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New Basel Newsletter

JULY 2026

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, since the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. That was not, however, the first time a Continental Congress had convened. Indeed the first such meeting was in September and October of 1774, two years prior. It was a very troubled time, and as those delegates sought to guide what would eventually become a nation, they first sought the Lord in prayer. This is that prayer.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their

sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.

Amen.

*Reverend Jacob Duché
Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania
September 7, 1774, 9 o'clock a.m.*

May our leaders today similarly seek the Lord in prayer, may we all be similarly blessed with faith, and may God Bless America!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday, June 1st, 2026 Council minutes

Called to order: 7:02 PM by Jennifer Latzke

Present

Elders:

Chris Beth and Lynn Kauffman

Deacons:

Judy Barten, Jennifer Latzke, and Loren Barten

Trustees:

Gary Foltz

Devotions: Pater Jamie opened with a devotion.

Approval of April minutes:

M/S/C to approve the May minutes

Communications: Irish Den newsletter and rural water newsletter

Reports:

Financial Secretary: Judy gave the report.

Treasurer: Judy gave the report

Memorial committee: Janet Chamberlin gave the report

Pastors Report:

5/4/26 – 5/31/26

Worship: preached and or led Sunday worship 4 times, and at Homestead Memory Care

Administration meetings: 1 church council meeting

Pastoral care: 8 phone visits, and 3 home visits, 2 office visits, and 1 hospital visit

Other: 5 vacation bible school, 2 crosstalk meetings, 2 volunteer readings at Rural Center, 1 game night, and 3 work days

Vacation Days: this month: 0 YTD:1 **Professional Development Days:** this month:0 YTD: 4 **Mileage:**42

Elders Report: Chris Bethe reported that Tim Johnson will lead the church service on July 5th

Deacons Report: no report

Trustees report: Gary reported that painting is finished in the basement.

Old Business:

Old Business: Riley Hunnicutt and Duncan Reiff each received \$1000 scholarships from the church.

New Business:

It was M/S/C to pay the bills

The Church improvement fund offering will be the entire month of July. This is for a new roof on the church.

The church picnic will be on August 9th (location to be determined).

Upcoming Events:

June 7th- communion

Echo articles due June 29th

June 14th- game night

July 8th- council 7:00

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Chris Bethe, Secretary



In Our Prayers...

Naoma Foltz
Judy Lauer
Kelly Schrader
Tony Herman

Rachel Prichard
Bobby Greenwood and
Judith Stevenson
Lynn and Suzie Barten

JULY INFORMATION

Birthdays

6th Sara Hunnicutt
8th Justin Meyer
11th Arlee Snitker
29th Tim Reiff
31st Chris Bethe
Glenna Dautel



Anniversaries

12 th Bob & Pam O'Neal	28 th Greg & Kari Beetch
14 th Kenneth & Rita Gantenbein	29 th Austin & Jessica Murphy
17 th Ed & Jan McAdams	

Upcoming August Birthdays

2nd Joleen Beemer
8th Stephanie Gfeller
10th Stetson Shrack



July 12th at 5:00pm

Greeters, Acolytes, and Usher for July

	<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Acolytes:</u>
5 th	Dwight & Marion Kamm	Devin Kamm
12 th	Ron and Sam Pryor	Janessa Latzke
19 th	Peggy Meuli and Carol Lawson	Scarlet Murphy
26 th	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Axie Shrack
July Usher: Dwight Kamm		

Thank you to Drew Snitker for being the June Usher

