

CREATING CONNECTIONS



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Time, Talents and Money

By Scott Rosekrans

I like to think of missions as a three-legged stool. Each leg is important, but the stool cannot stand on its own without the support of each leg. No one leg is more important than the others. The mission stool's three legs are time, talents and money. The great thing about missions it that at any given time you can be one of those legs. It's possible to be more than one or all three if the opportunity arises.

Let's first talk about time. Time is crucial and often, in our busy lives, a rare commodity. But missions can take as much or as little time as you have to give. It can be collecting the items that others assemble and put together for dissemination. It can be taking the time to come to one of our mission work parties and becoming a part of the assembly line. It can be donating a day to work at one of the food banks and lending a helping hand. It can be serving meals at the homeless shelter. It can be attending one of our fund-raising concerts and showing your support. It can be as simple as taking the time to pray for our mission effort and asking the Holy Spirit to show you what you can do.



Three-legged Stool

together to work on a project such as assembling hygiene kits or preparing soup mix for the food banks or homeless shelter. It can be volunteering to go on one of our mission trips and working with others to meet the needs of someone who just needs help.

Money, the third leg is something we seem resistant to turn loose of, but it doesn't take much and it really adds up. Our revenue stream is varied with our funds coming from numerous sources. First, we have your tithes which are very generous. Your tithes allow us to keep the church running and, through great stewardship, we are able to maintain and improve our facilities paying cash for all the remodeling projects we've undertaken. Each month, out of your tithing, we send a check to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and a check to one of three of our Mission of the Month non-profits (Tri-Area Food Bank, ECHHO: Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization and OlyCAP: Olympic Community Action Program). We've done disaster relief sending money for hurricane, typhoon fire disaster relief. We've had people pay for things out of their own pockets buying supplies for our projects. We've had people donate to our Benevolence Fund which we use to help people in times of need through gift cards and paying rent, repairs and utilities. And, we have our beloved Jesus Cup which collects your spare change which funds our support of the Quilcene Food Bank. How effective is this you might wonder. Well, in 2017 we raised over \$12,000.00 for our various missions and in 2018 we were \$1.52 short of raising \$15,000.00 for a combined effort of over \$27,000.00 which I think is pretty impressive for a little country church of people on fixed incomes.

I've said this many times and even preached a sermon on it. I think our church is a church in the spirit of the Macedonian churches that the Apostle Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians in Chapter 8. Paul was trying to raise money to support the struggling church in

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Soup Made with Love!

BEAN SOUP MIX

By Betty Prentice

One of the recent mission projects we have begun at CUMC is making bags of bean soup mix for the Quilcene and Tri-area food banks. When I began volunteering at the food bank, the managers shared with me how they have cases and cases of dried beans, legumes, and split peas on their shelves, and their clients just are not taking them. We decided to try making bags of mixed bean soup mix for the Quilcene Food Bank and have been pleased at how popular they have become. This week we expanded our efforts, and we now supply soup mix to both Quilcene and Tri-area food banks.

The food banks supply us with the dried beans and legumes, and they also reimburse for the spices we use. This last week we had 8 of our church members helping and in less than 90 minutes we made 216 bags of soup. We mix red, pinto, and navy beans, lentils, and split peas in a huge mixing bowl, and then fill quart sized Ziploc bags with $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups bean mixture. We put about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup spices in a snack sized Ziploc and put that in the bag of beans, along with a recipe card with instructions for making the soup.

Recipe Found on Page 4



Bean Soup Mix

By Betty Prentice

Dried Bean Mix:

- 1 pound dried kidney beans
- 1 pound dried pinto beans
- 1 pound dried navy beans
- 1 pound dried yellow lentils
- 1 pound green split peas

Spice Mix:

- 5 teaspoon salt
- 5 teaspoon dried parsley
- 5 teaspoon dried basil
- 5 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 5 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 2 ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 5 teaspoon paprika
- 1 ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- ¼ cup bouillon
- 5 bay leaves



Additional soup ingredients for 1 packet dried-bean mix and 1 packet spice mix:

- 8 cups water
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 smoked ham hock (about ½ pound) optional. May also use sausage, beef, chicken.
- 1 cup chopped onion

Step 1

To prepared dried bean mix, combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Divide the bean mixture into 5 equal portions (about 2 ½ cups each) and place in quart sized Ziploc bags..

Step 2

To prepare spice mix, combine the salt and the next 6 ingredients (salt through bay leaves) in a bowl. Divide the spice mix into 5 equal portions. Place in snack sized Ziploc bags. Into each bag of bean soup mix, put in one spice bag and 1 recipe card.

Bean Soup Recipe (Instructions to go in the packets of soup)

Remove spice packet, before soaking beans

To Quick soak: Rinse and sort beans in a large pot. Add 6-8 cups of hot water. Bring to a rapid boil, and boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand for 1 hour. Drain soak water and rinse beans. **OR**

To Overnight soak: Rinse and sort beans in a large pot. Add 6-8 cups cold water. Let stand overnight, or at least 6 to 8 hours. Drain soak water and rinse beans.

To cook: Place beans in a large pot. Add:

- 6 cups water or broth and contents of spice packet.
- 1 can (14 oz.) chopped tomatoes in juice
- Simmer gently until beans are tender, about 2 hours. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pastor's Pen



By the time you read this article I will have finished my first three years at CUMC. To my great relief, my key still fits the lock and my check still clears the bank! I've done a lot of things in my 67 years but nothing compares to the honor and privilege of being appointed to shepherd this flock. I went back and looked at the first sermon I preached on my first Sunday, July 3, 2016, to see how it fit with where we are now. I'll let you be the judge.

John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist Church. Whatever Wesley did he did with a fervor. He was passionate and committed. His family were devout and faithful members of the Church of England. The love of Christ was in his DNA. Following in his father's footsteps he was ordained as a deacon and subsequently became a priest immersing himself in his theological studies.

In 1729 he returned to Oxford University and joined a small Bible study group that had been formed by his brother Charles. It didn't take him long to take over the group and direct their studies. The group's strenuous piety soon caught the attention of other lax undergraduates who coined several clever nicknames like: *The Holy Club, The Reformatory Club, Bible Moths, Methodists, Supererogation Men, and Enthusiasts*. Fortunately for us the name Methodist stuck. Wesley didn't like it but accepted the moniker as a badge of honor. He then proceeded to define the character of a Methodist as one who really believes and lives the common principles of Christianity. He then invited his detractors to join his merry band of Methodists.

From this group the Methodist Revival sprang as the Church of England continued in its failure to minister to the last, the least and the lost. The Church of England hierarchy became concerned with the perceived irregularities of the Methodists and their enthusiasm. The bishops and clergy came to have a common image of the Methodists as a rabble of fanatical preachers and hysterical converts. This disapproving judgement was exacerbated by Wesley's decision to employ laymen as preachers and personal assistants.

Wesley employed lay preachers, so he could send them places where the Church of England would not go. England at the time was a land of very few haves and tens of thousands of have-nots. The Church of England would not take the Light of the World where the Light was most needed, to the dimly lit factories and dark coal mines of the British Isles. They were content to keep the Light to themselves. Wesley understood what Jesus was saying. We, each and everyone of us has the Light in us. We are not to hide the Light but to put it on a stand so all in the house can see. In the same way we are to let our light shine before men so that they may see our good deeds and praise God in heaven.

So how do we do this? We do it with enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious. Wesley even gives us an example of the kind of enthusiasm he expects of us Methodists in his Directions for Singing which is found in our hymnal. He says: *"Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan."* Ouch!

One of the many books I read in preparation for my appointment as your pastor was *The Necessary Nine; Things Effective Pastors Do Differently* by Bob Farr and Kay Kotan. The ninth thing was: Have Fun. Bob and Kay said that joy attracts people and that you can measure the temperature of a church by how much its people laugh. They pointed out that people have so much negativity and stress going on in their lives that they certainly don't need more of it at church. They referenced what King Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 8: 15. *"So I commend the enjoyment of life, because nothing is better for a man under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany him in his work all the days of the life God has given him under the sun."* I couldn't agree more. I love to laugh, especially at myself, and as my wife will tell you I will give you plenty to laugh at.

Others want what we have as they see the light burning brightly in us. They see what the Light has done for us and how our lives are better for it. How do they get it? They don't sell it at Walmart or Costco. You can't order it on Amazon or find it on Craig's List. Someone, who knows, has to introduce them to it, instruct them, guide them, encourage them and be there when they fall or stray. These "someones" have to have that contagious enthusiasm that fuels the desire to know God and grow closer to Him.

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Pastor's Pen

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The Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 4: 11-13) tells us how Christ equipped the saints for the work of ministry. *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*"

So I have two questions for you to ponder.

- 1) Where do you want to be led?
- 2) What do you want your church leadership to do to help equip you for what you want to do as a person, a team and/or a congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Will You Pray With Me

Our Heavenly Father light in us a fire that burns brightly and intensely for you. Create in us an enthusiasm for your Word as we go out into the world to lead others into the Light so that they too may have a better life in You and through You. In our Heavenly Father's name we pray. Amen.

Faithfully,
Scott

Jefferson County Immigration Rights Advocates (JCIRA)

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church includes this statement

Rights of Immigrants



We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God. We affirm the right of all persons to equal opportunities for employment, access to housing, health care, education, and freedom from social discrimination. We urge the Church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate for justice for all. We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children, and we call on local churches to be in ministry with immigrant families.

We can be in ministry to and for immigrants in many ways including advocacy, legal representation, direct financial and material assistance, and emotional support. JCIRA is a local organization that now provides these services. CUMC could fulfill the call to ministry by partnering with JCIRA.

Founded in early 2017 JCIRA is committed to building a supportive and safe community for immigrants to live and thrive. It's mission is to support the rights of immigrants through programs such as:

- **Free Low-cost Legal Services:** JCIRA is committed to providing up-to-date legal advice to all immigrants, fighting to unite families and protecting the vulnerable through a collaborative agreement with the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC).
- **Legal Defense and Family Support Fund:** Financial help with legal costs and help with family expenses.
- **Hot Line and Rapid Response Team (RRT):** In an attempt to be informed regarding Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol actions in our communities and to make it possible to provide accompaniment and support to subjects of such actions JCIRA operates a volunteer, 24/7 hotline to receive reports of ICE or Border Patrol activity. The Rapid Response Team responds to hotline calls in order to a) witness and document ICE/BP actions and help ensure that immigrants' rights are respected and b) provide emotional and material support to subjects and their family members during and after immigration operations.
- **Advocacy** for just treatment in individual immigration cases that come to our attention and for just laws and policies through letters, calls, and demonstrations.
- **Community Education:** JCIRA seeks to keep the community informed regarding immigration issues through presentations, press releases, media articles, and demonstrations.

For information or to become involved contact Larry Jensen at lpjensen@abbnebraska.com or (402)290-0963.



**Work Party making fire
starter kits to meet the
needs of the food bank
clientele**

Pictures by Scott Rosekrans



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Orene Udd
- 6 Lee Dohse
- 9 Peter Mercer
- 14 Bob Linrothe
- 17 Fred Miskell
- 21 Patty Miller
- 24 Billie Fitch
- 25 Hank Hazen

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7 Cindi Jones
- 14
- 21
- 28 Marcy Wootan

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 7 Dale Kelley/
- 7 Debbie D./Mike P.
- 14 Marsha H./Patty M.
- 21 Betty P./Lori O.
- 28 Diane J./Sara D.

GREETERS

- 7
- 14 Julie Boggs
- 21 Judy Olsen
- 28 Marcy Wootan

HOSPITALITY

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

LITURGISTS

- 7 Diane Johnson
- 14
- 21
- 28 Marcy Wootan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 7 Kathy A./
- 14 Debbie J./
- 21 Audrey&Larry S.
- 28 Stephen C./

USHERS

- 7 Jackie D./
- 14 Marsha H./Mike P.
- 21 AJ/Stephanie B.
- 28 Connie & Larry H.

OUR PRAYERS

- * AJ's daughter-in-law, healing and provisions for her biopsy on Monday.
- * Janet's friend, Shanon, healing and provisions for chemo therapy.
- * Betty's friend, Kristen, for healing after surgery.
- * The homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- * Peace and wisdom for national & international leaders
- * People searching for work
- * Housing for the homeless
- * Stephanie's friend, Barb, for healing of her cancer
- * For Shirley, healing of her cancer
- * Cindi's friend, for Clara's memorial service and healing for her family.
- * Linnette for healing and provisions for surgery.
- * Janet for healing and provisions of her surgery.
- * Pat's cousin, Bryan's peaceful passing after long illness, for his family strength and love.
- * Lori and Todd for their loss of tootsie.



PRAISES

Pray for Praise hulas as they will be leading worship at ladies function at the New Life Church in Port Townsend.

JULY LECTORY READINGS

July 7

- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Psalm 30
- Galatians 6:1-6;7-16
- Luke 10:1-11;16-20

July 14

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37

July 21

- Amos 8:1-12
- Psalm 52 or Psalm 82
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Luke 10:38-42

July 28

- Hosea 1:2-10
- Psalm 85
- Colossians 2:6-15;16-19
- Luke 8:26-39

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Finance Report for May 2019

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Frontage Rental	450.00	Apportionments	1,281.35
Parsonage Rental	1,269.00	Local Ministry, Conference	555.00
Pledges/Non-Pledges	5,759.00	Utilities/Church Maintenance	1,018.57
Cash Offering	212.46	Operating Expenses	8,778.28
Misc. Income	<u>20.00</u>	Payroll and Taxes	<u>5,180.73</u>
Total	\$ 7710.46	Total	\$16,813.93

Surplus/(Deficit) for April 2019 = (\$9103.47)



CUMC supports three local organizations: OlyCAP, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$100 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. In 2019 CUMC will begin donating \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Following is the donation schedule for 2019 and the total amount donated each month:

January:	ECHHO	\$350.00
February:	Food Bank	\$594.50
March:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
April:	ECHHO	\$370.00
May:	Food Bank	\$250.00
June:	OlyCAP	\$350.00
July:	ECHHO	\$
August:	Food Bank	\$
September:	OlyCAP	\$
October:	ECHHO	\$
November:	Food Bank	\$
December:	OlyCAP	\$

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Three-legged Stool

Jerusalem and was writing to the church in Corinth. In his letter he described the generosity of the churches in Macedonia which were poor in money but rich in the spirit. He wrote that *out of*. In his letter he described the generosity of the churches in Macedonia which were poor in money but rich in the spirit. He wrote that *out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.* They gave all they could, then dug deeper and then pleaded for the opportunity to do more.

It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity our church displays towards helping those in need and the readiness our congregation has to embrace some new mission opportunity that presents itself. To paraphrase President Kennedy; Ask not what your church can do for you, but ask what you can do for your church, as we boldly venture out into the mission field which is right at the end of our driveway.

**Hand-made with love, the Blankets were blessed on
June 2nd. They will be given to those in need.**

Photos by Scott Rosekrans





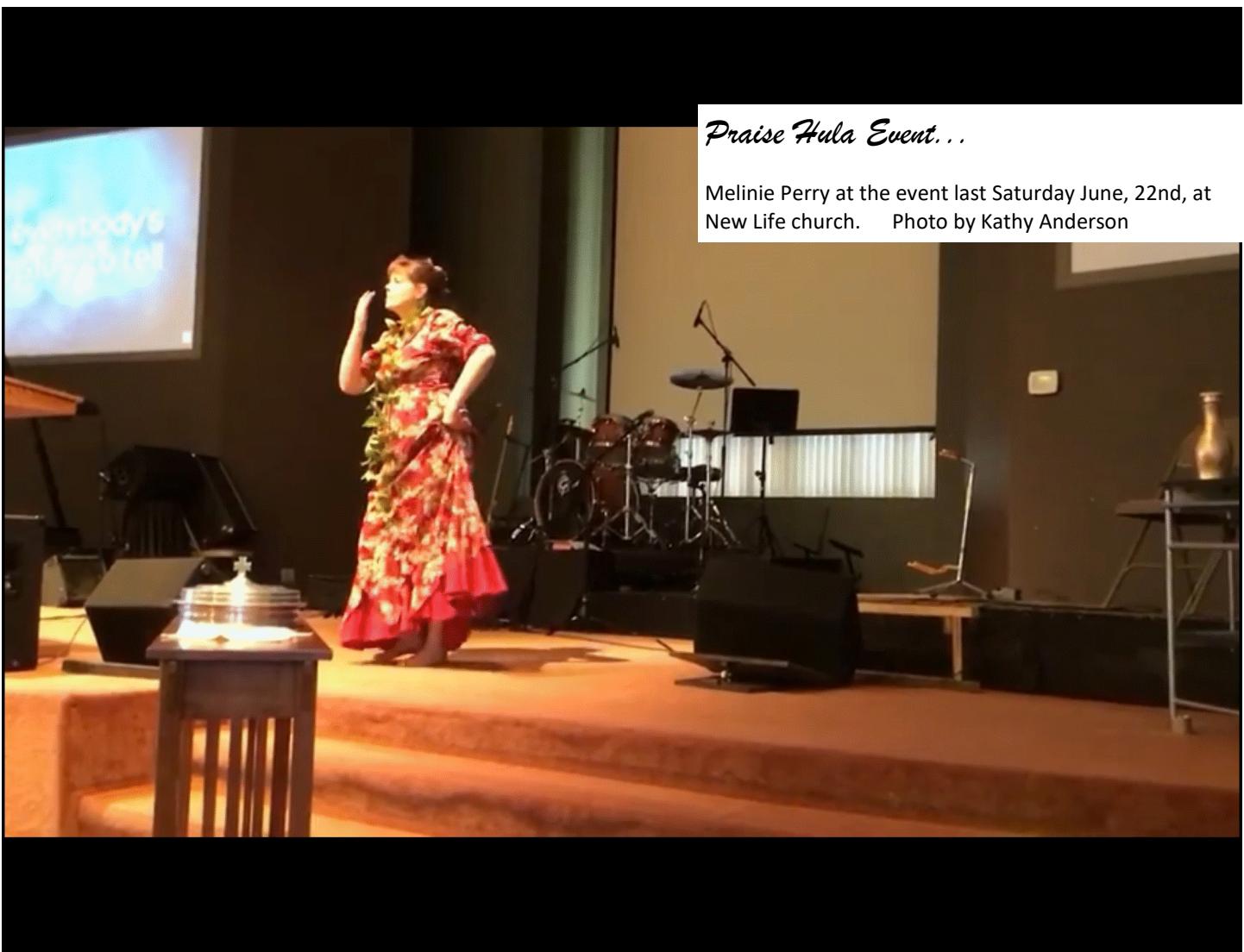


"The Wild Berry Pickers" sang at our June 16th service. They were awesome! ...providing the message in the music!

Photos by Scott Rosekrans



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Praise Hula

By Kathy Anderson

Praise hula is a form of worship to God with Christian songs hymns, praise songs, modern and old. Traditional steps to hula and hand motions are used to tell the story in the song. If there are barriers to moving the dance can be done sitting. Beginner Class is on Fridays at 11:30-12:30 and taught by Kathy Anderson. The song that we will be working on next is *Jesus Loves Me* and *Our Father* combo. If you desire to worship God and have fellowship, come join us. Hula works on balance, coordination, your mind, spirit and of course your body in a gentle way. We also pray for concerns and joys.

Those who attend the class come from different church backgrounds. The ministry has been used to help with fundraisers for the Lutheran Church for their preschool; to share during worship services at Community United Methodist Church; the Woman at the Well Group at New Life Assembly of God in Port Townsend; and also shared at Life Care Center for Evelyn Mosher. The last event at the Women at the Well used songs that had to do with conflict. Songs that were selected were *He Touched Me* and *He will Carry You*. Melinie Perry also presented a song *I Need You Now* which she choreographed. This song is one that she remembered during a time when Chris her son was having great difficulty and she would call out to God. Her desperation was evident as she danced this song. Her prayers have been answered as Chris has improved in health. He has finished his Masters degree in Psychology this year and is planning on getting his doctorate next.

Debbie Rogers says she got interested from watching a hula praise team worship at her church years ago. It was a beautiful way to see women, men and children praise and worship God. She was invited to take a hula praise class. She says when praising God in dance she feels His presence and the words come alive. She would encourage all who want to take their worship and praise to a new level to join us.

Senior Needs... Teresa, Diane Jensen and I volunteered at the Quilcene Food Bank today. Our spare change mission funds the Senior Corner. Well run operation. Pictures by Scott Rosekrans



Monthly Devotional*Our Daily Bread, July 4, 2014*

I am the vine, you are the branches.
 He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;
 for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-13**Independence Day**

In the US, the Fourth of July is a national holiday when outdoor grills are heated up; beaches are packed; and cities and towns have parades and fireworks displays, picnics, and patriotic celebrations. All of this is in remembrance of July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies declared their independence.

Independence appeals to all ages. It means “freedom from the control, influence, support, and aid of others.” So it’s not surprising that teenagers talk about gaining their independence. Many adults have the goal of being “independently wealthy.” And senior citizens want to maintain their independence. Whether anyone is ever truly independent is a discussion for another time and place—but it sounds good.

Craving political or personal independence is one thing; daring to pursue spiritual independence is problematic. What we need instead is a recognition and acceptance of our deep spiritual dependence. Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

Far from being self-reliant, we are totally and eternally dependent on the One who died to set us free. Every day is our “dependence day”.

Bill Crowder

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