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SCOTUS declines to hear church's attack on COVID restrictions

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to hear a lawsuit by a Maine church that sought to take a preemptive strike against future restrictions associated with a variant of the virus that's spreading across the country.

Calvary Chapel in Orrington asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop Democratic Gov. Janet Mills from enforcing or reinstating any pandemic-related restrictions due to the delta variant of the coronavirus.

The request was denied by Justice Stephen Breyer without even asking the other side to respond or asking his colleagues to get involved.

The Maine attorney general's office previously said that the governor's civil emergency already expired, making the lawsuit unnecessary.

But church officials were worried that restrictions could be reinstated, violating their religious liberties protected by the Constitution. The church's attorneys described Mill's previous restrictions as a 14-month "reign of terror."

The injunction was important because the Supreme Court won't be meeting until late September to consider cases that will be heard in the coming year, according to Florida-based Liberty Counsel, which is representing Calvary Chapel.

COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
from the Virginia Dept of Health.

Augusta County:	11.7
Harrisonburg	5.8
Staunton	7.5
Rockingham	12.1
Waynesboro	8.2
Average/100K	9.0

While the area numbers continue to be in the safe range, the incidence rates are going up in many places. With the Delta variant spreading through less vaccinated areas, the session will remain vigilant for any drastic changes, and will respond accordingly.

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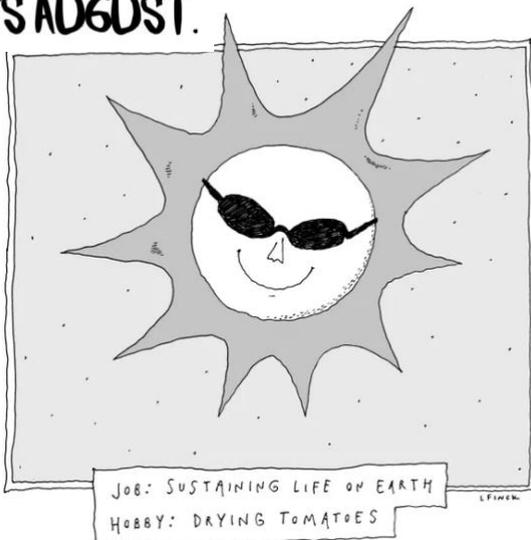
Serenity Garden



a cancer awareness garden
in Waynesboro's Ridgeview Park.

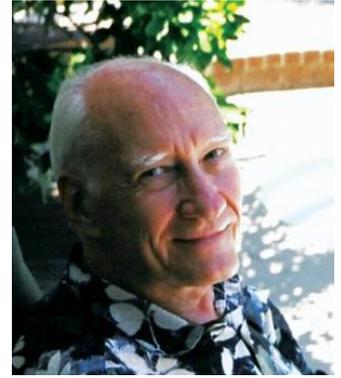


IT'S AUGUST.



Music Notes for this week.

This Sunday morning, we once again welcome Diane Kingsbury to the organ bench, as Roger and Kimberlea are away. Among the pieces Diane will play this week is *Rise Up in Praise* by David Braxton, one of several pen names used by **Kamiki (Lani) Smith** (1934-2015), an organist and composer. Smith served as an editor, composer and arranger for the Lorenz publishing company from



1967-1982, publishing more than 1000 pieces of music for the imprint. He was so prolific during his 60-year career, (an estimated 4000 pieces!), his music was credited to at least seven pseudonyms, including *Edward Broughton, Franklin Ritter, Thomas Birchwood, Gerald Peterson and Christopher Gale.*

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