

Pleasant Hill

Church of the Brethren

July/August 2023



Magnifying and proclaiming Christ; sharing His love.

HAPPY *ETERNAL* INDEPENDENCE DAY

Galatians 5:1; 13

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

This Independence Day we remember our civil liberties, granted to few in human history. The right to vote for officials, speak openly and demand redress of grievances, and most importantly worship according to the dictates of individual conscience are hallmarks of the great American experience. John Wesley addressed the religious freedoms we enjoy in a letter to Bishop Coke in September 1784: "As our American brethren are now totally disentangled, both from the state and the English hierarchy, we dare not entangle them again, either with the one or the other. They are now at full liberty simply to follow the Scriptures and the primitive church. And we judge it best that they should stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has so strangely made them free."

Just as we resent any encroachments to our civil or religious freedoms, Paul warned us long ago in the book of Galatians to carefully guard our spiritual freedom in Christ. Sadly many Christians today view freedom in Christ as freedom from following rules. I can watch and listen to what I want, speak how I want, spend my time how I want, dress how I want, treat others how I want. The most popular example of this perhaps, was Elvis Presley. A famous preacher questioned why he was living a lavish rock and roll lifestyle, after receiving Christ age 12 at a Mississippi revival, and beginning his career singing gospel music? Elvis casually replied, "I got tired of following all those rules."

But true freedom in Christ is found in obedience to God! Our sins are forgiven so that we can walk victoriously and serve one another in the power of Christ. When we go our own way in search of freedom, we ironically find bondage and heartache. Nowhere else will ever be as free as walking in obedience to God's perfect law of liberty! Christian freedom is not freedom from the rules, but freedom to serve God and one another in love.

Will we use our liberty in Christ for good this Independence Day?

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PATTY NOVSAM (Jean Bush's sister) - recovering at home, continued prayer
ROBERT BERG - continued chemo, recovering well
HILDEGARD BERG - recovering from surgeries
ALLAN HARRISON - open heart surgery, recovering well at home
MARTY RAGER - successful shoulder surgery
DONNA ROGERS - recovering at home
KIM WADDELL - resuming chemo treatments
LORI SHUTZ - recovering at home
LINDA MULLEN (Peanut's sister) - new medication, prayers for comfort in pain
MIKE CEDOR - physical therapy for broken femur
PATRICIA LYSIC (Jeanette Ferut's aunt) - new pacemaker
ROSALIE CARNEY - atrial fibrillation
RICH RHODES - long-term home hospice care
MELANIE DEVICO (Peanut Fabina's friend) - recent back surgery
BERDIE RUDGE - continued prayers
CAROL HILL (Leila Wolfe's aunt) - chemotherapy
JOE PIZARCHIK (Rick Perrine's friend) - T-Cell therapy, improving
ROBERTA VATAVUK (Peanut's request) - breast cancer, possible surgery
ALEXANDER DEVICO (Peanut's friend) - treatments for pancreatic cancer
KEN (Ginny Babal's brother) - Parkinson's, moved to Richland Woods
JOANN PFEIL (Cindy Stewart's friend) - cancer shrinking, displaced hip
WILMA WEBSTER (Jessica's mother) - cancer, responding well to treatment
BILL & JACK OWENS - continued prayers
JUDY & JERRY RHODES - health and strength

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

8:00 AM

July 2: Greg and Patty Blue
July 9: Trent and Vicki Roberts
July 16: Starr and Darl Selders
July 23: Rick Perrine
July 30: Sue Graham
August 6: Thair and Jean Bush
August 13: Sue Graham
August 20: Roger and Donna Swick
August 27: Rager Family

10:30 AM

July 2: Josh Fabina
July 9: Nick and Peanut Fabina
July 16: Snook Tiffany
July 23: Eileen Nicholson
July 30: Terry and Bonnie Bouch
August 6: Bob and Maureen Kasisky
August 13: Kate Lantzy
August 20: Johnny and Chasity Cummings
August 27: Gene and Debbie Paul

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, July 10
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING: July 31

SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of **MARCELLA HUET**, who passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **FLORENCE "DEE DEE" DAVIS**, who passed away on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In lieu of flowers, a monetary gift is being made to the family in memory of **ELAINE TARBAY**, mother of Jeff, Jennifer, and Mark, grandmother of Tiffany and Brittany, and great-grandmother of Audrey.

A monetary gift is being made by our church to the church renovation fund in memory of **LYNN HARRISON**, brother of Jack and Allan Harrison.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill's Vacation Bible School Fund by Marilyn Howard in memory of **ELAINE TARBAY**.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill's Renovation Fund by Bob and Maureen Kasisky in memory of **MARCELLA HUET**.

A donation has been made by the David and BJ Sipe Family in memory of **DEE DEE DAVIS**.

In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, a monetary gift is being made by the church to the Church Memorial Trust Fund in memory of **MARCELLA HUET**.

In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, a monetary gift is being made by the church to the Church renovation fund in memory of **DEE DEE DAVIS**.

A donation has been made to the Living/Memorial Trust Fund by Dick and Linda Oaks and Family in memory of **DEE DEE DAVIS**.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill's Renovation Fund by Bob and Darlene Thomas and Dan and Jamie Kiser and Family in memory of **DEE DEE DAVIS**.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill Church by the David and BJ Sipe Family in memory of **DEE DEE DAVIS**.

A donation has been made to Pleasant Hill in memory of "our father (**FRED**) and mother (**MARCELLA**). Thank you for all your love and prayers throughout their lives. Love, Cathy, Ruth, Denise, and Fred Huet"

NEW BABIES

Congratulations to Chad and Katelynn Cameron on the birth of their baby girl, PENELOPE LOUISE, who was born on Sunday, April 2, 2023. The proud grandparents are Richard and Marlene Cameron.

Congratulations to Joshua and Taylor (Harrison) Hough on the birth of their baby girl, MELAH WILLOW HOUGH, who was born on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The proud grandparents are Dale and Sandy Harrison, and great-grandmother is Janet Harrison.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Pastor Rob, the members of the church who supplied the meal, and all who showed love and support after the loss of Elaine Tarbay. Your kindness and compassion helped us through a difficult time.

God's blessings, Jeff, Jenny, Mark Tarbay & the Kauffman Family

Bill and I wanted to thank you so much for your hospitality in making Dee Dee's celebration of life a special day. The flowers were beautiful, serving of the food with smiles, and the delicious dessert! All the set-up and take-down were very much appreciated. Pleasant Hill Church has always felt like home! Thank you and God bless you.

Bill and Pat Davis

Pleasant Hill's Nurture Commission wishes to thank everyone who donated items to Camp Harmony during the month of May. The following items were collected and delivered to camp to be used this summer:

7 basketballs	6 volleyballs
5 footballs	1 playground ball
10 packs card stock	36 bottles paint
4 boxes penne pasta	5 big Hershey bars
8 bags marshmallows	5 boxes graham crackers

Carol and I would like to thank Pleasant Hill's Meal Ministry and the people who brought all the meals. They were delicious and greatly appreciated. Thank you too, Pastor Rob, for the visit and prayers. God bless you all! Donna Bowser and Carol Moschgat



SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM

Call or text Pastor Rob if you would like your grass cut or family pictures taken (or both) in exchange for a donation to the Dominican Republic Mission team.



PRAYER MEETINGS

PHCoB Prayer meeting are held Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Join us during this precious time with the Lord and each other. We pray about what is on our hearts and minds. You can pray out loud or silently. Prayer is the engine of the church. When we come together as a family of faith, we grow in relationship to Jesus and to each other. Please talk with Pastor Rob if you have any questions.

USED SHOES NEEDED

We are continuing to collect gently used shoes to benefit the Orphanage in Honduras (Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel). You may bring your extra shoes to the chapel, or leave them at Lou and April Mackell's back door. Thank you for being a part of this project!



PLEASANT HILL COB MEAL MINISTRY

The Women's Bible Study group leads the PHCoB Meal Ministry by providing opportunities for Meal Trains (signing up to take a meal or providing a gift card) when families are facing difficult times, celebrating, or otherwise in need. They also provide support to grieving families by helping to set-up and serve funeral meals, prepare desserts, and coordinate with the Pastoral leadership and families for whatever needs families have in times of grief. If you would like to join the Meal Ministry, please contact Theresa Wolf at theresajwolf@gmail.com or 732-690-8768.

ONE CALL NOW

Pleasant Hill subscribes to a service called "One Call Now". This is how we get the word out about meetings, special services, events, etc. If you would like to have your phone number added to our call list, or if there has been a change in your information, please contact the church office.



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

A number of Pleasant Hill members reside in nursing homes. We know they would appreciate a card from someone in their church family.
Richland Woods: Jack Harrison, Deloris Kehl
The Atrium: Jerry and Judy Rhodes, Estelle Burkett, Mildred White
Amber Springs (part of Laurel Wood): Shirley Cameron
Richland Rehab: Jean Snyder
The Villa: Darlene Lambert
Winfield Veterans Home, Kansas: Forrest Rhodes

2 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION JULY 2 & AUGUST 6

The 2 Cents a Meal program is designed to help with the ongoing problem of world hunger. Families are encouraged to take a soup can and keep it in a handy place. As you sit down to eat, have each member of your family put 2 cents into the can and pray for people who don't have enough to eat around the world. The bucket is available once a month for you to deposit the contents of your can. All money collected will go to our local food pantries.



MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY JULY 2

We meet the first Sunday of every month from 6-8 PM. Topical focus each month is gleaned from a yearly Bible-reading schedule. The next meeting will be held on July 2.

FIRST MONDAY FAST JULY 3

Please join us on the first Monday of every month for a day of prayer and fasting. We encourage you to participate by doing some sort of fast (food, social media, etc.) throughout the day and/or joining us in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for a time of prayer.

HAVE A SPLASHING GOOD TIME AT THE DAM

Pleasant Hill's Gold Team will host a family fun night at the Hinckston Run Reservoir picnic pavilion (access through Hunt Road) on Friday, July 28, beginning at 5:00 PM. Come participate in activities like fishing, mountain pie making, kayaking, corn hole, and of course worship!



HISTORY OF HINCKSTON RUN

Charles F. Smith's latest book, History of Hinckston Run, Volume II is a pictorial history of the construction of the dam. The book has 14 previously unpublished photographs of the building of the dam and accompanying descriptions. Charlie is partnering with the church library to make it available. Borrowers can take the book out for a two-week period. If you would like to borrow the book put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Charlie will contact you when the book is available for you.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM & COMBINED WORSHIP

Dig in to a delicious breakfast on Sunday, August 6, at 9:00 AM. The Bible School program and combined worship service will be held at 10:00 in the sanctuary.

WOMEN'S CAMPFIRE AND CRAFT NIGHT AT THE GROVE

All women are invited to Campfire and Craft Night on Wednesday, August 9 at 6pm at the PHCoB Grove. Bring your camp chair if you have one (we have extra if you don't!). Contact Theresa Wolf or Susan Danchanko with any questions.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE & LUNCH AT THE GROVE

Join us Sunday, August 27, at 10:00 AM at the church grove for a combined worship service followed by lunch.

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Hey Youth and Families, SAVE THE DATE! Uprise Festival is on September 15 and 16. Due to the large number of artists that everyone wants to see, we may attend both days this year. More information will be given closer to the date. Please let Liz know if you are interested in attending.

CALENDAR DINNER PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

Attention Men and Women! Mark your calendars! The Dominican Republic Mission Team will host a calendar dinner party and silent auction on Saturday, November 11, at 5:00 PM at Pleasant Hill. Tickets are \$10 a person and will be available soon. Childcare will be provided.

Pleasant Hill Church Vacation Bible School 2023

Monday, July 31st- Friday, August 4th

9am-12pm

DESTINATION

Sunday, August 6th- 9am VBS Breakfast & 10am Worship Event

Grades Pre-School thru Completed 6th grade



Unearthing the truth about Jesus

You will seek me and find me when you seek for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Sign up today! Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards, or sign up at pleasanthillcob.com

Pleasant Hill Church Special Summer Events

Please call the church office 814-536-3685 or email
pleasanthillcoboffice@gmail.com
for more info on any of these events.

Unless otherwise noted,
8am: Worship (Praise Band)
9:15am: Sunday school for all ages
10:30am: Worship (Piano/Organ)

Summertime on the Hill 2023

**Sunday,
July 2nd**

6pm: Adult Bible Study @
Parsonage

**Monday,
July 3rd**

First Monday Fast (all day)
7pm: Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary

**Sunday,
July 9th**

4pm: Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer
Yellow Creek State Park Adventure
Meet @ church

**Monday,
July 24th**

3:30pm Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer
Pop-up Swim Party

**Friday,
July 28th**

5pm: A Splashing Good Time
@ the Dam (All ages event!)

**Monday,
July 31st -
Friday,
August 4th**

Vacation Bible School: Destination Dig
Pre-School through
completed 6th grade
register @ www.pleasanthillcob.com

**Sunday,
August 6th**

9am 'Dig-in' VBS Breakfast
10am: VBS Special Worship

**Wednesday,
August 9th**

6pm: Women's Campfire &
Craft Night @ PHCOB Grove

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Sunday, August 27th
10am Worship & Lunch @
the PHCOB Grove

July Birthdays

- 1 Taylor (Harrison) Hough
- 2 Marisa Hyland
- 2 Parker Perrine
- 3 Rob Crynock
- 3 Glenda Snyder
- 6 Kenzie McConnaughey
- 7 April Mackell
- 7 Suzanne Strozak
- 7 Travis Burkett
- 7 Alison Sehgal
- 7 Elisa Charles
- 7 Elynn Rager
- 9 Lydia Hyland
- 9 Asher Kosakowski
- 9 Denise Teeter
- 10 Emily Smith
- 11 Jody Berg
- 11 Leighton Blue
- 11 Jessi Gibson
- 11 John Hobor
- 12 Forrest Rhodes
- 12 Mackenzie Roberts-Moore
- 13 Joshua Fabina
- 13 Rick Perrine
- 13 Jack Rager
- 15 Sally Mackell
- 15 Zak Murtha
- 16 Joyce Harrison
- 16 Addison McConnaughey
- 16 Kevin Reighard
- 17 Justine Marye
- 17 Ryan Piper
- 19 Theresa Wolf
- 20 Arlene Harrison
- 20 Nicole Piper
- 21 Doug Harrison
- 21 Tom Wolfe
- 22 Brenda Houston
- 23 Jean Brehm
- 23 Ryan Pudliner
- 24 Gary Finch
- 24 Richard Oaks
- 24 Stephanie Rager
- 24 Scott Swick

July Birthdays

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- 25 Marlene Cameron
- 25 Alyssa Rager
- 26 Lewis White
- 26 Anna Hegedus
- 27 Hazel Anderson
- 27 Ray Oaks
- 27 Darlene Thomas
- 28 Leia Roberts
- 30 Donna Bowser
- 31 Janice Demchak
- 31 Nathaniel Denhard

July Anniversaries

- 5 Les and Loretta Brillhart
- 5 Kevin and Maria Reighard
- 10 Bob and Darlene Thomas
- 13 Rick and Marlene Cameron
- 13 Doug and Amy Swick
- 14 Charles and Renee Bell
- 14 Clay and Lauren Piper
- 21 Trevor & Melinda Anderson
- 21 Kurtis and Stacy Roberts
- 24 Roger and Marcia Metzgar
- 25 Carl and Joan Berg
- 27 John and Heather Pudliner
- 27 Gerald and Donna Smith
- 28 Jeff and Cindy Day
- 29 Joshua & Elizabeth Fabina
- 29 Josh and Briana Day

August Anniversaries

- 1 Jim and Mary Ann Bravo
- 3 Roger and Donna Swick
- 4 Donald and Shannon Perry
- 16 Mike and Karen Miller
- 18 Danny and Jodi Rager
- 21 Ben and Jessica Murray
- 21 Lewis and Mildred White
- 27 Barry and Sandy Natta
- 27 Cory and Alisha Demchak
- 28 Matt and Mindy Harrison
- 30 Robb and Pam Piper
- 30 Scott and Angela Swick

August Birthdays

- 1 Avery Crynock
- 2 Emily Allison
- 2 Richard Rhodes
- 3 Audrey Murray
- 3 Kathy Ferenchik
- 4 Sarah Handel
- 5 Colleen Gindlesperger
- 5 Claudia Rager
- 6 Liz Fabina
- 8 Jim Bravo
- 9 Gerald Rhodes
- 9 Ed Jones
- 10 Oliver Metzgar
- 10 Randy Rager
- 10 Brock Rummel
- 11 Bonnie Plunkard
- 11 Carl Berg
- 11 Jennifer Conley
- 11 Calvin Ryan
- 12 Chaz Hegedus
- 13 Loren Berg
- 14 Brielle Plunkard
- 14 Ashley Wallace
- 15 LeAnn Rudge
- 16 Kenny Gibson
- 16 Finley Reighard
- 17 Mary Lou Antolik
- 18 Heather Antolik
- 20 John Pudliner, Jr.
- 21 Mike Miller
- 21 Mike Rager
- 22 Lucas Roberts
- 25 Jessie Rager
- 25 Rick Rhodes
- 25 Shirley Rager
- 26 Tim Bintrim
- 26 Len Ferenchik
- 26 Robin Rummel
- 27 Gerald Smith
- 28 Betty Fabina
- 29 Luke Denhard
- 30 Lea Murtha
- 31 Becky Lambie
- 31 Nick Fabina

