of diligence and frugality, of self-denial, and taking up the cross daily.

**III. Constantly to attend on all the ordinances of God; in particular:**

1. To be at church and at the Lord's table every week, and at every public meeting of the Bands.
2. To attend the ministry of the word every morning, unless distance, business, or sickness prevent.
3. To use private prayer every day; and family prayer, if you are the head of a family.

4. To read the Scriptures, and meditate therein, at every vacant hour. And:
5. To observe, as days of fasting or abstinence, all Fridays in the year.

These are the General Rules of our societies; all which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written word, the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these, we know, his Spirit writes on every truly awakened heart. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, let it be made known unto them who watch over that soul as they that must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways; we will bear with him for a season: But then if he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

1. *Demonstrate practical concern for the poor.*
2. *Expect personal growth and spiritual discipline.*
3. *Face social problems in Christ's name.*
4. *Grow the church by whatever good means work.*

They established trends that lasted, trends still applicable today, mega-trends unaffected by time or culture.

At the conclusion of almost every sermon, John would call people to repent and seek salvation. He would write in his journal: "We offered Christ". So now I offer Christ to you. Receive Him into your heart by faith. In a church in Chester, England, the congregation erected a plaque that reads: "Near this spot on June 20th 1752, the Rev. John Wesley preached his first sermon in this city. His sermon was "O let me commend my Savior to you."

Our Methodist church has a rich and empowered heritage carried through the ages by faithful brothers and sisters who share these same basic understandings.

God loves you, Jesus Christ died for your sins, and the Holy Spirit endows you with gifts for both now and eternity. I close with this exhortation from John Wesley.

### **Do All the Good You Can**

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in every place you can,  
at all the times you can, to everyone you can,  
as long as ever you can - do all the good you can.**

**John Wesley**

Peace, *PJohn*



*NAME THAT TUNE!!*

*The following lines are from The United Methodist Hymnal. See if you can name the title of each song. Answers on back page.*

- 1) Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
- 2) And opened the life gate that all may go in.
- 3) What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
- 4) It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
- 5) Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
- 6) And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
- 7) Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
- 8) There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
- 9) O for the wonderful love he has promised,



TRIVIA QUESTIONS: (Answers on last page)

(1) *Where is the Declaration of Independence housed?*

A) White House B) Library of Congress C) Capitol D) National Archives

(2) *When was the Declaration of Independence signed?*

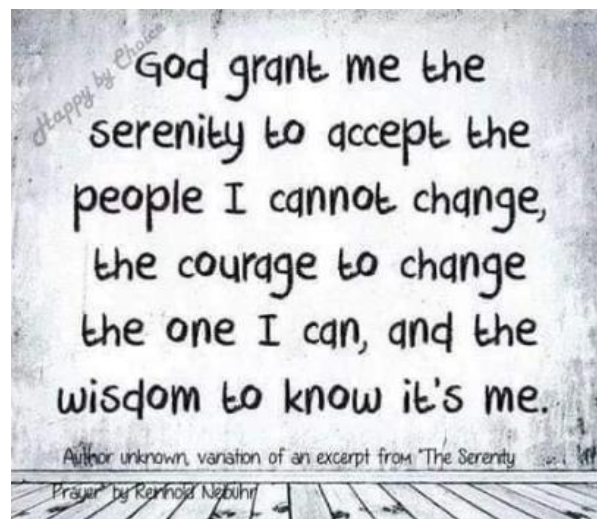
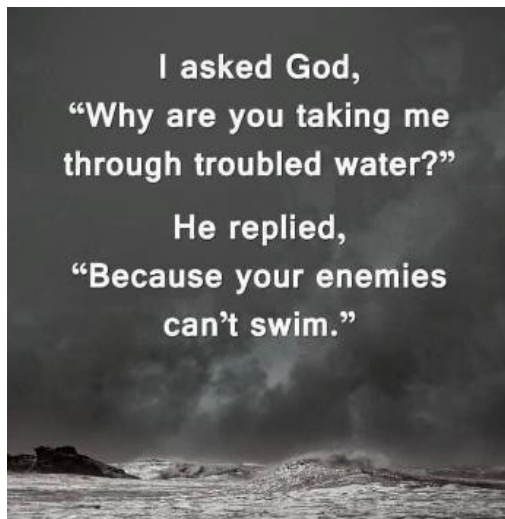
A) July 2, 1776 B) July 4, 1776 C) July 5, 1776 D) August 2, 1776

(3) *"Book 'em Danno" was frequently heard in episodes of what Popular TV show?*

A) Hawaii Five O B) Kojak C) Miami Vice D) Hill Street Blues

(4) *Who was the last president to sport a beard?*

A) Abraham Lincoln B) James Polk C) Ulysses Grant D) Benjamin Harrison



# MISSION PROJECTS

**TRACY PATTON MINISTRIES REACH! FOOD PROGRAM** provides food to local children in 22 Southern Indiana Counties, with each county handling their own food collection and deliveries. They work mainly through local schools to provide weekend food, summer food, school supplies and hygiene items to children in need. They are a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. There are no paid staff only faithful volunteers who support this worthwhile organization.

## OUR DONATIONS FOR MAY AND JUNE



## UPCOMING EVENTS

We collected \$208 for Crusade for Children which was dropped off at the New Chapel Fire Department on Charlestown Road to include with their collections.



**AUGUST 26, 2023  
10 AM – 3 PM**

**HOOSIER COACHMEN  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS**

**HOMELESS INITIATIVE  
CRUISE IN**

**WILL BE MAKING HYGIENE  
KITS FOR THE HOMELESS IN  
NEW ALBANY AREA**

**MORE INFO TO COME**



**“REACH” FOOD DRIVE**  
**Drive Thru and Drop Off!!**

Saturday, August 5, 2023  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Parking Lot at Jacobs Chapel UMC  
4725 Charlestown Road New Albany

Food Donations used to support  
**Local Area Hungry Kids/Families**

For Info - Phone - 812-595-0571  
Sponsored by Tracy Patton Ministries, a 501c3 Charitable organization  
And Jacobs Chapel United Methodist Church

**CONCERNS**

Jacobs Chapel family and Pastor John  
Weather Situations across the country  
Our Community and Country as we learn to normalize Covid  
All front line workers and first responders  
Our Government Leaders  
The Ukraine Crisis

(Our Shut – Ins) Nancy Eiler, Maria Roseberry, Eugene Endris,  
Melba Jenney, Jerry Lou Hendrickson, Betty Poole, John Jenney

Car Jackings/Gun violence/victims in Louisville

Pastor John as he deals with medical issues

Marille’s daughter, Betty Poole – for continued improvement

Brenda Bowles’ son – Terry Baker

The Bowles family as they mourn the loss of their daughter.

Ruth Luker as she continues treatment after her successful  
cancer surgery

Joyce’s sister, Barbara Harvey as she endures 12 weeks of  
chemo treatments for breast cancer



**JOYS**

Mission work done by this church  
  
Special Thanks to Nan Duncan, Marla Fogelman, Valerie Tingley, Pastor John and others who have been supplying Sunday Morning treats  
  
Thanks to those providing fresh flowers each week to add to the beauty of the sanctuary.  
  
Praise to God for Pastor John’s good medical test results

\*\*\*Note – this list of joys and concerns is not all inclusive. If you know of someone you want on the list, please let me know. Thanks!

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*July, August & September*

Nan Duncan 7/7 Maria Roseberry 8/5 Wilma Bone 8/8 Ron Neely 8/10 Norma Chastain 8/16  
Marylee Fisher 8/17 Shirley Neely 9/3 John Mantle 9/5 Nathan Wolf 9/6 Joyce Vibbert 9/9  
Bonnie Barger 9/14 Betty Zemke 9/17



**Kimber & Marla Fogelman 9/14 Ron & Shirley Neely 9/15**

*“SIGNS OF THE TIMES” (submitted by Joyce Vibbert)*



*SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR HOLIDAYS DURING JULY & AUGUST (If you celebrate all these, you will be busy!)*

- July 1: International Joke Day, American Zoo Day, Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, National Postal Worker Day, Canada Day
- July 2: National I Forgot Day, World UFO Day
- July 3: Disobedience Day, International Plastic Bag Free Day, National Stay Out of the Sun Day, National Eat Beans Day
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 5: National Bikini Day, National Graham Cracker Day
- July 6: International Kissing Day, National Fried Chicken Day
- July 7: Tell the Truth Day, National Strawberry Sundae Day, World Chocolate Day
- July 8: National Video Game Day, Math 2.0 Day, Liberty Bell Day (rang to signal reading of Declaration of Independence), National SCUD Day (also known as National Savor the Comic, Unplug the Drama Day)
- July 9: National Sugar Cookie Day
- July 10: Teddy Bear Picnic Day, National Kitten Day, National Piña Colada Day, Don't Step On a Bee Day
- July 11: Cheer Up the Lonely Day, Marine Corps Creation Day, National Clerihew Day, World Population Day
- July 12: Simplicity Day, Etch a Sketch Day, National Eat Your Jello Day
- July 13: Embrace Your Geekness Day, National French Fry Day
- July 14: Bastille Day, Shark Awareness Day, Cow Appreciation Day, National Mac and Cheese Day, Pandemonium Day
- July 15: Be a Dork Day, Gummi Worm Day, National Give Something Away Day, National Pet Fire Safety Day



- **July 16:** World Snake Day, National Corn Fritter Day
  - **July 17:** Wrong Way Day, World Emoji Day, National Lottery Day
  - **July 18:** World Listening Day, Nelson Mandela International Day, National Caviar Day
  - **July 19:** National Daiquiri Day, National Ice Cream Day\* (third Sunday)
  - **July 20:** National Moon Day, Space Exploration Day, International Chess Day, National Lollipop Day
  - **July 21:** National Junk Food Day
  - **July 22:** Spoonerism Day, National Hammock Day
  - **July 23:** Gorgeous Grandma Day, National Hot Dog Day
  - **July 24:** Tell An Old Joke Day, National Cousins Day, National Drive-Thru Day, National Tequila Day
  - **July 25:** National Thread the Needle Day, National Hot Fudge Sundae Day, National Wine and Cheese Day
  - **July 26:** National All Or Nothing Day, National Aunt and Uncle Day, National Parents Day\* (fourth Sunday)
  - **July 27:** National Creme Brûlée Day, National Scotch Day, Bagpipe Appreciation Day
  - **July 28:** National Milk Chocolate Day, National Hamburger Day (one of three celebratory days in the year)
  - **July 29:** Rain Day, National Chicken Wing Day, National Lasagna Day, National Lipstick Day
  - **July 30:** National Support Public Education Day, National Cheesecake Day, International Day of Friendship, National Chili Dog Day, National Father-in-Law Day
  - **July 31:** Talk In An Elevator Day, Harry Potter's Birthday Day, National Avocado Day, National Mutt Day
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- **August 1:** U.S. Air Force Day, National Girlfriends Day, National Mustard Day\* (first Saturday), Respect for Parents Day, National Campfire Day\* (first Saturday), National Mountain Climbing Day
  - **August 2:** Dinosaurs Day, National Coloring Book Day, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, National Sisters Day\* (first Sunday), American Family Day\* (first Sunday)
  - **August 3:** National Watermelon Day
  - **August 4:** U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
  - **August 5:** Work Like a Dog Day, National Oyster Day
  - **August 6:** National Root Beer Float Day, Wiggle Your Toes Day, National Fresh Breath Day
  - **August 7:** Sea Serpent Day, International Beer Day\* (first Friday), National Lighthouse Day
  - **August 8:** International Cat Day, National Bowling Day\* (second Saturday)
  - **August 9:** Book Lovers Day, National Women's Day
  - **August 10:** Smithsonian Day, National Lazy Day, National Spoil Your Dog Day
  - **August 11:** Play in the Sand Day, National Son and Daughter Day
  - **August 12:** International Youth Day, National Middle Child Day
  - **August 13:** International Left Handers Day
  - **August 14:** National Financial Awareness Day
  - **August 15:** National Failures Day, Chant at the Moon Day, International Homeless Animals' Day\* (third Saturday), National Relaxation Day
  - **August 16:** Tell a Joke Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Rum Day
  - **August 17:** National Black Cat Appreciation Day

- **August 18:** Helium Discovery Day, Bad Poetry Day, National Couple's Day, National Fajita Day
- **August 19:** World Photography Day, Orville Wright's Birthday, National Aviation Day, National Potato Day, World Humanitarian Day
- **August 20:** Virtual Worlds Day, National Lemonade Day, National Radio Day
- **August 21:** Poet's Day
- **August 22:** International Tongue Twister Day, National Senior Citizens Day, National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day, National Tooth Fairy Day
- **August 23:** Ride the Wind Day, National Sponge Cake Day
- **August 24:** Strange Music Day, Vesuvius Day, National Waffle Day
- **August 25:** National Banana Split Day, National Whiskey Sour Day, National Kiss and Make Up Day
- **August 26:** National Dog Day, National Women's Equality Day, National Cherry Popsicle Day
- **August 27:** National Just Because Day
- **August 28:** National Red Wine Day, National Bow Tie Day
- **August 29:** Individual Rights Day, National Chop Suey Day
- **August 30:** National Beach Day, National Grief Awareness Day, National Toasted Marshmallow Day
- **August 31:** National Trail Mix Day, National Matchmaker Day



#### TRIVIA QUESTION ONE – ANSWER – NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Declaration of Independence is housed in the National Archives Building, located in Washington, D.C., at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The National Archives is dedicated to preserving and safeguarding the nation's most important historical records, including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. The Declaration of Independence is displayed in a specially designed, climate-controlled, light-filtered, bombproof, bulletproof, titanium-framed case designed to preserve and protect these national treasures.

#### TRIVIA QUESTION TWO – ANSWER - JULY 2, 1776

One of the most widely held misconceptions about the Declaration of Independence is that it was signed on July 4, 1776. In fact, independence was formally declared on July 2, 1776, a date that John Adams believed would be "the most memorable epocha in the history of America." On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration; however, it wasn't signed until August 2, 1776, nearly a month after its adoption. Although August 2, 1776, was the official signing ceremony date, several people signed on later dates.

### TRIVIA QUESTION THREE - ANSWER - HAWAII FIVE O

Hawaii Five-0 originally aired for 12 seasons from 1968 to 1979. At the airing of its last episode, it had been the longest running police drama in television history. The central character, Detective Captain Steve McGarrett, was portrayed by Jack Lord, who led a special state police task force. Alongside him, Officer Dan 'Danno' Williams, played by James MacArthur, served as his second in command. Most episodes concluded with McGarrett instructing Williams to "Book 'em, Danno!" The show's title pays homage to Hawaii's status as the 50th US state.

### TRIVIA QUESTION FOUR - ANSWER - BENJAMIN HARRISON

Surprisingly, only five U.S. presidents have sported a beard while in office. The first bearded president was Abraham Lincoln, who grew his iconic beard in response to a letter from an 11-year-old girl who encouraged him to grow it to help him get elected. The trend of beards in the White House, however, did not extend beyond the 19th century. Benjamin Harrison was the last president to sport a beard, and when he left office in 1893, an era came to an end. The last major-party candidate with a beard to even run for president was Republican Charles Evans Hughes in 1916. He lost.

### *Name That Tune Answers - from "The United Methodist Hymnal"*

- 1) Page 73 "O Worship the King"
- 2) Page 98 "To God Be the Glory"
- 3) Page 133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
- 4) Page 170 "O How I Love Jesus"
- 5) Page 171 "There's Something About That Name"
- 6) Page 249 "There's a Song in the Air"
- 7) Page 288 "Were You There?"
- 8) Page 301 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
- 9) Page 348 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

### IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF OUR JACOBS CHAPEL FAMILY

#### PICTURES FROM THE CHURCH PICNIC





**FOOD**

**FUN**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**FAMILY**





Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter. Please continue to submit pictures, articles or anything you think might interest our Jacobs Chapel Family. My email (NEW) is [joycevibbert@outlook.com](mailto:joycevibbert@outlook.com), cell phone # 502-939-2932 or snail mail address - 8240 Rachel Lane Sellersburg, In 47172. The next newsletter will be in September 2023.

