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Hello! For those of who are not familiar, my name is Ed Friesen, and I'm thrilled to be the pastor of Furley and Kechi UMC's. My wife, Micki McCorkle, and I return to the area after 5 years in SE Kansas, my wife as District Superintendent, and me having been the pastor @ Girard and Farlington UMC's.

The United Methodist new year is July 1st, as pastors who move, begin at their new locations on this date. It's a special time to reflect on the past, and to vision about the future.

With America celebrating its 250th birthday, we consider a certain set of ideals that undergirds who we are as a people: equality, rights, liberty, opportunity, and democracy. To be "truly American", we are called to embrace these ideals.

Likewise, to be "truly Christian", we are given two clear mandates: to love God, and to love our neighbor. It is impossible to do one without doing the other.

Now, not a one of us truly perfectly lives out those ideals, 24/7. Only Jesus can be successful in that pursuit. But us "falling short of the glory of God" is not an excuse for us not to try. To be "truly Christian" means to not only accept the love of God, but also to be governed in our thoughts, words, and actions by that amazing grace.

Let us strive to not only **receive**, but to **exude** the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ed.

The Glorious Fourth

by Lenore Hetrick

In seventeen hundred seventy-six
A mighty document was born!
Around the table our forefathers
Gathered on that famous morn.
There before them lay the paper
With its words of lasting fame.
The Declaration of Independence!
Oh glorious Fourth of glorious name!

One by one our bold forefathers
Took the pen in hand to sign.
On that fine historic paper
All the names fell into line.
Fame eternal to the signers
Will be ever their reward!
On that eminent Fourth of old
They took a stand so bold.

Triumphant in our history,
And distinguished to the waiting world.
A new nation to the stars
And stripes the splendid flag unfurled.
In seventeen hundred seventy-six
Upon a day we love to praise,
The first heroic Fourth arrived –
And since, it's been our day of days!



Jesus Children

“Independence”

Scripture: Romans 8:2

“Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

As we celebrate July 4th, we remember that there was a war that the early Americans eventually won. They made their own country and didn’t have to serve the king of England ever again. We have freedom today because of what they did.

But we also have an even more important kind of freedom/independence because of what Jesus did.

Jesus died to set us free from sin and death. God doesn’t want us to die. He loves us and wants us to live forever with Him. So, God sent Jesus to die for us. Jesus took our punishment so that when we die, our spirits go to Heaven and then, one day, when Jesus comes back, he’ll bring our bodies back to life as well. He set us free from death.

Jesus also set us free from sin because he gave us the power to do the right things instead of doing the wrong things. If we believe in Jesus, we can always do what is right if we fight the temptation to do what is wrong.

Father, we thank you for those who fought for our freedom. We thank you even more for Jesus, who gave us freedom from death and freedom from sin. Help us to live in that freedom. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

(adapted: www.ministrytochildren.com)



Our nephew Gary Eilert, at wedding for Jami’s son Ryan. Gary wanted me to tell everyone at the church thank you for the prayers and the card. He will have another procedure on June 11 for the kidney stone. He was doing well the night of the wedding, glad he could be there to celebrate. Cheryl

Furley Church,

Thank you so much for the donation to Youth Horizons and the opportunity to share at the community lunch. The lunch was delicious! We appreciate the support!

Blessings,

Carrie Crow

Greeters

July 5th

Doug & Kim Hague

July 12th

Ron & Karen Buss

July 19th

Dick & Deloris Ewing

July 26

Randey & Denise Koehn

Ushers

July 5th

Doug Hague & Randey Koehn

July 12th

Ron Buss & Jordan Black

July 19th

Keith Slater & Randey Koehn

July 26th

Doug Hague & Jordan Black

Counting Team

July 5th

Pam Horner & Kim Hague

July 12th

Gary Eilert & Randey Koehn

July 19th

Doug Hague & Pam Horner

July 26th

Kim Hague & Lamoyne Eilert

Community Lunch

➤ Friday, August 7, 2026 ➤

Menu:

Potato Bar



Toppings of Chili, Ham,
or Pulled Pork

and all the fixings!

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Community Lunch is brought to you by Furley Church and Community.

➤ We will have raffle prizes ➤

- ☀ Community Lunch is brought to you by Furley Church and Community.
- ☀ A speaker will be present to share their mission.
- ☀ Free Will Offering to cover lunch expenses and aid in the church Community outreach.
- ☀ Serving lunch from 11:30 to 12:30.
- ☀ Take away boxes will be packaged by the kitchen crew.

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Mission & Outreach.

We made it past another Community Lunch on June 5th. We served about 115 people.

The next lunch will be August 7th and Bailey Goodman to speak about the food bank at Hutchinson Community College for the students .

Sack Lunches will not be made in July as we have many people out on vacation. Donations are still welcome.

Blessing Box. we can still use easy to eat meals, toilet paper, small kid's toys, potted meats, Vienna sausage, first aid kits, tooth paste and tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs. Any donations of any of these items can be left in the kitchen for me to store until needed.









July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Bingo 3:00	4 
5 Welcome Pastor Ed & Greenwich Families	6	7	8	9	10	11 John Horner Lamoyne Eilert Keith & Cheryl Slater (A)
12	13 Ad Council 6:00 pm	14 L-Z Recycle	15	16	17	18 Vivian Smith
19 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	20	21 Cheryl Slater Randey & Denise Koehn (A)	22 Jared Lane	23	24	25
26	27	28 A-K Recycle Carolyn Hill	29	30	31	