

Parish of the Hills



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JUNE, 2022 - JULY, 2022

PARISH VISITOR

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Bethel UM Church: Located on the Corner of
State Hwy. 39 & W
8:00 a.m. — Worship;

Linden UM Church: In the Village on Hwy. 39
10:45 a.m. — Worship

First UM Church: 400 Doty Street, MP
9:15 a.m. — Worship
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Much of our lives are spent reading and writing. For me lately, it is the writing of funerals, sermons, seminary assignments, E-Mail correspondence, letters, thank you cards, and of course the grocery list. It's all done in text form.

To this point of necessary communication, archeologists have found written documentation dating all the way back to 3,400 BC, but I'm willing to bet Eve left Adam a note letting him know where she went, and for how long she planned to be gone should she need him to tend to the gazelle that's roasting for dinner.

Communication is critical and it's all around us. Messages from one person to another, from one organization to its audience, from spouse to spouse, friend to friend, preacher to parishioner, corporation to consumer, whoever the recipient is the sender feels that their message is important.

In association to this article, I have included an example of how one person's message was distorted or miscommunicated. I hope you find it humorous.

God himself inspired 40 different authors over a period of approximately 1,500 years on three different continents to complete His letter to us. Its original text was communicated in three languages: Hebrew, koine or common Greek, and Aramaic. It's an incredible and Holy thing that God's Word is so easily accessible to people all over the world today. It's the only book that literally gives life. It is the only Work that is Spirit filled. It is the only document that when read and interpreted rightly will transform a person's thinking. It brings them from a spiritual place of darkness, to a spiritual place of understanding, grace, peace, love, and liberty.

I encourage you to go deeper in the message of God's Word.

In love and compassion, Pastor Chris Droste

Enjoy
The
News



Mineral Point News
By: Carol Paynter

I think we skipped spring and jumped into summer!

The Choir is searching for new members. We rehearse at 8:30 before our 9:15 service on the second and fourth Sundays each month. We also have started a 6:30 rehearsal the Wednesday before the fourth Sunday for special music with the pastor. We would love to have you join us – we can always use more singers and would love to enlarge our choir! Please come and SING!!!

Mert Reynolds' funeral was held at our church on Saturday April 16th. Julie Tredinnick's funeral was held at our church on Friday, June 3rd. Diane Alton's celebration of life was held on Sunday, June 5th at our church. Lovely luncheons followed in Fellowship Hall. Many thank you's to our kitchen helpers!

A successful garage sale was held at our church in Fellowship Hall from Thursday, April 21 - Saturday, April 23rd. The weather was perfect Thursday but rained on Friday. Our popular bratwursts were served both Friday and Saturday. Many, many thanks to all who helped & brought, especially to Bob Snyder who chaired the garage sale and spent many, many hours all week at our church and to Karla and Rich Vogel for their delicious brats!

We are so sorry to hear that Bob Snyder, Trustee Chair has decided to resign due to health concerns. He has been so faithful in repairing and facilitating many repairs in our church over the past years. When you see him please thank him for his many, many hours of service.

At a joint Ad Council and Trustees meeting the future of the parsonage was discussed at length. It has not been occupied for several years and that is hard on a building. The consensus was to put it up for sale. This was discussed, voted on and passed to sell at the May 23rd Charge

Conference 6:30 p.m. meeting conducted by Scott Carlson, District Superintendent.

Over 100 attended the June 5th 10:00 a.m. Mineral Point Gospel Music multi-denominational Ecumenical Service at Faith Lutheran Church (quickly rescheduled from Soldier's Memorial Park due to the threat of rain). Faith Lutheran church was the Event Coordinator. A picnic lunch was served in their Fellowship Hall. The service was mostly Gospel music presented by the band "Voices of Peace" out of Minnesota and John Miller (bass) from Dubuque, IA. Our Pastor Chris participated and sang one song. Everyone voted to have another one. The music was really good!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, June 11th Dick and Beth Gribble will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House from 2:00-4:00 in Fellowship Hall!

As of this writing, Bible study is nearing its final session and has been most interesting. Good discussions have been held and we look forward to our next fall session with Pastor Chris! With the coming of summer it was decided to not have the Thursday night Game Night for the summer.

We will have two baptisms on June 26th. Pastor Chris Droste will officiate during the Sunday morning worship services. The baptism of Ember Sue Brunett and Brooks Lawrence Brunett, daughter and son of Zeph and Samantha Brunett will take place at First United Methodist Church. Sunday, June 26, 2022 which is also Brook's birthday! Donna Toay is the great grandmother. Other siblings are Baylor, Easton who was baptized at First UMC on October 31, 2010 and Leighton who was baptized at First UMC on April 10, 2016.

Ad Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on June 9th and at 7:15 p.m. on July 14th. Trustees meet on July 14th at 6:30 p.m.

MP Community Blood Drive Friday, June 17th 11:30-5:30 Rescue Squad Bldg. (800) 733-2767

Congratulations to all the graduates from our church family!



Linden News
By: Dixie Edge

Jude Frederick Schmeizer was baptized on Sunday, March 27th. Jude is the son of Jared and Jessica (Caygill) Schmeizer and little brother of sister Jacelyn. Many friends and family were in attendance. Welcome Jude into our Church family.

Iowa Grant 2022 Seniors from our Village of Linden are: Emma Cullen, Jackson Kemnitzer, Mackenzie Leitzinger, Treven Trace and Savannah Vivian. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors. Congratulations to all of the 2022 graduating students.

There was a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 30th. Anthony Edge led the 10:30 a.m. service at the Linden Cemetery along with the Linden Legion members. The Iowa Grant band provided the music selections. It was a time to remind everyone of the many sacrifices made both past and present so that we may live in a land of the free and home of the brave. May God continue to bless our nation.

Thank you to Cheryl Keeney for filling the pulpit on May 22nd so Pastor Chris could participate in the 50th anniversary of Dodgeville's UMC Church. You are a blessing!

The Ad Council will be meeting in June to discuss old and new business. Some of the agenda items are Sunday School, Harvest Home and other fund raisers. The date will be posted on the church facebook site "Linden United Methodist Church". If you have items that you would like to put on the agenda, please contact Dixie Edge or Pam Reddell.

"All You Need is Love" This is certainly what we hear in the gospel of John. "This is how we will know that you are my disciples, if you have

love for one another." It's hard sometimes. When our patience is worn thin, when we're super tired, when it's difficult to hide our frustration and irritation. God expects us to react with love. When your smile encourages a smile in return, it makes the day for both of you. God loves all of us – no exceptions. The song the Beatles made famous says it all; "All you need is Love, Love is all you need!"



Bethel News
By: Cindy Reynolds-Doyle

Welcome summer season! We have been anxiously awaiting the warm summer days and a return to outdoor play. I believe you will agree, a day filled with sunshine does lift one's spirits. Sunshine truly has healing power and can often brighten our mood. Adding sunshine to our lives can be an easy and fun thing to do. Making time for a visit with friends or family can make a day feel sunny no matter what the weather report predicts. It's often been said, when we do something kind for others, we will feel the sunshine effect as well. Take a walk, visit a park, pack a picnic, and enjoy the outdoors on sunny days this summer. Reach out a helping hand when the opportunities arise and feel the sunshine warm your heart. Be on the lookout for all the ways you can bring some sunshine into the lives of others as well as yourself. It is a guaranteed wonderful feeling!

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We were able to hold our traditional Palm Sunday Breakfast this year on April 10th. It truly was a success. The last two years the event had been canceled. Our church dining room was filled to overflowing for this delicious meal. An amazing variety of potluck dishes appeared on the buffet counter. It was a celebration of Palm

Sunday, a baptism and once again sharing a meal and fellowship together at Bethel.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A celebration of life for Merton Reynolds was held at the United Methodist Church in Mineral Point on Saturday, April 16, 2022. My uncle Mert passed away on January 23, 2022. The service was a reflection of a very special man in our community. His life's journey of ninety-one years tells the story of a proud man who had great love for his family, farming, and strong faith. Family members performed special musical selections and presented readings. Mert's son Jeff gave a warm-hearted eulogy including stories of his dad's mischievous nature. Mert touched the lives of many and was a much-loved member of our Bethel Church Family. He will be fondly remembered always.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS

Jada Sudmeier and Caleb Wersal are Mineral Point Class of 2022 graduates. Jada is the daughter of Shane and Lisa Sudmeier. Caleb is the son of Matt Wersal and Bridget Michel. Jada and Caleb grew up in the Bethel Church Family. They participated in Sunday School, Christmas programs and were members of Bethel's 2018 confirmation class. Sunday, May 15th, Jada was honored at the Bethel worship service receiving a card and gift. She will be attending U.W. Madison this fall. Caleb was honored on Sunday, May 22nd, also presented with a card and gift. He will begin his college education this fall at U.W. Whitewater. Refreshments and fellowship followed the service in honor of the graduates. We wish them many blessings as they journey forward following their dreams.

BAPTISM AT BETHEL

The baptism of Cyril James Rolli, son of Alex and Emily Rolli, took place at Bethel Church on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. Pastor Chris Droste conducted the service. Alex and Emily reside in Dimmitt, Texas and returned home for a visit with family in April. Chris Rolli and the late Lisa Rolli from our Bethel congregation are Cyril's Grandparents. Greg and Abby Dressler are the other set of proud grandparents. The church pews were filled with family and friends for the special occasion. The Palm Sunday Breakfast in the church dining room was

attended by many of Cyril's family. This precious baby boy was warmly welcomed as a member of God's family. Congratulations to this young family and may God's blessings be with them always.

BAPTISMS IN JUNE AND JULY

Pastor Chris Droste will officiate at two upcoming baptisms at Bethel Church during the Sunday morning worship services in June and July. The baptism of Sophie Pearl Jacobson, daughter of Trevor and Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson, will take place at Bethel Church on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Melissa is a member of the Bethel Congregation and was baptized, participated in Sunday School, and confirmed at Bethel Church. Sophie Pearl is my granddaughter, and our family is looking forward to this special day. A breakfast will take place in the church dining room following the service and all are welcome to join us. On Sunday, July 17, 2022, Cora AnneMarie Reed will be baptized at Bethel Church. Cora's parents are Matthew and Danielle (James) Reed. Matthew and Danielle were married at Bethel on May 11, 2019. Cora's big brother Jackson Reed was baptized at Bethel on July 18, 2021.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jeanne Massey our Lay Leader for conducting worship services on Sunday, April 24th and Sunday, May 22nd. Our sincere appreciation to Jeanne for taking on this leadership role in our church. We look forward to your uplifting messages and the famous team game challenge. A big thank you for the time and effort given.

EXTENDING SYMPATHY

Holly Jean (Whitford) Hittesdorf passed away on May 11, 2022. Holly was raised in the Bethel Church Family. She participated in Sunday School, church activities, programs and was a member of the Bethel confirmation class. Holly and Dave were married in the Bethel United Methodist Church on October 11, 1975. Together they raised two daughters and a son. Holly was a loving, devoted grandmother to six grandchildren. The Bethel Church Family extends sincere sympathy to Holly's family.

PEACE GARDEN

This loving tribute to those we have lost is a place to reflect, find hope and remember special people in our lives. Members of the Ralph and Alona Proctor family created this beautiful garden in our church yard. Everyone is invited to enjoy this peaceful setting.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Dennis Hanson (9th), Emily Fitzsimmons (11th), Carol Schroeder (17th), Rich Milz (17th), Linda Larsen (20th), Darlene Palzkill (22nd), Chris Reynolds (26th), Matthew Reed (26th).

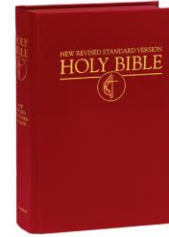
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Rich & Mary Milz (1st), Theron & Katelyn Oellerich (19th), and Dennis Hanson & Jeanne Massey.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Justin & Livia Doyle (2nd), Trevor & Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson (18th), and Mike Doyle & Cindy Reynolds-Doyle (28th).

There is joy in the journey as we walk alongside each other. Spend some time this summer with friends and family. You will be glad you took that extra time to share with one another. Wishing you all the warmth and wonders of the "Good Old Summertime."



Bible Study ran from March 1 – May 31st and will start up again in the fall.

Please call Pastor Chris at (608) 359-8180 or email: darling8180@gmail.com to sign up and if you have any questions.

Please always feel free to attend any or all classes



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These are Christian Radio Stations to encourage and uplift you. Pastor Chris would like you to start your day by listening to one of them for just a few minutes of your time.

Thoughts from the Joyful Noiseletter!

*Your Mind is a garden,
Your thoughts are the seeds,
You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds.*

"Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds, fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Don't be afraid to be amazing." – Andy Offutt Irwin

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." – Leo Tolstoy

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring." – Lilly Pulitzer

"Take action once a day to do something that ignites your life." – Gabrielle Bernstein

"It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela



When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.

June 05	Service at Soldier's Park
June 12	Apportionments
June 19	Badger Honor Flight
June 26	Improvement Fund
July 03	Mineral Point Fire Department
July 10	Apportionments
July 17	Iowa County Hospice
July 24	Improvement Fund
July 31	Stained Glass Restoration

“The world needs different kinds of minds working together.” – Temple Grandin

“Invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration.” – Thomas Edison

“Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be.” – Sonia Ricotti

“If we are ever to be able to love a butterfly, we must care for a few caterpillars.” – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“Lovely flowers are the smiles of God’s goodness.” – William Wilberforce

“I am not so much concerned whether God is on our side as whether we are on God’s side.” – Abraham Lincoln

“Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world.” - Paul E. Holdcraft

“Take the bull by the tail and look the situation in the face.” - Helen and Larry Eisenberg

JUDAS ASPARAGUS

If you need a laugh today, then this should do it!!!

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching??? Through the eyes of a child:

The Children’s Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, “Give me a light!” and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren’t embarrassed because mirrors hadn’t been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden...not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn’t have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh’s people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them his top ten commandments. These include: don’t lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor’s stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses’ best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town...after Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn’t sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don’t have to worry about them. After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, “Close the door!”

Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was."

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He helped many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But, the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Any ways, Jesus died for our sins, and then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

WORD OF WISDOM TO MY GRANDSON, GRANDAUGHTER as they GRADUATE

I've traveled paths you've yet to walk, Learned lessons old and new, and now the wisdom of my life I'm blessed to share with you.

Learn to trust your feelings, your beliefs you should uphold. Don't walk away from what is right, be courageous and be bold.

Let yourself be humble, and remember to be kind, when you have respect for others true friendships you will find.

Have dignity and honor, and be proud of all you do. Confidence will take you far, a future that waits for you.

And so, I cannot wait to see, the wonders you will do, because you are my Grandson or Granddaughter, and I am so proud of you. – Reader's Digest

NEED A RIDE?

RURAL TAXI: (608) 930-9835 Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DODGEVILLE TAXI: (608) 553-0590 Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ADRC

MARIAN SCHMITZ'S RHUBARB CRISP

- 8 cups rhubarb, diced
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups sugar (less if you like tart)
- 2+ tsp. cinnamon (to taste)
- 2+ tsp vanilla (to taste)

TOPPING:

- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 stick of butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the rhubarb in a large bowl & add the eggs, salt, sugar, cinnamon & vanilla & if juicy also add some flour (usually needed). TOPPING: Mix the brown sugar & butter. Cut in the flour with a pastry blender or fork until mix is crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over rhubarb. Bake in 350 oven until rhubarb is tender, hot and bubbly, about 50 minutes. Delicious served warm or cold with vanilla ice cream or Cool Whip.

ATTENDANCE

<u>April</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>
Bethel	22	56	48	10
First	29	28	47	25
Linden	08	17	27	12
Facebook	05		06	**

<u>May</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Bethel	14	10	22	19	17
First	25	30	27	23	28
Linden	10	11	13	10	09
Facebook	03	06	04	**	06

**Pulpit Supply



Below please find the Parish Visitor Rotating Church Collation Schedule for 2022. Our goal is to mail our newsletter out by the last week of every other month:

<u>Parish Visitor:</u>	<u>Deadline:</u>	<u>Collates:</u>
Feb/March-First	Jan 17	Jan 27
April/May-Linden	March 21	March 31
June/July-Bethel	May 16	May 26
Aug/Sept-First	July 18	July 28
Oct/Nov-Linden	Sept 19	Sept 29
Dec/Jan-Bethel	Nov 17	Dec 1

Reminder: Father's Day June 19th



Second Harvest Food Bank

This Mobile Food Pantry is for people from the area struggling to pay the bills each month.

The 4th Monday of the Month
Start drive-up at 4:00 until gone
Ss. Anthony & Philip Church
726 Main Street
Highland, Wisconsin

Please bring your own bags/boxes.



April 18, 2022: I want to thank all the Mineral Point Methodist ladies who helped in any way to make the luncheon go so smoothly. Also to those who brought food as well. I didn't realize there would be such a large turnout. It would not have worked at Bethel. I am so thankful to your ladies. Nancy Reynolds

April 27, 2022: FIRST UMC: Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated. I want to thank all of the ladies who helped out at the luncheon. Jane Oflahrity and family.

June 6, 2022: BETHEL UMC: Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card! I will use it this fall to decorate my dorm at UW Madison! I appreciate the support! Thank you so very much! Jayda Sludmeier

2021 AND 2022 TO DATE: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD AND/OR MONEY TO THE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY OF MINERAL POINT!!!!:

2021:

1. Anonymous (17)
2. Paige & Jerry Grimm
3. Carrie Palzkill
4. Evalena Anderson in memory of Clifford
5. Lynette Potter
6. Pastor Marilyn & Dick Brewer
7. Dorothy & Mark Prouty
8. Nancy Larsen (2)
9. Tani & Dawn
10. SS Mary & Paul Parish Souper Bowl Collection
11. Ann
12. Dick Ruppert
13. Cub Scouts
14. Trinity Guild
15. Mary Wolrack
16. Trinity Special Collection
17. Steve Darrow
18. Sandy Wetzel, Teacher & MPHS collection
19. The family of Lou Sullivan (Mary) (2)
20. Betty Amidon
21. Kip Bakken
22. Gretchen Taylor, Seattle, WA
23. Christina Curtis
24. Sheri Underwood (3)
25. Lee Greenwood (4)
26. Mary Harley
27. Cushmans
28. Nanette
29. Delbert Olson
30. Amie Gieseke
31. Iowa Lodge No. 1.0.0.f.,MP
32. Waldwick Community Church
33. Mineral Point VFW Post 7629 Auxiliary
34. Glenn & Harriet Ridenhauer
35. SS Mary & St. Paul Food Drive
36. Craig & Paula Schwette
37. SS Mary & St. Paul's Thanksgiving Collection
38. Jerry Underwood
39. Marcia Ajer

(Total: 62 donations)

2022 to date:

1. Lee Greenwood (5)
2. Paula Schuette
3. Nancy Schmitt (St. Mary's)
4. Anonymous (2)
5. Steve Greenwood (in memory of Lois Darrow)
6. SS Mary & Paul Parish Souper Bowl Collection
7. Berget Jewelers
8. David & Lynda Thomas
9. Trinity Guild, MP
10. SS Mary & St. Paul 1st grade quilt donations
11. Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Sheri Underwood

(Total: 16 donations to date)

HISTORY OF A FAVORITE HYMN:

America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

1832

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the
Lord...Psalm 33:12**

This patriotic hymn was written by Samuel Francis Smith, a native Bostonian, born on October 21, 1808. After attending Boston Latin School, he enrolled in Harvard, then attended Andover Seminary. While there, Samuel became fascinated by the work of Adoniram Judson, America's first missionary, and he developed a lifelong passion for world evangelism.

It was also during Samuel's first year at Andover that hymn publisher, Lowell Mason, sought his help. Mason had a stack of German songs and materials needing translation. Learning that Samuel was proficient in German, he recruited the young student to translate them.

On a cold February afternoon, about a half hour before sunset, Samuel sat in his sparsely furnished room, pouring over the materials. He was struck by the words of "Gott segne Sachsenland" ("God Bless our Saxon Land"), set to the tune we know as "America" (used in Great Britain for "God Save the Queen").

"I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to this tune," Samuel later said. "Picking up a scrap of paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn, 'America' as it is now known."

A friend, William Jenks, took a copy to the pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church. There "America" was first sung by the Juvenile Choir at a Sunday School Rally, on July 4, 1831.

In the years that followed, Samuel Francis Smith grew into a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer, and missionary advocate. He traveled the world in support of evangelism, and he rejoiced when his son became a missionary to Rangoon. Samuel lived to ripe old age and remained active till the

end. He died suddenly in his late-eighties at the Boston train station en route to a preaching appointment.

But he has always been most revered for the patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23-year-old student. As his friend and Harvard classmate, Oliver Wendell Holmes, put it at a class reunion:

*And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith, -
Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith;
But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,
Just read on his medal, "My country, of thee!"*

HYMN NO. 697

America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
liberty, of thee I sing; land where my
fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom
ring!**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble
free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and
rills, thy woods and templed hills; my
heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**








**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from
all the trees sweet freedom's song; let
mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe
partake; let rocks their silence break, the
sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of
liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our
King.**

WORDS: Samuel F. Smith, 1832

MUSIC: *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1744

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
29 Ascension Sunday Memorial Sunday	30  Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i> Fly the Flag Day	31  5:30 Bible Study at 1 st	1 Starting June 1 Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers – stop in at the ADRC or call for more information (608) 930-9835	2 Ascension Day (Orthodox) Pendarvis Opening Day	3 Repeat Day	4 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park Shake Rag Alley Tour of Fairy Homes & Gallery Night Shavu'of
5 Pentecost 10:00 Soldier's Park "Voice of Praise" Concert and Ecumenical Svc. with other churches in MP 1:00 Visitation, 2:00 Celebration of Life of Diane Alton at 1st	6  Yo-Yo Day	7	8 Best Friend Day	9 7:00 Ad Council meets at 1st	10 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the porch Annual Conference June 10-13 Green Bay	11 2:00-4:00 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Dick & Beth Gribble at 1st Annual Conference June 10-13 Green Bay
12 Trinity Sunday 8:00 Bethel Svc with baptism of Sophie Jacobson, daughter of Trevor & Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 1 st Svc with Choir 10:45 Linden Svc	13 Annual Conference June 10-13 Green Bay	14 	15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 1-800-677-1116 https://ncea.acl.gov	16 Mineral Point Museum Night	17 MP Community Blood Drive Rescue Squad Bldg 11:30-5:30 (800) 733-2767 Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park
19 Father's Day 8:00 Bethel Svc 9:15 1 st Svc 10:45 Linden Svc National Kissing Day	20 	21 Summer begins Selfie Day	22 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the porch 6:30 Choir Practice at 1st	23	24	25 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park 9-5 Sat, 9-4 Sun Spring Green Art Fair
26 8:00 Bethel Svc 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 1 st Svc with Choir and baptism of Brooks & Ember Brunett, son & daughter of Zeph & Samantha Brunett 10:45 Linden Svc	27 4:00 2 nd Harvest Food Pantry drive thru at St. Anthony & Philip Church, Highlands	28 John Wesley's Birthday (1703)	29 	30	1 	2 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29 	30	1 	2 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park I Forgot Day
3 8:00 Bethel Svc with Communion 9:15 1st Svc 10:45 Linden Svc with Communion	4 4 th of July 11:00 Mineral Point Parade 	5	6	7 Woodlanders Gathering Rustic Art Retreat – Shake Rag Alley	8 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the porch Video Games Day	9 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park
10 8:00 Bethel Svc 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1st Svc with Communion & Choir 10:45 Linden Svc	11 	12	13	14 6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council meet at 1st	15 Cow Appreciation Day	16 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park
17 8:00 Bethel Svc with Baptism of Cora Reed, daughter of Matthew & Danielle (James) Reed 9:15 1st Svc 10:45 Linden Svc	18 	19	20 6:30 Choir Practice at 1st	21 National Ice Cream Day	22	23 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park
24 Parents' Day 8:00 Bethel Svc 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1st Svc with Choir 10:45 Linden Svc Tell an Old Joke	25 4:00 2 nd Harvest Food Pantry drive thru at St. Anthony & Philip Church, Highlands	26	27 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the porch	28 Collate Parish Visitor (First)	29 	30 Mineral Point Market Water Tower Park
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