

**Dates to Remember:**

July 1, 7pm: Cabinet meeting

**July 4: Independence Day**

**Day**

July 9, 7pm: Vacation Bible School meeting

July 14-19: Craig Springs camp

July 19-24: Pastor Will at General Assembly

July 21: Guest minister Rev. Marty Phillips

**Freedom**

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

Bobby Fisher was a world-class chess player. Some consider him the greatest chess player to ever live. At the height of his dominance he unexpectedly became a recluse, haunted by conspiracy theories. The game of chess requires the ability to determine the outcome of an

infinite number of moves. You must be able to determine numerous possibilities for each move. Every day of our lives we make decisions based on several factors. At times the multitude of options seems to drive us crazy. Gods plan is simple. He asks us to submit our lives to serve His purpose. We are gifted with free will but true freedom is when we surrender to Christ and allow the Spirit of the Lord to help

guide our path. We can plot and plan to manipulate the world but the only true victory is in figuring out Gods plan. Let the Spirit lead and find freedom!

Today I let go of my agenda and find the freedom of your Spirit. Show me the truth of your word and help me live in true freedom.

Pastor Will Collins

**Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address**

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Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address In 1809, Thomas Campbell, one of the founding members of the Disciples of Christ movement, formed the Christian Association of Washington in Washington, PA. This association sought to foster Christian unity. That same year, he wrote the Declaration and Address, which became one of the most important early texts of the restoration movement. As Disciples of Christ we are still pursuing Christian unity, just like in 1809. We are prayerfully seeking to remove the artificial barriers that hinder fellowship between Christians. Obviously, the scriptures must ultimately be

our guide in this work, but we can gain valuable perspective by being familiar with the principles which Thomas Campbell wrote about in the Declaration and Address. It is structured as follows: a three-page Declaration containing principles forming the Christian Association of Washington; an eighteen-page Address containing propositions universalizing the purpose of unity; and a thirty-one-page appendix responding to anticipated objections. After opening the Declaration with a daring pronouncement of independence, "we are persuaded that it is high time for us not only to think, but to act for ourselves," four guiding principles appear in the

introduction:

1. Every person has the right of private judgement.
2. The scriptures will be the sole authority; no human creeds or inventions.
3. Clashing human opinions should be at rest; restore unity and peace.
4. The Bible alone for our rule; the Holy Spirit for our teacher of truth; and Christ alone for our salvation.

The propositions of the Address were written to "clear away the rubbish of the ages." They are consolidated and condensed into the below statements:

1. The church upon the earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one.
2. Congregations, necessarily separate, ought to be in close

## Thomas Campbell, cont'd

fellowship with one another. There should be no schisms, no uncharitable divisions among them.

3. The New Testament is a perfect constitution for the worship, discipline, and government of the church.

4. Human authority can not make new laws for the church where the scriptures are silent.

5. Doctrinal exhibitions must not be made terms of communion, because they are the product of human invention.

6. Realization of the need of salvation,

faith in Christ as savior, and obedience to him are all that is essential to membership in the church.

7. Love each other as brothers and sisters and be united as children of one family.

8. Division among Christians is a horrid evil. Destroys the visible unity of the body of Christ.

9. For the perfection of the church, receive those who profess faith in Christ, ministers teach only what is revealed, and divine ordinances be

observe after the example of the primitive church.

10. Direct attention to first principles; remove the rubbish of the ages.

So much of what Thomas Campbell wrote over 200 years ago still lives on today within our church. It really is a powerful document which can help us better understand our past and give us a more focused lens to look to the future through. Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

## Let Us

**“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” (1 Corinthians 12:21-26, ESV).**

On the 4th of July we celebrate and

commemorate the Declaration of Independence. A document that freed the thirteen colonies from British monarchy and UNITED and UNIFIED the independent states that we fondly now refer to as these United States of America. It was a defining moment in American history! As people who reside in the United States, we serve together... as a body of Americans...and as Christians, we serve as something more!

We are the body of Christ. Unity is defined as “the state of being united or joined as a whole”. As Aesop said, “United we stand, divided we fall.” We are unified in a spiritual relationship with each other and we should function as a body of believers.

Let us remain unified as we continue to walk together in our faith! Let us walk together in unity so we may ALL continue to grow through the word of God and from

each other. Let us continue to stand in unity so we may never fall to the perils of the world. Because together...we are a unified church body. Let us function as a body of true believers and spread the good news of Jesus Christ!!

Kelly Collins, Membership Chair



## News From the Membership Department

Thank you to everyone who helped make our First Annual Fam Fest a success! It is because of your hard work, dedication, and support, we were able to reach the community in a spirt-filled and loving manner! Well done Park View! Our sincerest gratitude to all!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**YAY FOR SUMMER!** We hope everyone is having an amazing summer! And as summer is filled with sun, fun, and fellowship, please make sure you save the date! We are hosting a **back to school church rally day** on September 8th! Also, we are hosting a **back to school drive** starting July 14th and ending August 21st! As our dear friend Dr.

Seuss tells us, "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Let us help the students and teachers in our community to achieve! Let us equip them with the necessary tools and supplies needed to help them get to all the wonderful places they will go!

Kelly Collins, Membership Chair

## CWF News

On June 26th, the CWF sponsored the 46th Mother Daughter Banquet of Park View Christian Church. I am hearing that this may have begun even earlier in the original Hatton Street church. Perhaps we will find out more about this. It was a great event thanks to the committee who worked hard on this project. It was held in the dining room at East Side Pizzeria in Portsmouth and the foods and

service was outstanding. We had a great number – 62 mothers, daughters and friends attend.ed Virginia Stroud was recognized as our church Matriarch and given a bouquet of roses, Lauren Shoemaker, (home from Germany) read a Toast to Mothers and LuAnn Shoemaker read a toast to Daughters. Liz Artz delighted us with a couple upbeat spiritual songs and the highlight of the evening was announcing our Woman of the Year for 2019- Ida

Quiros!  
 Our Tools for Hope special project was on June 16, and \$150 will be sent in to Church World Service for this effort. The CWF is helping to send 2 of our youths to Craig Springs this summer . In August, our service project is to provide refreshments and supplies for Vacation Bible School.

Have a wonderful summer.  
 Gina Artz, Disciples Women President

## Vacation Bible School is coming!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING August 12-16, 2019  
 6:00-8:15pm

Get ready! We will need all hands on deck to pull off our annual Vacation Bible School. Each year Christian Education Dept. works hard to provide a great VBS for our own church kids and the whole community.

Our Theme is "To Mars and Beyond! Explore Where God's Love Can Take You."  
 We will have exciting Bible based dramas each night, craft activities,

recreation games, music and refreshments and whole lot of fun! Plans are for classes for ages 3-12 and possibly an adult class! We need all of our church family to help in some way. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday evening, July 9 for all helpers. Please make your plans to be a part of this great week.

Gina Artz, Christian Education Team

## Scleroderma Walk

Thanks to all 18 people from Park View Christian Church who participated in this year's Scleroderma walk in honor of Theresa Ruffing. This is our third year participating. We had a great day and were excited to help with the efforts to find a cure!



# Prayer Time with Warren

Father God,

I thank you for the powerful blessing you allow me through prayer. When we talk each morning I not only grow closer to you but I find that my day is richly enhanced in many ways I am grateful for your patience, love and faithfulness as I seek your will for my day. The confidence our relationship instills in me follows me in all I accomplish along my way. Lord help me to abide in the ways of your wisdom through your word in the Holy Bible. May my actions and words toward others always be guided by your presence in my life.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

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## Revised Common Lectionary readings for July

7: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;  
Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11,  
16-20

14: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82;  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-  
37

21: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52;  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-  
42

28: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;  
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

## Serving in July

### Elders

7 Bonnie Gifford	Gina Artz
14 Carolyn Jones	Gerald Rhoads
21 Jason Chuma	Mike Tefft
28 Judy Harman	Joyce Brenan

### Presiding

7 Kelly Collins	14 Charlie Arnold
21 Jason Chuma	28 Sallie Chuma

### Welcome Center

Sign up in the Narthex to provide refreshments this month!

## Happy Birthday!



3 Carolyn Smith	20 Michael Ruffing
5 Heather Furness	21 Ashley Diette
8 Tamara Russell	22 Debbie Boyd
13 Chris Carpenter	24 Michael Daniels
16 Ava Collins	26 Cadey Bulldis
17 Joyce Brenan	27 Jillian McHugh
	28 Donna Cubberly

## Family News & Prayer Requests

**Betty Lou Cummings** is receiving physical therapy for back & leg pain.

**Ed Sparrow** needs prayers for ongoing cancer treatments, and for his wife, Paula.

**Mitchell Daniels** frequent lung infections because of cystic fibrosis

**Warren Brenan** is receiving treatment for his knee pain; treatments have been helping greatly.

**Leo Ruffing** Parkinson's disease and COPD and he and his family need prayers

following the death of his sister.

**Peter Austin** son of Ken & Joan Austin, Huntington's Disease  
**Allen Powell**, Margaret Powell's son, needs prayers for successful cancer treatments.

**Edward Easton**, Brian Easton's father, needs prayers for a full recovery from a serious illness.

**Janice Cubberly** fell and broke her right arm on Wednesday, April 24.

**Will Collins and his family** need prayers following the death of his uncle.

**Walter Nein**, Gina Artz's brother, has had successful spinal surgery and needs prayers for recovery.

**Gerald & Sandra Rhoads** need prayers following the death of Gerald's brother.

# July 2019

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1 7pm: Cabinet meeting	2	3	4 <b>Independ- ence Day</b>	5	6
7	8	9 7pm: Vacation Bible School meeting	10	11	12	13
14 Craig Springs camp begins	15	16	17	18	19 Pastor Will leaves for General Assembly	20
21 Guest minister: Rev. Marty Phillips	22	23	24 Pastor Will returns	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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