

WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026



From Woody: Thanks to all who contributed to help the children of Immolokee, Florida...We raised \$365 to help with their school uniforms. Lydia is sending the check off this week as school starts early in Florida. I am grateful that we help out those in need.

On another note, I came across an interesting little historical tidbit in the past few days. Our daughter Stacie gave me a gift for Father's Day which is called Letterjoy. It sends me a historical letter each week for 26 weeks. Friday's letter had a real interesting event. We all remember that Alexander Hamilton, a very influential figure in our early years, was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr. Well the letter I received described Hamilton ready to duel James Monroe, a President to be, over some disagreement. However a friend stepped in to stop the duel and urge the two to come to a peaceful conclusion rather than a duel.

What a great idea for disagreements today as well. The most amazing part of this story is that the friend who intervened and prevented bloodshed was Aaron Burr. He of course killed Hamilton in a duel a couple of years later. We human beings can do terrible things when we give into our anger rather than cooling off and coming to a nonviolent resolution to our differences. We need to take this story to heart and resolve to use nonviolence, as taught and lived by Jesus and by Dr. Martin Luther King, to bridge our differences and allow for peaceful solutions to those things that divide us. What a strange footnote to our history.



Church Picnic: The annual church picnic will take place on **Sunday, August 16**, immediately after the service. We are asking people attending to bring a Pot luck side dish. (Please sign up to avoid duplication). We will also have a dessert auction. Auction begins at high Noon! Cash, check, or Zeffy electronic payment.



Summer Concert Desserts: We will be selling desserts at the Summer Concert Series. See Lynn Wawrzyniak or Karen Roach if you would like to help. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin boards in the hall for working at the table on concert nights and for providing brownies. **The next concert will be on Tuesday, July 28.** Performances are by [Marc Berger &ide](#), American roots **CONCERT WILL BE IN THE LIBRARY**



Celebration of Pets: Our Celebration of Pets is on the **last Sunday of August**. Please spread the word to pets and owners of Pets for this always fun worship service. It will be on the side lawn at 10am unless the weather is unpleasant in which case we will move inside to the Dignard Room.



Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary: Will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or andersel@njms.rutgers.edu. No need to sign up.



Peace Quote It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. Eleanor Roosevelt.



QR Code: You can use the QR code to pay your pledge or other contribution—or click on the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/enUS/donationform/e47ab025-f0b0-40b4-90e6f262bb1a29e1>