

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

June 30, 2023



'God Bless America'

Irving Berlin's love letter to his adopted country.

Irving Berlin, born Israel Baline, was 5 years old when his family arrived in the United States, having fled anti-Semitic persecution in Russia. He became a citizen in 1918, the same year he started his military career and wrote "God Bless America."

The song was written at an Army camp but was shelved until Kate Smith came looking for a patriotic song to sing.

According to the book "God Bless America: The Surprising History of an Iconic Song," by Sheryl Kaskowitz, Smith sang it on the radio nearly every week for more than two years. Berlin sold more than half a million copies of the sheet music in 1939 alone. After the United States entered World War II, she performed the song (and others) during radio marathons to raise money for war bonds.

Many years later, on the night of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, several dozen members of Congress gathered at the steps of the Capitol and, after observing a moment of silence, broke into a rendition of "God Bless America."

In the following days, singing the song became a statement of resilience at the New York Stock Exchange, Broadway stages and many other public places.

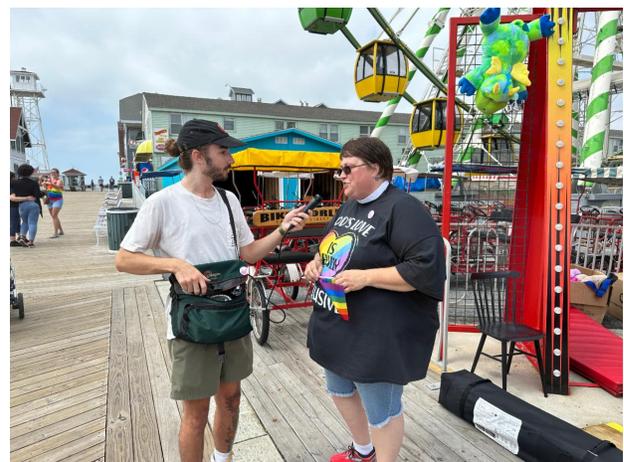
For all of the moments in America's history when this song has brought listeners comfort and fostered unity, perhaps the song's biggest legacy was what Irving Berlin decided to do with its success.

In 1940 he established the God Bless America Fund, which funnels royalties from the song (and a few more of the more than 1,000 he wrote) to the Boy Scouts' and Girl Scouts' Greater New York councils. Since 2001, the fund has given each council more than \$2.5 million.

The above are excerpts from *The Rich and Complicated History of 'God Bless America'* by Nancy Coleman, published July 3, 2019. [Click here](#) to read the entire article.



Ocean City Pride Parade 2023



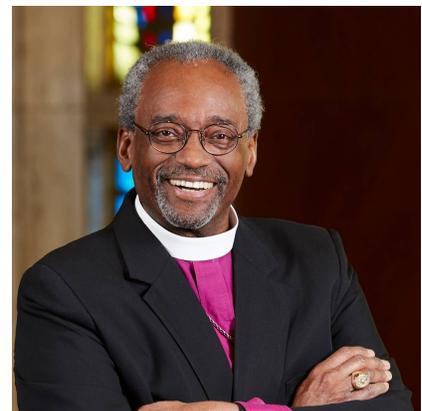


The ordination of Susannah Southern on Saturday, June 24th at St. Paul's, Berlin.

Photo by Tom Shuster

Health update, July schedule for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Bishop Curry offered the following statement: “I want you to know I am mindful of the power of prayer in tandem with good medical care, and I am blessed to be receiving both. I love what I do and cannot wait to be back actively serving our Lord and the church. I also know that the God who gave us a soul also gave us a body and a mind, and as we are to care for our souls, so we are to care for our bodies. I am in a season where I am called to be mindful about the care of my body. In that spirit, though, I am looking forward to attending Episcopal Youth Event and It’s All About Love, even at a more limited level, as a kind of Christmas in July since much of this is like Advent—a time of waiting on test results and considering various treatments. Thank you so much for all your prayers, and please know I am also praying for you.”



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June 27, 2023

July 4 - Church Office Closed

July 4 - Shepherd's Crook Closed

July 5 - Sing Along with Shirley 6-9pm (West Campus)



July 17 - Vestry Meeting in the Board Room 5:30pm
July 24 - Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom 5:30pm

Shepherd's Crook Grocery List

The following items are always needed and always welcome:

Canned Tuna & Chicken - packed in water - 5 oz. cans
Vienna Sausage
Canned spinach, collards, pinto beans, kidney beans, black beans, corn
Fruit - cans or plastic one-serve containers of pineapple, peaches, pears, oranges
Soups - anything Progresso, Tomato, Chicken Noodle
Pasta Sauce (in non-glass containers)
Pasta
Peanut Butter
Paper Products - toilet paper, napkins, plates, bowls



If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to St. Paul's by-the-Sea, with Shepherd's Crook noted on the memo line.



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[Click Here](#) to watch the 6/25/2023 Holy Eucharist, Rite II service.

Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, Letty Trimper Hurst, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Larry Lorton, Dee Toms, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Cathy Wist, Frank Avallone, Mary Wright, Yipsy Noel, Andy Diaz, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Betty O'Key, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Chris Russo, Cami Rogers

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Sunday—July 2, 2023

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Dan Harris

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar



Next Sunday—July 9, 2023

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Mark West

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: Karen Cramer

Happy Birthday

Patricia Mulcahy (7/6)

Mya Mitchell (7/7)

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Harris (7/1)

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