

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

The 4th represents several meaningful topics today as we gather. First, it is the first Sunday of the month, which highlights our community communion meal together. Communion represents our most significant celebration in life. Second, it is our country's birthday as an independent democracy as we celebrate the privilege of being an American. Third, in Oregon it often represents the beginning of summer weather and opportunities for travel and family gatherings. Summer has begun already this year but many of you still anticipate doing fun and meaningful things together with loved ones as travel is expected to be at an all-time high. May God bless America!

## WEDNESDAY PARK PROGRAM

Our weekly park program launches this Wednesday at Northgate Park. We provide activities and lunch for children and their families Wednesdays during the summer from 10am-noon. We need people to partner with us to help provide this program. If you are interested, please contact Karen Offield.

## BLOOD DRIVE

*Wednesday, July 14, 1:00-6:00pm*

As an outreach to our community, we are hosting a blood drive in partnership with the Red Cross. We are hoping to fill the schedule donations from our church congregation. If you would like to donate blood, sign up in the Lobby or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: NewHarvest.

## SCIENCE CAMP

Mark your calendars for Science Camp July 19-21st from 9am-1pm. Science camp is for kinder-5th graders. See the poster in the lobby for more information & to register.

## SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION

Every week people ask about the timing and backdrop of Tyler Braun becoming the Lead Pastor and Barry stepping into a supportive role. We are in our final year of transition, and the Elders have prepared a letter of explanation for you through this link ([newharvestch.org/transition](http://newharvestch.org/transition)) Included is a link inviting you to share your input and questions with the Elders.

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">GUESTS &amp; VISITOR</h2> <p>We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (<a href="http://newharvestch.org/connect">newharvestch.org/connect</a>) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.</p>
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## The Day of Freedom

The least talked about characteristic of God, as in the Trinity, is the Spirit. He is our topic for today, which fits so well with freedom, celebration, and new life.

### John 14:15-18

The Paraklete = to come alongside

- \* He is with you.
  - ✓ Ignored throughout the church age.
  - ✓ The force be with you . . .
  - ✓ He does everything that God does.
  - ✓ We owe the Scriptures to Him.
  - ✓ He continues to convict . . .
  
- \* He is in you
  - Ezekiel 36:25-27 & Joel 2:28-32
  - ✓ Jesus = resurrection; Spirit = Pentacost
  - ✓ John 16:7 tells us this is better.
  - ✓ He empowers us to speak & serve (1 Peter 4:10-11)
  - ✓ We don't need more of Him; he needs more of us

### II Corinthians 3:17-18

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit gives freedom and produces transformation

Too often we miss the abundant life because we miss the key ingredient.

### Reflective Questions

- 1) What is something you know about the Holy Spirit? Why is He too often the neglected One?
- 2) How does the Holy Spirit operate in our world? How did He get your attention?
- 3) The New Testament is filled with the multifaceted ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. What aspect of His work in you are you appreciating right now?

