

Every Thread is Important

This week we celebrate the birth of our nation with 4th of July celebrations. There will be fireworks, barbeques, and lots of flag waving; all while observing social distancing! We are far from perfect, yet all of us are blessed to live where we do. I love seeing the flag because it reminds me of the freedoms we have in this country.

I have often wondered how many threads go into a flag. I suppose it depends upon the size of a flag, but there are probably hundreds, if not thousands, of threads, each making up the entire flag. Which thread is most important? That's impossible to know, but I suspect each one is important. Pull one out, and you still have a flag. But, one by one, each thread contributes to the strength and beauty of the flag. So, each one of them is essential.

As we take this offering up, I want to remind you that every gift is essential. We give as God has blessed us. Some give what seems like a small gift, and others give what might seem like a large gift. Yet, it isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the heart behind the gift. Each gift given here helps us weave the fabric of our church flag if you will.

Your gift matters because what all of us can do together is greater than what a few of us can do. Your gift is one thread of many that comprise the "flag" of our church. Every gift becomes a thread in that flag, and every thread is important. We exist, **State your mission statement.** Your gift is crucial in helping us achieve that goal.

Let's celebrate our freedom today with a generous gift toward God's work!
