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Beloved,

The summer is off to a blazing-hot start and our denomination's General Assembly began its in-person portion on June 29th in Salt Lake City, UT and will end on the Fourth of July. People are heading out to find cooler temperatures by babbling brooks in the

mountains or to enjoy waves washing over their feet, and the ocean breeze soothing them to sleep. This is also the time when folk travel to see family and friends or enjoy a restful staycation.

Freedom School will introduce children in our neighborhood to experiences that will enrich their lives. This is all made possible, thanks be to God, through the loving and tireless efforts of our Ms. Eileen and Elder Contina, our Clerk of Session. Their work in collaboration with the efforts of others, and your support and prayers, will be a blessing here in Germantown.

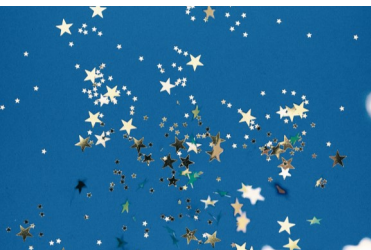
May God bless you during this time of soaking in the sun and renewing your spirits as you relax. I look forward to seeing you on Sundays while you're in town, and I pray for God's travel mercies to be with you when you're away.

Happy Independence Day!



Much love and God bless,

Pastor Cheri



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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to worship, study, and enjoy friendships at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. There are service, outreach, and fellowship opportunities in abundance.

To learn more, please email office@fpcgermantown.org or call the church office at 215-843-8811.

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Send us your photos!

Are you going on vacation this summer? Spending time with family? Or are you staying home and trying to stay cool? We want to see! Please send photos of your summer adventures to office@fpcgermantown.org so we can share them in our newsletter.

July Birthdays

Sara Sekpe	July 02	Mahkai Hobson	July 03
Samuel Whyte	July 03	Mina Hoekema-Boerman	July 04
Marney Hague	July 06	Veda Gibbs	July 07
Delores Adams	July 08	Sherry Archer	July 12
Rossie Gardenhire	July 13	Charles Bethea	July 14
Emery Hood	July 15	Taylor Lewis	July 17
Zaria Cuffee	July 18	Arlene Grace	July 18
Peter Smith	July 19	Stephanie Garrett	July 23
Lydia Cooper	July 26	Gloria Bethea	July 28
David Daniel	July 28	Kenney Gibbs	July 29
Michelle Lewis	July 31	Stuart Ditzen	July 30
Linda Swift	July 31		

Juneteenth at FPCG



On July 16th, we gathered after service for a Juneteenth celebration. Juneteenth is the commemoration of June 19, 1865, when 2,000 Union soldiers finally made it to Galveston Bay, TX. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect in 1863, it took until 1864 for the Thirteenth Amendment to be passed, thereby making the proclamation law. However, there were still states under Confederate control and the news of the Emancipation Proclamation was not shared by the Confederacy; it took Union soldiers physically arriving in TX in order for people to know that slavery was abolished. Slavery was legal in the US for over two hundred years, and it has only been one hundred and fifty-nine years since the original Juneteenth, which is sometimes called the US' second independence day.

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje, Eileen Jones, and Contina Lee Lundy for planning a wonderful celebration, and thank you to a host of volunteers for lending a helping hand. There was good food, fellowship, and information about the history of Juneteenth, as well as activities for all ages.

We look forward to making this an FPCG tradition.





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