

Our Journey Together

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Fall Kick-Off

September is always a busy and exciting time in the church. There is so much going on. Fall programming gets underway, folks begin to filter back in to church as their summer activities wind down. There just seems to be a renewed energy in the church every fall, and I love it!

As we enter into this season, I want to put forth two challenges for each of us. First of all, our sermon series this month is entitled "Did you get an invite?" There are so many people in our community who are not connected to a church. A 2017 study by Mission Insite showed that approximately 40% of people living within 20 miles of Miller had no church home. **40%!!!!** Studies have also shown that 80% of those not affiliated with a church say that they would go if they were invited by a friend or relative. So, who can you invite to come with you, either to worship or choir or Bible study or just a fun event?

Secondly, I want to challenge each of us to find a new way to participate in the life of the church this year. Maybe you want to attend a study, or even lead one. Maybe you would like to join the choir, but have been to hesitant about your voice. Maybe you would like to be involved in the leadership and helping shape our mission going forward. Maybe you would like to see our children and youth grow and develop into mature Christians. Whatever God may be nudging you toward, I urge you to answer the call. The church, the Kingdom of God, needs you, each and every one of you.

And so, as we enter this busy season in the church, I ask you all to pray for how God can use you, to serve the church and the community as we seek to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.



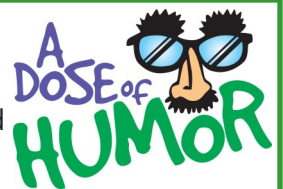
Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than Sept 23.

Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!





We Need YOUR Help!

As our fall programming gets underway we are in need of helpers in both the elementary Sunday School and on Wednesday nights with our youth. Without adequate numbers of adults on site, we cannot have programming for our kids, for everyone’s safety.

Won’t you consider investing in our young people, and helping us to fulfill our vows at their baptism to do all we can to raise them in the way that leads to life?



THE CHOIR IS BACK!!

Our choir will once again be gathering this year. On Thursday, Sept 8th we will have an open house for all potential choir members. Anyone in the community who enjoys singing is welcome to join us. Normal rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 9:30.

Join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Financial Update from Administrative Council

Financial Update as of July 31, 2022:

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$162,549.30
2022 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$101,186.51
General Fund Difference:	\$61,362.79



Our hearts are with the family of Gene Norton who has made his transition to eternity. We had the great honor of celebrating his life and resurrection this last month, but we want to continue to hold his loved ones in prayer as their lives are forever changed by his loss.



Birthdays:









- Sep 06 Larry Hall
- Sep 06 Rose Moncur
- Sep 07 Lilly Bowar
- Sep 07 Natalie Bowar
- Sep 09 Chasitie Danburg
- Sep 09 Terry Howard
- Sep 11 Curt Henson
- Sep 17 Merle Jenner
- Sep 18 Marvin Hasart
- Sep 20 Steven Fernholz

- Sep 21 Hillary Smith
- Sep 22 Chad Wharton
- Sep 24 Jaren Wharton
- Sep 25 Megan Fiala
- Sep 28 Brielee Conkey
- Sep 30 Paula Schwartz

Anniversaries:

- Sept 12 Greg & Beth Palmer
- Sept 12 Josh & Kirstyn Ward
- Sept 14 Ron & Julie Hoftiezer
- Sept 15 Dennis & Connie Fawcett
- Sept 18 Eugene & Janice Moncur
- Sept 25 Lee & Ashley Conkey
- Sept 28 Andrew & Julie Canham

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Give Back Day 8 am-12 pm 
11 Fall Kick-Off 	12 ← Pastor Teresa Out of Office →	13 Ranch Café 1:30 pm  United Women in Faith	14 Leadership Team 4:30pm 	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28 ← Pastor Teresa Out of Office →	29 Food Truck Noon-1pm	30 ← Pastor Teresa Out of Office →	

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



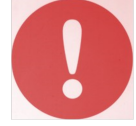
READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR – SEPTEMBER READINGS

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Micah 5, Micah 6, Micah 7	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	Proverbs 21:17-26
2	Isaiah 1, Isaiah 2	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2	Psalms 105:1-11
3	Isaiah 3, Isaiah 4, Isaiah 5:1-7	2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1	Psalms 105:12-22
4	Isaiah 5:8-8:10	2 Corinthians 7:2-16	Psalms 105:23-36
5	Isaiah 8:11-10:19	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Proverbs 21:27-22:6
6	Isaiah 10:20-Isaiah 13	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5	Psalms 105:37-45
7	Isaiah 14, Isaiah 15, Isaiah 16	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Psalms 106:1-15
8	Isaiah 17, Isaiah 18, Isaiah 19	2 Corinthians 10	Psalms 106:16-31
9	Isaiah 20, Isaiah 21, Isaiah 22, Isaiah 23	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	Proverbs 22:7-16
10	Isaiah 24, Isaiah 25, Isaiah 26	2 Corinthians 11:16-33	Psalms 106:32-39
11	Isaiah 27, Isaiah 28	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Psalms 106:40-48
12	Isaiah 29, Isaiah 30:1-18	2 Corinthians 12:11-21	Psalms 107:1-9
13	Isaiah 30:19-33, Isaiah 31, Isaiah 32	2 Corinthians 13	Proverbs 22:17-27
14	Isaiah 33, Isaiah 34, Isaiah 35	Galatians 1	Psalms 107:10-22
15	Isaiah 36, Isaiah 37	Galatians 2:1-10	Psalms 107:23-32
16	Isaiah 38, Isaiah 39, Isaiah 40	Galatians 2:11-3:9	Psalms 107:33-43
17	Isaiah 41, Isaiah 42	Galatians 3:10-25	Proverbs 22:28-23:9
18	Isaiah 43, Isaiah 44:1-23	Galatians 3:26-4:20	Psalms 108:1-5
19	Isaiah 44:24-Isaiah 46	Galatians 4:21-5:6	Psalms 108:6-13
20	Isaiah 47, Isaiah 48, Isaiah 49:1-7	Galatians 5:7-26	Psalms 109:1-20
21	Isaiah 49:8-26, Isaiah 50, Isaiah 51:1-16	Galatians 6	Proverbs 23:10-18
22	Isaiah 51:17-Isaiah 54	Ephesians 1	Psalms 109:21-31
23	Isaiah 55, Isaiah 56, Isaiah 57:1-13	Ephesians 2	Psalms 110:1-7
24	Isaiah 57:14-21, Isaiah 58, Isaiah 59	Ephesians 3	Psalms 111:1-10
25	Isaiah 60, Isaiah 61, Isaiah 62	Ephesians 4:1-16	Proverbs 23:19-28
26	Isaiah 63, Isaiah 64, Isaiah 65:1-16	Ephesians 4:17- 5:7	Psalms 112:1-10
27	Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 66	Ephesians 5:8-33	Psalms 113:1-9
28	Nahum 1, Nahum 2, Nahum 3	Ephesians 6	Psalms 114:1-8
29	Zephaniah 1, Zephaniah 2, Zephaniah 3	Philippians 1:1-26	Proverbs 23:29-24:4
30	Jeremiah 1, Jeremiah 2:1-30	Philippians 1:27-2:11	Psalms 115:1-11



Tell us what you would be interested in.

Please return this to the church with your selections made.



Which of the following sermon series would you be interested in?

(select all that apply)

- Ask the Pastor—You would submit questions that we would address during the sermon
- Series on a particular book of the Bible. Which one/ones? _____
- Series on a certain topic/topics. Such as? _____

Which of the following group studies would you be interested in?

(select all that apply)

- Bible 101—Learn more about how to read and understand the Bible.
- Deepening your relationship with Christ
- Understanding Current Events through Faith
- Other _____

How can you serve our congregation and visitors?

(select all that apply)

- Usher/Greeter
- Serve Coffee Fellowship
- Help lead youth group on Wednesday evenings
- Visit shut-ins and nursing home patients and/or send cards
- Help run technology on occasional Sunday mornings
- Read Scripture or lead Children's Time in worship
- Sing in the choir

What sort of community events would you be interested in helping with?

(select all that apply)

- Chili Cookoff
- Family Fun Night
- Holiday Cookie Swap

Other missional or discipleship ideas you might have:

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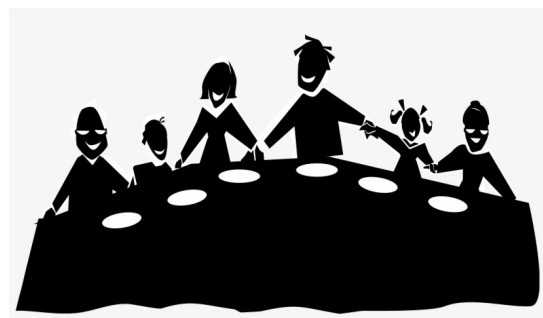
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Always room in God's kingdom

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).



In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.