

EXTRAS:

BIRTHDAYS: John Roth – July 9th.

NEW EMAIL for PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or send an email: pastor@cosumc.com.



What should Christians celebrate this weekend?

1. **Freedom.** I'm not talking about surfacey, "Lord, thank you that we live in a country where we are free to worship you," or things like that. Those things are often true, but they've become cliché. Christians must promote freedom in Christ. Christ most certainly came to bring freedom to the captives. This doesn't mean that America is Christ's right arm. It means that on Independence Day let's be sure to

remember the freedom Christ gave us.

2. **Prayer.** We must pray for those who serve our country, that is, our leaders. Pray for Obama, pray for your Governor, your representatives, and so on. They need prayer.

3. **Joy.** Be joyful in the friends and family the Lord has provided you with. Be joyful in the creation since many of us will be playing whiffle ball or chasing fireflies. These things cherish God's creation.

4. **Beauty.** One of my favorite Independence Day traditions is going to see fireworks. I think we are attracted to their beauty. You will be part of many beautiful things this weekend so appreciate them.

5. **Interdependence.** The fact is, holidays remind us how dependent we are on one another. As someone makes you a burger, or invites you to play volleyball, or turns on your fire hydrant for the kids in the neighborhood, remember we are all in this together.

<http://evancurry.com/2009/07/02/how-should-christians-celebrate-the-4th-of-july/>

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Our Worship on July 3, 2016
Worship Leader: Robert Abrams Jr.

Welcome to our worship! We come together to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. And on this July 4th weekend, let us give thanks for the Freedom to worship Him that we enjoy in America. Give thanks and praise to God today!

We invite everyone to remain after Worship to enjoy some friendly conversation and refreshments in our Lobby.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Singing Praises to Jesus

Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Offering: Good Samaritan Fund/Grace Resources

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 7:29-35

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Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "The Dance & The Dirge or The Demon & The Drunkard."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (All persons who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord are welcome to come forward to receive Communion either from the chalice or an individual cup as you prefer.)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Communion Assistants – A privilege and Responsibility. This role is both a privilege and a responsibility. As Jesus gave bread and fish to the disciples to distribute to the 5000, so we are given bread and wine to “distribute” so all are fed. Our task is to ensure others receive, at the basic level, the bread and the wine, but at a deeper level, that they receive from God. We are necessary but should not get in the way of God working.

Practically we need to be aware of what is happening at the communion distribution point. There may be people unsure of what to do; someone may slip, a child may be without their parent ... Spiritually we should be quietly praying for those to whom we administer, that God will touch them and bless them. This means we need to be prepared for this ministry ourselves, having made time to pray before the service. Contact Robert or Susan Abrams for more information on becoming a Communion Assistant.

MONDAY: July 4th – Independence Day

TUESDAY:

Women's Bible Study will resume in August.

7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study on Galatians will resume on July 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10th - Sunday Guest Pastor - Angela from PUMC

July 10th - 14th - Sunday thru Thursday - 6:00 to 8:30PM - PUMC VBS

July 21st - 24th - Girls Chrysalis Flight

July 28th - 31st - Boys Chrysalis Flight - Robert Abrams Jr. Lay Leader

July 31st - Fifth Sunday - Church on Bikes - David and Andrea Gutierrez preaching/singing

August 1st - American Red Cross Blood Drive - Noon to 6:30PM

August 20th - Saturday - UMC Lay Leader Training - Lancaster UMC

August 27th - Saturday - UMC Lay Leader Training - Lancaster UMC

“FRIENDS OF JESUS – FRIENDS OF MINE” Series
Message #4

“The Dirge & The Dance
or
The Demon & The Drunkard”

Luke 7:29-35

July 3, 2016 – Communion Sunday

1. ACCEPTANCE – *The Sinners* (v.29)

- “All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, **acknowledged** that God’s way was right.”

Romans 10:9

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

2. REJECTION – *The “Saints”* (v.30)

- “But the Pharisees and experts in the law **rejected** God’s purpose for themselves.”

Romans 1:18-22

“Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.”

3. DIRGE & DEMON – *John the Baptizer* (v.32b-33)

- “We sang a **dirge**, and you did not cry.”
- “John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a **demon**.’”

4. DANCE & DRUNKARD – *Jesus the Son of Man* (v.32a, 34)

- “We played the flute for you, and you did not **dance**.”
- “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a **glutton** and a **drunkard**, a friend of tax collectors and ‘sinners’”

“God warns with his wrath and he woos with his kindness. He speaks both languages; severity and tenderness. The gospel comes with both languages, but they would not hear.” – John Piper

The Bible can be summed up in two sentences.

- 1) Cheer up, you’re a lot worse than you think you are.
 - 2) Cheer up, God’s grace is a lot bigger than you think it is.
- Jack Miller as quoted by Steve Brown

5. WISDOM & HER CHILDREN – (v.35)

- “But wisdom is proved right by all her children / actions.”

“Wisdom’s children are the believers whose lives, whose actions demonstrate the power of salvation wisdom.” – John MacArthur

“But as for you (Timothy) ... from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures **which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith**.” – 2nd Timothy 3:15