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SEPTEMBER—FRIENDSHIP MONTH

In September Memorial Presbyterian will be focusing on friendship-- with each other and with others. My sermons for September will focus on ways in which we can reach out to others individually and as a church including through evangelism, missions, and becoming missional in our daily lives.

We will also be welcoming Rev. Wes Tillet, Executive Director of the Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM), as our guest minister on September 12!

Please note, too, the article on page 4 about the GPS Spiritual Inventory that will be the focus of both of the Pastor's Bible Study groups and of my sermons beginning in October.

Blessings,
Pastor Gladys



DEACON'S SMOCK FOUNDATION FUNDS:

If you know someone who is a church member, who lives in Indiana, and who may need economic help due to an emergency, job loss, death of a family member, etc., please let a deacon know of the need.



The Smock Family has generously given funds for emergency needs. Priorities are given to senior adults within our church family.

The funds are given anonymously to the person.

"Church isn't just a place we go.



The Church is who we are."

—anonymous

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Invite a Friend

Let's see who we can invite to come to our friendly church:

- ___ Someone I work with
- ___ Someone who I see every day
- ___ Someone who lives to the left of my house
- ___ Someone who lives to the right of my house
- ___ Someone who hasn't been to our church for awhile
- ___ Someone who used to sit in my pew
- ___ Someone who lives alone
- ___ Someone new to Dayton
- ___ A new classmate at school (let's get the kids involved)
- ___ Someone in my last year's class
- ___ Someone who likes to sing
- ___ A new family in town – someone who just moved in
- ___ Someone looking for a new church



FRIENDSHIP SEPTEMBER

The Seed Planting committee is hosting Friendship September and we need your help to invite guests! Here is a quick overview.....

- ❖ **September 12th: Golden Girl and Grandparent recognition. Bring your kids/grandkids to Sunday School Kickoff.**
- ❖ **September 19th: Casual service outside! Bring your friends and lawn chairs to enjoy the fall weather. No need to dress up!**
- ❖ **September 26th: Friendship Sunday followed by a picnic lunch supplied by the Seed Planting Committee.**

*Be thinking about who you can invite to one or all of these special services. (See list at the left for ideas!) 82% of unchurched people are somewhat likely to attend church **if they are invited**.*

"Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." Psalm 66:5



**** SESSION NOTES ****

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, August 17, 2021, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported (with gladness) that Zonda Bryant (Chron. #1034) was publicly received into membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith during worship on Sunday, March 1.
- Learned that the new furnaces and air conditioners for the south wing have been installed.
- Sadly, reported the passing away of Stanley W. Bull on Sunday, August 8. Services were held on August 13 at Memorial Presbyterian Church with interment at the Cemetery.
- Approved a Worship and Music Committee request to pursue Sanctuary Technology proposals.
- Approved the Seed Planting Committee's Friendship Events for September, including Golden Girl and Grandparent recognition along with Sunday School Kickoff Day on September 12, a casual service outside on September 19, and Friendship Sunday followed by a picnic lunch on September 26.
- Learned that the Pastor's Bible Study (both morning and evening sessions) will begin on September 29 and run through the first week in December.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP AT THE FORT

It was another beautiful and glorious morning as we joined with Bethany, Elston and Central Presbyterian churches at Fort Ouiatenon for worship on August 8th. Jennifer Burns-Lewis delivered the message followed by communion. A delicious picnic was then provided and enjoyed by all. It was wonderful sharing this Sunday service with our sister churches. God is good!!

Worship & Music Committee



2021 Scholarship Awards

The Memorial Scholarship Committee offers congratulations to the **FOUR** students who have qualified to receive a scholarship for 2021-2022 school year.

Andrew Fitzgerald is in his third year at Purdue University Fort Wayne studying Business Management.

Travis Lineback is at Purdue University studying Agricultural Systems Management.

Kaylee Little is in her second year at Purdue University studying Management.

Jayla Rosen is in her second year at Purdue University studying Agribusiness Finance.

Congratulations to this year's very ambitious recipients with blessings and prayers for a successful school year!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

It was a daring prayer, all things considered, to ask the Thessalonians to pray — and it is also a daring one for us, I imagine. The second letter to the Thessalonians arrived at a time of turmoil, strife and confusion. The Christian community was experiencing persecutions so severe that some believed the time of judgment had come, while others took advantage of their doubt, spreading misinformation and sowing dissent. The letter ends with a benedictory prayer: for God's peace to be granted at all times in all ways. It might have been daring enough to consider asking them to imagine peace at "any time," much less at "all times," or to imagine peace in some sort of way at all, much less in all of them. Have you ever felt so far from God's peace that you couldn't even imagine it?

The Peace & Global Witness Offering helps us imagine and create in each of our individual expressions, and together as a whole Church, a witness to the God of Peace. Twenty-five percent of our collection will be used by our congregation for the Domestic Violence Intervention Prevention Program through the YWCA. Twenty-five percent is shared with our mid council region, and 50% is shared with our denominational partners so that our witness to peace is extended, and we help fulfill the daring prayer in 2nd Thessalonians: that the God of Peace is known "at all times in all ways."

There is so much peace we are only beginning to imagine, and so we pray hard, with our minds, our gifts, with our Church and all those who inspire a sense of God's peace.

For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Save the Date!!

Jubilee Christmas

Saturday, December 11, 2021

For more information on

LUM's Jubilee program:

<https://www.lumserve.org/programs/children-families/jubilee-christmas/>



Let us pray ~

O God of Peace at all times in all ways,
grant us your peace
and help us to imagine a world
where your justice and peace
are ever known.
Amen.



Weekday Bible Studies

UPDATE!!

The Fall Pastor's Bible Study begins the last week of September and continues through the first week of December; and there will be both a morning and an evening session!!

The morning Bible study will be held in person at the Church on Thursdays at 10 a.m. The evening Bible study will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (just as it did in the spring).

The focus of **both** groups will be the 9 essentials of spiritual well being (see article at right), with the same content being covered in both groups each week. This allows participants to join in either session each week, whichever is more convenient to the individual's schedule.

Several have signed up for the morning session. However, **drop-ins are always welcome—any week and at either time!**

- ✚ Mornings? Come on in!!
- ✚ Evenings? The Bible study Zoom link will be sent to everyone who receives the newsletter via email. If you have an email address and are not already on that list, please send your information to the office (see page 7 for contact info).

Join us as your heart inspires!

New Bible Study and Sermon Series

The last week in September will be the start of the Pastor's Bible Study (both morning and evening sessions). The morning session will meet in person at the Church on Thursdays at 10 a.m.; the evening session will be via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Both will run from the last week in September through the first week in December. Beginning in October, I will introduce a series on the 9 essentials of spiritual health/wellness. This topic will also be a focus of my sermons.



In preparation for this series, Session and the church members are encouraged to take a spiritual inventory with a check-up/diagnostic tool called the GPS Spiritual Inventory. The GPS Spiritual Inventory navigates, measures, and targets spiritual vital signs. This is the first of its kind. It measures the health of the soul and enables one to know where they are spiritually. It identifies the areas in which one does well and the areas that need improvement. The result of the assessment will amaze anyone. The website to take the assessment is **soulmetrics.com**. The GPS Inventory costs \$29.95, which goes to the founder and developers of the program. You will be glad you spent this money. The assessment takes about 10 minutes to complete and the results of the survey will be sent to you by the sponsors of the program. When you fill out your information, you will be asked to supply the email of your coach. You may put my email, **gabisglad@gmail.com**. I am a certified GPS Spiritual Inventory Practitioner. GPS coaches and practitioners provide services through the teaching of the 9 essentials of spiritual growth and each session costs \$150-250 or counseling which costs \$250-350. However, I will provide the services for free through the Pastors Bible Study, Sunday School, and Sunday Sermons and individual counseling. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy your spiritual well-being. You are, of course, welcome to attend the Bible study sessions even if you do not complete the inventory.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This time of year always gets us thinking about how we can continue to support our church in the coming year. The stewardship campaign has been held during September for the past few years. This year, the official campaign is returning to October. The timing change allows us a little more time to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how we can share our time, talents, and blessings to ensure Memorial Presbyterian Church thrives in 2022. Please begin to consider the possibilities and opportunities. Additional information regarding the campaign will be shared as October approaches.



Peace and Blessings,
Your Stewardship Committee

Who refreshes others will be refreshed.

—Proverbs 11:25



KIDS' CLOSET— NEW SYSTEM RUNNING SMOOTHLY!!!

Families are preparing for the start of school by mid-August. Please begin thinking about school-appropriate clothing for children and teens. New or gently used donations are accepted during office hours—see right. We are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags are dated. We are making a special request for **children's underclothing** (new, please) which are frequently needed by our families.

Our new system continues to operate smoothly. KC order forms are available through Facebook, our website, and in the Church office during office hours (see right). Please keep a watch in our newsletters, on our Facebook page and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



Food Pantry

Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are asking individuals to submit their names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know they would like to use our pick up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. **NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.**

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ***Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.***

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see pages 1 & 4 for contact information).

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (which includes the town of Dayton, IN), Lauramie Township (which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may also be served by the DMPC Food. Each family/individual may come to the Food Pantry once every 30 days.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:
Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317



DMPC September Events

Friendship Month!!



September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Food Pantry

Walk-in @ 9-11 a.m.

Pick-up @ 3-5 p.m.

September 6
Labor Day



September 12
Sunday School Kick-Off
Golden Girls & Grandparent
Recognition

September 19
Community Outdoor Service

September 21 @ 7 p.m.
Session Meeting

International Day
of Peace



September 26
Friendship Sunday

September 22
First Day of
Autumn



Food Pantry Items Needed:

- pork & beans (16 oz can)*
- pineapple (20 oz can)*
- applesauce
- tuna (5 oz can)*
- peanut butter (18 oz jar)*

**approximate sizes*

Fortunate FRIENDS

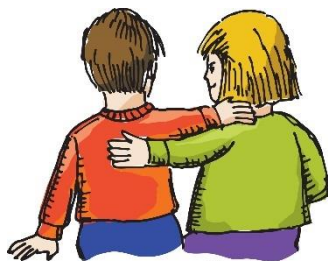


What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



Friendship
SUNDAY

WHELL

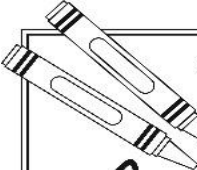
(Washburn Hospital Equipment Lending Library)

Hospital equipment for temporary or long term use is available from WHELL (Washburn Hospital Equipment Lending Library). If you need a walker or shower chair or even a wheelchair, **call Sam Washburn at 765.427.3724 or contact our Church office at 765.296.3199** and leave a message regarding what type of equipment you're in need of and your phone number. Mr. Washburn can help you immediately with arrangements for delivery or pick up; the Church will contact Mr. Washburn and give him your information.

This is a free service of a consortium of churches, including Bethany Presbyterian Church, Congress Street Methodist Church, Elston Presbyterian Church, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and now including Memorial Presbyterian. The service is open to congregation members, relatives, and friends of participating churches.

Additionally, if you have any type of medical equipment that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to this organization. *Any type of equipment is appreciated*—and if you're not sure, still call and ask if it's something they can use. They get many, many different types of requests!



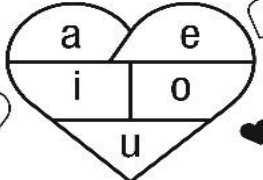


PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



"Y _ _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r."

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV.

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 5:25

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders, persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence;

Russell Lucas	Zachary King	Mary Dillman
Jackie Ginther	Terry McKillip	Levi Chisholm
Kevin Konrad	Jeff Smith	Bonnie Robinson
Terry Lynn Pfeiffer	Joan Shoemaker	Rick Stark
Bob Yost	Ron Berry	Zoe (neighbor of Suters')
Kennedy Alkire	LuAlice Huston	the family of Thomas Snyder
Betty Pfeiffer	Don & Joy Schwartz	Carol Frantz
Cindy DeGolyer	Sarah & Jack Norris	the family of Kenny Leming
Tracey Harris	Jean McGill	the family of Stan Bull
Jon Grimes	Fred Reichart	the family of Jean Reynolds
Sandi Stingley	James Franks	

... and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-related, financial challenges, separation from family and friends.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

--Romans 12:12

JOYS

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

- ✠ Adina Hicks much improved and is now back at work!
- ✠ Gratitude for all the “little things” God provides for us each and every day.

CONCERNS

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

--1 Peter 5:7

- ✠ Prayers for the families and friends of Kenny Leming and of Stan Bull that they receive God’s strength and comfort
- ✠ Continued prayers for those in our Church and their friends who are dealing with and recuperating from COVID and for those who have lost family and friends.

*Please send your
Joys and
Concerns to:*

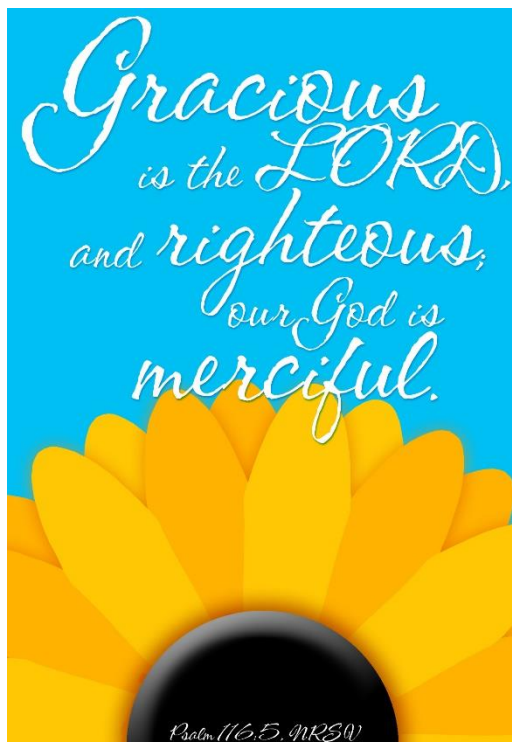


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OFFICE ENTRANCE IS NOW AT THE USUAL LOCATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH!!!



Our Church Family



ELDERS:

STEVE HANCOOK, COMMUNION
CANDACE FITZGERALD, DEVOTIONS

DEACONS:

MICHELE DARNELL, CAPTAIN; JANE COLEMAN

1 ERIC SHAW
2 MARY MARGARET SUGAR
3 ESTHER MILLER
4 ASHLEY STEVENSON
5 BILL EDWARDS
6 ADAM GIBSON
6 CAROL LANE
6 LISA STEVENSON
7 KAMERON LITTLE
7 CHERYL RICHARD
9 ELIZABETH BARGER
9 MOLLY (BULL) CHILDERS



September
BIRTHDAYS

13 JERRY AVERY
13 MATTHEW CAMPBELL
15 CAROLE KEMMER
15 TAMMY WEBBER
16 JOHN BRAND
17 TRACEY HARRIS
20 JAKOB SNYDER
21 MAX BIERY
25 PHILLIP SNYDER
26 TAYLOR FOGARTY
27 ADAM FRANKLIN
29 DONALD SCHWARTZ
30 HEATHER (REID) STENE



September
ANNIVERSARIES

4 SCOTT & HILLARY BASDEN
6 JIM & JENNIFER MURRAY
7 KEN & CINDY STANFORD
10 CHRIS & STEPHANIE VALENTA
12 ASHLEY & LISA STEVENSON
19 KELLY & KIM LITTLE
22 PAUL & MARY HOUSER
23 ZECH & EMILY (SPRAY) WORLEY
24 JIM & HELEN JACKSON
27 DAVID & JANE COLEMAN
27 RANDY & TAMMY WEBBER

OMISSIONS AND/OR ERRORS

IF YOU NOTICE ANY OMISSIONS OR INCORRECT ENTRIES IN THE BIRTHDATES AND
ANNIVERSARIES EACH MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT MARY HOUSER AT
SECRETARY@DAYTONPRES.ORG OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 296-3199.

September 2021

****Daily verses
from
OUR DAILY
BREAD for
Sept/Oct/Nov**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Food Pantry continues to be open at this time: Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.; NEW: 3-5 p.m. pick up on Thursdays Kids' Closet is providing services curbside. See page 5 for details on both.</p>			<p>1 <i>Be made new in the attitude of your minds</i> [Ephesians 4:23]</p>	<p>2 <i>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.</i> [2 Timothy 3:16]</p>	<p>3 <i>His father saw him and was filled with compassion for him.</i> [Luke 15:20]</p>	<p>4 <i>Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</i> [1 Thessalonians 5:17-18]</p>
<p>5 <i>Return, faithless people. I will cure you of backsliding.</i> [Jeremiah 3:22]</p>	<p>6 <i>Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long.</i> [Deuteronomy 33:12]</p>	<p>7 <i>So you also are complete through your union with Christ.</i> [Colossians 2:10 NLT]</p>	<p>8 <i>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? ... I said, "Here am I. Send me!"</i> [Isaiah 6:8]</p>	<p>9 <i>Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all ... From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.</i> [2 Corinthians 5:14, 16]</p>	<p>10 <i>Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.</i> [Philippians 2:2]</p>	<p>11 <i>[Wisdom] will guide you down delightful paths.</i> [Proverbs 3:17 NLT]</p>
<p>12 <i>Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.</i> [Romans 5:18]</p>	<p>13 <i>Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.</i> [Psalm 1:1-2]</p>	<p>14 <i>Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.</i> [Hebrews 13:12]</p>	<p>15 <i>We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.</i> [Isaiah 64:8]</p>	<p>16 <i>Tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.</i> [Mark 5:19]</p>	<p>17 <i>See, I am doing a new thing!</i> [Isaiah 43:19]</p>	<p>18 <i>We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.</i> [2 Corinthians 2:15]</p>
<p>19 <i>"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.</i> [Jeremiah 1:8]</p>	<p>20 <i>[Jesus said], "Zacchaeus, come down immediately, I must stay at your house today."</i> [Luke 19:5]</p>	<p>21 <i>Do not spread false reports.</i> [Exodus 23:1]</p>	<p>22 <i>We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.</i> [Romans 8:28]</p>	<p>23 <i>You will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.</i> [Malachi 4:2]</p>	<p>24 <i>Brothers and sisters, whatever ... is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.</i> [Philippians 4:8]</p>	<p>25 <i>By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.</i> [Psalm 42:8]</p>
<p>26 <i>Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.</i> [Matthew 11:28]</p>	<p>27 <i>The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary.</i> [Isaiah 40:28]</p>	<p>28 <i>The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.</i> [1 Samuel 4:22]</p>	<p>29 <i>Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.</i> [Romans 12:2]</p>	<p>30 <i>God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.</i> [Psalm 73:26]</p>	<p>The Church Office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p>	



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In-Person Worship
with Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Beginning September 19
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.



**October 2021
Newsletter
DEADLINE**
Please have
submissions sent
in by Tuesday,
September 28