

THE BROADCASTER

June 30, 2021

Pastor's Piece

There is a term called "Empty Nest Syndrome." It comes from the title of a sitcom called "Empty Nest" that aired for nearly 10 years until the mid-1990s. As their children go to college and get married, they start to leave the house one by one. And later, only a couple are left behind. Empty nest syndrome refers to the loneliness parents feel in a home where their children have left that is an empty nest.

This phrase, which often appears when reading books about family or counseling, was thought to be someone else's business, but it has come to my wife and me. July 9th my first child Jeffrey will join the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The Academy is located in New York which is kind of far away, and since it is federal academy, freedom would be limited so he will come home over the Christmas break which makes us feel sad.

Recently Jeffrey cleaned his room which will soon to be Jenna's room. Jenna is excited to move to his room because it's little bigger than hers. My wife has been busy preparing and packing stuff for school and taking care of things big and small. Pretty much every day we go to the living room and check Jeffrey's luggage to see if we miss anything. We think we packed his belongings quite well. We've been counting down how many days left until he leaves home. Our house will be very quiet and Ara's work would be much less. We don't have to wrestle with Jeffrey in the mornings and evenings. But we can feel and see the reality that we will miss him a lot when he is not at home over the next four years. Ara will dearly miss Jeffrey even though she has a handsome husband by her side.

To be honest, my wife is not alone. As a father, I would be feeling quite empty without him. Every day for the past 18 years or so, we do so many things together. But I know he is not a kid anymore and from now on he has to learn how to design and shape his own life. My family will miss him and I know my church family will miss him too.

I believe it is God's providence for mature children to leave their parents and have a family. In the meantime, if parents have been playing the role of guardians for their children, now take a step back and pray for them and share the wisdom of life when they need parental advice. I know this well theoretically, that when my children left I would feel quite empty. This must be the heart of every parents toward their children. My wife and I have raised him this far, now we humbly ask God to watch over him, to look after him and to take over his life from now on. Help us, O Lord.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Charlie Davis, Coila Earnest (Cheryl Ward's mother), Martha Fransham, Gary Head, Cade Ingam, Charles Kannady (Martha Fransham's son-in-law), Feryl Potter, Goldie Robinson, Chloe Schultz, Margaret Williams

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.
God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

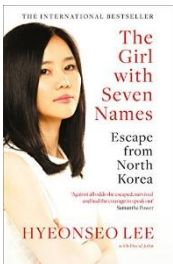
Our Military

- † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law
- † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson
- † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son
- † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson
- † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson
- † Chance Greenhoff – Army
- † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson
- † Austin Kroeger
- † Sydney Lang – Navy
- † SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson
- † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law
- † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew
- † Erik Ralsten
- † CPL Bethany Reeves
- † David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew
- † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson
- † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband



Some of our card players used their BIG cards to play Pitch. Want to join in the fun? We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30a-11:00a in the Fireside Room.

Book Club



Have you ever wanted to join a book club, but weren't sure how? Well, you are in luck! We are going to start a Book Club in the fall! We will meet one Wednesday each month at 6:00p in the Fireside Room. Books have been chosen that are on the United Methodist Women's Reading Program Book List for 2021/2022. Please contact the office and let us know if you would like to join! The first book we will read is *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea* by Hyeonseo Lee with David John. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, August 25.**



1 Charlie Davis	1 Aaron Wiebe	2 Debbie Gilbert	3 Aubrie Miller
4 Marsha Callaway	5 Leslie Barbett	5 Keri Scriven	5 Brian Scriven
5 Sydney Cummings	8 Curtis Mitchell	9 Dennis Phelps	9 Lauren Ishman
10 Elaine Taylor	10 Ara Ju	12 Darryl Wall	12 Landon Bevan
12 Frank Wenzel	14 Charla McNown	15 Brett Fiene	16 Laura Schaar
17 Gage Clevenger	18 Eldon Miller	18 Lynne Chappell	19 Travis Schupp
21 Gary Kerth	21 Phil Hubenett	22 Harvey Diehl	23 Goldie Robinson
23 Brendon Scriven	25 Annabelle Koch	27 Bill Wilbur	28 Chase Ishman
28 Donna Schupp	29 Olivia Seacat		



2 Darrell & Barbara Jarman	2 Rod & Laura Schumock	7 Gene & Judy Taldo
8 Don & Cleo Mounday	10 Darryl & Val Wall	11 Brad & Stacy Barbour
11 Aaron & Bethany Lindstrom	12 Mike & Maggie Spratt	14 Charlie & Connie Davis
15 Tony & Julie Schaar	17 Glenn & Virginia Jost	17 Tim & Rebecca Schultz
18 Rod & Melinda Reeves	25 Kendall & Paris McGinn	29 Dennis & Deborah Phelps
30 Kenny & Carol Carter	31 Paul & Cheryl Ward	31 Mike & Kat Massaglia

THE MORE YOU
 CELEBRATE
 YOUR LIFE,
 THE MORE THERE
 IS IN LIFE TO
 CELEBRATE.

Oprah Winfrey



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Morning Exercise 8:30a		Morning Exercise 8:30a		Morning Exercise 8:30a
Sunday School 10:00a			JOY Group 9:30a		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a					

SPECIAL:

<p>Fellowship & Missions Team Thursday, July 1 6:00p FS</p>	<p>Staff Parish Relations Committee Thursday, July 1 6:00p FS</p>	<p>One Combined Worship Sunday, July 4 at 10:00a NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>
<p>Church Office & Building Closed Monday, July 5</p>	<p>Trustees Wednesday, July 7 6:00p FS</p>	<p>High School & College Bible Study Wednesday, July 7 6:00p CR Wednesday, July 14 6:00p CR</p>
<p>Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, July 9 11:00a WCC</p>	<p>FUMCVC Family Pool Party Sunday, July 11 6:00p Valley Center Swimming Pool</p>	<p>Finance Committee Tuesday, July 13 6:00p FS</p>
<p>Middle School Girls' Book Club Wednesday, July 14 12:00p FS Wednesday, July 28 12:00p FS</p>	<p>UMYF Mission Days & Retreat Monday, July 19 10:00a-2:00p Tuesday, July 20 10:00a-2:00p Wednesday, July 21 10:00a-2:00p Thursday, July 22 10:00a-2:00p Friday, July 23 10:00a-4:30p</p>	<p>Administrative Church Council Thursday, July 15 6:00p FS</p>

Fourth of July Trivia Questions / True or False

1. The oldest man to sign the Declaration of Independence was Benjamin Franklin.
2. The motion in the Continental Congress to declare independence was first made by John Adams.
3. John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.
4. All 13 colonies voted to approve the Declaration of Independence.
5. Americans eat more red meat and pork on the 4th of July than chicken.
6. New York was the first state to make Independence Day a state holiday.
7. The number of people who display American flags on the holiday is lower than the number of people who get together with family.
8. The Average American spends about \$75 on 4th of July food.
9. Around 20% of Americans don't celebrate Independence Day.
10. Approximately 80% of Americans attend a barbecue on the 4th of July.
11. Half of Americans currently own patriotic clothing and apparel.
12. The largest 4th of July fireworks display takes place in Philadelphia, PA.
13. It takes about 6 barges to hold all the fireworks launched during the Macy's fireworks display in New York City.
14. The Liberty Bell got its famous crack on the day the Declaration of Independence was signed.
15. Three U.S. Presidents have died on July 4th.



True or False Answers:

1. **True.** History.com says Franklin was 70 years old at the time.
2. **False.** According to military.com, Richard Henry Lee was the first to officially propose this resolution.
3. **True.** History.com reports Hancock was the first and largest signature.
4. **False.** Military.com says only nine voted for the document while two voted no, one abstained, and one was undecided.
5. **False.** Statistic Brain, reports nearly 700 million pounds of chicken are bought in the week before the holiday while only 190 million pounds of beef/pork are sold.
6. **False.** According to history.com Massachusetts was first in 1781.
7. **True.** According to Statistic Brain, 76% gather with family while only 66% display a flag.
8. **True.** The NRF says the average household spends \$73.42.
9. **False.** Only around 12% don't celebrate says the NRF.
10. **True.** According to history.com, 80% of Americans celebrate at a barbecue.
11. **True.** The NRF reports about 53% of those surveyed report owning patriotic shirts, bathing suits, and shoes.
12. **False.** According to history.com, the largest is the Macy's display in New York City.
13. **True.** History.com says 6 barges carry the entire display.
14. **False.** The public wasn't informed of the Declaration's approval until around July 8th and it didn't contain all signatures until August 1776, says Business Insider so there was no celebration on the day it was signed.
15. **True.** Business Insider reports John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe all died on July 4th of different years.



“THE SPOT” is located in the main foyer against the south wall. There are bins for different items that we collect. Following is a list of items that we collect:



Aluminum Pull Tabs

Pop tabs are collected and then donated monthly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Wichita.

Eyeglasses

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Donated glasses are given to Valley Center’s Lions Club. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.

Wands for Wildlife

Wands for Wildlife is a volunteer-run 501c3 nonprofit inspiring people to help wildlife and the environment through re-purposing discarded mascara wands. The organization engages people in ways to support wildlife caregivers and encourages greater mindfulness of the impact from human activities, including the use of plastics, on the environment. Used mascara wands (dirty or clean) are needed.

Wichita Children’s Home Opportunity Zone (OZ)

Cosmetic bags and toiletries are collected and then donated to OZ. OZ is exclusively for homeless and youth in crisis. Youth who come are able to have access to food, hygiene supplies, clothing, showers, laundry, computers and most importantly, a place of SAFETY—anything to help make their situation less desperate. Youth can meet with S.O.S. workers, mentors, and volunteers that help process situations, solve problems, find housing and shelter, help fill out job applications, applying for ID's, and etc. Youth are also about to attend groups at "OZ"—such as Creative Writing, Substance Support, Healthy Relationships, Art Therapy, and S.O.S. Thursday Night Group.

Women’s Crisis Center

Each year the YWCA shelter houses hundreds of women and children. The YWCA provides safe/confidential housing, basic needs, advocacy, crisis and supportive counseling, domestic violence education, parenting, support groups, agency referrals, and a children’s program. We accept donations of the following: toiletries, kitchen and bath towels, crib, twin, and full size bedding, day planners and journals, pain relievers, allergy/cold medications, first aid supplies, Kleenex and paper towels, and children, young adult, and women’s clothing.

Items that we can no longer collect include:

Ink cartridges

Plastic newspaper bags

Used devotionals

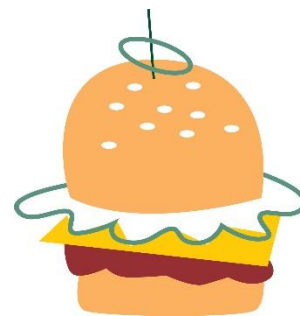
Used electronic equipment

Valley Center Hornet Hanger’s Back-to-School Fair

Each church in Valley Center is being asked to provide one school supply that will then put in book bags for distribution. FUMCVC has volunteered to donate tissues. We are asking for 200 boxes of tissues (rectangle) OR \$2.00 to purchase a box. Donations can be brought to the church any time before **Sunday, August 1.**



For Lent this year, we asked congregants to give up something and put that money towards purchasing meals for HealthCare Workers at Ascension Via Cristi. Those meals would be provided by Big Larry's Burgers. Big Larry's has delivered 60 meals so far to four different units. They will deliver 40 more meals making the grand total 100 meals! Way to go, FUMCVC!





Independence Day

Sunday, July 4

One Combined
Worship Service

10:00a * Sanctuary

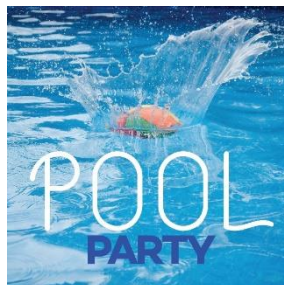
FUMCVC FAMILY POOL PARTY

Sunday, July 11

6:00p-8:00p

Valley Center City Pool

Please bring a snack to share
and come join the fun!



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