

# FAWN TALES

July 2022

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Hello Fawn Christians,

Last month's newsletter contained my bio so you could get to know me better. I look forward to leading you in worship the first Sunday in July, which, of course, is July 4 this weekend. The older I get the more I appreciate living in America. As we prepare to celebrate our country's independence, let me share with you a piece from radio commentator, the late Paul Harvey.

You do know that the 56 men who signed our Declaration of Independence that first 4th of July were risking everything, don't you? If they won the war with the British, there would be years of hardship as a struggling nation. If they lost, they would face a hangman's noose. And yet there where it says, & quote; we herewith pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor & quote; they signed their names. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes--from Rhode Island to Charleston -- sacked and looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two of them lost their sons in the Army; one had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 died in the War from its hardships or from its more merciful bullets.

I don't know what impression you have had of these men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, but I think it's important this July 4 that we remember this about them: they were not poor men, they were not wild-eyed pirates. These were men of means, these were rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in personal living. Not hungry men -- prosperous men, wealthy land owners, substantially secure in their prosperity. But they considered liberty to be so much more important than their security that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. And they fulfilled their pledge--they paid the price, and freedom was born.

Paul Harvey, News and Commentary. July 4, 1974

The next time we are inclined to complain about what we have been going through as Americans, maybe we can have a different perspective, one that inspires us to endure the difficulties and to work to make our country better. Happy July 4!

Peace,

Pastor Tim Funk

# PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FAWN CHURCH



**Anointing and Pastoral Care:** Our church family wishes to pray for anyone before surgery or at a time of illness. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands is offered and especially encouraged during Worship.

**Prayer Book:** Please see our prayer book on The stand in the lobby for names of those to Pray for and where you can request prayer.

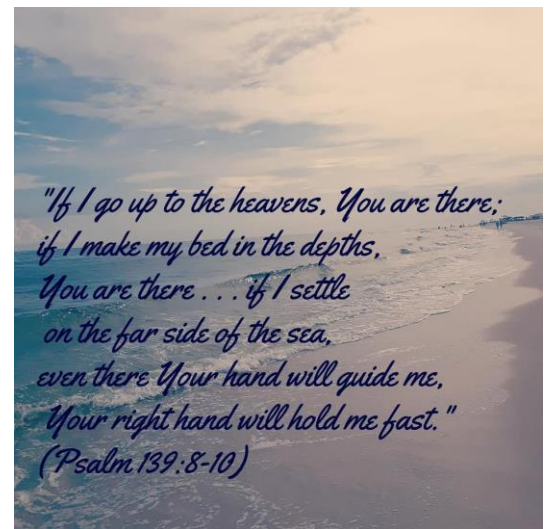
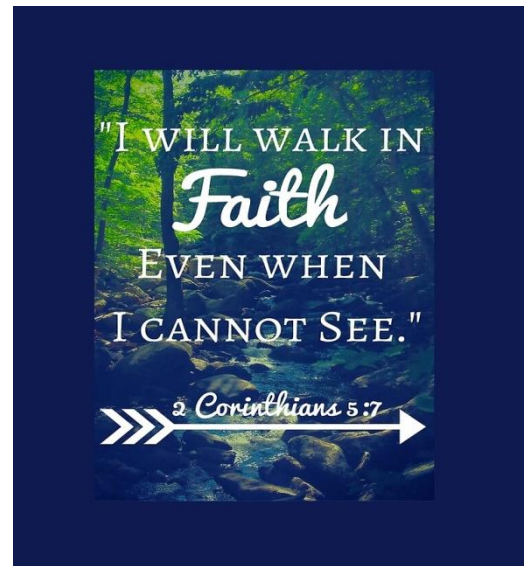
**E-mail Prayer Chain:**

Call or email Church Office

(717)382-4573 [fawnnumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fawnnumchurch@gmail.com)



Wendell & Elizabeth Hostler, Helen North,  
Raymond & Ella Mae Thomas, Amanda Strumsky, Taylor  
Howell, Jennifer Marino, Nick Zell, Kimberly Glass,  
Jackie Delgado, Anita Lowe, Helen Stewart, Ben Boyles, Roland  
Family, Annie Kurtz, Tim Jarrett, Kim Thompson & Family,  
Gracy Pickel, Denise Fuhrman, Barbara Helmich, Cindy Miller,  
Anita Lowe & Family, Ron & MaryAnn Ruff, Catherine Herbert



**Sunday's Service Through  
Labor Day will  
Begin at 10:00am**

**Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for, the conviction  
Of things not seen.**

## Why do United Methodist pastors change churches?

Our unique system of deploying clergy has its roots in the earliest days of Methodism. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, preached up to 40,000 sermons in his lifetime. He was an "itinerant" preacher, traveling from town to town in England, setting up Methodist societies.

"John Wesley believed that itinerant preachers who moved from place to place were more effective than those who settled in, grew comfortable, and wore out what they had to say," says the Rev. Belton Joyner.

In a letter to the Rev. Samuel Walker in 1756, Wesley wrote, "We have found by long and consistent experience that a frequent exchange of preachers is best. This preacher has one talent, that another; no one whom I ever yet knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing, and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation."

In the early days of Methodism in America, a pastor — most often a circuit rider — might be appointed to half of a state or more. His appointment might be for only three months, after which he moved to another circuit. Thousands of the oldest United Methodist congregations today trace their history to a circuit rider.

These riders traveled from place to place to begin Methodist societies. Eventually, especially after the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, most of these societies became congregations. This practice continued and became the basis for the itinerant system The United Methodist Church uses today.

United Methodist pastors are sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them. "Appointment" is the action taken by bishops. These are different, yet related.

Clergy in The United Methodist Church commit to serve where their bishop appoints them. Appointments are typically for one year at a time, though the bishop may move any itinerant pastor at any time. The goal of the appointment process is to match as much as possible the gifts and graces of the particular pastor or deacon with the ministry needs of a particular congregation or ministry setting. In this "serial leadership" of consecutive pastors and deacons — no two are alike — over time, the combination of skills blends to form a broad base of developed ministries.

While bishops make appointments, they incorporate a consultative process outlined in The Book of Discipline that includes district superintendents, clergy and pastor/staff parish relations committees. The needs and desires of clergy are considered, but the mission of the church comes first.

Joyner explains, "In a connectional system such as United Methodism, the question from any individual congregation or from any individual [clergy] is not, 'What is best for me?' The question is 'What is best for us, the whole connection?' The one who has oversight, the bishop, makes those decisions. (The New Testament word for bishop is *episkopos*, which means 'the one who can see the whole picture.')

"The changing of pastors brings different and often-needed gifts to the local church (1 Cor. 12:4). The changing of settings can keep a pastor refreshed. The missionary journeys of Paul are surely a reminder of that (for example, Acts 13:2-14:7; 15:36-18:22; 18:23-21:19)."



**The FAWN HUB** will be **collecting school supplies** this summer.

Let's take advantage of the 'back to school' sales and stock up for children in need: scissors, paper, pencil sharpeners, pencils, rulers, ink pens, erasers and crayons (or colored pencils/markers)

**More Mission Opportunities:**

- If you are cleaning out your closet and have shoes you no longer need, please consider donating them. Mission Central collects them for international micro-enterprise programs; small businesses such as repair shops, small shops or individuals able to sell shoes to provide income for their families leading to economic stability. Please drop them in the box provided in the lobby,
- Also, please remember to donate any medical equipment no longer needed (i.e., walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, knee scooters, etc.). Mission Central works to be sure anyone in need of medical items will have access - at NO COST.

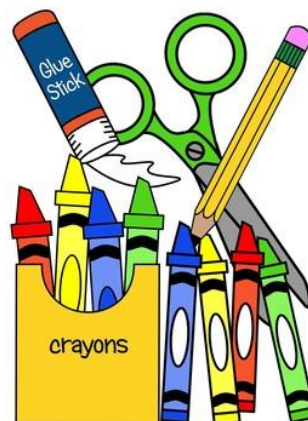
**NOTE:** The HUB Sewing Ministry will NOT meet during the summer months. We will resume again in the fall.

Have a BLESSED & SAFE SUMMER!

Fawn Mission/HUB Team

*"Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner."*

Leviticus 19:10



*Meetings*

*SPRC Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Ad Council Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>*



## Backpack Program

Thank you team!!! All of your help & support this school year has benefited many student lives. Grateful for our sponsors and grant money applied for. We could not have accomplished this alone!

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### Kids for Christ Worship

This is available for children in preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please come and join us as children, each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

**Our Youth** meet every Sunday from 6-8pm during the 2022 school year. Please contact our Youth Director, Jeffrey Billings if you have any additional questions. **Our Youth will be hosting a car & craft show later in the fall with food vendors!**

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(443) 693-3256

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### News Release

Are your kids ready to launch into hyper drive this summer? They won't want to miss a minute at Time Lab, the most welcoming place around! At Time Lab, kids will discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies and dramas.

Vacation Bible School at Time Lab will be a quantum leap of fun and excitement, so contact us today! We're calling all time travelers to join us for an amazing adventure! Only a couple weeks away!

**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

For information call or go to:  
[Fawnumc.org](http://Fawnumc.org) (443)695-2452



### 2022 Sound/Projection Schedule for July

3-July	Whiteford	Bev - 717-818-0225
10-July	Ayres	717-487-9283
17-July	Wernig	
24-July	Hall	443-562-8607
31-July	Whiteford	Bev - 717-818-0225

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**Our Daily Bread:** We will be preparing Chicken Pot Pie with Bisquick Crust Casserole due Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>  
You will find the pans in the Lobby.

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**No Choir Practice this summer, see you in a couple months! All are Welcome!**

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### ***Fawn Grove Boy Scout Troop 83***

Troop meetings are held on Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall 4:00pm-5:30pm

[kareyreed@icloud.com](mailto:kareyreed@icloud.com)

(Troop Leader is Karey)

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the book drive!



### ***Fawn Grove Girl Scouts Troop 20840***

Our troop accepts girls KDG-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are looking forward to new faces and we will be meeting throughout the summer of 2022.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's each month in the Fellowship Hall. Any additional information please contact:

(717) 654-8297 **Troop Leader is Danielle**

[girlnafia@hotmail.com](mailto:girlnafia@hotmail.com)

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### **Praise Him with song!**

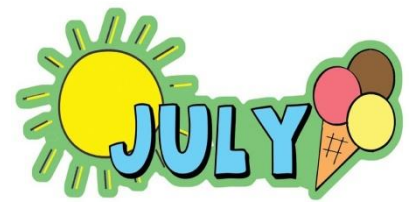
Miss Tina and Miss Melissa are excited to launch a music group for the children and youth at Fawn UMC starting this fall. We will sing and play instruments to some classic and newer tunes that worship our amazing Creator. Practices will take place directly after the early service/Kids for Christ and will last 15-20 minutes. Please reach out for more information or to let us know you'll be joining us this fall. [fawnkids4christ@gmail.com](mailto:fawnkids4christ@gmail.com). We can't wait to make music with you for Him!





1 Catherine Herbert  
 1 Jack Maisch  
 2 Shane Hall  
 3 Dan Tompkins  
 3 Grayson Armacost  
 3 Martha Gemmill  
 3 Judy McShane  
 5 Grant Murrow  
 6 Kaydee Absher  
 7 Ryan Gibney  
 7 Joseph Stike  
 8 John Hostler  
 9 Joshua Craig  
 9 Mason Gemmill  
 12 Garrett Lowe  
 13 Jean Hostler

14 June Herbert  
 15 Mark Hall  
 15 Helen North  
 15 Savanna Richardson  
 17 Riley Frey  
 17 Joe Herring  
 18 Brock Morris  
 18 Jenna Morris  
 19 Hailey Marslett  
 20 Clare Herbert  
 21 Lynda Manifold  
 21 Tyler Gemmill  
 28 Barb Zimmerman  
 29 Doug Jackson  
 30 Eric Gemmill



Happy Anniversary!

3 Ryan & Sara McShane  
 18 John & Jean Hostler  
 24 Gordon & Nancy McFadden

