



Dear Friends,

Lynn Mosher, in her blog, asks: Are we as Christians, as faithful as the Marines? Do we thump our chests with our fists and say, "*Semper Fi*" to our Christian comrades-in-arms? Are we loyal, reliable, devoted, constant, steadfast, consistent, responsible, and true to our word? Are we faithful in our work, wealth, witness, worship, and the vows we make? Are we faithful to our friends and neighbors? Are we quality citizens? Are we faithful to each other? Are we faithful in our behavior, speech, and dress? Do we keep the highest standards, ethically and morally? Are we faithful to our Christian comrades-in-arms? Do we have an attitude of unbreakable commitment, in combat and in life, so that we don't leave our wounded brothers and sisters behind when they are in battle? Are we courageous and disciplined warriors in our efforts to fight off the enemy? Do we long to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. (Matthew 25:21).

It can be rather unnerving to think about how Summer is traditionally a season dedicated to, at least, a time period of rest and relaxation when all around us is unrest. It's difficult to turn the news on these days because of the anticipation of what will be heard. News of war, chaos, and violence. I rarely watch network news but did tune in the other day. So I turned the TV channel to 7 and started to watch Eyewitness News. The first 20 minutes was nothing short of unnerving. All negative, depressing, and rather alarming. Indeed, we live in a scary world.

So how important is our faith? Quite frankly, our faith means everything. In uncertain times, it will be our faith that can, or should I say, will be the glue that holds our lives together. So the words of Lynn Mosher ring very true. It's a good thing to evaluate or re-evaluate one's faith and put into question, through faith, one's commitment to our God. Are we dedicated and steadfast to the things that matter? I mean...when the world around us falls apart what will be the one thing left standing? Hopefully it will be one's faith. Faith gives us a sense of hope and reassurance that when we find ourselves lost, our God will always find us, embrace us, and bring us comfort. Like the lyrics to a famous hymn that echoes the sentiment of "O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee..."

THE GOOD NEWS? OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL! FIND REST AND PEACE IN THAT.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jim

Mark Your Calendar

Needles & Pins 10:00 am.....Aug 1
Worship/Communion 10:30 am/Ice Cream Social.....Aug 2
Worship/ Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Aug 9
Worship/ Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Aug 16
Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Aug 23
Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Aug 30

**FACEBOOK LIVE
DEVOTIONS WILL
RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!
ENJOY THE REST OF
YOUR SUMMER.**



April Phelps

April graduated on June 12, 2026 from Warren Hills Regional High School with High Honors. She was a member of the National Honors Society and Best Buddies Manager. She also received a bowling Scholarship. April was a Sunday School teacher, usher and enjoyed volunteering whenever needed. She enjoys traveling with her family.

April is the daughter of Fred & Tami Phelps. She has one brother William 23 years old and a sister Amanda 22 years old.

She will be attending Suffolk University of Boston in the fall where she plans to receive a masters in Biology and a minor in Forensic Science.

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Remember In Prayer



Prayer:

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ, you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be professed and proclaimed to the whole world. Dear Lord, as we pray for our friends and loved ones, let us pray with confidence knowing that you not only hear our prayers, but respond in love and with a perfect will.

Those ill or recuperating at home: John Scovell, Barbara Miller, Joan Miller, Peggy Westlake, Jim Vlossak, Vicki Morgan, Eleanore Jensen, Doug Foley, Linda Walsh, Joyce Parsons, Ronald & Joan Weber, Michael Housman, DJ Pesaniello.

Relatives of church members: Kathy Perry's nephew Arthur, Charlie & Roberta Kugelmeyer's niece Jackalyn Bolcar, Harold & Carolyn Teabo's daughter Kimberly Masi, Don Johnson's grandson Dylan, Callie & Mark Kresser, Linda Darwin's sister-in-law Jenny, Lynn Alleger friends of the Ours, Lee Ann Kubbishun's brother in-law Harvey Hendershot, Pauline Albrecht's cousins Kathy & Bill, Harold Teabo, Judy Ours cousin Aurelius Newbold, Jim Morgan, Joe Kresser's brother John, Charlie Kugelmeyer, John & Elaine Boreman's daughter & son in law Jill & Ross Duncan, Joe Caldaro, Peggy Westlake's son-in-law Travis Jablonski, Barbara Miller's daughter in-law Julie, Patricia Handlos's great nephew Bear Shaw, Robert Stacie Ullrich's dad, Pauline Albrecht's cousin Pete Lekousis, Laura Housman's mother Betty Machauer, Joan Miller's sister in-law, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece; Kerri Caldaro's mom & dad Gail & Fred Mosher.

Those in care centers: Connie Allen, Joan Vasko, Bob Pesaniello, Nancy Vlossak.

Those in mourning: The family and Friends of Julie Stevenson with the passing of her father Bob Cosens.

Friends of the church: Kerri Caldaro's friend Jason Leonard, Pat Hawkins sister Susan and her husband John, Stuart Ours friend Don Walker, Fred & Karen Graf's friend Renee Wise, Carol Kain's friend John Vybihal. Joe Groff friend of Doug & Jolene Foley, Gale Soler & Ellen Gulick friends of Joan Miller, Barbara Miller's friend Patrick O'Malley, Carol Novak, and Vlossak family's friend Hallie.

Also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families: Albrecht's nephew Captain Kyle Mogensen, Lee Ann Kubbishun's nephew Cory, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.



Our Thoughts and Prayers



August 7

Emily Andersen
Peggy Westlake

August 10

Melanie Plenge

August 11

Chase Hannema

August 12

Bob Stoskus

August 13

Bob Pesaniello

August 14

John Burd

August 16

Charlie Kugelmeyer

August 19

Jim Lawson

August 24

Almera Bray

August 25

Stan Kubbishun

August 28

Ian Allen

August 31

John Boreman
Leslie Schott



MUSIC NOTES - AUGUST 2026

(I must admit, I am being lazy this month and the following article was NOT written by me! The source is hymnsillustrated.com)

One day in the summer of 1869, a group of Methodist pastors looked for a spot to escape the summer heat of New Jersey so they could spend the time studying the Bible. They found it in a well-shaded piece of land by the sea and pitched their tents. They loved the spot so much they named it Ocean Grove and came back summer after summer. Word got out and this spiritually refreshing campsite soon came to be known as the “Queen of Religious Resorts.”

For years, curious crowds came every summer to hear preaching and to sing hymns. One year, Robert Lowry visited Ocean Grove, New Jersey and introduced his hymn “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus.” It moved people’s hearts so deeply, a revival took place. And one summer, one of the song leaders was John R. Sweeney, a composer from Pennsylvania. One of the people in the crowd was Fanny Crosby, the well-known blind hymn writer from New York. The two met and forged a friendship and collaborated on over twenty hymns together.

One of their most loved hymn collaborations is “I Love to Tell the Story” which reminds us how the true gospel story is always worth hearing and it’s always worth telling. You never know who you might meet and where you might them. And you never know how God will use your friendship to help tell the gospel story.

Fun Fact: Ocean Grove is still a popular tourist destination in New Jersey. People still vacation in tents there. And the land is still owned by Methodists (The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association).

Happy Summer!
Julie Stevenson





Fall CRAFT

FUN FOR ALL AGES! EVERYONE INVITED!

SEPT. 27TH AFTER CHURCH

JOIN LINDA WATTERS FOR A QUICK & EASY CRAFT FOR AUTUMN

PLEASE Sign up

so that we can have enough supplies ready.

We will let you know if there is something you should bring.

Sponsored by the Membership Committee. See Jolene Foley or Office with questions!

RSVP to office or sign up in Coffee Room!





The Next Chapter

BOOK CLUB

OUR PARAGRAPEVEVERH
TEXT

PLEASE JOIN US
OPEN TO ALL !T

Future dates/times will be chosen at this first meeting

Food items/snacks are welcome! :)

CURRENTLY READING...

Theo of Golden

By Allen Levi

First Meeting...Sept. 20 • 11:45 am

Bible Word Search

Name: _____



God is Love



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Word list:

FAITH
FORGIVE
GRACE
GUIDE
HEAL
LOVE
MERCY
PATIENCE
SALVATION
TEACHER
TRUST
WISDOM



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16 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live Ice Cream Social	17	18	19	20	21	22
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