

# CONLEY'S CONNECTION

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.

## SERVE WITH LOVE

*A Message from Pastor Bill Davis*

*You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your sinful nature, but to serve one another in love. The entirety of the law is summed up in one commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you keep biting and devouring each other—watch out! —you may be destroyed by one another.*  
Galatians 5:13-15

In 1942, Japan invaded Attu and Kiska. The two Aleutian Islands were American territories, and the invasion marked the first time an enemy had occupied American soil since the War of 1812. In 1943, America—with the support of close ally Canada—set about the liberation of the islands. Attu was retaken first; the fighting was fierce, and both sides suffered many casualties. The allied force—some thirty-five thousand strong—turned their attention to Kiska. Their landing on the beaches was greeted only by a handful of friendly dogs, but experience had taught them that the Japanese would engage in battle when they attempted to enter the dense foliage. As expected, shots rang out as the troops moved from the beaches to the trees.



Thick fog added to the enemies' cover, and the soldiers' advance was painstakingly slow. Thirty-two allied soldiers were killed and more than fifty wounded over the course of eight days of fighting. Then they made a stunning discovery: there was no enemy. The Japanese had executed a daring escape three weeks before; under the cover of darkness, over five thousand Japanese troops had drifted past the U.S. battleships encircling the island. All the casualties incurred during the invasion of Kiska were from "friendly fire." Both the American and Canadian soldiers had fought bravely for a worthy cause... but they were fighting one another.

The invasion of Kiska illustrates the danger of fighting blindly. We are surrounded by conflict. Our struggle with racial, political, and economic divisions is ongoing. Violence is on the rise, and our public discourse seems to grow meaner and more extreme by the day.

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## STRATEGIC PRAYER **SPARC**



**AND REVIVAL COMMITTEE**

God knows us intimately. After all, He created and sustains us. He knows our every want and need. So why pray? If He knows, why the need to tell Him? Could it be because He is waiting for us to acknowledge our need for Him and our trust in Him before He reveals the answer to us? He gave us the gift of prayer. Not because He needs it, but because we do. Allow Psalm 139:1-4 to lead you into prayer. Be specific in your requests. As you voice your concerns and desires to Him, He will lift your heart and lead you to answers.

Omnipotent Creator God, ***“You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.”*** Hear my concerns and my desires...(state your concerns)...and answer them according to your will, as I lay them before you. Grant me patience and peace while I wait. When the answer comes, fill my heart with rejoicing. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



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## CONLEY’S THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is alive and doing well. The summer crowd is now here in full force, and these past two weeks have been our strongest weeks of 2022. We are still behind in our sales totals for the year but are working hard to catch up.

Donations remain strong, especially for sofas and love seats. At one point this month we had 15 or 20 and not enough space for one more. This past couple of weeks, several of these lovely sofas have gone to new homes, giving us much needed open space for more pieces of furniture. We even sold a couple of nice items just as they were being pulled off of the truck. That makes it a fun day.

Beginning on July 1 we will start our “Christmas in July” event sales. All Christmas-related items in the Christmas Shed will be at 50% off. The ladies have been working getting it stocked for your shopping pleasure. Be sure to check it out. We also will include the women’s yellow tagged clothing items in this 50 percent off sale. The women’s room is full, and we will restock it daily with new items. Remember, **YELLOW TAGS ONLY IN THE 50% OFF SALE.**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> the state of Delaware is implementing a new law banning plastic shopping bags. While we understand that the environment suffers from all of the loose plastic floating around, it requires us to have to look for other measures for our shoppers. Our request is that you please put a large shopping bag of your choice in your car so that you will have it when you go thrifting. We have ordered paper bags so that we will have something on hand, but as we all know they aren’t as strong as the plastic ones are. Thank you for helping our environment.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We couldn’t exist without you guys and gals.

**- Pat Vogt**



## ODYSSEA: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

### Much too Bizzzy?



By Art Schmidt

*This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:  
“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your  
strength, but you would have none of it.” (Isaiah 30:15 NIV)*

“This is the problem: People in a hurry never have time for recovery. Their minds have little time to meditate and pray so that problems can be put in perspective. In short, people are showing signs of physiological disintegration because we are living at a pace that is too fast for our bodies.”<sup>1</sup>

Whoever came up with the slogan “Lower-Slower-Delaware” has never been here! Everywhere you go downstate you see people rushing around—going to the beach, to the stores, and to the restaurants. There are days when I feel just the way Hart describes above: like my mind has traveled at lightspeed all day while my body has tried to keep up. As I sit at my desk zipping through e-mail, articles, reports, and various other media, my brain is racing while my body sits idle in the chair. I’m mentally going faster than my body. There are times I feel like a car tire that has thrown a weight—I’m out of balance and just thump, thump, thumping down the highway. I know there’s a problem, but I don’t have time to fix it...I’m much too busy!

“The goal is balance. Just as a balanced diet takes into account the realm of our nutritional needs to stay healthy, a balanced life takes into account all our needs: our need for friends, work, love, family, play-time, private time, recovery time, and spiritual time—time with God. If we get out of balance, our inner voice will tell us. We need to listen.”<sup>2</sup>

My inner voice tells me “you’re out of balance” often, but balance isn’t easily achieved in our busy world. The electronic age has enabled us to think faster and process information more quickly, but it’s also conditioned us to think we must stay informed and connected all the time. Many of us are suffering from “techno speed” and have become “rush-aholics.” While our society races down the information highway, and we become more dependent upon digital conversation, we find ourselves rushing around, which ultimately brings about the “out of balance” condition. We humans are fragile and need time to rest and recover from a busy day. Our minds have far exceeded our bodies’ capacity, so we end up feeling overwhelmed—nothing we do is enough, and we overlook those opportunities of restoration and recovery.

What can we do? Since there aren’t any “rush-aholics anonymous” support groups, we must make an effort to slow down and change the way we live on our own. But beware: making a life change takes time and determination. Most life changes begin with a period of discomfort, so don’t expect instant results. We begin by making small changes in our daily routines that give us time to recharge. My first change was to declare Sunday a day of restoration. I replaced the time I would have been rushing around with other healthier activities that promote recovery. I’m very mindful of everything I do on Sunday—I begin with the worship service at Conley’s, which sets the tone for the rest of my day. A Sunday well spent brings a week of content.

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Archibald Hart, senior professor of psychology; dean emeritus School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

<sup>2</sup> “The Language of Letting Go” by Melodie Beattie, an American author of self-help books.

*Your vocation is bigger than your job, which you might have to do to earn a living.  
Your life is bigger than your vocation, for work needs to be balanced by prayer, play, and rest.  
Your faith is bigger than your life, as it includes others, history, and creation.  
The Spirit is bigger than your faith; the all-encompassing presence of God is  
ever present to nourish you.*

—“Answering God’s Call for Your Life” by Robert Roth



...these interesting facts about the 4th of July?

### **Independence Day could have been celebrated on July 2 or August 2**

It was on the *second* day of July 1776 that the governing body of the 13 colonies, known as the Continental Congress, voted in favor of declaring themselves independent of British rule. But it was on July 4, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was finalized as a written document, and it's "July 4, 1776" that appears on the document as its official date. The Declaration of Independence was not actually signed until August 2, 1776. But as History.com explains, because the document bears the date of July 4, that's the date people remembered as little as a year later, when the holiday was first celebrated.

### **About Jefferson being its author**

Thomas Jefferson is known as the author of the Declaration of Independence, but while he was officially responsible for drafting a formal statement of why the 13 colonies should break from Britain, the document was written by a five-man committee made up of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston. Jefferson was not recognized as its principal author until the 1790s.

### **A Pennsylvania newspaper was the first to publish the document**

It's safe to say the adoption of the Declaration of Independence was big news in America—so much so that *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* published the document in its July 6, 1776, edition. It was the first newspaper in the colonies to run the Declaration of Independence in print.

### **The Declaration of Independence caused a riot**

When the colonists in New York City found out about the Declaration of Independence from George Washington, who read it in front of City Hall on July 9, 1776, a riot broke out, in part as a reaction to the fact that British naval ships were occupying the harbor at the time. During the riot, a statue of King George III was torn down and melted down to make 42,000 musket balls for the revolutionary army.

### **The first official Independence Day Celebration took place on July 4, 1777**

The first official national celebration of America's independence was held in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777. The year 1777 was also the year the American flag was officially established.

### **The Fourth of July wasn't a National Holiday until 1870**

So, when was July 4 declared a national holiday? Turns out, it wasn't until 1870 that Independence Day became a national holiday—nearly a century after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Christmas was declared a national holiday the same year.

### **Here's why we set off fireworks on the Fourth of July**

At the first national Independence Day Celebration in Philly in 1777, 13 cannons were fired, one round for each state of the union, bells were rung, and fireworks were set off, according to the Smithsonian, which says the Fourth of July fireworks tradition grew from there.

### **Here's why we barbecue on Independence Day**

The tradition of grilling out didn't actually get going in earnest until the early 1800s, but Virginia colonists had been barbecuing large animals over a pit for years by then in a tradition they imported, apparently, from the West Indies. The practice is said to have spread as political leaders began staging rallies to mark Independence Day and drew crowds by staging massive barbecues featuring whole pigs and oxen. Now, people grill and whip up favorite recipes for their loved ones to celebrate.





This month, the Church Council welcomed the new leadership team from **Mid-Delmarva Love, INC.**, Miguel, Kathryn, and Kayla. We heard about their plans to build stronger relationships with the local church community and to increase the number of partner organizations such as churches and businesses, as well as state and community leaders to better meet the increasing needs of this community. Miguel talked about visiting Conley's for a Sunday Worship Service to share their work and desire to involve our membership in helping to transform lives right here in Sussex County. Love, INC. fosters collaboration and organizes holistic care to help churches serve their neighbors through resources and relationships. [www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/transformationalministries](http://www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/transformationalministries)

The Church Council recognized **Zola Paterno** and **Ella Mae Weaver** for their many years of service in the Soup Kitchen.

**The Chapel pews** are available for sale now to the public. Any Conley's member can purchase a pew at a 50 percent discount. While we plan to continue to use the Chapel for worship for special occasions, we also want to create a more flexible space inside our Chapel in order to hold other types of activities such as meetings, concerts, exhibitions, retreats, classes, and more. We hope this historic building can serve our community for many more years to come. If you are interested in working with a small group to help develop and execute a plan for the future of the Chapel, contact Louise Finn 443-223-5149.

**The road construction on Robinsonville Rd.** is almost complete, which will allow us to finally place the bench on the new paver pad in front of the Chapel. We will all breathe a sigh of relief when those orange cans and single-lane traffic has moved on and the Thrift Shop can return to normal!

Conley's will be leasing our kitchen over the coming year to a food truck business called **Flippin' Waffles**. You will see the trailer plugged in from time to time behind the church, back in the area where the live nativity was held years ago. This is all part of our agreement with the owner of the food truck, and we hope to have them providing waffles and waffle cones with Hopkins ice cream at future Conley's events.

**Financially**, we are continuing to grow stronger each month after the pandemic. For the month of May, our income was \$186,987, and expenses were \$215,403. While we are still not meeting 100 percent of our operating expenses, we get closer and closer to it each month!

*- Louise Finn, Council Chair*



## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



By Cheryl Wood

It has been an amazing few months for Conley's Social Justice Committee. We continue to partner with Love, INC. to responsibly handle requests for financial assistance. In December of 2021, Susan Kent resigned her position as executive director to take a position with Better Homes of Seaford. At our June Church Council meeting, we met Miguel Alban-Guerro, the new executive director; his wife, Kathryn, who will head up the Transformational Ministry programs; and Emily who is the coordinator of Connectional Ministry. As they settle into their roles, we at Conley's anticipate how we will be able to help Love, INC. expand to the eastern side of Sussex County.

As of June 23 of this year, we have given \$6,710.16 in financial aid. This encompasses things like electric and water bills, rent, and car repairs. We have paid for a few hotel nights, but we seek other alternatives for housing as money spent for hotel nights is never recovered.

Our *Feeding the Flock* food outreach ministries continue to grow. We feed 30-35 people on Mondays and Fridays with our bag-lunch program. Those of us who work in this program have had many opportunities to minister to the people we feed. Consistent relationships at this apartment complex has let us really get to know the people and to be able to help them.

The meal program at the Douglas Street Encampment can be challenging, but it is very rewarding. We feed 35-40 people each Saturday when none of the other agencies are open. A number of the people now recognize us when we encounter them in other situations. Building trust in this community is vital but difficult.

The ACE Center in Georgetown is open Monday-Friday 9 am-3 pm. They provide shower facilities and a laundry. I was able to meet with Jessica Thompson and Joanna Loper who are currently in charge. We are sharing resources with them to be able to get a more consistent supply of quality proteins for their meals.

This summer, I am working with Conley's Summer Camp to provide breakfast and lunch to the campers. It is exciting to have these young people with us.

We are always looking for a few more pairs of hands to help with our food ministries. If you would like to learn more, contact Cheryl Wood [njchef219@aol.com](mailto:njchef219@aol.com) or 609-790-9804.





At the end of May, Zola Paterno, who had headed up the Soup Kitchen for a number of years, resigned from this position. A meeting was held to determine how we would proceed. Since that meeting Ella Mae Weaver has also resigned.

These Wednesday gatherings are important, not only for physical nourishment but for spiritual nourishment.

There are already several teams or partial teams in place, and there are a number of people who can help when needed. There are also several people who regularly make soup. **Soup for the Soul** needs a few more volunteers to help out on Wednesdays. If you can be there for an hour in the morning to help set up or make sandwiches, we can use your help. Help at the end of the day is also needed.

***In short; if we are not able to get a few more people willing to help on a regular basis, the Soup Kitchen will need to drastically alter the number of weeks it is open each month or will need to shut down entirely.*** If you would like to make soup but find it too costly, we can reimburse you. You will need to bring your receipts. We can also use dessert makers. Cupcakes, brownies, and cookies are always good.

Please contact Cheryl Wood, 609-790-9804 or njchef219@aol.com if you would like to help.

## **Kitchen Notes**

Changes are being made in the way we are using the church kitchen. We began by cleaning out the pantry of outdated and unused foods and by reorganizing paper goods and dishware.

We are asking that **All Groups** that use the kitchen and pantry, use the stock supply of paper goods and other staples. **Please do not purchase paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware, hot and cold cups, coffee, tea bags, or condiments. All are available in the pantry.** Please use open packages of plates, coffee, etc. prior to opening new ones. We will have a note pad available so that you can jot down supplies that are getting low. Please don't wait until something is completely gone before you let us know that we need to order. If your group meets on a regular basis, make a contribution to the kitchen fund to help cover the cost of supplies.

New signs are posted on the refrigerator and freezers reminding everyone to label and date foods you are placing in them. If you are leaving food for another group to use, please indicate that on the food. When using the kitchen, please return items to the place you got them from. Groups are responsible for emptying the trash at the end of your event as well as wiping down tables in the kitchen and fellowship hall and sweeping the floor. If you use the stove or ovens, make sure they are cleaned up.

Thank you for helping to keep our kitchen and pantry in good operating condition. Please direct any questions to Laura Hill 302-236-0846 or Cheryl Wood 609-790-9804.



## *Never Underestimate the Power of Prayer*

Praise God, the Kairos Outside Weekend #4 finally took place. The weekend was postponed five times: spring and fall of 2020, spring and fall of 2021, then again in April 2022. But this time the team didn't want to give up and wait until October 2022. We had three hurdles to get over: we needed more team members, more guests, and we needed the venue to be willing to move the dates from April 1 to May 27.

We prayed, and the venue was available. The core team started calling everyone to find volunteers and were making no headway. One day I sat down in my office and started crying. I told God we can't do this alone; it's your weekend; if you want it to take place, you will have to send the volunteers. Within three days we had the 21 team members needed to proceed with the team formation.

It is amazing what God can accomplish when we get out of His way and admit that He is in charge.

Next, we needed 14 guests registered 30 days prior to the weekend. Once again as a team we prayed. Two days before the deadline we had 14 guest registrations. Power of Prayer.

Kairos Prison Ministry International's (KPMI) mission is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

KPMI is three programs/one ministry.

Kairos Outside is a special weekend retreat designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. Families of the incarcerated "do time" right along with their loved ones. In a safe environment with loving people, women interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn to form small support groups to give them strength for the challenges they face.

Kairos Inside is composed of well-organized and well-trained volunteer teams of men and women from the communities surrounding an institution that present an introductory three-day weekend, described as a short course in Christianity. This interdenominational team of volunteers—both clergy and laypersons—works in cooperation with the chaplain, who carefully selects up to 42 inmate leaders to attend. Well organized follow-up is part of this program.

Kairos Torch offers unconditional love and acceptance, encouraging young men and women to share their life journey through participation in a long-term mentoring process. The program begins with a weekend retreat inside the prison. Torch team members commit to a weekly mentoring process with the youthful offenders for six months after the weekend.

Weekend #4 was a blessing to guests and team members alike. We began the weekend as strangers, and by Sunday we were one in the family of God. Lives were changed, and relationships were restored. Guests are now signed up to serve on the team in October. Thank you, Conley's family, for your generous gifts to Kairos through your missions giving. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Kairos of Delaware is working with the Department of Corrections and the chaplains within the facilities in Delaware to begin Prayer and Share and Continuing Ministry in Sussex correctional institutions once again. Kairos Inside has had nine weekends prior to COVID. We need your prayers that we will soon be able to enter the facilities and schedule weekends.

As Kairos of Delaware grows and enters more facilities, we will need more and more volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in serving this ministry, please contact Marie Van Der Wall—[mavanderwall@gmail.com](mailto:mavanderwall@gmail.com) 302-249-7897. If you or a woman you know has been impacted by incarceration, please contact Richelle Marvel—[livewellbefit59@gmail.com](mailto:livewellbefit59@gmail.com) 302-841-9794—for more information about the October 2022 weekend.

Weekend scripture: *“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”* Lamentations 3:21-23

- Marie Van Der Wall

Mission Team Leader



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## SERVE WITH LOVE

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We are encircled by personal rancor and rudeness, and our leaders are often the worst offenders...and when they are not, they are paralyzed by partisanship. Living in such an atmosphere, it is easy to adopt a combative attitude; to automatically go on the attack when anyone dares to offend us or challenge our views. In the passage above, Paul warns the Church against adopting such an attitude. Yes, we are called to contend for the faith. Yes, we are called to stand up for justice. Yes, we are called to boldly proclaim the gospel. But if in doing so we adopt the attitudes and tactics of our sinful world, we will end up fighting—and possibly destroying—one another. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, and our weapons are not worldly but spiritual. As followers of Jesus, our first thought should always be love. Our first desire should always be peace. Our first choice should always be to serve. In this way we bear witness to the grace of God in our lives...and show the world a better way to live. May this be true in our lives and in our church: we do not use our freedom to indulge our sinful nature, but to serve one another in love.





## Trip to Barratt's Chapel

On Monday, June 13, a crowd of 25 people from Conley's gathered at Barratt's Chapel. As a certified docent of Barratt's, I was delighted to lead an hour-and-forty-five-minute tour of the "Cradle of Methodism." Along with Rev. Phil Lawton, who served the Felton United Methodist Church and has a PhD in history, we were able to show and describe the long, rich history of Barratt's. Following the tour, we went to Grotto's in Milford and had a wonderful time gathered around the table to eat. I am also a tour guide, through Educational Opportunities, of Israel and have led numerous tours of the Holy Land. If there is interest, a 10-day tour could be arranged for a very reasonable cost.

## Visitation Pastor

Beginning on June 1, I was named the visitation pastor for Conley's. I have gotten off to a quick start—despite visiting my son Scott in Nashville from June 2 through June 7. At the midway point of June, I made 11 home visits and 4 phone visits. An unexpected bonus for me is the number of invitations to lunch I have received—delicious pulled pork sandwiches, fresh fruit salad, cheesecake, and a whole lot more have kept me well fed. The Moorings in Lewes has four couples from Conley's, and I was able to visit with all of them. Because of HIPAA laws, I am not able to share as much information about my visits as I might like, but rest assured, people are being seen.

## Golf

I remain a very active golfer. What I like about the sport is the fresh air, sunshine, and exercise that it affords. I live in and am a member of the Plantation Lakes Golf and Country Club. The camaraderie I share with the men I golf with is just invaluable. I am, at best, an average golfer with a 24 handicap. I did, however, get a hole-in-one on Labor Day and have a plaque commemorating that once-in-a-lifetime event in my office. I have a bit of trouble controlling my anger at how poorly I play from time to time. A golf club of mine is in the bottom of a water hole because I tossed it there in disgust. This is a personal improvement project I am working on.

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## Thrift Shop

One of the highlights of my week is Tuesday morning when I serve as a cashier at Conley's Thrift Shop. I enjoy the people I work with; they make for a wonderful experience. Serving those who come in as customers, is just great. There are regular customers and many tourists from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and elsewhere who also come in searching for bargains. The money derived from the shop helps pay off the mortgage on the church and supports our mission work. It's a great place, and the donations that come in are quite amazing. I love wrapping the fragile glassware and dinnerware that people purchase, so that those items arrive safe and sound.

## Retired Pastor's Luncheon

Since my retirement, I have enjoyed the monthly luncheons of our retired United Methodist pastors. For years this has been organized by Rev. and Mrs. Alex Slonin. Now that Alex is fighting cancer, the mantle has been turned over to Marie and me. In the past, we have traveled from restaurant to restaurant, but as I take over, I am thinking of adding churches as places we can meet for lunch. I know several churches where a good meal can be secured for a good price—hoping one of our stops can be at Conley's! As restaurant prices soar our poor, faithful pastors can sometimes use the church as a place to dine.

## The Hospital Stay

For my whole life I have prided myself on good health. Never a broken bone, never a visit to the hospital. That came to an end when I spent 13 days in Beebe Hospital because of “male” problems. Finally, surgery was done, and I am now a new man! I know Beebe gets mixed reviews, but my time there was great. The food was good, the nurses were exceptional, the doctors who were secured for me were wonderful, and my surgery went well. When I needed help, they were there. When I needed to be left alone, that happened as well. I was on my phone, texting and calling, constantly. If it wasn't for my family and my church family, I would have felt lost. Only one person could visit a day: 12 days that was Marie; one day it was my brother. On the day my brother was there, some extensive “male” work was being done, and he did the best he could to stay with me.



## Blessing of the Fleet

ABTB—Angola by the Bay—has an annual Blessing of the Fleet. I was asked to do this. We started with an outdoor worship service, and then, because of the wind, the parade of ships was cancelled and instead I went from vessel to vessel and offered a blessing to each one.

It was great as we prayed for safety and operating skill. The luncheon at Big Fish Grill was tasty. I had lobster bisque, a crab cake sandwich with fries, and key lime pie for dessert. They have already asked me to come back next year!

## American Legion

Recently I have become a member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). I do quite a bit with the Legion: blessing of the animals, Kairos concert in the pavilion, the variety show, the choir singing a patriotic medley on a holiday. But I also enjoy the social life there: the Bryan Clark concert, inexpensive lunches, and nights of music and dancing. Many Conley's people joined me there for the events.



## WORSHIPPING DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Worship with us on  
Sundays at 10:00 AM  
in person or online.

Our sanctuary is  
cleaned and sanitized  
every Monday in  
accordance with  
guidelines.

We live-stream  
the service on  
Vimeo and YouTube.  
Links on our website.

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You can make a  
donation or tithe using  
the online portal on  
our website:  
[conleysumc.org](http://conleysumc.org)

Thank you  
for supporting our  
mission and for your  
faithfulness in giving!

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT CONLEY'S?

### ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Jim Van Der Wall leads this group every Sunday morning at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

### ◆ Over 50 Yoga Class

Tuesdays 10:30-11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own mat and bottled water. \$10 per session (cash only please).

### ◆ Soup Kitchen

Wednesdays at 11:00 am—1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We need soup donations and helpers. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

### ◆ CYC Summer Camp Program

Began Monday, June 20, and runs for 10 weeks through August 26. Camp schedule is Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30 am—2:30 pm. We need volunteers to drive the church van, chaperone, and help with meal preparation. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. For more info: Karen Lessey 302-448-9924; [karenlessey@icloud.com](mailto:karenlessey@icloud.com).

### ◆ UMM Meeting

Saturday, July 9, 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.  
The Planning Team: John Reinford, Art Schmidt, Ron Starich.

### ◆ UWF Meeting

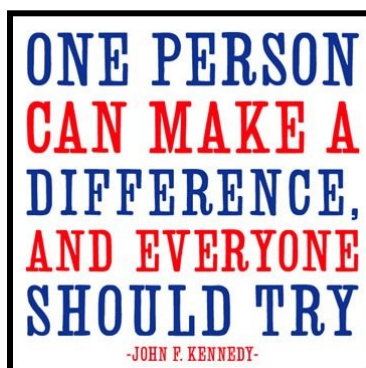
Saturday, July 16, 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The Planning Team: Susan Davis, Barb Evans, Louise Finn, Tina Washington.  
For more information, click on the UWF icon on the church's website.

### ◆ Church Council Meeting

Thursday, July 21, at 6:30 pm in the library.

### ◆ Prayer Service

Wednesday, July 27, at 6:30 pm in the Missions Room. Please join us for a contemplative time to lift up prayers of praise, repentance, petition, and thanks. All are invited.







## LOOKING GOOD!

Conley's facilities, including the routine maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements, are being managed by a Facilities Team: Doug Stout, Art Schmidt, Charlie Parson, and Charlie Morris.

The spring projects focused on property appearance. Cutting Edge, the company that provides our mowing service, did a great job of weeding, trimming, transplanting, and mulching at the church and parsonage. The appearance of both properties was much improved.

The major projects completed this quarter were:

- The RT24 sign landscaping.
- The Chapel's 6'x9' paver bench pad was installed.
- The parsonage was powerwashed, and minor repairs were made.
- The spring clean-up and landscaping at the church and parsonage.

Once the road construction by the Chapel and Thrift Shop is completed, the Facilities Team will work closely with Louise Finn, Laura Hill, and Pat Vogt to begin the process of restoring those properties. The two high priority projects for the Chapel are installing a handicap accessible walkway and replacing the perimeter wall.

So far this year, the facilities costs have run much less than projected—51 percent less than the projected costs for January through June. Some major projects were scaled back to save costs.

We remain focused on the priorities and dedicated to maintaining all of Conley's facilities in the best and most cost effective manner possible. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

## CYC SUMMER CAMP

If you have some spare time this summer and want to help support the camp, please consider one of these volunteer opportunities:

**Driver:** drive the church van in the morning when the kids are being picked up and in the afternoon when they are being dropped off.

**Chaperone:** ride-along in the van (Safe Sanctuary policy requires two adults at all times with children). The van leaves Conley's in the morning at 8:30 am, returns 9:20 am. In the afternoon, the van leaves Conley's at 2:30 pm to take the campers home and returns to the church at 3:20 pm.

**Helper:** help with crafts, reading time, meal prep, and clean-up.



The camp is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30 am—2:30 pm. If you can be available to help on any of these days, please contact **Karen Lessey, 302-448-9924**.

God has blessed Conley's with this ministry so that we can be a blessing to these children by helping them learn about the Love of God while they have fun.

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## *Prayer for America*

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulfstream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air.

Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors - locally and globally - so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.



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