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From the Pastor

Wow. June was a big month in some ways. In the past few weeks, the mask mandate was lifted for those who are fully vaccinated, we've reinstituted singing in our worship services, our school held an outdoor commencement followed by a kid carnival, we held an online-only society meeting with great attendance, and we celebrated New Church Day with barbecue, cake, and hanging out with

friends. It's all good stuff...and I'm ready for a little quiet. Know what I mean?

We are created to work best in cycles. The human mind is not meant to operate at a single level of intensity for all time. A great example is the Old Testament command that after every six days of work there be one day of rest. As the Lord said Himself in Mark 2:27 (and elsewhere), "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." This command is for our benefit. Seasons exist for similar reasons, as do times of day, fluctuations of weather, and all sorts of other natural cycles. A static life ceases to be life, even if that "stasis" is made up of something good.



A movie or novel that is all climax with no buildup is flat. Music doesn't work if you don't have a variety of pitch, volume, and duration. Punchlines in comedy don't work without setups, even if sometimes a lot of the setup is merely implied.

So, June was a good month. And July is going to be a good month for a different reason. In June, a lot of big stuff happened. In July? Well, I can't predict world events, pandemics, or the decisions of civil authorities, but I can predict this: I'm not planning anything big for the church. There will be some small steps here and there. And we will continue to gather weekly on Sundays to worship the Lord. We will continue to gather weekly on Wednesdays to hang out together and enjoy one another's company. The website will

get an update. And in late July, I want to start working again with singers and musicians on growing our music program.

But primarily, we'll be using this month at the church to do some rest and reflection. I hope your summer is restful as well.

Rev. Glenn "Mac" Frazier Pastor, Washington New Church 2021-06-22

From WNCS Principal

• Navigating COVID.

- WNCS delivered education via Zoom from September to March. The fact that this was "normal" for schools all around the country did not make it fun or easy, but we did get through.
- From March till graduation, we have been offering in-person schooling, 5 days per week school with safety protocols in place. The caution of the protocols allowed us to offer safe education with minimal disruptions.
- Our teachers stayed on board through this difficult year.
 The same is true of most of our families, though the crisis did dampen our hoped-for rising enrollment growth.
- Our current expectation is that next year will be in-person with fewer safety protocols required, though, of course, we can't guarantee what the future holds.
- As in previous years, WNCS benefited from the generous financial support of donors. We worried that the pandemic would reduce charitable giving when in fact, we received even more generous gifts this year from people willing to help us through. Thank you all for making WNCS education possible!
- Long Term Service Award. This year the school board chose David Glenn as the recipient of our long-term service award. We had David in mind this year due to the serious health challenges he has faced. The pandemic and his personal health battles have kept him from being around as he usually is which

highlights who he has been for WNCS over the decades. David embodies loyalty and friendly, steady support. As parents of students in the school, David and Amy took seriously the partnership between home and school to work through the vicissitudes of educating four children. But David continued in his support for WNCS after his children were through the school; after his personal reason for engagement was passed. His key roles were through his work on our boards - work that manages to be legally necessary, yet sometime tedious and not very visible. We need our boards every year we stay in operation. Which means that we rely heavily on people like David who offer steady, ongoing support in this function. And I should emphasize - friendly support. David has brought his curious, open, engaging friendliness to each of his roles and interactions. He has continued to show up for work parties and school events, building bridges and connections with the new school families even though his own children are now long past school age. I deeply appreciate his example of loyalty and steady support, showing up for WNCS year after year.

- Health Hardships. In addition to the pandemic concerns, three
 of our faculty were managing serious cancer battles with immediate family members. I don't have anything useful I can
 add to this. Only to observe that people are often carrying a lot.
 This leaves me grateful to each person on the team for their grit
 and perseverance; including among our school families.
- Preparing for Future. Since completing our most recent building expansion, we have renovated the library and hallway bathrooms and are now working towards renovation of the front bathrooms too. We have added smart boards in each of the classrooms, upgraded our network and backup as well as many other upgrades and maintenance items throughout the facility. We can do this because of generous financial support and generous gifts of time. I want to highlight that this year, one of the volunteer projects that Eric Genzlinger and Bill Kunkle have taken on is evaluating and cataloging maintenance and improvement needs throughout the building. I have found this to be tremendously energizing because it gives me confidence that we are making progress and attending to each of the

- pieces that need attention. If you have some hours available for the school and church, I encourage you to reach out to Bill to identify a job that is also a good fit for your time and skills.
- Chapel on the Hill. This year, as part of their Experiential Learning work, the high school students have prepared a lovely outdoor worship space up the hill in the woods to the east of the school. It is a lovely space, and we look forward to using.
- Library. As mentioned, we renovated our library space recently, so that it looks much better than before. Furthermore, the team recently finished digitizing our whole collection which makes management easier. With the library well-organized and in the capable hands of Gillian and Amanda, it is easier to offer our whole-hearted gratitude and awe to Dorothy Radcliffe for her care of our library. Across *decades* she has nursed and coaxed our collection along. The surrounding public libraries are helpful, but Dorothy has maintained for us an onsite collection that is tailored to the needs and interests of our students and teachers. Thank you Dorothy!
 - *Summer Family Soccer:* Thursdays at 5pm we will have pick-up soccer for all ages. (This includes brave parents/grandparents). We meet at the church.
 - Summer Volleyball: 13yrs. and up is encouraged to participate in friendly (but serious) volleyball on Wednesdays starting at 6pm. (Especially adults with volleyball experience are encouraged to join). We meet at the church and all welcome to join us at the fire circle at 8pm.

From the Board of Trustees

The WCNJ Annual Meeting was held virtually, via the Zoom platform, on Friday June 18, 2021. Since votes were cast via absentee ballots, a quorum was declared with 33 ballots received (22 required for quorum). In addition, 21 individuals/households logged onto the Zoom meeting. The meeting began with worship, followed by a moment of silence in honor of those we have lost.

Several special recognitions were offered at the meeting, including Wynne S. Hyatt for his many, many years of service as

head/co/assistant Treasurer; Dorothy Radcliffe for her many, many years serving as head Librarian; and David Glenn, who was awarded the Service Award at the School's graduation ceremony, for his years of loyal and consistent presence and participation in many activities related to the school. Congratulations and a multitude of thanks to each of these volunteers!

Since written reports were circulated via email prior to the meeting, only brief oral messages were given on the status of the Church, by Pastor Rev. Mac Frazier, and the school, by Principal Rev. Brian Smith. The proposed FY22 budget was presented by Treasurer Brent Hyatt, and following discussion, was declared approved based on the absentee ballots with 30 ayes and 3 abstaining.

Nominations for Board of Trustees and School Board were next presented, and declared approved based on absentee ballots, with 31 ayes. Elected members of the Board of Trustees for 3-year terms are Steve Ball (incumbent), Derek Hyatt (incumbent), and Kathy Johns (incumbent); and filling partial terms are Craig Cooper (1 year), Lincoln Smith (1 year), and Aubrey Hernandez (2 years). Elected members of the School Board are Amanda Hyatt (3-year term, incumbent) and Jean Allen (2-year partial term), with one remaining vacancy. Many thanks to those willing to serve on the boards, and on the nominating committee.



~ Sharon Cooper, WCNJ Secretary

Celebrating 137 Years of Service!

How can that be? Well, if you take into account the multiple uses served at the same time, added them up individually, then this is what you get -137 years of service. Dad, known as Wynne Sumner Hyatt to most of you, exemplifies the nature of all those who

founded and worked hard for the success of our church society and our school.

According to 61 years of Echo Directories, Dad's service to the Washington Church of the New Jerusalem began in 1964 as he

embarked on a 19-year stint of serving on the Board of Trustees and served again from 2006 to 2014. Starting in 1966, Dad was also a member of the Acton Park Board of Directors, and its treasurer. He and mom, a.k.a. Marge, dreamed of building on the property behind the B. Dean Smiths, but unfortunately that land never "perked" for them. Dad continued on the AP Board of Directors until 1987, relinquishing the treasurer duties in 1976.

Apparently, in the 1960's, the men and women of the church had learned how to play nicely together, passing "balls" around with amazing grace. One such ball was Echo publisher. Dad caught that ball in 1965 and passed it along in 1967 – probably because his life had become supremely complete with the birth of his fifth child. I'm just guessing at this, but it makes sense to me.

Managing the Book Room was also thrown around. Dad caught this ball twice, first in 1967 (there goes my theory of a supremely complete life) juggling it until 1972 when he successfully passed it before catching it again in 1979. Obviously, his pitch improved because he was able to pass it in 1980, one short year later.

Before opening a brand-new school, you must have a group of people dedicated to the project, willing to meet together, plan and overcome any obstacles to their goal. Dad was one of five members, not including our pastor at the time, Fred Schnarr. The other members were: Philp Coffin, George Cooper, Jean de Chazal, and B. Dean Smith. Dad served on this board until 1984, one year after that fifth child graduated from the school's tenth grade.

It takes a lot of money to run a church and a school, and thanks to innumerable donations, there was the need for a treasurer to numerate them. Dad performed this job off and on over the years, first assisting Dave Stebbing beginning in 1970, and then taking over for him in 1977 counting the money until 1984 when Ed Simons took over. Then from 2006 to 2021 Dad was assistant treasurer for Keith Hyatt, George Cooper, Amy Odhner and Brent Hyatt. For the past several years, since 2017 in fact, Chuck Quintero has also been helping as treasurer and spending time with Dad to learn the game. The game is complicated. Not only was he keeping track of the flow of cash (if you have ever attended a society

meeting and seen the "Treasurer's Report" you know tracking the cash flow is more than complicated, it's mind boggling), Dad gathered the donations after church making at least one trip a week to deposit the money in the bank. He drove to the school also at least once a week to pick up the "Treasurer" mail and then wrote the checks to pay the bills and reimburse teachers for their school expenses. Hoping to make the most out of the donations received, Dad also served on the Investment Committee from 2009 to 2021. Actually, Dad, have you resigned from that committee?

Our society members also view serving the General Church & Academy Boards as important uses. Dad chose the General Church Board of Directors and spent six years supporting this use. So, if you have been paying attention, I have given the dates and some numbers for you to add up the years of service for yourself... please don't, I am not as good as Dad at numbers and hence you will never find me volunteering to be treasurer.

Dad, remember this is Wynne Sumner Hyatt to you, has set a wonderful example of a life of giving back to a church that he loves so much. It isn't just a game to him, it is an essential way of living, and so as one member of our church society, I give my thanks to him for all of his service to our church and school, and I thank the Lord, that He brought Dad into our lives. ~ Jana Sprinkle



Dear Friends,

What a pleasant surprise it was for us to be feted once again with a farewell message and gifts on Sunday, June 20th. Thank you all for your kind remarks AND for the gift cards, which will be a special treat: a restaurant dinner just up the Pike from where we will be living, flower arrangements for Ginny at CV, and a beer and cheese treat for me in my last month here. So very thoughtful and kind....

As many of you know, we're looking at a two-part move from Acton Park to Bryn Athyn, beginning on July 9th, when Ginny will take up residence in our newly appointed apartment in CV

(Cairnwood Village), and then continuing in August when I get my act together and follow, after completing the sale of the house.

We will certainly miss you all and wish only good things for the church and school here as you adjust to a whole new church reality following Covid-19. It has been a pleasure working with you for the last 12 years, and we hope to stay in touch and see you whenever we get a chance.

With love and gratitude ~Mike and Ginny



WNCS Commencement By Bonnie Cowley

The 2021 WNCS commencement was different from any WNCS Commencement I have experienced it my 34 years here at WNCS. Of course, this year was different than any school year I have

ever experienced. The staff at WNCS were determined to host the graduation exercises in-person... and in spite of the threat of inclement weather we were able to gather outdoors on the basketball

court.

WNCS families were all invited (no extended families however). Chairs were arranged in social distanced rows with each grade cohort occupying their section. A sound system was set



up and true to form Mrs. Waelchli played Pomp and Circumstance as the school children marched out to be seated.

The usual honors and awards were mentioned. The Long Time Service Award was given (in Absentia) to David Glenn for his many years of faithful support of WNCS even after his children were grown and out of the school (see P. 2 for more). Brian also thanked our retiring Librarian – Dorothy Radcliffe, for her decades of service (see P. 5).

Sophomore Sohaila Smith received the Justin D. Zuber Award.

"The Justin D. Zuber Award for Scholarship is presented in recognition of a thirst for knowledge acquired with diligence and integrity, culminating in the highest level of academic achievement." Good work, Sohaila! Even with the pandemic.

Finally, we were able to bestow a diploma on our one eighth grade



graduate – Joel Othieno. This year there was not the usual parent speech nor a 10th grade graduate speech but the three teachers who taught Joel over the past 3 years stepped up to share about Joel's time with us.

From Kim Maxwell (Joel's homeroom teacher 2019-2020 and Math teacher 2019-2021)

Three years ago, there were no students enrolled in the 6th grade for the coming school year. During the summer Joel applied. Right before the school year began, another student joined

him in the 6th grade.

I have now had the pleasure of teaching Joel for 3 years. The first year I was his homeroom teacher and the past two years I have taught him math.

I remember how much Joel enjoyed our study of Ancient Egypt in his 6th grade year. Math was pretty hard when he first joined WNCS. We do classwork each day and this is followed by homework at night. Joel was not always applying himself to his classwork. When I asked him why he was not completing this work he informed me that in his public school no one ever grades or looks at the class work, so the kids don't do it.

Well, Joel learned to do his classwork. His math ability has grown dramatically each year. I have been impressed with Joel's homework for Pre-Algebra. He has done excellent work and wants to really understand how to do each problem.

Three years ago, we were conducting a search for a new pastor. Different ministers came and preached at the church and school. When Mr. Frazier gave school chapel during his visit, he talked about how much he loves to do barbecue and that he would like to do it for all of us. When we came back into the classroom, Joel remarked that he thought we had found our minister. Well Joel, if it hadn't been for Covid, I think you would have finally had your barbecue today. The good news is that you are continuing on with our high school and you may get your barbecue yet!

I am truly amazed with Joel's growth and progress over the past 3 years. With his hard work and determination, he will go far in life. I wish him all the best in his next phase of education.

From Jana Sprinkle (Joel's homeroom teacher 2019-2020

I think of Joel as a promising communicator. So, I have written an acrostic, because being a communicator is something we should all strive for.

covid, changing from a student who perhaps thought, "Working from home? Let's Party!" To a student who has an idea of what he wants to accomplish in life and is finding his path to that goal. You all should be proud of having persevered through a most challenging year.

O is for Opportunity. Joel is taking advantage of the opportunities he has to improve himself and continue with us. I am looking forward to guiding him through his high school journey. I hope you will all continue your education with us.

is for Mature. Joel has matured a lot since he first arrived on our doorstep. Maturity helps us all take a step back from ourselves and look at things from another perspective.

is also for Mindful. Joel has been working on being more mindful in what he chooses to do. Being present and

engaging in the moment is something we can all do to help each other enjoy our journey together.

U is for Understanding. There is a quote I found, yesterday, about communication. "The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand; we listen to reply." This rings true and is something we should all be aware of. If we listen to understand instead of to reply, we will be more helpful to each other.

is for Nice. Really, I prefer the word kind, but there is no "K" in Communicator. Joel is nice. Of course, we all should strive to be nice. We should think of others and make their happiness our goal.

List for Intrapersonal & Interpersonal: Intrapersonal is being able to see within yourself. Joel is really good at seeing himself and identifying what he needs to work on. Hopefully, he also sees what he is good at. Interpersonal is being good at getting along with other people. Joel is a good friend to have.

C is for Community. Joel has been an asset to our community. Our community is the entire school.

Ais for Advocate. Advocating for what you need to succeed in your education is important. I witnessed Joel doing this in seventh grade and was quite impressed. Students, advocating means asking your teacher or your principal for the support you may need whether it is for some space to think or new playground equipment. If you learn to ask, good things can happen.

T is for Thoughtful. Being thoughtful is not only thinking about the needs of others, which is the most important aspect, it is also putting effort into your academics. Being active in your learning – intentionally trying to learn to remember or to understand.

o is also for Observant. To be thoughtful, mindful, and nice, you have to be observant. This is a quality that requires an ongoing effort. Pay attention to what is around you. Look for opportunities to serve. Joel quite often observes a need and asks if he can help. Thank you, Joel.

Ris for Respectful. Joel has shown that he is a respectful young man. Again, this is a quality that takes an ongoing effort and is something we never finish acquiring.

Joel, you will do well next year when you continue to be a Communicator. All of us will do well when we respectfully, mindfully, and kindly communicate for the benefit of all. Congratulations on your graduation, Joel! ~ Jana Sprinkle

From Brenna Sweeney (Joel's homeroom teacher 2020-2021)

To commemorate Joel's 8th grade graduation, I have a short list of 8 things to share about Joel: a mix of some memories from this schoolyear and some things that I appreciate about Joel and will miss next year.

- 1. I love that Joel is curious about people. Joel enjoys asking questions to gain others' perspectives. It was almost routine for him to ask me some type of question at 8AM, like, "If you won \$1 million, what would you do with it?" He likes to connect with people, and he likes to understand why people think the way that they do. I love his curiosity and I will miss it next year.
- 2. Something memorable from this year is Joel's skill at playing Scategories- he has come up with some of the most creative answers to our prompts. While our whole class has become Scattegories experts, Joel certainly put his own twist on some of the answers. This creativity was impressive, hilarious, and depending on the answer, unsettling. But needless to say- he is someone who I want on my team for game night. Future classmates of Joel's: watch out. He's one to beat.
- 3. Joel does a good job of setting goals for himself- he had a New Year's resolution to work on his reading, and he has truly stuck with it. He's put a lot of hard work into expanding his personal library this year and has committed to his schoolwork. In this sense, he was a great role model for his classmates. Thank you Joel for your hard work.
- 4. I love that Joel likes to joke around and laugh. He has a running joke about what he plans to do when he turns 40. If you don't know the answer, you'll have to ask him (also, I call this a joke, but it may be more of a "plan" for Joel). He has always been one to smile and try to make others smile as well. Thank you for all the laughs this year, and for making those around you smile.

- 5. Everyone knows that Joel has the freshest shoes around. I too am a fan of a nice pair of shoes, but he takes it to another level. Something memorable from this year was how Joel wraps his shoes in plastic bags and even when he doesn't, somehow manages to keep them really white and clean. In most (maybe all?) of our class pictures this year, I believe Joel is wearing grocery bags over his shoes. But what can I say, he's got style and he's trying to keep it fresh.
- 6. Joel wrote a great 2-part story this year, a somewhat sci-fi story-line that takes place in Egypt. It was fun to work with Joel over the course of the year in developing his creative writing piece. Despite writing not being his favorite academic past time, he's a great example of what dedication to your schoolwork can look like, even if you don't always want to do it.
- 7. Joel is the KING of hiding in the classroom and trying to scare me. Many many failed attempts, but, I can now say that yesterday morning, Joel successfully hid behind our classroom door for several minutes and I had no idea. He heard me talking to myself and it genuinely surprised me when he came out from behind the door. Good work Joel, you've accomplished yet another goal.
- 8. Joel is the first, and may be the last, 8th grader that I ever teach. He has brought so much life to our classroom, both online and inperson, and I'm feeling really lucky to have had Joel as my 8th grade student. Thank you for continually striving to do better, for accepting feedback and making positive choices, and for facing the many challenges of this year with positivity and stamina. I'm so proud of all you have accomplished this year, and I will miss having you as a student next year. But you are ready for high school, and you have earned this moment. Congratulations Joel. Happy Graduation.

So how to Celebrate?

The staff at WNCS was worried about having such a truncated commencement until Mrs. Q. came up with the idea of a carnival. So, following the formal program the teachers put together a carnival... a really fun carnival!! The kids could choose to play any

and all of these carnival games - Putt Putt Golf, Water Shoot, Stick Tak Toe, Pong Ball Bounce, Bucket Ball and win tickets. They then could take their tickets in to exchange for prizes. There were



also other fun things to do... like painting the backboard with chalk paint, blowing gigantic bubbles and Zumba dancing.

Pizza and dessert were fed to all, and everyone went home after lunch feeling very celebratory!

Thanks to Candy for her brilliant idea and her organization, all the staff for stepping up on such a hot day and three of our alumni – Jordan Kinsey, Charlotte Radcliffe, and Carl Martin for running all the games, food, and prizes!



Echo News July 2021

Natural News: Did you know that the summer solstice happened on the day the sun (apparently) stood still? It couldn't decide whether to go north or south, with the result that we had a really long day. Did you ever have a day like that? Fortunately, that's when summer arrived, allowing us all to take a deep (humidity-laced) breath and start picking up the pieces of a lost year. It feels like we are getting a new start, with masks pretty much a bad memory and vacation time presenting a chance to restart our "normal" lives. Let's all make the best of it, while remembering that the virus thingy is still lurking and can pounce on the unwary. So have a wary good summer, all!

Condolences: Wanda Moore's brother – Milwood Hobbs of Blackstone, VV passed into the spiritual world on June 19 of this year. He was 72 years old. He had a remarkable life. To learn more about his life, the office has a copy of Milwood's Obituary we can share. Our prayers and thoughts are with our friend Wanda.

Transitions: The transformation from spring to summer was helped along, if not encouraged, by a busy **New Church Day**



weekend, starting, naturally, with the Society's annual business meeting via Zoom, and culminating, spiritually, with a New Church birthday celebration at church on Sunday morning via real people gathering to celebrate the Second Coming of the Lord – a most appropriate progression for the

weekend. Live music with live singing returned at last, and to complete the day, both Father's Day and New Church Day were celebrated at a picnic lunch outdoors in whatever shade could be found. This pandemic version of a banquet survived the heat and was highlighted by pastor Mac's famous BBQ and potluck salads and desserts brought by others.

It was observed that the recently-planted trees in the picnic area need a few more years of growth before having an impact on global warming — or better still, picnic cooling.

While gathered in the Supper room after church and after the usual New Church Day gift-giving to the youngest among us, the Society took the opportunity to also present a farewell speech to Mike and Ginny Gladish, in recognition of their years of service to the Society and to bestow well wishes — and regrets - for their impending move to Cairnwood Village in Bryn Athyn.

Another Grad: Congratulations to Kevin Smith on his graduation



from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Virginia on June 3rd. Celebrants (other than family) included **Henry Balz**, who traveled from Bryn Athyn and **Carl Martin** who abandoned his family vacation at Lake Wallenpaupack (see below) to join the party. [Kevin drove all the way to Paupack and back to make sure Carl could come]. Good work Kevin.

... and yet Another Grad: Graduating from the Bryn Athyn College – Lauren Ball, Cum Laude. For now, she is living and working in the Bryn Athyn Area. Congratulations Lauren

Vacation Times: The Quinteros took a road trip to see daughter Stefanie in Madison, Wisconsin. Emily flew in from Portland, Oregon to join them, and they all had a great time exploring the area and seeing some amazing sights.

The Crofts had their annual trek to Assateague State Park in early June, for a glorious 2-week respite with no work phones, no bugs, and lots of ponies. A few rainy days here and there gave them a break from sunscreen, but they had many lovely sunny beach days, good visits with Sharon's brother Dave, weekend visits from son Anders (who is working in Salisbury), and even dinner with one of Sharon's college friends - who lives in California but has a vacation home in Bethany! Ivan stayed home to work at Ace Hardware and dog-sit, being a lesser fan of sun and sand. Sadly, it did not take long to undo the relaxation once back on the job, but they have memories - and suntan!

A report from the **Cowley/Martin/Hernandez** clan: June 12 - 19 our family spent a wonderful week at Lake Wallenpaupak at the Alden Cabin "Valhalla" in the Pocono Mountains. Swimming, tubing, nighttime cards, and games, and of course fishing --- and do we have a fish story for you. While the Hernandezes were staying and cleaning the Doering Cabin down the road, Avi caught what might be a record striped bass... and it did not get away!



For some, vacation time was home maintenance time: it has been discovered by **Becca Smith** and family that when you live in a 1964 Levitt colonial in Bowie the care and feeding of the house takes on the aura of a full-time hobby, and not a cheap one. On the bright side, it is an opportunity to eat meals in the backyard while enjoying the comings and goings of resident mammals (and avoiding large resident biting insects).

Visitations: Vance Genzlinger and his daughter Blake Mesman were in town the weekend of 5-6 June. Vance wanted to test out his new hip replacement and did so by running five events, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meters, at the Eastern Regional Masters Track Meet at the Sports and Learning Center. He ended up sporting five medals for these events, in addition to kudos from many other participants. "Ironman" is Vance's new nickname. He is 90 years young.

Brian and Jackie Klippenstein and children Jack and Maddy returned from Missouri, after many years, in order to enjoy the warm weather and to say hello to friends and relatives. And to drop off daughter **Maddy** at the Naval Academy, where she will spend the next four years learning stuff. Welcome, Maddy, and good luck!

Theodore (Theo) Judson nephew of Mac & Gillian Frazier is staying with his uncle and aunt over the summer for a local internship with the Red Cross. Theo is a sophomore at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.

Welcome! It has been great to see you at church and volleyball!

Social Life Exists: On Wednesdays, at least, when a self-selected group of everybody meets around the campfire – or possibly a cooling fan – near the parking lot for conviviality, camaraderie, collegiality, and sociality. And some talking, without speechifying. Try it. 8:00 in the evenings of Wednesdays.

And for the more athletically inclined – Wednesday **volleyball** at 6pm (13 yrs. and up) and Thursday anyone **pick up soccer** at 5pm.

Both events are held at the church.

Enjoy your summer! And tell us about it so we can enjoy it too.

DUTY				
July 2021	4	11	18	25
Preacher*	BDS	BDS	GMF	GMF
Chancel	Mary C	Mary C	Mary C	Mary C
ORGAN	Jenny S	Carole W	Jenny S	Carole W
FLOWERS	Mary C	Erin S	Janna Z	Mary C
1st Usher	Lincoln S	Kai	Elias	Brian S
2 nd Usher				
Video	Bonnie C	Bill K	Glenn F	Lincoln S

DUTY					
AUG 2021	1	8	15	22	29
Preacher*	GMF	GMF	GMF	GMF	GMF
Chancel	Mary C	Mary C	Mary C	Mary C	Mary C
ORGAN	Jenny S	Carole W	Jenny S	Carole W	Jenny S
FLOWERS	Erin S	Janna Z	Mary C	Erin S	Janna Z
1st Usher	Glenn F	Lincoln S	Elias H	Brian S	George C
2 nd Usher		Marcellus S			
Video	Bill K	Brian S	Bonnie C	Glenn F	Lincoln S



July 21^{st} ~ Dave and Bonnie Cowley ~ 48 yrs. July 24^{th} ~ Michael & Janet Ferrell ~ 17 yrs.

Aug. 3rd ~ Chuck & Candy Quintero ~ 36 yrs. Aug. 3rd ~ Ed & Jana Sprinkle ~ 30 yrs.

Aug. 4th ~ Royce & Cynthia Harvey ~ 42 yrs.

Aug. 17th ~ Todd & Shannon Wawrzeniak ~ 14 yrs.

Aug. 18th ~ Phil & Janna Zuber ~ 48 yrs.

Aug. 19th ~ Mac & Sillian Frazier ~ 26 yrs.

Aug. 20th ~ Casey & Fillian Collins ~ 5 yrs.

Aug. 23rd ~ Mike & Sinny Sladish ~ 52 yrs.

Aug. 23rd ~ James & Jeannette Roscoe ~ 41 yrs.

