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NORTHERN LIGHTS

Northern Michigan District
Church of the Nazarene



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CHERISHING LIBERTY

by **Rev. Daniel Gilmore**
District Superintendent

Greetings and blessings in the mighty name of Jesus, KING of Kings and LORD of Lords!

This weekend Americans across this blessed land will join in celebration and thanksgiving for liberty and the blessings we enjoy as citizens of this wonderful country. Independence Day, like many holidays, can become routine and unremarkable. But, for me, this Independence Day has become particularly precious. It seems that today a well-orchestrated assault is taking place upon the very fabric of our society and the foundations of our freedoms. This assault can and should be a rallying call for all good citizens to prayerfully stand for truth and righteousness! Godliness is the first duty of citizenship, and the priority of godliness is to **Be on the alert. Stand firm in the faith. Be men of courage. Be strong (1 Cor. 16:13)**. In the preamble of the American Constitution our founders declared that a vital part of this great undertaking is to *...secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity*. This work continues to this day and each generation must engage in it!

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free. — Ronald Reagan

I rejoice in the abundant freedoms and opportunities that I have enjoyed as a citizen of my beloved homeland, but further, I rejoice in the liberty and opportunity to declare the mighty Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It would be easy to get discouraged and have a defeatist attitude in these troublous times, but remember **...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)**. My prayer for us in these days is that we would walk in Scriptural wisdom and holy boldness. May we not get swept up in the turmoil, rather, may we be God's holy bulwark of peace and truth. The third stanza of Julia Ward Howe's "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is a good reminder for us to boldly declare the Gospel of Church of Jesus Christ, without fear or favor of men:

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat: Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25).

Welcome Heal Family

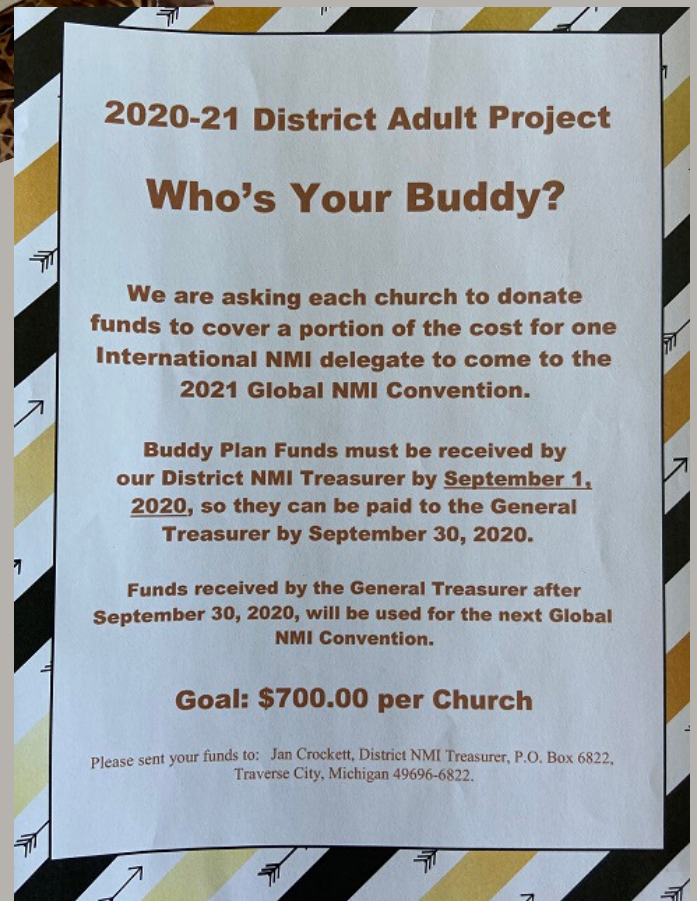
The Heals (pronounced Hail) are the new pastoral family at Pickford COTN. Rev. Kory and Rhonda have been married for 18 years. They were born and raised in California and served in ministry there until God called them elsewhere. They have 5 children: Aaron 15, Ryan 13, Carter 11, Gienna 11, Jack 9. Kory served in youth ministry in California for 13 years and as a senior pastor since 2010 in Washington and Wisconsin. The Heals love the outdoors, jogging, camping, and traveling. We are excited to welcome them to the Northern Michigan District and are anticipating great things for them and the Pickford church.



NMI GIVING PROJECT



WHO'S
YOUR
BUDDY?



This year our NMI project will be to help international NMI delegates with expenses in coming to General NMI Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2021. Many international delegates are unable to come to the convention due to the travel costs. We want to be sure that every person who is elected as a delegate to the General NMI Convention is able to come! The goal is \$700.00 for each church.



Funds must be received by
September 1, 2020

TO : Jan Crockett, District NMI Treasurer
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A s s e m b l y N e w s

Unfortunately, we were not able to gather for District Assembly this past April. You may access the reports of the District Superintendent and the department heads by clicking below. These reports are also available on the district website - nmdnaz.org. Also General Assembly 2021 has been rescheduled for 2023. You can read the Board of General Superintendents full statement by clicking [here](#).

2020 District Assembly Reports

[District Superintendent's Report](#)

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District-wide Revival Services

AUGUST 16 – 28, 2020

We are excited to host Dan Bohi for a series of services at four locations across our district. Rev. Bohi is a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He is answering the Lord's call to awaken the church to the power, purity, and freedom of the Spirit-filled life. You will notice by the schedule below that he is speaking in four regional areas of our district to facilitate participation from our local churches. We encourage our churches and pastors to attend, invite others, and announce the services in your area.



Beaverton COTN

450 West Lang Rd., Beaverton, MI

- Sunday, August 16, 6:00pm
- Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 18, 7:00pm

Charlevoix COTN

12023 Waller Rd., Charlevoix, MI

- Sunday, August 23, 6:00pm
- Monday, August 24, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 25, 7:00pm

Cadillac Cherry Grove COTN

8450 S. 29 Mile Rd., Cadillac, MI

- Wednesday, August 19, 7:00pm
- Thursday, August 20, 7:00 pm
- Friday, August 21, 7:00pm

Escanaba COTN

2601 S. Lincoln Rd., Escanaba, MI

- Wednesday, August 26, 7:00pm
- Thursday, August 27, 7:00 pm
- Friday, August 28, 7:00pm



WHILE WE ARE ZEALOUSLY PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF GOOD CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS, WE CERTAINLY OUGHT NOT TO BE INATTENTIVE TO THE HIGHER DUTIES OF RELIGION. TO THE DISTINGUISHED CHARACTER OF PATRIOT, IT SHOULD BE OUR HIGHEST GLORY TO ADD THE MORE DISTINGUISHED CHARACTER OF CHRISTIAN.” –THE WRITINGS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, PP. 342-343.

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.
- from the Declaration of Independence*



SUPPOSE A NATION IN SOME DISTANT REGION SHOULD TAKE THE BIBLE FOR THEIR ONLY LAW BOOK, AND EVERY MEMBER SHOULD REGULATE HIS CONDUCT BY THE PRECEPTS THERE EXHIBITED! EVERY MEMBER WOULD BE OBLIGED IN CONSCIENCE, TO TEMPERANCE, FRUGALITY, AND INDUSTRY; TO JUSTICE, KINDNESS, AND CHARITY TOWARDS HIS FELLOW MEN; AND TO PIETY, LOVE, AND REVERENCE TOWARD ALMIGHTY GOD ... WHAT A EUTOPIA, WHAT A PARADISE WOULD THIS REGION BE.”
–DIARY AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN ADAMS, VOL. III, P. 9.

“Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.” John Hancock–History of the United States of America, Vol. II, p. 229.

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”
--The Trumpet Voice of Freedom: Patrick Henry of Virginia, p. iii.

On June 7, 1776, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five man committee - including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York - to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near unanimous vote (the New York delegation

abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2nd "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 4TH OF JULY

- Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. All the others signed later.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.
- The average age of the signers was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr. (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania.
- Eight of the 56 signers were born in Britain.
- John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American Independence and would turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest.
- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 - the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
- The stars on the original American Flag were in a circle so all of the colonies would appear equal.
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population of the United States is 331 million.
- Every 4th of July, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.
- The White House celebrated Independence Day for the first time in 1801.
- July 4th was made an official holiday by Congress in 1870.
- Written on the back of the Declaration of Independence are these words, "Original Declaration of Independence dates 4th July 1776". It is believed that this text was added as a label, as during that time parchments were often rolled up during transport.

IT TOOK 442 DAYS FOR INDEPENDENCE TO BECOME AN ACCEPTED THOUGHT. There were 442 days between the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" fired at Lexington and Concord to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The majority of colonists viewed themselves as British subjects, and even when fighting broke out in Massachusetts in April 1775 it was considered a civil dispute. The thought of separation was seen as a radical and nonsensical notion. It wasn't until October 1775 when King George III denounced the colonies in front of Parliament that American colonists agreed they should become an independent nation, as they felt their rights as British citizens were being denied.



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