



A Little Something



June 14, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns & Songs

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Stayed on Jesus

Scripture

Psalm 100 & Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

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Ceramic Artistry Exhibit

Our very own Maribel Perez-Smith is honored to have an exhibit of her ceramic artistry on display at the Coos Bay Library through the end of June.

You can find about 30 pieces of her work in the display cases as you enter the library
Congratulations Maribel!!

Special Music

After Sunday, June 14 our choir will be taking a break for the summer. Once again, we are asking the congregation to step up and provide "Special Music" during Sunday Worship Service.

If you are interested, please let Tom Collins or Pastor Eric know so they can get you on the summer schedule.

We are looking forward to having you share your gifts with us!!



6/14	Wayne Miller
6/15	Carol Oelke
6/16	Noah Graber
6-16	London Lindsey
6/21	Susan Coons
6/22	Maribel Perez-Smith
6/22	George Tinker
6/28	Mark Collins
6/30	Bill Otton
6/30	Isabel Davis

Summer Lunch Program

Coos Bay and North Bend school district are once again offering free lunches during the summer.

If you know of a family with children between 1-18 that could benefit from this program you can find information at:

Coos Bay School District
<https://www.cbd9.net>

Lunches offered between
6/22 - 8/29/26

North Bend School District
<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/81717072>

Lunches offered between
6/23 - 8/18/26

This is open to all families.

You can also, pick up a flyer at the church.

Puzzle Exchange

If you enjoy a good puzzle we have started a puzzle exchange. You can find boxes of puzzles on the bookshelf in the Parlor. Take one home put it together then return it along with any of yours you might like to share.

Food Cupboard June Challenge

**Ramen Noodles &
Peanut Butter**

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8

*A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag,
but the nation itself. —Henry Ward Beecher*

Today, our nation pauses to observe Flag Day — a moment to reflect on the red, white and blue that has flown over generations of Americans. For many, the flag stirs memories: parades down small town streets, the hand over the heart in a school gym, the sight of a folded triangle held tenderly at a graveside. It is more than cloth; it carries stories.

As followers of Jesus, we hold a dual identity. We're grateful citizens of a nation we love, and at the same time, we remember that our deepest allegiance belongs to a kingdom not built by human hands. The apostle Paul writes, "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). That heavenly citizenship doesn't diminish our earthly loyalties; it reorients them. It teaches us to love our country not uncritically, but prayerfully — seeking its good, working for justice, and embodying compassion wherever we live.

Think of the colors of the American flag. Each color invites reflection.

Red calls to mind *sacrifice*. We remember those who gave their lives for freedom and those who serve today with courage and humility.

White points to *aspiration* — the hope for purity of purpose and the ongoing work of forming a more perfect union.

Blue reminds us of *perseverance* — the steady faithfulness that holds a community, or a nation, together through storms.

But above all, Flag Day is a chance to pray. Pray for leaders who seek wisdom more than power, for communities healing from division, for neighbors learning again how to listen to one another. Pray that we may be instruments of peace in a world too often shaped by fear.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). On this Flag Day, may we be counted among them — people who love our country deeply, serve our communities faithfully, and live our heavenly citizenship boldly. May the freedom we cherish be matched by responsibility, humility and hope.

And may God guide us — not with the certainty of easy answers, but with the steady light of grace — as we seek the good of the land in which we live.

—Timothy Merrill

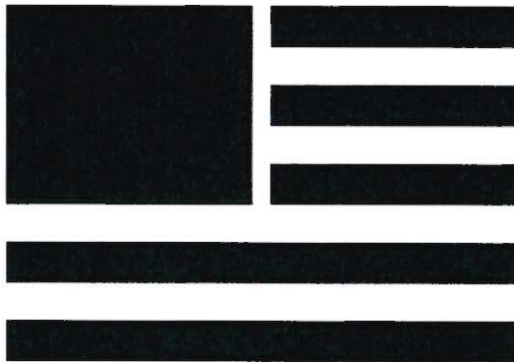
Prayer: O Lord, on this Flag Day we give thanks for the red, white and blue! Bless our nation, guide our leaders, and make us people of justice, mercy and peace. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 14-17
Monday: Hosea 11-14
Tuesday: 2 Kings 18-19
Wednesday: Isaiah 1-3
Thursday: Isaiah 4-6
Friday: Isaiah 7-9
Saturday: Psalms 64-66

VERSE TO REMEMBER

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. –John 14:1-3



TODAY IS FLAG DAY, 2026

Can you correctly identify which of these statements are true and which are false?

1. Most flags currently sold at U.S. retailers are not the official size and specifications set forth by the Congress of the United States. _____
2. The American flag has always had 13 stripes. _____
3. Old Glory is a nickname for the American flag. _____
4. The original Star-Spangled Banner immortalized by Francis

Scott Key once flew over Fort Benning, Georgia? _____

5. No one knows what became of the original Stars and Stripes that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." _____
6. The flag may be flown every day and in any weather condition. _____
7. The designer of the current 50-star flag was a high school student. _____
8. It is illegal to burn the American flag. _____
9. The flag is usually flown from sunrise to sunset. _____
10. When the president is not in Washington, D.C., the flag does not fly outside the White House. _____

More Questions

1. How many white stripes are there on the American flag? _____
2. How many red stripes? _____
3. How many stars are on the flag? _____
4. In what year was the last star added to the flag? _____

ANSWERS: 1. True. The official dimensions feature a 1:1.9 height to width ratio. Most flags sold to the public are in sizes that do not conform to this ratio, such as 2'x3' 3'x5' and 4'x6'. 2. False. At one time (from 1795 to 1818), the American flag had 15 stripes. 3. True. Other nicknames are The Star-Spangled Banner and The Stars and Stripes. 4. False. It flew over Fort McHenry. 5. False, you can see it today at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. 6. True, as long as it is made of all-weather material. 7. True, the current 50-star design was created by Robert G. Heft, who was a 17-year-old high school student when he designed it. 8. False. Burning the flag in a dignified manner is the preferred method for retiring it. 9. True. 10. True. **More Questions:** 1. Six white stripes; 2. Seven red stripes; 3. 50; 4. 1960.

Sandwich Ministry Blessings

June, 2026

It was in the middle of June 2023 that I first started the weekly Sunday Sandwich Ministry. That is over 150 Sundays that I and my friend Kathy Favaro have been cooking and baking and putting together lunches for the homeless and needy people in the Empire area.

Hugh's and my anniversary is June 18th. and now that I think about this, it is no wonder it that my sandwich ministry began in June, since the real reason this whole thing got started is that he had 5 pairs of boots that he wanted to donate to the Devereaux Center. We took them there on a Sunday afternoon and this is how we found out that there were so many hungry people as no one serves meals on Sundays.

Since then, this ministry has grown to where I, through so many donations coming to me, am now providing much more than food. Some Sundays I can hardly see out of the back windows in my car as it is so loaded with clothing, blankets, hygiene kits, shoes and boots, backpacks, 2 tables I set up, shower curtains and sometimes sleeping bags and tents and on cold days a big pot of hot apple cider and a T.V. tray to put this on and my trunk is loaded with cases of water, containers of candy and sanitary wipes, a box which holds all the bags we use to put their lunches in, bags of dog food and of course 4 or 5 big plastic containers that hold the 40-60 sandwiches that I put together that morning. All this is so amazing to me and I would never have dreamed this would have grown into what it is today.

I started my weekly journal in Sept. of 2023 as so many good things would take place and I did not want to forget them and perhaps someday I will use this journal to write a book. I began emailing these weekly journal updates out to people who would ask me about how things were going each Sunday. I now have 161 people on this weekly journal update list. This too is amazing! So many donations have come as a result of this, so many blessings from so many people. I put 2 bibles out each Sunday and some daily devotional booklets as well. Fifty to sixty bibles have been taken so far and this makes me feel so good.

I pray for wisdom and the strength to continue on as the people I serve are so very thankful, polite, helpful and affectionate and they are so hungry on Sundays. Some of them do not get to eat anything since Friday and the ones who get to Harmony Methodist Church for their Saturday lunches, don't get anything to eat until they come to where I am on Sunday afternoons and what they get from us has to last them until noon on Monday.

I have heard from many of them that what they get from us is the healthiest meal they get all week and they really do love our made from scratch sandwiches and cookies. Kathy and I smile and hug them as they thank us and tell us this.

I am so thankful that the Lord has blessed this ministry and has sent blessing after blessing to help us to help the homeless and needy people.