

THE ST. LUKE LETTER
September 2026

Dear Siblings in Christ,

September has a way of making us think about what comes next. The days begin to change, summer starts to fade, and calendars begin to fill again. It is easy to look at September as a time to ask, “What do we need to get started?” What programs are beginning? What meetings are coming? What needs to be put on the calendar? But perhaps there is another question worth asking as we enter this new season: What are we making room for?

We live busy lives. Our calendars fill quickly, and even good things can leave us with very little space. Yet following Jesus is not simply about adding more things to our schedules. Sometimes discipleship means making room—to notice, to listen, to rest, to welcome, to serve, and to be present with the people God has placed around us.

One of the simplest ways we make room for others is by showing up. We sometimes think of ministry as something that happens when we organize an event, lead a program, serve on a committee, or accomplish something important. But much of Jesus’ ministry looked remarkably ordinary. He showed up at people's homes. He sat at tables. He walked alongside people. He listened to their stories. He noticed people others ignored. He stopped when someone needed him. Again and again, Jesus made room for people. There is a ministry in simply showing up.

Showing up for a neighbor who needs a hand. Showing up for a community gathering, even when it isn't a church event. Showing up for someone who is grieving. Showing up for a person who is lonely. Showing up to listen to someone whose experiences are different from our own. Showing up because someone invited us, even if we don't know exactly what to expect. And this is where I think we might challenge ourselves a little as a congregation.

It is wonderful when people show up at St. Luke on Sunday morning. Worship is at the heart of who we are, and there is something powerful about gathering together as the body of Christ. But the people who walk through our doors on Sunday are not the only people God has called us to love. Our neighbors are part of our ministry, too. The person sitting beside us at a community event. The family that has recently moved into town. The person we see at the grocery store every week but have never really met. The neighbor who could use a conversation. The organization doing good work in our community. The person who has never thought about coming to church—or perhaps has been hurt by the church and is not ready to come.

What would happen if, instead of always asking how we can get more people to show up at church, we spent some time asking where God might be calling us to show up for our neighbors? That doesn't necessarily mean starting another program. It may mean attending something that already exists. It may mean volunteering somewhere. It may mean getting to know someone who lives nearby. It may mean supporting the work of another community organization. It may simply mean being willing to step outside the familiar places where we feel comfortable. Because sometimes making room for God means making room for people we don't yet know.

As we move into September, I invite us to resist the temptation to fill every empty space on the calendar. Instead, let's make room. Make room for conversation. Make room for our neighbors. Make room for unexpected opportunities. Make room for the people and places where God is already at work. And then, when the opportunity comes, show up. Show up not because St. Luke needs another activity. Show up because Jesus has called us to love our neighbors. Show up not because we need to make the church look busy. Show up because God's work is already happening in our community, and we have the privilege of being part of it. Show up not only for the people who already know us, but for the people we have yet to meet.

Perhaps that is one of the ways we become the church God is calling us to be—not simply a church that waits for people to come through our doors, but a church willing to walk through our own doors and into the community around us. So, this September, what will you make room for? And where might you be willing to show up? God is already there.

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn

A Note from Pastor Becky
One of the greatest joys of ministry is walking alongside people through all of life's seasons. Whether you are celebrating, grieving, facing a difficult decision, have questions about faith, or would simply like someone to listen and pray with you, I would be honored to spend time with you.

If you or a loved one would appreciate a visit at home, in the hospital, at a care facility, or another location, please don't hesitate to reach out. I always welcome the opportunity to connect.

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Reconsideration of the Social Statement: Human Sexuality – Gift and Trust
Learn and Discern Podcasts available: https://www.buzzsprout.com/2623856/episodes
https://www.elca.org/publications/2026-human-sexuality-theological-discernment-current-project

A Conversation About Faithful Disagreement – The ELCA is currently inviting congregations to participate in a study as it reconsiders the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*. As part of this process, congregations and individuals are invited to read, reflect, listen to one another, and share their responses with the ELCA. **This raises an important question for all of us:** How do we talk together as Christians when we don't all agree?

Over two or three Sunday mornings this fall, I will offer an opportunity for anyone who is interested to gather for conversation around the ELCA study materials. This will not be a debate or an attempt to convince one another to hold a particular position. Instead, we will have an opportunity to listen, reflect on Scripture and our Lutheran tradition, consider our own experiences, and practice the kind of respectful conversation that allows us to remain in community even when we disagree.

You do not need to have a particular perspective or any previous knowledge of the ELCA's social statement to participate. You simply need a willingness to listen, share, and engage one another with curiosity and respect.

Join the conversation on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am on September 6th, 13th, and 20th. Whether you find yourself eager to talk about these questions, uncertain about where you stand, or simply curious about what the ELCA is asking us to consider, you are welcome.



<u>YOU TUBE LIVE LINK</u> - Sunday Morning Worship via YouTube Live – the 10:30 worship service is available via YouTube Live Stream. Please use the link below from your favorite web browser. The service is also recorded if you are away and would like to watch at a later time.

(either click on the link below, or copy and paste into the search bar)
https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live



<u>Supporting God's Work Through Your Giving</u>
We are truly blessed as a community and as God's people. Your faithful generosity makes so much of the ministry of St. Luke possible, and for that we are deeply grateful. Every gift, large or small, helps us continue to worship, serve our neighbors, care for one another, and share Christ's love in our community.

As you prayerfully consider your giving, we invite you to think about whether your regular offering might be increased as you are able. If you are looking for additional ways to support the ministry we share, you may also make designated contributions to the Allegheny Synod or to the Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery Association. These ministries extend our care beyond the walls of St. Luke and help sustain the wider work of Christ's Church and the sacred responsibility of caring for our cemetery. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for all the ways you support God's mission through St. Luke.



You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in the St. Luke sanctuary for a time of prayer beginning Wednesday, September 2nd. For about 20 minutes we pause in the middle of our week to regroup, reflect, and pray—lifting before God the needs and cares of one another, our community, and our world. Our time together includes prayer for each person on our prayer lists, with each name acknowledge by the lighting of a candle; scripture; general prayers; moments of quiet; and a blessing. Whether you come every week or join us when you can, we invite you to make a little room in your week to gather around the Word and peace of God.



St. Luke's Choir will resume practicing on Thursday, September 3rd, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please speak with Susan Stover.



<u>Faithful Conversations</u> - Sundays 9:00-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall September 6th, 13th, and 20th. How do we talk together as Christians when we don't all agree? The ELCA is inviting congregations to participate in a study as it reconsiders *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*. In September we will have an opportunity to gather on two or three Sunday mornings to explore the study materials together. This is not a debate or an effort to convince one another, but an opportunity to listen, reflect, consider Scripture and our Lutheran tradition, and practice faithful conversation across differences. **Everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge is required.**

<u>Community Connections</u>:
Faithful Conversation—This is My Body: AI and Humanity, Wednesdays, September 16th, 23rd, and 30th, from 6:15-7:00 pm in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran Church, State College. Also available via Livestream (http://tinyurl.com/AIandHumanity) or later on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/@gracelutheranstatecollegep1835)

The next book for Book Group is *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig. We will gather September 9th at 12:00 pm at Seven Mountains Winery. Come join us in conversation, discussion, and fellowship on September 9th!



The Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction is getting organized and in need of great auction items. We are looking for new items, gift certificates, event tickets, handmade items, and experiences such as time-share accommodation, hosting guests on your boat or at your camp, etc. If you have an idea that is not listed above, call the office at 814-234-7731 and ask Sue if it would suit the auction. This year's auction will begin Tuesday, October 6th, and item bidding will run through Sunday, October 11th. If you have questions or items to donate, please contact your IHS board representative, Alice Cromwell at 215-260-9453 or Sue Forster at 814-234-7731. www.interfaithhumanservices.org

Adult Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 4th from 9:15-10am in the Fellowship Hall and will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month through May 27. This is a DVD study and discussion group. The more people to join in the discussion, the better it will be! The study topic will be announced soon.

This year the Community Trunk-or-Treat Event will be held at Trinity UCC, Centre Hall, on Saturday, October 31st, from 6-8pm. More information will be forthcoming in bulletins and October newsletter.



The Sewing Group meets monthly to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We hope to send 500 quilts again this fall. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at Bonnie Brown's house from 9am-11am. If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Brown at 814-883-3589 or Marjorie Korman at 814-364-9189. We also need help knotting the quilts, which you can do on your own time. If you are interested in knotting, please call Connie Zellers at 814-364-1330.

We have reached our goal of enough school supplies to fill 80 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief! Thank you so much for your generous donations!



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St. Luke Website	http://StLukeCentreHall.org



FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Grace United Methodist Church. The monthly distribution day is the Third Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3pm except for August when it is held the second Tuesday. In case of an emergency, a coordinator can always be contacted for a food distribution. The next monthly food distribution will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026,** at Grace United Methodist Church, Centre Hall. Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute boxes from **8:00am-4:00 pm**.

Now that the Food Pantry is serving all of Penns Valley, the monthly need more than doubled. We are now serving over 110 families so any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. The most needed items typically remain shelf stable items like canned goods, cereals, pastas, etc.; however, there is an emphasis item each month that is listed below. If you would like to make a donation, please place non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry Box located in the narthex at St. Luke Lutheran Church on or before **Sunday, September 13, 2026.** You may also make a monetary donation by specifying a designated amount on your offering envelope, by making a check payable to St. Luke with "Food Pantry" in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate, or by placing a cash donation in an envelope in the offering plate that is specially marked for Food Pantry.

NEW LIST - Suggested Monthly Donation List for the Food Pantry:

January – Tissues
February -Toilet Paper
March – Toothpaste & Individual Toothbrushes
April – Household Cleaners
May - Kitchen Garbage Bags
June - Paper Towels
July – Liquid Hand Soap
August – Laundry Detergent
September - Shampoo
October - Toilet Paper
November - Sandwich Bags
December - Dish Detergent

We are Blessed by our volunteers who order and shop for food, unload delivery trucks, sort donated food, pack orders, register clients and deliver to a few clients who have no transportation. If you would like to volunteer in any way or if you would like more information about the Food Pantry, you can contact Anne Gaddis at 814-404-4693, annegad58@gmail.com or Page Gaddis at 814-571-8110, paggad@protonmail.com. You may also speak to Gary Zellers who is the St. Luke Food Pantry representative in 2026. Thank you so much for any assistance you can give to this important outreach in our community.

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BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



Sept. 6 Michael and Shelly Carper
12 Doug and Shari Welch
13 Tom and Kelly Moran
17 Daniel and Debbie May
19 Paul and Barbara Mark
20 Shawn and Kenna Kurtz
25 Ronald C. and Melissa Homan
30 Lanny and Kimberly Johnson



Sept. 4 Logan Murphy
7 Keith B. Luse
Carol Ard
8 Leo Shaffer
9 Davis Araujo
Logan Johnson
George Wilson
11 Inez Luse
13 Barbara Mark
18 Joni Kresovich
19 Gay Homan
20 Connie Zellers
21 Justin O'Hara
Gladys Sampsel
Katie Horn
22 Sherri Corl
Norma Crater
23 Twila Mothersbaugh
Ronald Holsopple

September Birthdays Continued…

24 Tim O'Hara
26 Simone Bierly
28 Jordan Holsopple
Sue McCool
29 Forrest Rishel

Rest for the Soul



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for the recovery and the Lord's healing and peace on our brothers and sisters.

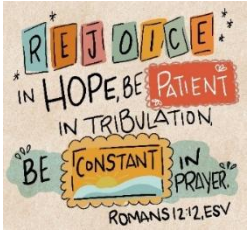
Pastor Laura Waltermire and Family
Family and Friends of Craig Hort
Brandon…recov. from accident
Family and Friends of Joshua Brown
Makayla Schrenkel...health concerns
Fran Homan...recov. from surgery
Bob Marshall...health concerns
Dale Moore…brain tumor
Lois Albright...heart issues
Josh Johnson...cancer
Louise Miller...health concerns
Cindy Foust...cancer
Cathy Brunner...health concerns
Julie Giannone…breast cancer
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...recov. from fall
Nancy Hawn...health concerns
Gary Zellers...upcoming hip surgery
Don Dunkle...stroke
Linda Arble...health concerns
Brooke Reitz...brain bleed
Faye Breon...health concerns
Melinda Farhenbach...cancer
Jane Kurzinger...recov. from stroke
Ron Holsopple...health concerns
Greg Garner...health concerns

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Karen Willar..cancer
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Mike Moyer...health concerns
Lisa Moir...cancer
Joan Glaser...health concerns
Barbara & Ernie Kirsch...health concerns
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...health concerns
Ellen Coffman...cancer
Melody Green...health concerns
Heather Korman...health concerns
Jeff Reeder...multiple myeloma/stem cell treatment
Dave Ferree...health concerns
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Dotti Sauerwein...healing and strength
Sabrina Wert...remission and healing
Gary Homan...Parkinson's
Tara Homan...health concerns
Sherri Taylor...cancer
Bev Haines...health concerns
Nancy Wintersteen...health concerns
Jordan Holsopple...health concerns
Marilyn Wendt...dementia
Pat Brett...CML
Ellie Marooney...cancer
Marvin Lehman, Jr...Hospice

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Carol & Jim Ard (Centre Care, 250 Persia Rd, Bellefonte, PA 16823)
Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828…814-364-9368)
Barbara Mark (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)
Gladys Sampsel (c/o Randy & Julia Long, 165 Reeder Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)
Bob Smeltzer (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)



***If You Would Like to Add, Update or Remove a Prayer Concern: Please notify the Church Office by calling 814-364-9154 or emailing StLuke364@gmail.com -Updated 8/25/26**

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 6, 2026 –15th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Bonnie Brown
Communion Bread: Sue McCool
Counters: Lois Albright and Ellen Hug
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing 9/6/26—9/12/26: Scott McAllister

Sept. 13, 2026 –16th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Sue Royer and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 9/13/26—9/19/26: Scott McAllister

Sept. 20, 2026 –17th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Linda Decker Reitz
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Evelyn Reeder and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Marty Hug
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 9/20/26—9/26/26: **Open**

Sept. 27, 2026 –18th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ellen Hug and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Marty Hug
Lawn Mowing 9/27/26—10/3/26: **Open**

Oct 4, 2026 –19th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing (October): Roy Thompson





The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **September 14th**, a Zoom link is available if needed. Council Executive Committee communicates by the 1st Thursday of the Month regarding agenda items and information as needed. Please contact the Council Executive Committee if you have questions, Scott McAllister (President), Rick Homan (Vice President), Carol Sharpe (Secretary), Jack Sharer (Treasurer) and Pr. Becky Horn.

Elected Council Members & Officers for 2026: Scott McAllister, President (27), Rick Homan, Vice-President (27), Carol Sharpe, Secretary (26), Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Alice Cromwell (26), Evelyn Reeder (26), Susan Stover (26), Jerry Homan (27), Gary Zellers (27), Lois Albright (28), Todd Fetterolf (28), Dawn Holsopple (28), and Marty Hug (28). ***The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.**

Income and Expenses as of 7/31/2026:
2026 Annual Budget: $173,398
Monthly Income Needed to Meet Budget: $14,450
Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenditures: $110,348
Year-to-Date Income Received for Budgeted Expenditures: $95,614
Deficit of: $5,536

St. Luke Cemetery Association Representatives—Michele Brown, Brian Long and Walt Schluter

Centre Hall Council of Churches – The next meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at 11:15 am at St. Luke Lutheran Church. We will be discussing how the joint day camp went and reflecting on ideas for next year. Please send ideas to Pr. Becky, Barb McAllister, or Larry Fraizer before September 2nd to be included in our discussion. Thank you again to all who helped to make day camp a joyful experience this year!

Land Acknowledgment – St. Luke is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Conestoga-Susquehannock people, where we gather. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, and Lenne Lenape, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place, this land, and call it their home. Find out more about the Conestoga-Susquehannock at http://www.conestogasusquehannocktribe.com/

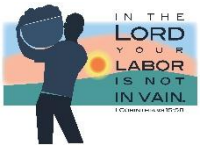
Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Becky is normally in the church office on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9-11am**, but these hours may vary as needed. If you need to reach Pr. Becky outside of the office, please feel free to call or text her at 215-208-5535 and please leave your name and a message. She will return your call or text as soon as possible. You may also email her at StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com.

Secretary Office Hours - The Church Secretary's office hours are normally **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to Noon**, but these hours may vary as needed. If you need to reach Patty outside of the office, please feel free to call or text her at 814-933-6296 and please leave your name and a message. She will return your call or text as soon as possible. All emails for the secretary should continue to be sent to StLuke364@gmail.com.



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **October 2026** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Tuesday, September 22, 2026**.

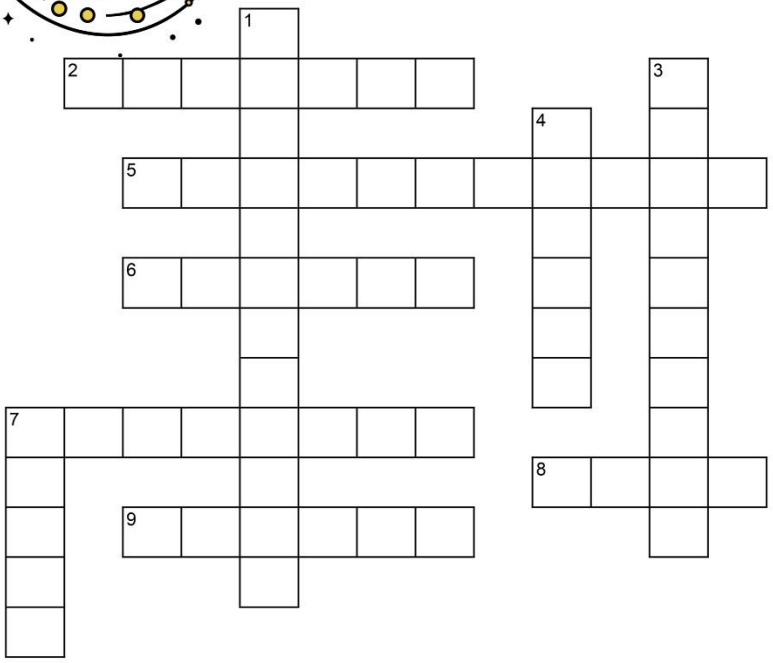
September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	**2** Prayer Group 10:30am-11am Council of Churches 11:15am to Noon	**3** Choir Rehearsal 7pm	**4**	**5** AA Meeting 7pm
6 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**7 Labor Day** 	**8** Sewing Group 9-11am at Bonnie Brown's	**9** Prayer Group 10:30am-11am Book Group at Seven Mtns. Winery at Noon	**10** Choir Rehearsal 7pm	**11 Patriot Day** 	**12** AA Meeting 7pm
13 God's Work. Our Hands. Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**14** **Pastor Becky at Bishop's Convocation 914-9/16** Council Meeting 7pm	**15** Food Pantry Distribution 1:30-3pm at Grace UMC	**16** Prayer Group 10:30am-11am 	**17** Choir Rehearsal 7pm	**18**	**19** AA Meeting 7pm
20 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p Cub Committee Meeting 5:30-8pm	**21** 	**22** ***October Newsletter Deadline**	**23** Prayer Group 10:30am-11am	**24** Choir Rehearsal 7pm	**25**	**26** Diaper Depot at Trinity UCC 11am-1pm AA Meeting 7pm
27 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**28**	**29** 	**30** Prayer Group 10:30am-11am			

Puzzle!

BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the ____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the ___, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poorinspirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



Dirt cups

A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:



- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)





What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about ¾ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

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Mission Statement: **Inviting all into relationship with Christ, Church and Community**

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