



From the Office of the Pastor

A strong argument can be made that Benjamin Franklin was among the greatest visionaries, statesmen and diplomats in the history of humanity. Everything he accomplished stemmed from the ability to adapt his attitude and persona to the changing circumstances of his time. He became what his time and circumstances demanded him to be: a citizen, a businessman, a scholar, a diplomat, and a statesman. Throughout his life, Franklin would experiment with new identities and personas, constantly learning, and reinventing himself in the process.

One of the intentional disciplines that Benjamin Franklin practiced throughout his life was immersion into different classes of society and people's lifestyles. He was equally

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comfortable in a pub with sailors and in the most refined salons of Paris. That discipline enabled and uniquely prepared him to

facilitate the societal changes that we call the American Revolution.

All of us are products of our social environments; unlike Benjamin Franklin, we rarely create our own identity or our own social environment because most of us are imitators. “Benjamin Franklins,” men and women who are capable of envisioning and facilitating societal changes, are few and far between.

The entirety of the Holy Scriptures of our Faith allude to the fact that we were created to be imitators. In the beginning, the imitation was supposed to be of God, but Original Sin destroyed that. The idolatry described throughout the Hebrew

Scriptures is rooted in humans imitating each other, and losing sight of God. The Hebrew Scriptures give us numerous examples of drifting so far from God that God became unfamiliar and hard to recognize.

To repair and redeem that rift and brokenness, God came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus. While I do not compare Benjamin Franklin with Jesus, the point that I am trying to make is

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that Jesus made it his mission to immerse himself with different classes of society. He ate, interacted, and lived among them, and personally modeled God's vision and the societal changes needed to redeem Creation.

It is not a huge revelation that St. Georges United Methodist church needs God's Grace and Guidance to help us find ways to envision and facilitate changes in the way we interact with the world outside of our walls. While the previous statement is true of every church and in every age, as a community we are at a crossroads and our future depends on our efforts to discern and implement God's Vision. My guess is that the vision will be revealed as a mental image of the future that will inspire and invigorate our community with energy and passion. Although we do not have all the answers now, God knows what we need and when we are ready that Vision will be revealed.

Meanwhile I want to ask everyone in our church to add this prayer to your daily discipline.

*Loving and Gracious God of
Renewal and Regeneration.*

We come to you as St. Georges United Methodist Church asking you to reveal to us a mental image of what our church can become and inspire us with energy to get there.

I pray that our picture of the future would not be limited to our own hopes, ideas, and agenda, but that they would ultimately come from you. Birth your vision in the hearts of your people and help us to be passionate about the vision that you will give us.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Philos,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Pastor Asher



Church Family!

This year I enjoyed one of the most wonderful and memorable birthday celebrations in my life! I will always cherish the joy, the laughter, and memories of my 63rd birthday celebration and spending it with you!

Thank you all for your well wishes, cards, and gifts.

Philos,

Asher

Donna Goes Walk About....

There's a country song I just heard this afternoon called "You're Gonna Miss This". It's a story song as country songs often are. It begins the story when a mother's teenage daughter reveals to her mom, when she gets picked up at school, that she "can't wait to be 18 when she'll make her own money and I'll make my own rules". Her mother makes a point of telling her, "you're gonna miss this". "You're gonna wish these days hadn't gone by so fast". The second and third verses follow the young girl into the phases of life like being



a newly married woman and the challenge of having young children. In each phase she remarks how she's looking forward to "the next thing". She is reminded by her father, and then a plumber working in her house, "I know it's hard to believe but, you're gonna miss this". The song is sung by Trace Adkins and it's worth a listen. And no truer words were spoken. Why are we always tending to look down the road at what we think we want and not look around and appreciate what we have? It's just human nature I guess and I will admit my guilt on the matter. Of course the older we get the wiser we get (I hope!) and we do begin to realize the value of living in the moment. Look ahead, plan ahead, but don't waste away the

present, the now. As Christians we are taught that worry is useless, God is in control and God's plan is THE plan. I'm sure you've heard another saying, "If you want to make God laugh, make plans". We must trust, and that is oh so hard. Once again, GUILTY! I could not count the times I have "given it to God" and discovered that after awhile I somewhere along the way have taken it back. How's that working for me, you ask. Well..... I am reaffirming my resolve to live in the moment and appreciate what God has given to me at this moment. Tomorrow comes way too quickly for me these days.

August is a bit of a slow month around church. Many church groups are still on summer break. Many families are off on vacation. And the pews are not always as full as we'd like. Aren't we glad that God never takes a vacation and is always watching over us, wherever we are. And I believe it makes him smile to know we are enjoying our life, our friends and our family. And we continue to trust in him. I pray that that is where you find yourself. And if we both find ourselves at church on the same Sunday morning, "Hello my friend! God loves you and so do I."

That's all for me this month. Be safe, be grateful, and I'll see you on Sunday morning.

Donna



Why Are They Called “Dog Days” of Summer?

The phrase “Dog Days of Summer” describes the most oppressive period of summer, between July 3rd and August 11th each year. But where did the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs?

Many people believe the phrase stems from the fact that dogs tend to be sluggish during the hottest days of summer (aren't we all?), while others still say the days are so hot it causes dogs to go mad. But the name is a reference to the fact that, during this time,



the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. Therefore Sirius is sometimes called the Dog Star.

In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it gave off heat and added to the Sun's warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or “dog days.”

Thus, the term “Dog Days of Summer” came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun — July 3 to Aug. 11.

While this period usually *is* the hottest stretch of summer, the heat is not due to any added radiation from Sirius, regardless of its brightness. The heat of summer is simply a direct result of the Earth's tilt.

During summer in the Northern Hemisphere, the tilt of the Earth causes the Sun's rays to hit at a more direct angle, and for a longer period of time throughout the day. This means longer, hotter days.

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VBS time!

This year Vacation Bible School will be August 2, 3, & 4 from 6 to 8 and our theme this year is Hero Hotline. Through music, stories, crafts, snacks and science we'll be learning how God has called us together to serve Him.



Everyone ages kindergarten to are welcome to come, enjoy and learn! We'd love to know that you are coming so please let us know by going to our church website to register or just make anyone you know at church aware. We're easy! Invite your neighbor kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or someone you know from school. We always have fun and we'd love to see you! All our wonderful volunteers are ready!

Happy Birthday to

Cianna Dorn..... August 14

Brianna Dorn.....August 14

Trevor Jaques.....August 30

Happy Anniversary to

Dave & Linda Moore



Prayer for August

Loving and Gracious Creator God!

Thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.


Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

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Young Disciples Page and Activities



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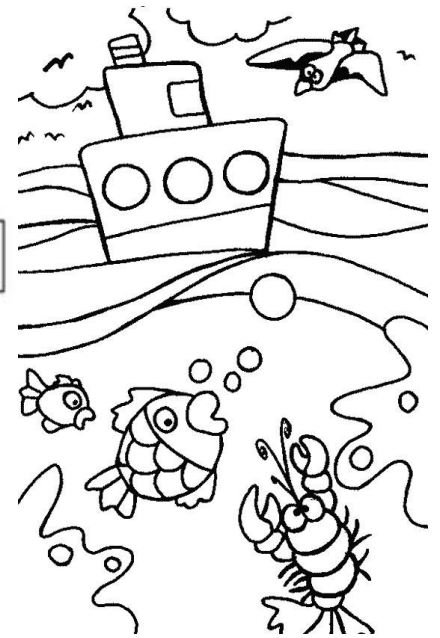
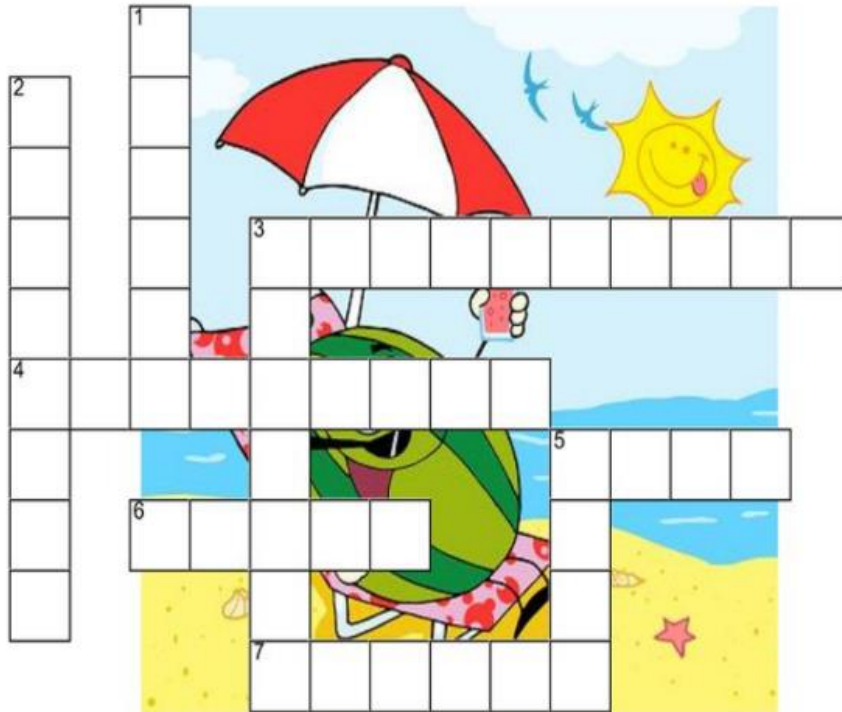
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SWIMMING	WATERMELON	POOL



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Across

- 3. I love to build this in the sand.
- 4. I love to run through it and it makes me wet.
- 5. I have one in my backyard that I love to swim in.
- 6. A place that has lots of sand and water.
- 7. I use this to pick up sand

Down

- 1. The hottest time of the year.
- 2. I wear this to swim.
- 3. I like to wear these on my feet when it is hot.
- 5. I use this to put the sand in.



Community Board

Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, August 2 through Friday, August 4, between 6 and 8 p.m.: Vacation Bible School.



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



- Routes available throughout New Castle County
- Mon-Fri at lunchtime
- Flexible schedule
- 60-90 minutes round trip

a meal and more...

- As a volunteer you offer your neighbors a daily check to make sure they are okay.
- A friendly smile..
- A daily greeting..
- A meaningful connection..

Join our team TODAY!

call or text:
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On Wednesday, July 26, 2023, a few members of our church met at Asbury United Methodist church by the Wilmington Airport, where we packed food boxes for the Harvest Outreach People Project (HOPP).

It was fun and uplifting to be part of this wonderful outreach and ministry. The next event is on August 23. I hope you will consider joining us to participate in this outreach.

In the first row (left to right): Milo, Finn, and Gavin Draper,

In the second row: Bea, Brandi, and Colin Draper

In the third row: Linda Wolfer (Life in the Vine and Kingswood UMC), Asher, Debbie, and Alice Stiner (Kingswood UMC)

Asher

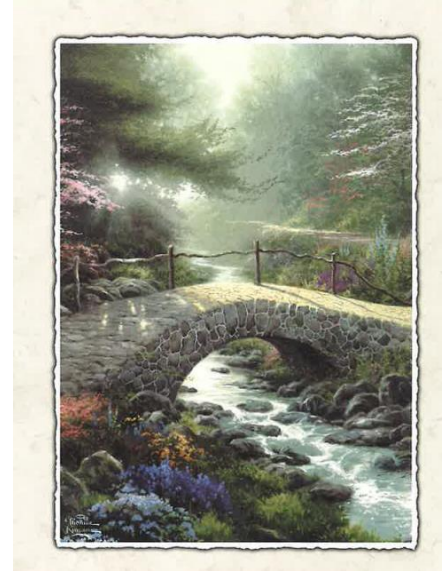
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Thank you from the family of E. Jane Stewart

*Thank you
St. Georges Family,
We are very thank ful for all
you did for the services of our
Mother (Jane), and your support of
our Dad (Jim). The flowers were beautiful!
May God continue to bless
you all!*

*A friendly smile,
A casual touch,
These are the things
That mean so much,
To know you are with us
In our time of sorrow,
Sharing our prayers,
Today and tomorrow,
God gives us comfort
In the form of good friends,
May His peace be with you,
His love never ends.*

*The family of
E. Jane Stewart*



Troop 123 went to Camp Rodney, for their summer camp experience this year.

Picture on the left was taken on 2nd of July as the troop and its leaders paused for a prayer before taking off.

How to Reach our Bishop and District Superintendent

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