



The Activator

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Mission Statement of the Church:

As followers of Jesus Christ we want to lead our community to a growing faith.

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Who Was Haym Solomon?

Read this fascinating history of the \$1 bill – all the way to the bottom to know about Haym Solomon. You may be in for quite a surprise!



On the rear of the one dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. 'IN GOD WE TRUST' is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI)

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the

seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, 'E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, 'from many - one.' Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will almost never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose:

- 13 original colonies,
- 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,
- 13 stripes on our flag,
- 13 steps on the pyramid,
- 13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis',
- 13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum',
- 13 stars above the eagle,
- 13 bars on that shield,
- 13 leaves on the olive branch,
- 13 fruits, and if you look closely,
- 13 arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as a Star of David.

This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions...then died a pauper. Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's – our – freedom and independence from England.

Therein lies America's Judeo-Christian beginning. Most American children do NOT know any of this. They are not taught because their history teachers do not know this. [They were not taught!]

On America's Freedom: Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served, they died for you ... for me.

I hope you will share this page with many so they can learn about the UNITED STATES DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for. America is at a critical juncture. Let's do whatever we can to save her while never, ever forgetting: It is God in whom we put our trust!



Birthdays & Anniversaries in February

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Margaret Mumm
- 6 - Dave Petry
- 6 - Connie Snyder
- 7 - Casey Armstrong
- 8 - Dee Bowers
- 14 - Donna Ricks
- 15 - Al Ricks
- 27 - Ken Kristensen
- 28 - Gail Bunz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Dave & Annette Tolander



Ed Smith
Melissa Boeschen

Sue Roberts
Carol Ann Cowling
Carolyn Mumm
Diane Roberts



Mel Bartels
Margaret Mumm
Barb Doughty
Richard & Dee Vandenberg
Lila Epling

Don't forget to check out the Church Library



MEDIA OPERATORS FOR FEBRUARY

- February 3 – Dave Tolander
- February 10 – Jean Clausen
- February 17 –
- February 24 – Nancy Patterson



Food Bank Sunday February 3, 2019

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness. -- Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV)

We continue to request your support of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank by donating non-perishable food and non-food items and money through the church. The first Sunday of the month, February 3rd, will be designated "Food Bank Sunday".

The Food Bank is currently wrapping up their annual Souper Bowl of Caring event on February 3rd. Developed by a youth group in 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring combines the fun around the Super Bowl game with fighting hunger, poverty, and food insecurity in the community.

There is a container in the entryway for your donations of food and non-food items. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church with a notation that it is for the Food Bank. Your donation will show on your statement of giving to the church.

For every \$10.00 the food bank receives, they can provide approximately 40 meals. Your donations do make a difference. Can you help this month?





Weekly Offering

for January 2019

Offering:

January	6	1,100.00
	13	895.00
	20	765.00
	27	320.00
		<u>\$ 3,080.00</u>

Also received:

Apportionment:	\$	130.00
Matthew 25 Grant		135.08
Lions' Club		25.00
Food Bank		25.00
Rent		1,000.00
TOTAL	\$	1,315.08



Approved 2019 budget:	\$85,866.00
Approved budget through January:	\$ 7,156.00
Apportionments due for 2019:	\$11,912.00
Apportionment payment per month:	\$ 993.00

	Monthly	YTD
Giving towards budget:	\$ 3,080.00	\$3,080.00
Budget Expenses:	\$ 5,686.00	\$5,686.00
Giving Apportionments:	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
Apportionment Payments:	\$ 0	\$ 0

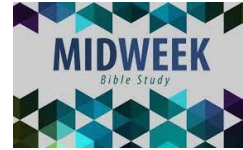


February Preaching Schedule

3	Feeding the Enemy	Romans 12:9-21
10	The Betrayer in Our Midst	John 13:21-35
17	Buried by Baptism	Romans 6:3-5
24	The Suffering Cup	Matthew 20:17-28



Join us on Wednesday, February 6th, at 11:00 a.m. for cards, dominos, or just good conversation. Mac & cheese will be served at noon.

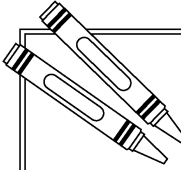


Wednesday activities resume on February 6th. Bible study of Mark meets at 10:00 a.m. Family Night Activities begin at 6:15 p.m. with adult Bible study and children's activities.

On Wednesday, February 27th, there will be a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Hearts Card Party. Should be a fun night for everyone, beginners to pros! Activities for the children. Invite a friend.



The men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 23rd, at 8:00 a.m.



Just for KIDS






A Special Message









During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!







Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!












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"I have loved you with an everlasting love"