

CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST
AND OUR GREAT NATION

NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 NIV

6th Sunday
after Pentecost

July 4, 2021
10:00 am

MT. RUSHMORE

OPENING PRAISE SONG.....*"It Is You"*

WELCOME.....*Gordy Locke*

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

VIDEO.....*A Very Special Country*

SCRIPTURE (2 Cor 3:17; John 8:31-36).....*Diane Senger*

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Who You Say I Am"*
"Eagles' Wings"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....*Adrienne Morton*

SPECIAL MUSIC.....*"America the Beautiful"*.....*Lisa Galla*

DEAR AMERICA

4th OF JULY PRAYER.....*Sue Fuller*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #697.....*"America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)"*

MT. RUSHMORE REFLECTIONS

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

"Are You a Child of Freedom?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Ancient of Days"*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG*"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"*

7-4-21 --- "ARE YOU A CHILD OF FREEDOM?"

2 Corinthians 3:17 -- *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM."*

1. AS A COUNTRY WE CELEBRATE FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF INDENTURED SERVICE AND TYRANNY.

2. A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS NEEDED TO DRAW A LINE IN THE SAND

+ A FREEDOM OF BODY, MIND, SPIRIT AND SOUL WAS NEEDED

+ A FREEDOM ROOTED IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS THE ULTIMATE SOURCE

3. PER THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:

" WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT ... THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL ... THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS ... AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ... "

THESE TRUTHS INSPIRED ACTION --- A WAR OF EPIC PROPORTION THAT RESULTED IN UNBELIEVABLE OUTCOMES AND HISTORY --- FREEDOM INDEED!

JOHN 8:31-36 -- Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² **Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**" ³³ They answered him, "**We are Abraham's descendants** and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.** ³⁵ **Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.** ³⁶ **YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED.**"

JESUS IS BEING CHALLENGED AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF CLAIMS TO BE "OF GOD" --- OF COURSE IF HE WAS OF GOD -- THEN HIS ADVERSARIES WOULD BE OF THE DEVIL ... HENCE THE CHALLENGE THAT WE READ IN JOHN 8:31-47 --- A FASCINATING PASSAGE ... ☺

SO JESUS SETS THE LITMUS TEXT OF DETERMINING "TRUTH" ... IT IS ULTIMATELY ROOTED IN THE DECLARATION OF BEING A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD ... OF BEING CHILDREN OF GOD ... OF BEING CHILDREN OF FREEDOM.

BOTTOM-LINE --- SIN SEPARATES & BOUNDS versus GOD'S TRUTH THAT UNITES AND FREES

SIN = THE LACK OF FREEDOM -- SIN BINDS US AND BLINDS US

LIFE OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST

IT **IS NOT** IN THE PERSONS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US **BUT** IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH THAT WE TRULY EMBRACE AND IDENTIFY AND FIND INSPIRATION

WASHINGTON --- THE SPIRIT OF BIRTH, POSSIBILITY, COURAGE, RIGHTNESS AND FREEDOM

JEFFERSON --- THE SPIRIT OF EXPANSION AND OF FREEDOM FOR ALL PEOPLE

LINCOLN -- THE SPIRIT OF PERSEVERANCE, DETERMINATION, & UNITY ... THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING UPON THE CORE AND FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AND LETTING GO OF THE LESSER FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY

T. ROOSEVELT --- SPIRIT OF AMERICA --- SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE ... RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF COURSE, THE PRESERVATION OF NATIONAL PARKS

SO --- ARE YOU A SLAVE TO SIN WHO SEPARATES AND DIVIDES AND DESTRUCTS

OR --- ARE YOU CHILD OF FREEDOM WHO INSPIRES AND ENABLES LIFE, FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY

FOR JESUS = THE LORD OF FREEDOM ...

A CHILD OF GOD IS A CHILD OF FREEDOM!



Happy 4th of July! The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5!



BAND OF BROTHERS ERIE SEAWOLVES GAME

ALL MEN of the church are invited to join us for a SeaWolves baseball game on Fri., July 16. We'll carpool from the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. or meet us at the park at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12-\$20 depending on how many men sign up (get a group rate). So please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or give Gordy Locke a call at (719) 640-7644.



Mark your calendar for August 6 @ 6:30 p.m. for a Senior FUNDAY (55 yrs. & older) at the Faulhaber's, 5100 East Lake Road. Bring a dish to pass. We'd like to start having more events for seniors and we are looking for a committee to help organize. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see/call Gordy Locke (719) 640-7644.



Youth Auditions for the Praise Team! Bring your voice and audition for the Youth Praise Team! We'll be holding auditions on Thurs., July 29 at 5:30 p.m. They will be brief auditions which will include matching tones for voice range and singing part of a Praise Song. Anyone in youth group age (6th-12th grade) is welcome!



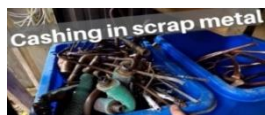
Sundaes & Bible Study -- July 7, July 28
Wed. Nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the parsonage
or in case of rain at the church

Day at the Zoo – July 14

Youth Retreat @ Camp Findley – Aug. 20-23



This year, SHUMY is going to be going to Camp Findley in Findley Lake, NY on Aug. 20-23 for our Summer Retreat! Why not join us and make it a family weekend, too!?! Campsites are available with electricity and water. Spend some time on beautiful Findley Lake with our Church family, swimming, campfires, games and lots of fellowship! Please contact Sue Fuller if you are interested in reserving a campsite. **REMINDER: Campsites will go fast!!! -- we need to book as soon as possible.**



COLLECTING SCRAP METAL for CASH! The SHUMY youth group are collecting scrap metal this year. The proceeds will be used towards their Youth Retreat in August. Starting July 3 you'll find a dumpster in the church parking lot to dump the metal. Thank you!



The Sweet & Salty Bible Study with Diane Senger meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Let Diane if you are coming so she can make reservations. Here's July's schedule: July 8 - Picnic/Devotional/Fellowship & Prayer at SHUMC; July 15 – Dinner/Devotion at Rum Runners on the dock, ending with a prayer walk around the dock; July 22 – Dinner/Devotion/Prayers at Kathy Scott's home. Dress for sitting around a fire; July 29 – Dinner/Devotion at Harbor Ridge followed by a prayer walk around Harbor Creek H. S.



NEW BIBLE STUDY -- S&R Bible Study (Snowbirds & Retirees or anyone who would like to join us)

Come join the new "AHA" Bible Study with Linda Morey. Held Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. It's a 6-week course (June 16-July 21).



OPEN TO ALL -- THURSDAY GOLF OUTINGS!!! We meet at Scenic Heights Golf Course, 7830 Knoyle Rd. @ approx. 5:30 pm **every Thursday** evening (come when you can). Come with a foursome or we'll make a foursome when you arrive. If interested, please see or call Gary Faulhaber (814) 881-7308 or Gordy Locke (719) 640-7644.



Please hit the "Like" button so we know that you are viewing! It lets us know that you appreciate the Sunday Worship Service & Devotions. It helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.

RELAXING COVID REQUIREMENTS



As per State and Federal Guidelines and changing public practices – masks will now be optional for those who have received their vaccine. However, masks are required for those who have not been vaccinated against the Coronavirus.

Also, we encourage people who have greater health concerns and risks of exposure to wear masks. **Bottom Line:** We respect each person's decision in these regards.



Live-streaming of the services can be seen on . . .

- ❖ www.facebook.com/southharborcreekumc
- ❖ You Tube @ south harborcreek umc

- ❖ Website: southharborcreekumc.org
- ❖ SHUMC app

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

STARTS JULY 19

6:00 –
8:30 PM



PRE-REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED!

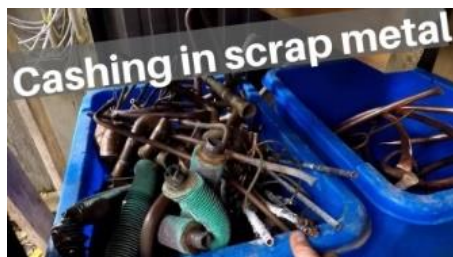
DEADLINE IS JULY 16

***You're invited to Vacation Bible School 2021!
South Harborcreek United Methodist Church***

Come join us on July 19 thru July 23 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. This year's theme is The Rocky Railway! Get ready to climb aboard for mountains of fun. At this faith-filled adventure your child will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups & downs. This is for kids 5 yrs. old to 5th grade. In order for this to happen, we need your help. **We'll need volunteers in all areas.** If you are able to help, please contact Mary Kobylinski at 814-898-1612. Also if you are eligible for a Thrivent Grant and would like to apply one for VBS, please contact Mary.

You must pre-register – the deadline is July 16! Due to the Coronavirus and keeping everyone safe, the number of children that can attend will be limited. So please get your registration form in early! You can do this by picking up a form in the narthex, or on our website and app. You can also register by clicking on this link..... <https://vbspro.events/p/southharborcreekumc-vbs-2021>

Youth Fund Raiser



The youth are having a fundraiser for the their retreat at Findley Lake. We are asking that you bring in your old metal which we will turn into cash. All proceeds will go towards the retreat.

Starting July 3, bring in anything from the list below to the dumpster in the SHUMC parking lot. We will, also, soon have a schedule when there will be help if you need it to unload the metal into the dumpster.

ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING:

1. All Appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, etc.
2. Metal Furniture: chairs, bed frames, file cabinets
3. Old Metal Tools, Bolts, Screws, etc.
4. Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Old Lawn Mowers, Car Parts, Machinery, etc.
5. Aluminum Siding, Cans, etc.
6. Copper, Brass, LED Electric Wiring, Electric Motors, Transformers
7. Old Restaurant Equipment, Stainless Steel
8. Car/Truck Batteries