Why do we set off fireworks on the 4th of July? Because, we always have.

In 1777, one year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Philadelphia held a massive celebration. American University’s James R. Heintze dug up this account, from the Virginia Gazette:

One of the most elaborate celebrations in 1777 and the first organized celebration of its kind occurred in Philadelphia. This event had all of the elements of typical future celebrations—the discharge of cannon, one round for each state in the union, the ringing of bells, a dinner, the use of music, the drinking of toasts (it would subsequently be traditional to have one toast for each state in the union), “loud huzzas,” a parade, fireworks, and the use of the nation’s colors, in this case the dressing up of “armed ships and gallies” in the harbor.

The fireworks celebration that night began and ended with 13 fireworks set off from the city’s commons.

Boston also had fireworks that year, and the tradition grew from there.

Explorer Richard Byrd off fireworks on July 4th while in Antarctica on a relatively warm day – 33 degrees below zero.

By Sarah Laskow
Smithsonian.com
July 4, 2012
July Celebrations

Birthdays
July 4  Lawanna Crile
July 6  Kayci McGee
    John Roberts
July 9  Carlisa Kelly
    Nora Cook
    Jesse Cook
July 12  Gaynell Owens
    Susan Stroup
July 13  Cay Timms
July 15  Deana Serafin
July 19  Charlie Self
July 25  Marian Williams
    Jay O'Neal
    Brandon Bedford
July 31  Blair Bedford

Anniversaries
July 3  Ronnie & Beth Haynes
July 15  Grover & Anna Parker
July 19  Mark & Michelle Meyer
July 20  Russ & Deborah Edge
July 24  Mac & Lou Pletcher

We greatly appreciate gifts given in

Honor Of:
Lynn Self / Kresge Kids

Memory of:
Ruth Eife
July Schedules

Altar Flowers
July 2 OPEN
July 9 OPEN
July 16 In Honor of Mark & Michelle
By the Lee Family/Meyer
July 23 OPEN
July 30 In Honor of Mark & Cindi Hicks
By the Lee Family

Breakfast
July 2 Jeff & Maria Masi
July 9 UMM - Krista Cooper, Tony Taylor, Harry Petersmark
July 16 Gene & Diane Minshew
July 23 Harland & Linda Moody
July 30 Harry & Iris Petersmark

Children's Time
Cindi Hicks

Nursery
July 2 Linda Lee
July 9 Maria Masi
July 16 Michelle Meyer
July 23 Judy Cook
July 30 Marian Williams

Bring goods for the Samaritan House on the First Sunday in July!!

Samaritan House
July 10 Betty Perkins
July 11 Lynda Rutland
July 13 Carolyn Tanner
July 14 Tony Taylor

Lock-up & Thermostat Check
Sandra Dingler

CLEAN TEAM'S SCHEDULE
July 14
Charlie & Lynn Self,
Gene & Diane Minshew,
Tony Taylor, Marian Williams

July 23
Harland & Linda Moody
Larry Cone
Jeff & Maria Masi
I) Joseph & Jenna Swords are expecting a baby girl in August. There will be a gift basket in the narthex through July 16 for your cards and well wishes.

II) Jeremy & Kaci Moats are expecting a baby girl about the first of September. A shower is planned for Aug. 16, 2017 @ 2:00 pm in the Kresge fellowship hall.

III) Eric & Kate McGee are expecting a baby around September 11. A gift basket will be in the narthex during July, and until the August 6 deadline.

As a Reminder:
If you are going to use the fellowship hall, library, or any other area of the church after hours, please let Debbi know in advance so that it can be marked on the calendar. Also, you are responsible for cleaning up after you are done; trash, dirty dishes washed and put away, etc.

Thank you!
Is He Calling You This Summer?

Is He Calling You To Feed His Sheep?

Is He Calling You to Care For The Children?

They Are Hungry. Who Will Feed Them If Not You?

SEE THE MAIN HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARD TO SIGN UP OR ONLINE AT www.cedartownfumc.org

Feeding Georgia's Kids Summer Meals

Where: Turner Street Recreation Center

When: Mon. - Fri. from June through July (closed week of July 4)

needed

-11:30 Weekly Transport Team
-11:45 Daily Servants to serve bag lunch
-11:15 Weekly Coordinator

Sign Up:

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the office or you may sign up on line at www.cedartownfumc.org.

Servers may choose as few or as many days as you would like.

We will be partnering with other churches.
The Bedding for the Needy Ministry provides bedding essentials to individuals in Polk County who have no bed to sleep on. Throughout Polk County, year after year, we have seen many people in dire need of a mattress, box springs, shunts and basic furniture.

Throughout the past five years approximately 700 beds have been provided to those in need. In 2011, Bedding for the Needy provided 105 beds. In 2012, over 110 beds were given to people seeking help. In 2013, over 150 beds were provided and not all needs were met. For 2014, over 175 people received a bed, and we still did not meet the need. Throughout 2015 more than 200 beds were distributed to people with real bedding needs. For 2016, we provided more than 200 beds to people.

As these numbers demonstrate, there continues to be much demand in Polk County. To ensure accountability, all individuals are screened and must be referred to the ministry by a reputable agency, non-profit organization, church or individuals which work close with Bedding for the Needy Ministry. Our ministry focuses on all age groups, from infant to senior citizen. It breaks our heart to see children without a bed to sleep on. It breaks our heart to hear of the grandmother sleeping on the floor.

Bedding for the Needy is supported through private donations and administered by volunteers. All donations/contributions go directly for items needed to assist others in need of bedding. Would you please consider assisting us in the matter by making a contribution? Below is a checklist for you to review and consider. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. God Bless You!

Claire Nichols
Director, Bedding for the Needy
770-748-4770

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Checks should be made to Kresge UMC, designating Bedding for the Needy. Please put them in the offering plate. **This Mission Project will continue through July.** Thank you in advance for your donation.
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