



The Circuit Rider



July 2025



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Communications among Anderson County band students and parents happen on an app named, appropriately, "Band." Creativity isn't as important as clear messaging, after all.

In the public chat area of the app, a student recently proclaimed, "Hey guys how many weeks do y'all think it is until band camp".

My first thought was, Child, has your entire community actually failed you so poorly that you don't know how to operate a calendar?

The answer came quickly from another student, "Five weeks! The first week of band camp is July 14th".

Those of you whose community has not failed you will notice quickly that it is no longer five weeks until July 14th.

Summer grooves along with increasing velocity every year. I'm glad that our band students are excited about band camp coming back around, about seeing and playing with their friends and bemoaning the sunburn they'll all inevitably suffer. But while we are eagerly anticipating one occasion or another, it is very easy to miss the joy right in front of us.

So while you're making plans and traveling and looking forward to the really cool stuff you've got going on this season, make sure you're focusing on the diversity of greens in our local flora, the joy of children playing in the sun, the treasure of time spent with folks we love. This moment is a gift from God, and one that generations before and generations after will never experience. It is here only for the length of a blink, unique in all history.

Relish these moments. Find joy and laughter in them. It's a practice that'll transform the way you interact with your community and your environment. It'll brighten your countenance. You won't be able to help but radiate divine light everywhere you go.

Have a beautiful Summer, y'all. It'll go before we know it.

Peace,
Brandon



WAYS WE CONNECT: We offer weekly online worship opportunities thru Zoom and our YouTube Channel.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX4CBgHQ94xo0jc-5FoMCcg>.

You can "Like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NorrisUnitedMethodistChurch/>

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings...

Your generosity and faithful giving are very appreciated. If you are not able to attend worship services to give your tithe and offerings, there are other ways you can send in gifts to your church.

Giving by Mail: A reminder that tithe's and offerings may be mailed to PO Box 327, Norris, TN 37828.

Online Giving: Giving online is available through the Holston Conference. 100% of your donation will be sent to the church. Follow the link below or type it into your browser.

District: **Tennessee Valley**; Church Name: **Norris**

<https://holston-reg.brtapp.com/ChurchOffering>

CURRENT HAPPENINGS...

Worship: Sundays at 9:30 am

Morning Reflections: Mondays at 8:30 am in person

AA Meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women: Monthly on 1st Tuesday at 11:00 am in person (Education Building) and on Zoom

Food Pantry Offering: 2nd Sunday of month

United Women of Faith: Second Tuesday of month: Luncheon 11:30

Admin Council Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of months of March, June, September, and December at 6:30

Family Covered Dish: 3rd Sunday of month -5:00 pm

Cemetery Offering: 3rd Sunday of month

Donation to Susannah House: 5th Sunday of the month

Camp Wesley Woods is excited to announce that due to the high demand, we are opening an additional 1 Week Basecamp-Mini Session from July 6th to July 11th! Campers from 4th to 10th grade will run, swim, climb, play, and most of all grow closer to God this summer at camp.

To sign up for camp, or find out more information about our other sessions and the financial aid available, visit our website at www.campwesleywoods.com, or call our office at (865)-448-2246. We look forward to seeing you in the Woods.



Camp Wesley Woods
Director, Garrett Hammonds



THURSDAY, July 24, 2025; Open 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

*****Social distancing procedures will be in place*****

DONATION FOCUS FOR MAY: Shampoo & Conditioner



One Call, Facebook, and email

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We update our lists regularly. Church Office:

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1-July	Charlie Giles
7-July	Haley Glandon
11-July	Todd Burnett
	Reverend Berg
28-July	Noah Berg



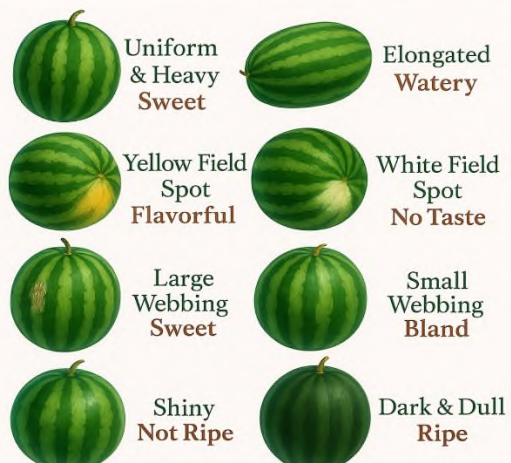
**Bill & Sue
Alley**

July 17th



The Norris Women in Faith will once again sell pies at Norris Days on the 4th of July. We will have a booth in the Norris Middle School Cafeteria. We're deeply appreciative of whatever support you can provide. Donated pies in support of this event will provide funding for women, children, and youth missions. In the past we've provided pie pans in the narthex. I noticed that most bakers provide their own pans. This year we will provide pans if asked. If you want a pie pan to bake your contribution in, please contact Jeannie Aldrich

How To Pick The Perfect a WATERMELON



JULY LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

~ Sunday, July 6 ~

[2 Kings 5:1-14](#)

[Psalm 30](#) or UMH 762

[Gal. 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#)

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

~ Sunday, July 13~

[Amos 7:7-17](#)

[Psalm 82](#) or UMH 804

[Col. 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

~ Sunday 20 ~

[Amos 8:1-12](#)

[Psalm 52](#) or [Psalm 82](#) or UMH 804

[Col. 1:15-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

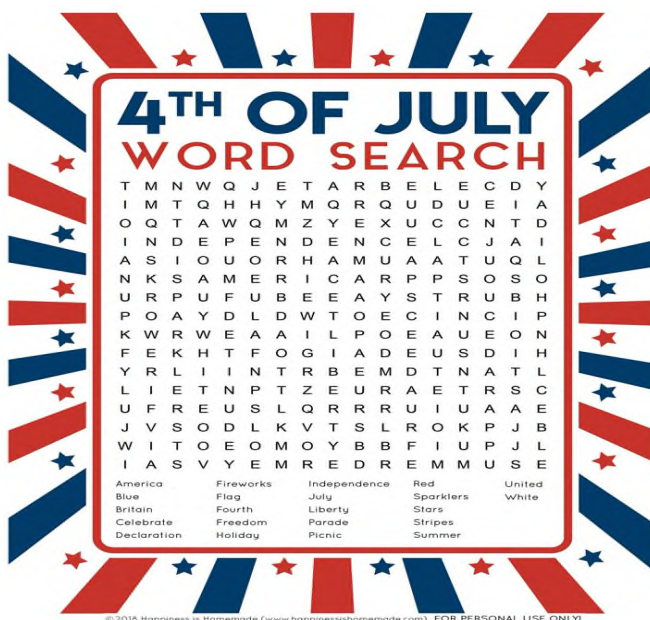
~ Sunday 27 ~

[Hos. 1:2-10](#)

[Psalm 85](#) or UMH 806

[Col.2:6-15 \(16-19\)](#)

[Luke 11:1-13](#)



A Big Thank You to all the volunteers that helped make **Camp in the Community** such a great success!



Fourth of July Fun Facts



We celebrate on the Fourth of July in honor of the nation's birthday, July 4, 1776. This date marks when 56 of our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence.



The Fourth of July is also known as Independence Day

Almost **65%** of Americans plan to have a BBQ or picnic on July 4th



150M hot dogs are consumed on the holiday

190M pounds of beef are bought in preparation to celebrate



A total of... **\$6.77Billion** is spent on food just for our nation's birthday!

Although the Fourth of July has been celebrated for many years, it was not declared a Federal holiday until 1870



Ever wondered how many Americans watch fireworks on July 4th? About

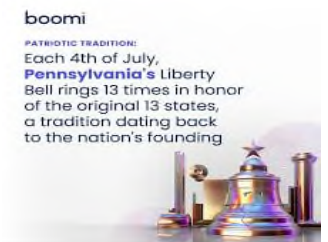
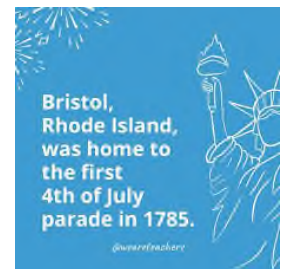
43%



There have been 27 different official U.S. flags throughout history



Advantage Solutions would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Let Freedom Ring!!



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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

*Contact the church office for the link

Norris and Sinking Springs United Methodist

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Monday Reflections 8:30 am

Tuesday Bible Study 10 am

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All are welcome to join us!

