

*Heavenly  
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July  
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**Sunday Worship**

Sanctuary 10:00 am

Live on Facebook 10:00 am

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**Coffee Hour 11:00 am**

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**God Bless America!**



**Land That I Love  
Stand Beside Her  
And Guide Her  
Through The Night  
With The Light  
From Above  
Happy 4th of July!**

# Long Division Is Hard



*The Rev. LuAnn Rourke, Superintendent of the Heritage District, talks about how she enjoyed math. She turns to the words of the Apostle Paul as she ponders tackling long division.*

## LUANN ROURKE


Superintendent, Heritage District

Long division is hard. When I was younger, I enjoyed math. I liked learning the balance between addition and subtraction and, later, multiplication and division. Solving an equation made sense. The concepts were easy to apply even when confronted with story problems. “Chris has 4 apples and gives Alex 1. How many does Chris have left?” Ok. I can handle this. A simple bit of application. Eventually, the problems got more challenging. Occasionally they would begin with the instruction to “solve for X.” Still ok, a little variable here, I can work with that.

There was one unit in math that always made me sigh with resignation: long division. Seriously? Why do I need to divide 45,879 by 24? Or 326,704 by 6789? With long division, the journey to balance and resolution was just ... tedious. Give me fractions or percentages, those made sense because they were clearly part of a greater whole, but you can keep the long division problems — especially when it doesn’t come out even and there is a remainder. You do the work, careful to keep the columns in order and the numbers in line, and yet, “The answer is 14 R3”. Completely unsatisfying. What does that even mean? 14 get to belong but those 3 — woe to them? Long division is hard. Not necessarily hard to do, but hard to deal with.

As a child, we are instructed in basic mathematical concepts that we will need to apply to more complex situations further down the road. Story problems begin with the simple notion of sharing 4 apples. Later we will have to consider if they are red, green, or yellow, where they were grown, and if they are organic or tainted with pesticides, and how they were shipped to the market – via direct route or by two trains going in opposite directions. Sometimes the problem would include extraneous information intended to distract and confuse the situation so that part of the work was to determine what was important to the working toward resolution.

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A decorative border of scattered, overlapping numbers in various sizes and orientations surrounds the text. The numbers are in shades of gray and black, creating a dynamic, abstract frame.

As a denomination, United Methodists have been living the strain of long division in a complex story problem filled with extraneous information that does indeed distract and confuse. The longer the trains in our story move in opposite directions the more difficult it becomes to stay focused on what is important as we work toward resolution.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, *When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became grown, I put away childish things.* The word childish comes with the connotation of petulance, demanding one's own way, refusal to consider anyone's needs apart from your own. Now, those childish things indeed ought to be put away.

But let us not forget that no matter how informed, enlightened, assured, educated, philosophically considered, or scripture-based our convictions may be, here and now *we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known.*

Personally, I want to be known for working on this long division problem with faith, hope, and love. Inevitably, the careful, tedious work of this long division will leave remainders. There will be some who find a place to belong, and some who feel left over. So, I choose to work on this problem with love. *Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

If this sounds to you like a childish mentality that a grown person should set aside, I will remind you that love is not childish. Childlike, certainly, and a virtue that Jesus says allows us to experience the kingdom of heaven. If this sounds like a simplistic approach to a complex problem, remember that the choice to love is often the hardest choice to make. Yet, without it, we are noisy cymbals and clanging gongs.

*[Dearest siblings], let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

The Servant Song by Richard Gillard is based on Matthew 20:26



23 Ron Warthman  
28 Gar Lemon  
30 Janice Wright

16, 1983 - Rob & Michele Cannaert  
23, 1983 - Chris & Sherrie Rice

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## Regularly Scheduled Meetings in July 2022

(Chair / Leader will notify members is the meeting is canceled)

July			
Mon	4	7:00 pm	<b>No</b> Trustees Meeting
Wed	13	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thurs	14	7:00 pm	Finance / Ad. Board (Zoom)
Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in July, 2022			
Sun		10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee Hour 1st Sunday - Communion 2nd Sunday - Praise Band Music 3rd Sunday - God Moments 4th Sunday - Seasonal Singers
Mon		10:00 am	Knitter's Club
Tue		10:00 am	Quilting Prayers and Squares - Armstrong Hall
Wed		9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - Zoom Praise Team (except Wed after the 2d Sun) Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu		10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sat		7:00 am 10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous

**Newsletter Information deadline** is July 21.

If you are not yet on the prayer team, and want to be, please let Pastor or the office know and we will add you the email prayer group list.



If you have a request that you would like the prayer group to pray for, you can email the pastor at [chuckawilla@gmail.com](mailto:chuckawilla@gmail.com) or [pastor@houghtongraceumc.org](mailto:pastor@houghtongraceumc.org) or call or text at 906 231 0138.





**The women and men take turns singing together during the Old Time Hymn Sing Service**



**Special music performed by a group recruited for this day.**



**Pies For Our Guys on Father's Day**



**New Pentecost Banner made by Worship Team**

## Did You Know?

The Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence 246 years ago. Independence Day almost wasn't celebrated on July 4. Not everyone was on board with celebrating on July 4, the day Congress approved the Declaration. John Adams wanted to celebrate on July 2, the day Congress voted for independence.

Only two people actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. Most of the others signed on August 2.

One US president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on July 4. So were Nathaniel Hawthorne, George Steinbrenner, and Malia Obama.

Three US presidents have died on July 4; John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe. In a bizarre twist of fate, Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the country they helped found.

The proper way to view a flag on display during a parade or review (except for people in uniform) is by facing the flag with your right hand over your heart, according to Federal flag laws and regulations. The same goes for when you witness the flag being raised or lowered as part of a ceremony.

According to Federal flag laws and regulations, the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, except during inclement weather. It may be displayed 24 hours a day as long as it's "properly illuminated" while it is dark out.

Americans consume around 150 million hot dogs on July 4th each year.

For a while, the U.S. added stripes and stars to the flag when welcoming new states. When Kentucky and Vermont joined the union, the flag took on two more stars from the original, so that from 1795 to 1818, 15 stripes and 15 stars graced the flag. Anticipating a crowded field of stripes, lawmakers decided to honor each new state with a star, and leave the stripes at the original 13, after 1818.



The modern American flag was designed by a 17 year old. In 1958, Robert G. Heft thought Hawaii and Alaska would soon become states, so he designed a 50-star flag for his high school history project. He got a B-. When President Eisenhower called to tell him his design had been officially selected by Congress out of 1,500 others, the teacher changed his grade to an A.







**Parsonage Roof Repair** took place on June 13 (Left column top to bottom) and June 14 (Right column top to bottom). Soon the deck (which the tree drove down into the ground several inches as well as breaking wood in the deck ceiling and steps) will be restored. Following that, the inside water damage (primarily to one room off of the kitchen) repairs will be made..



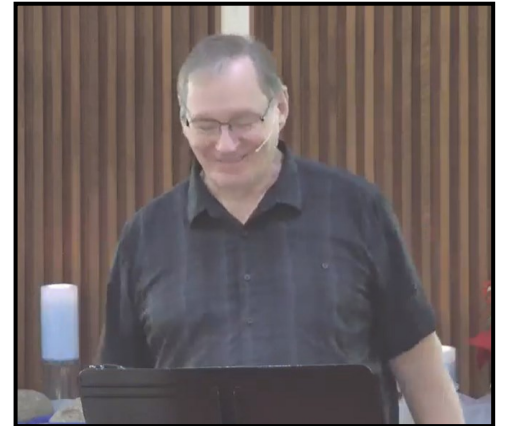


## Recent Worship in Pictures

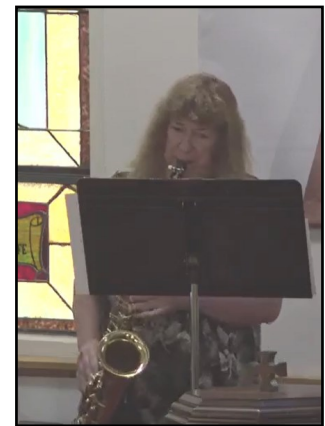
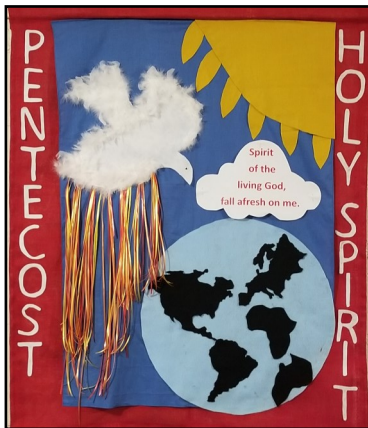


**Left:** The “We Are Accepted” series continues as the life-giving grace of Jesus continues to flow... Due to technical difficulties, there are no pictures from May 22 when Sherrie Rice was the lay reader and the Seasonal Singers sang The Crystal Fountain and Wonderful -- two songs that express the joy of God’s grace reaching and finding us,

**Below L to R:** On May 29th, Gary Sunderland led the readings, Kath Novak and Donna Allmond (not pictured) played the music, and Pastor Chuck led the worship.

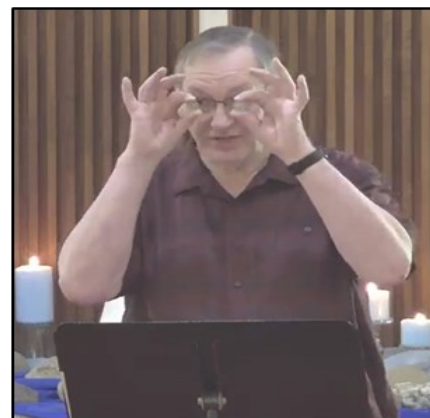


**Below L to R** On Jun 5th -- Pentecost Sunday. A Pentecost Banner was lifted in the parlor/entryway hallway...We had an Old Time Hymn Sing, organized and narrated by Ann Martin, accompanied by Donna Allmond (not pictured), with special music by Kathy Novak, **Bottom L to R** congregational music led by Charles Kirkpatrick and Mary Jo Bell, and prayers and meditation by Terri Priess.



**Recently in Worship .... (cont.)**

**Below, June 12 - L, R** Pastor Chuck notes the irony of earnestly praying while not expecting answers, and how even little things can distract us from what God wants us to see **Center** - .Gary Sunderland led the day's readings.



**Memorial Day Hot Dog Sale, May 30.**

Many hands made light work on a beautiful day as the parade and sale returned to Hartland. A big thanks to all who set up, worked, purchased, and/or put away. We sold out and the whole of the income (around 1,200 dollars) will be split between a local youth ministry and Humanitarian Relief to Ukraine through UMCOR.



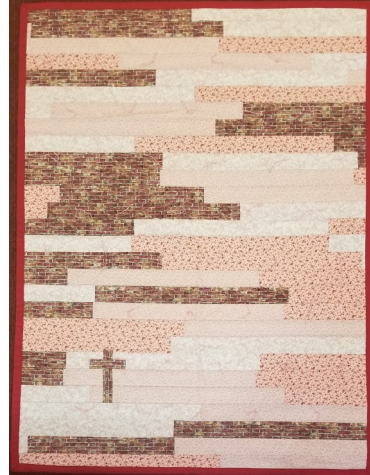


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**Jun 19 Father's Day - Above (L to R)** Ben Williams led the readings, Pastor Chuck tells stories of the importance of a father's influence and our heavenly Father's diligent, loving reach for all people. Charles Kirkpatrick sings that God is a "Good, Good Father" and that we are loved. (Left) - A quilt was dedicated for a 5 year old boy with cancer... Not pictured, we brought back "God moments", brief testimonies by those in the congregation.

**Jun 26 - Below (L to R)** Kathy Novak plays for pre, post, and offering music. Terri Priess leads the readings, and a quilt is dedicated for a woman having a lung removed (cancer). The "We Are Accepted" worship series concluded and introduced the next series (See below).



**New Worship Series: Covenant Living** It was introduced through Naaman on June 26th, but officially begins on Independence Sunday, July 3, and will conclude August 7. It will look at the benefits and responsibilities of living in a committed relationship with God. Because the new Christian covenant was established by Jesus in the Lord's Supper, we want to do two things: (1) We will have conclude each service of this series with a brief time of Communion (normal Communion Sundays will have the fuller Communion ritual). (2) **If you have one or two pictures of Jesus that are 5x7 or larger that you can loan the church for the duration of the series**, we would like to fill the parlor (entryway hall) with these pictures of Jesus in honor of what he did to establish the covenant.