

**July Dates Ahead**

- 7/4 Independence Day  
Communion Sunday
- 7/5 Medford Mission
- 7/10 Scott and Brigid's Reception
- 7/11-16 Teen Camp
- 7/19-23 Explorer Camp
- 7/26 Full Moon

**August Dates Ahead**

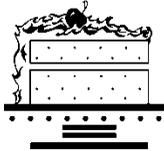
- 8/1 Communion Sunday  
Williams Ice Cream Social
- 8/2 Medford Mission
- 8/8 Annual Church Picnic
- 8/24 Full Moon

**September Dates Ahead**

- 9/2 Women's Outreach
- 9/5 Communion Sunday
- 9/6 Medford Mission

**July Birthdays**

- 7/4 Mike Joyce
- 7/6 Tricia Clark
- 7/7 Brooke Belanger
- 7/12 Shirley Belanger
- 7/15 Louise Isbell
- 7/18 Arthur Watson
- 7/19 JoAnn Miller
- 7/20 Dorothy McMahan
- 7/23 Charlotte Butcher
- 7/25 Vane Jones
- 7/29 Vickie Prose



**August Birthdays**

- 8/8 Johnny Ciesla
- 8/18 Sarah Armstrong
- 8/19 Alyssa Watson
- 8/25 Kay Guches
- 8/27 Ed Struthers



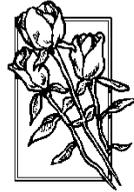
**September Birthdays**

- 9/7 Mary Zimmerman
- 9/8 Naomi Wilant
- 9/9 Michelle Kendall

9/10 Annie Watson

**July Anniversaries**

- 7/8 Joe & Leta Neiderheiser  
Andrew & Amanda Watson  
Kendon & Jessie Leet
- 7/13 Dale & Paula Fisher
- 7/27 Vane & Bonnie Jones



**August Anniversaries**

- 8/7 Brian & Kelly Johnson
- 8/12 Dale & Cricket Rau
- 8/15 Ed & Joanne Struthers
- 8/27 Paul & Judy Slater

**September Anniversaries**

- 9/8 Bob & Wendy Belanger
- 9/10 Rich & Sandy Reeves

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, from a proposed resolution of independence by Richard Henry Lee. Thomas Jefferson was the principal author of the resolution which caused several debates and revisions. The Declaration was approved on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

John Adams had written to his wife, Abigail: 'The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, fairs, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.'



Thankful for independence ~ Cricket



**NewsBreak**

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*Dear Congregation,*

Being that today is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I thought it would be an appropriate occasion to ponder the heritage of our nation. In the 1892 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*, the court's ruling begins with this powerful statement:

Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian. No purpose of action against religion can be imputed to any legislation, state or national, because this is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation.

The ruling of the court then went on to chronicle this "single voice" which testifies to the Christian heritage of our nation:

The commission to Christopher Columbus ... [recited] that "it is hoped that by God's assistance some of the continents and islands in the ocean will be discovered ..." The first colonial grant made to Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584 ... and the grant authorizing him to enact statutes for the government of the proposed colony provided that they "be not against the true Christian faith ..." The first charter of Virginia, granted by King James I in 1606 ... commenced the grant in these words: "...in propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness ..." The celebrated compact made by the Pilgrims in the Mayflower, 1620, recites: "Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith ... a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia ..." The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, under which a provisional government was instituted in 1638-1639, commence with this declaration: "And well knowing where a people are gathered together, the Word of God requires that to maintain the peace and union...there should be an orderly and decent government established according to God...to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess...of the said Gospel [which] is now practiced amongst us."

The court's ruling goes on and on in documenting similar quotes and observes, "We find everywhere a clear recognition of the same truth... There is no dissonance in these declarations. There is a universal language pervading them all, having one meaning; they affirm and reaffirm that this is a religious nation." Well did James Madison, known as the father of the U.S. Constitution, say, "Religion [is] the basis and Foundation of Government." He added,

We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.

No wonder a Supreme Court decision as late as 1948 (*McCullum v. Board of Education*) concluded, Traditionally, organized education in the Western world was Church education. It could hardly be otherwise when the education of children was primarily study of the Word and the ways of God... the basis of education was largely the Bible, and its chief purpose inculcation of piety. And the first president of Princeton University, Jonathan Dickinson, declared, "Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ."

*Pastor Brian*

*Scott and Brigid Prose Reception  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
4:00 p.m.  
at the home of Darrel and Vickie Prose*

The church body is invited to a local reception, because, Scott is married! The wedding was held on a sunny hill in Hood River at a pear orchard. Married under a chuppah, the pastor led a wonderful message, and let everyone know he knew Scott well. Scott and Brigid went to Hawaii for a honeymoon and it's time to celebrate!

Join in and congratulate the happy couple. Dinner will be provided. Dress casual, the reception will be held on Darrel and Vickie's front lawn.

**Lake of the Woods Bible Camp**

Teen Camp

July 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Cost - \$150

Ages-entering grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

You NEED to be at the church by 12:30.

It will be leaving promptly at 1:00!



Explorer Camp

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cost - \$135

Ages-entering grades 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Be at the church at 9:30 a.m., the bus needs to leave at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in being a **counselor**, please let Pastor Brian or the office know.

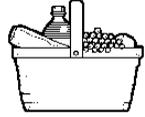
You can still make donations for **camp scholarships** if you are interested in helping a camper who can't afford to go otherwise.

Pray the Lord will do spiritual work through the numerous Bible studies and fellowship opportunities that will happen at camp this summer.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Williams Ice Cream Social  
7:00 p.m.**



Applegate, Provolt, and Ruch join in with Williams every year for a social/sing-a-long. Bring your own lawn chair and homemade ice cream or cookies. Join in on the fun time as we sing under the trees and enjoy good visiting.



**August 8<sup>th</sup>  
annual Church Picnic  
Cantrall Buckley Park**

Right after church, plan on heading to the park. Bring a potluck dish and dessert to share and your own table service.

If you choose to just watch those entertaining us with games, you may want to bring a lawn chair.

Invite people you know!

Cost to enter the park is \$4.00.



**Men's Breakfast  
Fellowship/Bible Study  
July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Fireside room. Mike Quigley is leading a Bible study from the book of Luke.

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
The Lord gives grace and glory;  
No good thing does He withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.  
O Lord of hosts,  
How blessed is the man who trusts  
in You!*

Psalm 84:11-12

**County Fair Dates:**

Jackson County Fair ~ July 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Josephine County Fair ~ August 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

**Four By For: Papua New Guinea**



Applegate Community Church has placed Missions among our highest priorities. As a result, we are always looking for ways to support our missionaries. During their recent visit, we asked Mike and Sandy Mikolavich about their needs while serving in Papua New Guinea. Although they were reluctant to ask for financial help, they told us of having major problems with their 4-wheel drive utility vehicle. After several breakdowns that resulted in major repair bills, they decided to install a new engine, shipped in from Australia. They had hoped that this new engine would solve their transportation problems. Unfortunately, it did not and Mike suffered another breakdown in a remote area, far from home. Now, because of the difficulty in getting good mechanical repair work, they are still without reliable transportation.

Mike & Sandy minister to 11 separate congregations among the Lamogai people that are spread out over a large area. They must travel considerable distances over treacherous mountain "roads" in order to reach these different churches which makes it mandatory to have a reliable, 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Here's how we can help. In Papua New Guinea, it is possible to purchase late-model vehicles from Japan at a very reasonable price. This is due to strict vehicle inspection laws in Japan that makes it very expensive to maintain a vehicle in that country even after just a few years of use. These used vehicles are shipped out of the country and are available to purchase in countries like Papua New Guinea. We would like to raise money to help the Mikolavich's purchase one of these vehicles.

At this time, we have about \$3500 in our Missions Fund. However, these funds are set-aside for all our missionary families to help them with their various needs. This summer, we expect visits from Lauren and Terri Wells and also Bill and Vered Rogers and we want to consider their needs as well. This is the purpose of our Missions Fund.

Our church does have reserve funds held in savings accounts at our bank. Over the last year or two, those accounts have increased to the point where they are now larger than the foreseeable needs of our church. The Lord has blessed us with these extra funds and we feel that they should be used for His glory and not left sitting in the bank. However we know that there are many in our church that would like to support the Mikolavich ministry, so we want to give those in our church who want to share in this ministry the opportunity to do so in a direct and personal way.

**Now, here is the exciting part.** The Elders have decided to match, from the General Fund, the total amount collected for the 4 X 4 vehicle on a dollar for dollar basis. In other words, every dollar contributed to the fund will be doubled. For example, if we can raise \$2500 by September, then we will be able to give \$5000 to Mike and Sandy for their vehicle purchase. If we can raise more than that, it will also be matched from our church funds for their vehicle purchase.

Please pray for the Mikolavich family and their ministry to the people of Papua New Guinea so that we might bring glory to the Lord through this project.