



# THE APPLESEED

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

**FROM MEMBERSHIP TO DISCIPLESHIP...  
... FROM DISCIPLESHIP TO SHARING WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL**

*"Remind the people to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone." –Titus 3:2*

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO YOU ALL!**

Welcome, with the peace and grace of the Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as One. On July 4th we celebrate Independence Day, when all across the United States we commemorate the Declaration of Independence of 1776, when the original 13 colonies broke away from British rule. One of the reasons the colonists sought independence was to be able to practice their religious observances freely. We still benefit from their bravery and determination.

Our focus this month is on finding peace and on working for the common good. Peace was the focus of Jesus's teaching, and he emphasized that everyone must work to benefit others. He also taught people to rely fully on God at all times. This time last year, we were under a shadow of fear about many things, especially fear about our health. Can peace be feasible when our minds are often in conflict with Christ's teaching to trust in and rely on Him? Our hearts long to feel the warmth of engaging with the Holy Spirit.

Disciple Paul's letter to Titus is a clear reminder of what to say to those who are with Him. Paul's letter shows those who would hear it a picture of who they were, and who they could become, if they would be in the Lord. They could be inspired by the hope of receiving the power of God's grace. We are reminded of the goodness of gratitude, kindness, humility, and faith. God changes us for the better with His work. With an understanding of these principles, we gain the power to practice kindness to those around us. We are the continued reminders of our days we are also capable of remembering all of the works of righteousness which we have done for others. Our faithful belief in God guides us to continue to do good work for the benefit of all. When we were in trouble we could not rescue ourselves, but through the abundant grace and love of God we were restored, even before we realized it. This month a year ago, filled with doubts and uncertainties, we struggled to remember the better things in life, and we were not sure what would become of us. This year, in contrast, we can celebrate that we are still here, still faithful, a year and a half after Covid-19 engulfed our world. Be faithful by trusting God, and continue to remind ourselves and others about all of the good things that God has done for us!

Happy July 4th, everyone -- stay safe, and be prayerful for all things that are strengthened by God, for everyone.

Shalom,  
Pastor Iunisi Tovo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iunisi Tovo".

## JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

July 4 Barbara Stranzl • July 11 Beth Wakelee

*(stay tuned for further info...)*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JACOB WILBUR

*and to his family*

In May, we received this lovely message from Joan Wilbur and Pam Ensign:

*"We celebrated Jacob's graduation from Pacific School of Religion via YouTube on May 23rd. He is finishing his internship as chaplain on August 31, 2021 and plans to move back to Sonoma County. Our family will get to see more of him – YEAH!*

*We are blessed and sending blessings on to you and to our church family."*



## COUNTERS NEEDED

The church needs at least one, preferably two, additional volunteer Counters to tally Sunday offerings after church. Commitment is one Sunday a month (when there are five Sundays in a month, you might end up counting the first Sunday and the last, depending on where you fall in the schedule, but that usually only happens once a year). The schedule is made out for a full year, so you will know way ahead of time which dates are assigned to you. We're all flexible about trading and shifting dates, if need be.

If you're looking for a new way to serve the church that's easy and doesn't take much time, please contact Janice Magnoli at (707) 829-8132 or send email to [janicemagnoli@gmail.com](mailto:janicemagnoli@gmail.com)

*Thanks!*

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP RESUMES!

Our Women's Study Group (a.k.a. Power Women) resumes on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., beginning this September. Here are the dates and hosts of the next three gatherings:

September 11 – Barbara Stranzl

October 9 – Janice Magnoli

November 13 – Carol Wegner

info: [carolwegner@yahoo.com](mailto:carolwegner@yahoo.com)

## TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Our Trustees Meetings are on ZOOM from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please contact Charlotte Fisher for info:  
[fisherfarm@comcast.net](mailto:fisherfarm@comcast.net)

## HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

We need someone to schedule people to make coffee and tea for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. If you would like to take on this position, please speak to Charlotte Fisher or Carol Wegner, or send an email message to the office – [sebumc@sonic.net](mailto:sebumc@sonic.net)  
**Thank you!**

## *Meditations from Members* (an ongoing series)

### *Pass It On*

Words and Music by Kurt Kaiser (1969)

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up to  
its glowing.*

*That's how it is with God's love –  
once you've experienced it;  
you spread his love to everyone;  
you want to pass it on...*

*I wish for you my friend, the happiness that  
I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where  
you're bound.*

*I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know; the Lord of love has  
come to me,  
I want to pass it on.*

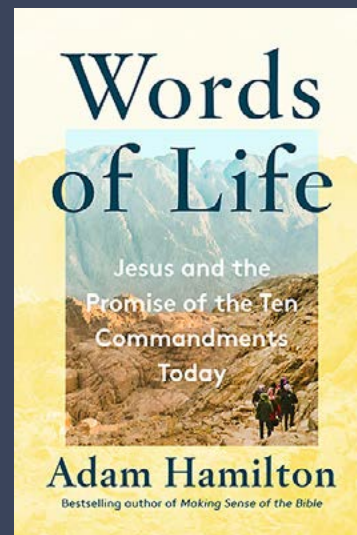
I don't remember singing this song at the UMC I grew up in and attended up until I was 34, before moving to Sebastopol United Methodist Church. I left the area where my family had lived, and where some continue to live, for over half a century; Mark and I moved to West County with a 5-year-old and a second child 2 months from arrival. It was a leap of faith, and we trusted that all would be well. Neither Mark nor I had jobs, family, or friends within 600 miles.

What a blessing it was for me to find this church family which has become our friends-and-family. I feel that moving to Sebastopol was a blessing for our little family.

One of my favorite church stories is from when Rob was about nine or ten years old, and I was considering looking for a new church home with more children around his age. He said, "Mom, this is our church, why would we go to another?"

This congregation continues to Pass on the Love of God, even as we walk through times of wilderness. *Praise God for each one of you!*

– Carol Wegner



## JOIN OUR NEXT ZOOM SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

*Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise  
of the Ten Commandments Today*  
by Adam Hamilton

Our next Zoom study group will meet  
Tuesdays at 2:00 pm over Zoom.

**August 10, 17, 24, 31  
and September 14, 21**

(note: NO meeting on Sept 7)

Please let Carol Wegner know by July 25,  
2021 if you would like to be part of the  
study and if you would like her to order  
you a copy of the book.

To read more about this book,  
please click or visit the link below:

[https://www.cokesbury.com/9781524760540-  
words-of-life](https://www.cokesbury.com/9781524760540-words-of-life)

# DAILY READINGS JULY 2021

- Thursday, July 1, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13 Complementary: Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:1-15; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
- Friday, July 2, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:1-12; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11 Complementary: Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:16-26; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11
- Saturday, July 3, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:31-38; Matthew 8:18-22 Complementary: Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Matthew 8:18-22
- Sunday, July 4, 2021: Proper 9 (14)
- Monday, July 5, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 Complementary: Psalm 119:81-88; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
- Tuesday, July 6, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:11-16; James 5:7-12 Complementary: Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:1-13; James 5:7-12
- Wednesday, July 7, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:17-25; John 7:1-9 Complementary: Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:14-21; John 7:1-9
- Thursday, July 8, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5 Complementary: Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 2:6-16; Colossians 2:1-5
- Friday, July 9, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18 Complementary: Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 3:1-12; Colossians 4:2-18
- Saturday, July 10, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80 Complementary: Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 4:6-13; Luke 1:57-80
- Sunday, July 11, 2021: Proper 10 (15)
- Monday, July 12, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:6-12a; Acts 21:27-39 Complementary: Psalm 142; Amos 5:1-9; Acts 21:27-39
- Tuesday, July 13, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 3:12-16; Acts 23:12-35 Complementary: Psalm 142; Amos 9:1-4; Acts 23:12-35
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:16-23; Luke 7:31-35 Complementary: Psalm 142; Amos 9:11-15; Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday, July 15, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19; Colossians 1:15-23 Complementary: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Colossians 1:15-23
- Friday, July 16, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; Acts 17:16-31 Complementary: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Acts 17:16-31
- Saturday, July 17, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13; Luke 18:35-43 Complementary: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 12:1-13; Luke 18:35-43
- Sunday, July 18, 2021: Proper 11 (16)
- Monday, July 19, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Hebrews 13:17-25 Complementary: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:1-7; Hebrews 13:17-25
- Tuesday, July 20, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 8:1-18; Acts 20:17-38 Complementary: Psalm 100; Zechariah 9:14-10:2; Acts 20:17-38
- Wednesday, July 21, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 61; 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Luke 15:1-7 Complementary: Psalm 100; 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Luke 15:1-7
- Thursday, July 22, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:1-5; Colossians 1:9-14 Complementary: Psalm 145:10-18; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Colossians 1:9-14
- Friday, July 23, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:6-12; Colossians 3:12-17 Complementary: Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Colossians 3:12-17
- Saturday, July 24, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 10:13-19; John 4:31-38 Complementary: Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 4:38-41; John 4:31-38
- Sunday, July 25, 2021: Proper 12 (17)
- Monday, July 26, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:14-21; Philippians 4:10-20 Complementary: Psalm 111; Genesis 18:1-15; Philippians 4:10-20
- Tuesday, July 27, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:22-27; Romans 15:22-33 Complementary: Psalm 111; Exodus 24:1-11; Romans 15:22-33
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Chronicles 9:29-31; Mark 6:35-44 Complementary: Psalm 111; Isaiah 25:6-10a; Mark 6:35-44
- Thursday, July 29, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 32:19-26a; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 Complementary: Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:33-42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
- Friday, July 30, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Complementary: Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:43-13:2; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
- Saturday, July 31, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 51:1-12; Judges 6:1-10; Matthew 16:5-12 Complementary: Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12
- Sunday, August 1, 2021: Proper 13 (18)
- Monday, August 2, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24 Complementary: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24
- Tuesday, August 3, 2021: Semi-continuous: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 Complementary: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>SCRIP IS AVAILABLE – PAT WILL DELIVER TO YOU!</b>            Pat Schoch can take your order by phone and deliver it to you!            Please call 707-823-3889</p>					<p><b>HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!</b>            Buy Equal Exchange            Fair-Trade coffee + tea!            call Pat Munsch            707-823-2790</p>	
<p>OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP  <i>Alleluia!</i></p>				<p><b>1</b>            Zoom            Fellowship 2pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <i>JULY 4TH            WEEKEND</i></p>
<p><b>4</b>            10:30 Worship  <b>COMMUNION</b>    <b>INDEPENDENCE            DAY</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            Zoom            Fellowship 2pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b>            10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>            Trustees            Meeting            7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>            Zoom            Fellowship 2pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b>            10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>            Zoom            Fellowship 2pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <i>Saturday Table</i></p>
<p>· PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE NEXT APPLESEED THIS WEEK!! THANK YOU ·</p>						
<p><b>25</b>            10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            Zoom            Fellowship 2pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>

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