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Dear Williamsburg UMC Family and Friends,

Summer is here! The Cherry Festival will be in Traverse City next week, the beaches are already full, and this month our Country will be celebrating 250 years since its founding by breaking away from Great Britain. Expect noise from Jets, fireworks, and neighborhood kids! Each July I find it amusing when Methodists celebrate Independence Day, since John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was a staunch loyalist who opposed the American Revolution. He urged American colonists to remain loyal to the British Crown, famously publishing A Calm Address to our American Colonies in 1775 to argue against the rebellion. And it was the American Revolution, and subsequent separation from England in numerous ways, that led to the formation of the Methodist Church as a denomination instead of just a movement within the Anglican Church (Church of England).

Speaking of the history of Methodism, on July 19th, we will be having our last book study on *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace* by Lacey Warner. I hope you have found this study to be enlightening, both from the book and our discussions. This fall we will be having a Bible study focusing on how and why we as Christians show care for others. If there is a topic you'd be interested in studying and/or discussing as the church, please let me know. I am

I hope you all have a fun and safe July. Drink lots of fluids and find cool places during this heat wave. If you go to enjoy some of the celebrations and festivals, enjoy your time! If you try to escape the busyness, enjoy your quiet! And remember, our church is air conditioned!

Blessings,

Pastor Matthew

ACTIVITIES

**In June we collected
\$150.00 for Right
Tree. Thank you!**



Usher List:

- July 5th-Janet Goss
- July 12th-Rich Hargreaves
- July 19th-Jan Donkers
- July 26th-Jim Hockin

GOD SHED
THIS
Grace
ON THEE

**Please consider
being an Usher on
Sunday mornings or
sign up for Coffee
Fellowship!
See Janet, thank
you!**

**Elk Rapids Harbor
Days!
August 5th-8th**

**Our Missions
Offering for July is
Supporting
Central UMC
Outreach. Thank
you!**

JULY CELEBRATIONS!

2nd Linda Belcher
8th Shirley Lewis
20th Judy & Tom Jenkins' Anniversary!
21st Jean & Ron Ridge's Anniversary!
22nd Chuck Walter
28th Holly Barrett



JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day!	2	3	4 Happy 250th Birthday USA!
5 9:30am Worship Communion Coffee	6	7	8	9	10	11 Marcia Clone's Funeral 1pm (Visitation @12pm)
12 9:30am Worship Coffee Fellowship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30am Worship Coffee Fellowship Book Study	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship Coffee Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	
AA SCHEDULE Saturday, Everyone, 7pm Monday, Everyone, 7:30pm						

Have a Great Summer!

T H Z W V K W B I T N A N E V N O C W E N R N Y
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divine liturgy	new covenant	Christianity	Resurrection	Commandment
holy spirit	pantocrator	apostles	playtera	st basil
Baptism	blessed	narthex	arabic	christ
church	deacon	kindom	people	priest
sunday	wisdom	Jesus	Saint	amen
icon	Lord	love	pray	God



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