

# HEAVEN'S HERALD

NJLC Weekly Newsletter

### Lectionary Readings

- Acts 2: 1-21
- 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
- John 20:19-23
- Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

## Three words split the church apart in 1054

*What were they?*

Pastor Carl's sermon for Pentecost is "Majoring in Minors." What divides us today? What unites us? What does Pentecost have to do with any of this? Come Sunday and find out.

## Prayers for our NJLC Community

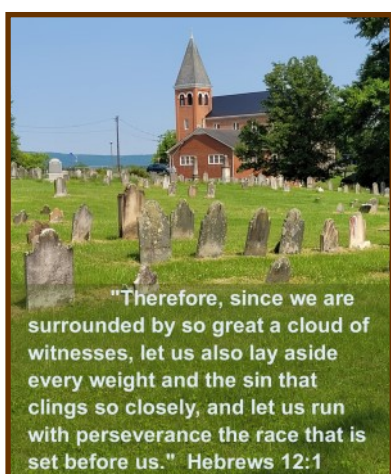
*\*\*new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox); Barbara Vilpors (NJLC Member); Kate Freeman (NJLC Member)

## Raymond Luther Cooper

*Gold Star on New Jerusalem's Blue Star Banner*  
*Mike Zapf*

Many of you have seen the banner with blue stars in the display case in the fellowship hall at New Jerusalem. It is known as a "Blue Star Banner". During World War II an organization known as the Blue Star Mothers of America formed to support mothers and families of sons and daughters who were serving on active duty in the armed services.



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

*"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."*

*- Helen Keller*

The organization exists to this day. Recently, One Family Brewing has been instrumental in the Gold Star monument that stands in the field opposite Union Cemetery.

Blue Stars represent individuals serving; Silver Stars represent wounded and disabled; the Gold Star represents a member who died in combat. The New Jerusalem banner has thirty-one stars including a single Gold Star.

In 2015 in preparation for New Jerusalem's 250th Anniversary, we asked who the Gold Star represented, who of our children had paid the supreme price for our country. Nobody remembered. The church archives made no mention of a lost son or daughter. The records of the Lovettsville Veterans Association did not mention a combat death.

Finally, to our good fortune, we found a lead to his identity in Florida, in a diary preserved by a granddaughter of Viola Tobler, wife of the late Pastor Aaron Tobler, who served New Jerusalem between 1927 and 1945 and with assistance from the 82nd Airborne Association.

Our Gold Star soldier was Private Raymond Luther Cooper, "C" Company, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne, born in Lovettsville, January 4th, 1917, and baptized at New Jerusalem. He was 27 years old.

He was the son of Harry and Ziola (Compher) Cooper of Lovettsville and Peonian Springs. He was married to Marian Deavers of Berryville.

He died of combat wounds on April 23rd, 1943, having fought in Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily, during the "oil drum drop" at Salerno and at Anzio. He is buried at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Italy (Block F, Row 2, Grave 36).



Private Cooper's father pinned the Gold Star over the Blue Star at the conclusion of the memorial service for him in New Jerusalem on Sunday, September 3rd, 1944.

A young man gave his life for our well being. We must never forget their names.

**Bulletin for May 28 is attached.**



And none of you thought to remind me to wear red for Pentecost!?!