

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, July 19th at 1:00pm

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday's Fellowship	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91:1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Kenny Fox – New Member Blessings
Norma Lutes – Upcoming Knee Surgery
Butch Peterson – Continued Healing from COVID
Kathy Price – Leg Sore Healing
Troy Slaybaugh – Ear Healing
COVID – Among Us



PARENTS WORTHY OF HONOR

The Bible says for children to honor their father and mother that it may go well with them and that they may live long on the earth. It also says for parent to provoke not their children. Parents are to provide a safe place for children to grow into what God intended for them to be. By not over correcting or making it difficult for them to obey the commandments of God.

Parents are to bring children up with loving discipline and godly advice. The word father can mean "the source" or "prototype". Good fathers give us good examples of how to live a good life for ourselves and lives that are in service to others. Parents have a tremendous impact on the lives of their children. The best way to raise a good child is to be a good parent and a good person for children become what their parents are. Children are in trouble in this country due to the lack of good parenting and good examples of how to live a life for God and others.

The Bible has instructions for fathers, mothers and for children. Ephesians 5 and 6 is a good place to see the order of authority and how to receive the blessing of God in your home. First, parents need to humble themselves before the Lord to be good parents. They need to accept the authority of God in their lives and for their home and families. Parents should have a quality of character worthy of reverence and respect. Parents must practice genuine self-giving love in their homes. Parents must encourage and never discourage their children, be in their corner cheering them on to be all that God intended for them to be, and raise them in loving discipline with their best interests in mind.

Children often spell parental love with the great big letters T-I-M-E. Parents are to never break the spirit of the child but direct the child in to a productive life for God and others. Parents need God's advice and direction which is provided through the Holy Spirit. Parents should lead their family in Bible Study and prayer. Parents should earnestly seek to give their children parents that they find easy to honor and respect.

Pastor John Price

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him.” Leviticus 5:18

I sometimes read the obituary notices in the papers. The obituary notices do not have the romance that once had. When I was a boy growing up in Ohio towns, the obituaries used to fill three or four columns. They told the most interesting things about people. From reading those notices you could pick up some wisdom.

Well, some years back, the New York papers carried the obituary of Mrs. Knox of the Knox Gelatin Company. She evidently ran the business herself. She must have been a dynamic and intelligent lady, but rather cryptic, too, and perhaps a bit difficult to work with, for she had a sign in her office warning people about making mistakes. And this is the way it read: “He who stumbles twice on the same stone deserves to break his own neck.” Well, that is pretty hardboiled. Let us everlastingly be thankful to the Good Lord that He has more patience than Mrs. Knox.

Life Lifter: *The secret of changing one's personality, regardless of the problem, is to think in new categories. Empty out old dead thoughts and be reborn in mind and spirit. Let God take over your life and run it. He knows how.*

Norman Vincent Peale



Betsy Ross
1752-1836



By Kerri Lee Alexander, NWHM Fellow | 2018-2019

Considered essential to the American Revolution, Betsy Ross is credited with sewing the first United States flag. A symbol of patriotism, Ross is often celebrated as the woman who helped George Washington finish the design. Although there is no historical evidence that she created this flag, her story has made her a national icon.

Betsy Ross was born as Elizabeth Griscom on January 1, 1752. She was the eighth of seventeen children, but only about nine survived childhood. Her father Samuel Griscom owned an old farmhouse and was a successful carpenter in New Jersey. When Ross was only three years old, her parents Samuel and Rebecca Griscom moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ross and her family were members of the Quaker religion and she attended a traditional Quaker school in Pennsylvania. Upon finishing her schooling, Ross became an apprentice for the popular upholsterer, John Webster. Ross learned how to make and repair many items, including

curtains, tablecloths, bedcovers, and rugs. She became a very skilled seamstress and upholsterer. While working for Webster, she fell in love with another apprentice named John Ross. John Ross was the son of the former Assistant Rector of Christ Church. The Quakers did not approve of their members marrying people outside of their faith, so Betsy's family did not approve of her relationship with John Ross.

On November 4, 1773, Betsy and John ran to Hugg's Tavern in Gloucester, New Jersey and eloped. Her decision to marry John Ross caused her to split from her family and the Quaker religion when she was only 21-years-old. Betsy and John Ross started their own upholstery business in Philadelphia and became members of Christ Church. Their business was successful, and it is reported that they even made bed hangings for George Washington in 1774. John Ross was also a member of the Pennsylvania militia. After three years of marriage, John Ross passed away. At 24-years-old, Betsy Ross became a widow. She continued to run the upholstery business and worked on uniforms, tents, and flags for the Continental Army.

Shortly after her first husband's death, Ross claimed she was recruited for a very important job. According to a speech her grandson gave to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania years after her death, George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross, visited Ross' upholstery shop in the summer of 1776. Washington and the two other members of the Continental Congress brought a rough sketch of a flag with thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen six-pointed stars. Ross suggested that the six-pointed stars be changed to five-pointed stars because they were easier to make. Allegedly, she showed them how to make the new stars by folding a piece of paper into triangles and with a "single snip of the scissors" she made a perfect star. The men agreed to change the design. Ross is said to have made the first American flag shortly after that meeting.

Ross continued working as a seamstress and upholsterer for many years. She married her second husband, Joseph Ashburn on June 15, 1777. They had two daughters, but their first daughter died at nine months old. Ashburn was a merchant sailor during the Revolution and a British warship captured his ship in 1781. He was sent to prison and he died in May of 1782 of an unknown illness. Later that year, a fellow prisoner named John Claypoole visited Ross to tell her that Ashburn passed away. Claypoole and Ross became friends and got married a year later. They enjoyed a 34-year marriage and had five children. Unfortunately, after years of poor health, Claypoole died in 1817. Ross continued to work in her shop until she retired at the age of 76. By 1833, she was completely blind, but she continued to tell the story of how she made the first American flag to her children and grandchildren. She died peacefully in her sleep on January 30, 1836, a few weeks after her 84th birthday.

In 1870, William Canby brought his grandmother's story of making the first American flag to the public. He presented a paper to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania recalling the story his grandmother told him. No historical records or documentation could be found to verify his claims. Instead, Canby got family members to sign legal documents stating that Ross also told them this important story. His presentation brought Ross' life into the spotlight and she became a national icon. Although historians now disagree with Canby's evidence, Ross is often still credited with making the first American flag. On January 2, 1952, the Betsy Ross stamp was issued to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of her birth. It featured an image of Ross and the flag on her lap.



Waking Up Momma

By Erma Bombeck, printed July 4, 1966



How I am awakened in the morning usually determines how I feel the rest of the day.

When allowed to wake up in the natural way, I find myself quite civil and reasonable to cope with the routine. When the children do the job for me, I awake surly, uncommunicative and tire easily. (I once fell asleep while I was having my tooth filled.)

It all begins at some small hour in the morning. The children line up at my bedside and stare at me as if I'm a white whale that has been washed onto the beach.

"I think she hears us. Her eyelids fluttered."

"Wait till she turns over, then everybody cough."

"Get him out of here."

"She's pulling the covers over her ears. Start coughing."

I don't know how long it will be before one of them discovers that by taking my pulse they will be able to figure out by its rapid beat if I am faking or not. But it will come.

When they were smaller, they were even less subtle. They would stick their wet fingers in the openings of my face and whisper, "You awake yet?" Or good old Daddy would simply heave a flannel-wrapped bundle at me and say, "Here's Mommy's little boy." (Any mother with half a skull knows that when Daddy's little boy becomes Mommy's little boy, Daddy's little boy is so wet he's treading water!)

The imagination of children never fails to stagger me. Once they put a hamster on my chest, and when I bolted upright (my throat muscles paralyzed with fright) they asked, "Do you have any alcohol for the chemistry set?"

Probably the most unnerving eye-opener was a couple of weeks ago, when my eyes popped open without the slightest provocation. "Those rotten kids have done it again," I grumbled. "How can I sleep with that infernal quiet? The last time it was this quiet they were eating cereal on the front lawn in raggy pajamas." I hurried to find them.

I found them in the kitchen intent on their cereal. No noise. No nonsense. "Go back to bed," they yelled. "We won't want any lunch until nine-thirty or so."

It was going to be another one of those days.



Extended Family Cook-out

Found on Internet



One year, Jim's family was having the "extended family" 4th of July cookout at their home. One of the special treats that year was the lighting of the fireworks (Roman candles, bottle rockets, missile batteries, etc.) they had bought out of state (they're illegal in their state, of course!) Just before they were to arrive, a cousin calls, saying their neighbor's plans had just fallen through, and could they bring them along to the picnic – they even had extra food to bring. "Sure, the more the merrier!"

Upon arrival and meeting of their cousin's neighbor, it is discovered that he's a police officer. The father turns as innocently as he can to Jim, and whispers to him to grab the paper bag of fireworks sitting in the kitchen and hide them somewhere quickly. Jim disappears,

and the father changes the topic to food for the day. This family had brought some chicken to grill, so the father tells them the gas grill is all set to use out back – just turn on the gas and push the ignition button with the lid still closed.

They head out to the back as Jim comes back in through the front door. The father hurries to him and says “Whew, that was close! That man’s a police officer, and he almost saw the fireworks. Did you hide them real well?”

“Oh, yeah, nobody will ever think to look in the grill!”

MAY 2022 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 25

Giving:



Local:	\$5,444.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	0
Total:	\$5,444.00



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY



ANNIVERSARIES

20th –Roger & Cynthia Welch
 28th –Skip & Kathleen Powell

13th –Pat Shafer
 17th –Jen Baker
 18th –Sheryle Knott
 Carolyn Trent

BIRTHDAYS

01st –Bailey Price
 02nd –Natasha Towe
 06th –Glenn Stanford

20th –Pam Franklin
 24th –Cynthia Welch
 29th –Veronica Suderman

*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.
 Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.
 You are important to us!*

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Twitter:https://twitter.com/empire_cob; and

Instagram:<https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>



JULY 2022 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 John 15:1-9 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano	2 Psalm 118:19-24 Candice Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo
3 Exodus 20:8-11 Pastor & Teachers Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 Joshua 1:1-9 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	5 Psalm 103:1-12 Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey	6 James 5:13-16 Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 1 Peter 5:6-11 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 Psalm 25:4-11 Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman	9 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield
10 Isaiah 40:27-31 Pastor & Teachers Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut	11 Psalm 56:1-3 Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Randy & Teri Johnson & Family	12 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 Sheryle Knott & Fam. Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk	13 Psalm 130:1-8 Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Stacy Nelson	14 1 Peter 4:8-11 Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	15 1 John 1:5-10 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	16 Philippians 2:1-11 Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family
17 Proverbs 121:15-20 Pastor & Teachers Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	18 Psalm 121:1-8 Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam. Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price	19 2 Thessalonians 2:13-16 Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family	20 1 John 2:7-14 Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	21 Romans 8:18-30 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	22 Ephesians 2:4-10 Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	23 Revelation 3:15-16 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderman & Family
24/31 John 11:28-37 Matthew 11:25-30 Pastor & Teachers Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	25 2 Corinthians 10:12-18 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	26 Luke 11:1-10 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam.	27 Exodus 3:1-12 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	28 Ephesians 4:25-32 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Errica Wyatt	29 1 Corinthians 12:12-20	30 Luke 1:57-66

















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JULY 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship La Morenita 226 S. Golden State Turlock	2 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
3  Coffee Hour	4  Church Office Will Be Closed	5  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	6  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	7  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	8	9 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
10  Red, White & Blue Picnic & Grad Sunday	11	12  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	13	14  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	15 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Perko's 3500 Oakdale Rd. Modesto	16 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
17  Coffee Hour	18	19  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 1:00pm Women's Fellowship Mtg.	20	21  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	22	23 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
24/31  Coffee Hour	25	26  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	27	28  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	29 5:00pm Friday's Fellowship Golden Bowl 7144 Hughson Ave. Hughson	30

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Informal Worship
- 11:00am Worship Hour