

## Sunday Programs

### July 1

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "UU and Patriotism" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Connie Ussery and Joyce Hickson  
*Title: "What Does it Mean to be an American?"*

Service Leader:  
Opener: Bill Harlan  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Judy Barnett and Chris Nix

**Potluck lunch in the pavilion after church**

### July 8

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Intention and Attention: Conscious Choices" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Lynn Norris  
*Title: "Racial Trustbuilding"*

Service Leader: Ron Ussery  
Opener: Pat Hart  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Orm Burnham and Jeff Gordon

### July 15

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Five Reasons You Shouldn't Be A UU" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin  
*Title: "Response and Ability"*

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: John Kamisky  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Mark Berger  
**GATP:** Contributions for Emily Jones

### July 22

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Why Do Some Regard UU as a Cult?" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Dr. Lloyd Sampson  
*Title: "Constitutional Origins of the Second Amendment"*

Service Leader: John Land  
Opener: Maureen Humphries  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Maureen Humphries

### July 29

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "An Evangelical Christian and a UU on a Plane" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Harvey Richman  
*Title: "Know Thyself: Your Personality and You"*

Service Leader: Ron Ussery  
Opener: Sidney Wilson  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Robert Burnham and Justine Wade



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**A Welcoming Congregation**

**Childcare is provided every Sunday from 9:15 until noon**





## *Children's Religious Education* (on hiatus for the summer)

Childcare is available on Sundays from 9:15-12:00

### **koinonia**

by Rev. Ed Wilson

Did you see that item in the June 18 issue of TIME magazine— about koinonia? I had thought it was always a proper noun referencing the faith community in South Georgia that was established by a brother-in-law of our late, beloved member Grace Jordan. TIME presented it as a common noun, the word with which 14-year old Karthic Nemmani won the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Wow! TIME also offered a definition of koinonia: "intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community." Wow again! Here's one dictionary word that sums up the ideals and goals of our fellowship. It's from the Greek, but I didn't see it when I took New Testament Greek in college. "Intimate spiritual communion..." What a beautiful description of what we need and want in our fellowship.

"Participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community." My dictionary says that in Greek it means simply, fellowship. Okay, so *koinonia* is and of itself a noun whose meaning sets up what we should strive for our fellowship to be. What do you say we get this word out of hiding and measure our fellowship by its terms? Are we koinonia? Are we "intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common Religious commitment and spiritual community?" I think that if we make the effort, we can be. So, let's cultivate "intimate spiritual communion" so that we can have "participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community" - so that we will in fact be koinonia. What a beautiful word! Let's adopt it as an expression of what we want to be!



### *Bits and Pieces...*

- *Congratulations to Kayla and Josh Greer who were married at Folly Beach, SC on June 2. Our best wishes for a long and happy marriage!*
- *The Congregational Care Committee is looking for more committee members to increase activity with members and friends. Contact Maureen Humphries.*

Many of you have read the inspiring article of our friend Major Christina Truesdale written by Annette Gomes, *Warrior Care and Transition*. We've posted it on our bulletin board and handed out copies. The title of the article is "Cheating Death and Winning in Life". Major Truesdale, "a flight surgeon, jumpmaster and veterinarian is lucky to be alive after several injuries and health challenges almost cost her her life". Not only did she survive, but fought to recover and has competed in the *2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games* in Colorado Springs. "Through her journey to recovery, she developed a new attitude and a mantra of sorts. She says, "When I'm feeling defeated, I just remember: NO = next opportunity, END = effort never dies, and FAIL = first attempt in learning". "A perspective and approach we could all benefit from".

JULY  
BIRTHDAYS

2 Ellen Harlan  
8 Rabia Siddique  
10 Jeff Gordon  
11 Millie Lewis



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BIRTHDAYS

19 Bill Harlan  
21 Jackie Grandy  
22 Patricia Tarkington  
28 Demari Jones

**GIVE AWAY THE PLATE**

This month we will give away the plate to one of our own members, Emily Jones, who just experienced the loss of her home due to a house fire. They lost everything they owned. Please be generous.

They can also use gift cards from Sam's or Wal-Mart or cards from restaurants such as Cracker Barrel, Chick Fil A, Longhorn, etc. You may mail them to Emily at: 900 Stewart Rd., LaGrange, GA 30241 or bring them to Brenda who will mail them.

\*\*\*Upcoming Event\*\*\*

***BARBEQUE COOKOUT***

**August 4th from 5-8:30 p.m.**



The fundraising committee will host a barbecue cookout to fund their projects. It will be held in the pavilion and inside Fellowship Hall and will feature meat, side dishes and desserts.

Cost will be \$10 per person, BYOB  
There will be Entertainment!!!