



Birthdays in July



Happy Birthday to You!





- 2- Karla Casteen
- Freddy Hall
- Danielle Sills **Candace Knowles** Wallace Strickland
- 8- Bobby Ives
- 9- Bill Carone **Joyce Rau**
- 12- David Johnson
- 17- Charley Farrior

- 18- Linda Burroughs Ellie Carone
- 19- Ann Carter
- 21- Nell Sloan
- 23- Bill Walters
- 24- Andrew Williams
- 25- Joe Wallace
- 26- Todd Minchew
- 29- Kevin Johnson



JULY 2023

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SUNDAY, JULY 2 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 2. Those people worshiping via live-stream are encouraged to have bread and juice prepared to eat and drink at the appropriate time.

> "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26



Fourth of July – Independence Day

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was





Our summer worship schedule remains the same as we gather each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for worship in the sanctuary. The service is also available in real time via live stream on our church website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com), Facebook, and YouTube. The services are archived on YouTube and can be accessed at any time by visiting our church website.

As you make your summer plans, be sure to include weekly worship in your schedule. Join us in person when you're in town and via technology at any time.

| SUNDAY | ELDER |
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| July 2 | Sandy Cobb |
| July 9 | Curt Simpson |
| July 16 | Debbie Price |
| July 23 | Blake Wallace |
| July 30 | Danielle Sills |

PREACHER Cynthia Williams Jay Bender

Jay Bender David Vanderbilt Dan Robinson Jim Sills



5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING SUNDAY, JULY 30

This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



JULY



07/02: Joyce Ange & Courtenay Thompson

07/09: Debbie & Katie Price

07/16: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull

07/23: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

07/30: Tonya & Michael Patram

Fred Burroughs, Leader

Bill Walters Susan Walters

Greg Maready

Blake Wallace

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

July 1-15: Charley Farrior July 16-30: Curt Simpson

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 2. If you are worshiping online, please have your elements of bread and cup ready so you can participate in the communion with our Lord and one another.
- * The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.
- * The session will not have a stated meeting in July.
- * We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, July 30.











a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism. Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family gettogethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States. Have a Happy Fourth of July!





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