



# PEACENOTES



## September

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Peace United Church of Christ, 37 East Swartzville Road, Denver, PA 17517

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

In the novel *Wolves Eat Dogs*, the following question is asked, "Do you know who the biggest jerk in the Bible was?" (warning: in the book the language is stronger) But the lead character, Detective Arkady Renko, is stumped when he is asked this question by Bobby and Yakov, both of whom are Orthodox Jews.

It is a tough question because there are plenty of biblical characters who could be pegged with that status. But in the opinion of Bobby and Yakov, the title goes to Noah.

The detective asks, "Why Noah?" The answer, "Because he didn't argue."

Yakov explains, "Abraham argues with God not to kill everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah. Moses pleads with God not to kill the worshippers of the golden calf. But God tells Noah to build a boat because he is going to flood the entire world, and what does Noah say? Not a word."

"Not a word," says Bobby, "and he saves the minimum."

Today we tend to think that it is wrong to question God; that it is wrong to cry out in protest to what we see in the world – injustices, violence and terror. So we sit back and hope that one day God will come and set everything right.

But in the scriptures, especially in the Old Testament, there is a strong tradition of crying out to God and challenging God in the face of injustice and

wrong – Abraham says to God: what if you go to Sodom and find 50 righteous men, will you still destroy the whole city? What if you find 40 or 30, 20 or 10? What if you only find 5?

Abraham wants to know - what is the number? How many innocent people are you willing to destroy to wreak your vengeance?

It is a powerful question that really doesn't seem to have an answer.

What we have here is a reminder that there is a strong faith tradition where people of faith cry out to God in the face of injustice – what appears to be God's injustice – why do you let the innocent suffer?

As a people of faith we can and we need to cry out to God and then when we are done crying out to God, begin asking the same questions of ourselves and wonder what our role might be in the process of bringing justice, fairness and kindness.

How do we bring God's love and grace, mercy and hope to our world.

Pastor Bill

#### ► Check it out!

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# Church Council Officers

## 2015

John Haldeman, *Council President*  
Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*  
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Margaret Harting, *Financial Secretary*  
Mike Madara, *Treasurer*  
John Haldeman, *Administrator*

### ELDERS

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Mary Getz.....484-2216  
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Cindy Anthony.....335-2643  
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Amy Miller.....484-1948  
Art Pannebecker .....336-6983  
Vickie Schweitzer.....808-9823

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### HEAD USHER

Mary Getz

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### ALTAR GUILD

Janet Mattis  
Mary Getz

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### GREETERS

**September 6** Jack and Mary Bernstel  
**September 13** Janis Hoch  
**September 20** Margaret Robinson  
**September 27** Lillian Messner

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**September 6** Rosie Johnston  
**September 13** Margaret Harting  
**September 20** George and Eleanor Bailey  
**September 27** Ella Mae Shupp

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the October issue of Peace Notes is September 20th.**  
Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the Secretary's desk or email it to:  
[secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)  
Thank you!  
Note: This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

## September Birthdays

September 3	Ronald Parker Mike Hornberger
September 5	Claude Adair
September 6	<b>Dorothy Nye**</b>
September 7	Kenneth Youndt Kerry Youndt
September 8	Sidney Evans
September 9	Susan Strouse
September 10	Kristen Heaps Emily Harting
September 11	Aralyn Hoffert
September 12	<b>Lori Hartranft**</b> Dan Schweitzer Eric Schweitzer
September 13	Paul Kring Wes Sweigart Gary Gress
September 14	Mary Ellen Huston Rebecca Priga
September 17	Robert Wolfe
September 19	Ida Franks
September 20	<b>Ethel Leshor**</b>
September 23	Mary Getz
September 24	David Walmsley
September 25	Jon R. Kegerise
September 26	Heidi Garner-Ulrich
September 27	Warren Trostle
September 28	Tyler Hertzog
September 29	Jon Kegerise

### \*\* Special Care and Concern Member

Please remember these members with a card that can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex.

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**Did we miss your birthday or anniversary this month? Was your information incorrect? If so, please send the correct information to [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org) or place a note in the Peace Notes envelope on the secretary's desk.**

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## September Anniversaries

September 6	Jason and Pam Getz
September 7	Art and Karen Pannebecker
September 8	Ken and Nancy Leshor
September 10	Bob and Bev Martin
September 15	Gary and Diane Hertzog
September 16	John and Lois Haldeman
September 17	Carl and Vicki Sweigart Dennis and Connie High
September 22	Eugene and Shirley Endy
September 25	George and Eleanor Bailey
September 30	Jack and Mary Bernstel
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# thank you

To Pastor Hoch & all the members of Peace UCC,

Thank you Pastor Hoch for your visits, for all your kind words, advice and time during the passing of our husband and Dad, Lester Youndt. Also a big thank you to all the church members for the cards and well wishes. Mom still cannot get over all the cards she received. It really means a lot to know how much you all care even though it has been a long time since they were able to be at church.

The brunch was so nice and thanks to Erla and her helpers. It was so nice to have it at church. We appreciate all the time it took to prepare for that.

Mom is doing better than I ever expected. Stop by and visit her in room 126 in Mountain View at Garden Spot village. She would love to see you. She can be reached at (717) 355-6478. And join her for a meal – she loves that. Thanks to Vicki for her visits as well. God Bless.

*The family of Lester Youndt*

Peace UCC,

Thanks for the lovely flowers. It is nice to be remembered by church members. Thanks to Jim and Margaret Gress for the times they visit.

*Love, Pierce and Ethel Leshner*

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### PEACE PANTRY



The Peace Pantry items for September will be non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. These items will be used to decorate the Chancel area

for Harvest Home on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please place these items in the Peace Pantry throughout the month of September or bring your items to church any time before 10:00 am Saturday morning September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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### FALL CHURCH HOURS



After additional consideration the Church Council has decided that Sunday School and Worship for the Fall will be as follows:

- Contemporary Worship – 8:30 am
- Sunday School – 9:30 am
- Tradition Worship – 10:30 am

These hours will take effect on the Sunday following Labor Day, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



On September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday School at Peace United Church of Christ will officially begin at 9:30 am for the 2015-16

church year. In addition to existing grade school and youth classes, a new interactive class will begin for infants and other pre-schoolers. Parents, grandparents and other caregivers are encouraged to be part of this class with their children.

Attending Sunday School is an important part of a child's spiritual and emotional development. Please reach out to church members, people in our community, family members and friends to make Sunday School at Peace Church a real success. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill.

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### HEALTH AND WELFARE



The Health and Welfare Committee will be holding a picnic/meeting on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm at Erla Hartranft's home.

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### HARVEST HOME



Peace Church will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. We invite you to place your food items in the Peace Pantry any time during the month of September or

bring them to the church prior to 10:00 am Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. On that Saturday morning the Altar Guild will be arranging these items around the Chancel area so on Sunday morning the congregation might have a visible reminder of God's many blessings which are a part of our lives.

As another option, the Harvest Home envelope, which can be found in your packet of church envelopes, can be used to make a financial contribution. This year the monies collected will be given to the Power Pack Program for families with children as they struggle with issues of food insecurities.

Harvest Home is truly a beautiful time of the year and we are blessed to live in a part of the country where God's beauty is so evident and we have resources to share.

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**ALTAR GUILD**



Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am the Altar Guild will place the Harvest Home items in the church sanctuary and restock the church pews with visitor cards, communion cards and general envelopes.

There are some open dates for sponsors for Sunday Altar flowers. The cost is \$25.00 for the two Altar vases and the dates are in February, March, April and July. Please see Vicki Sweigart if interested 336-2307.

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**SCC COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER**

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm afternoon communion service for our Special Care and Concern members, their Sponsors and anyone else who might like to attend. A dinner with entertainment



will follow the service. Please RSVP to Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) by September 27<sup>th</sup> or to the church office if you would like to attend or need transportation at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400).

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**NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT**



The National Youth Event (NYE) is a gathering of approximately 4,000 youth and their families. NYE is held every 4 years for youth to gather together from around the country for fun, fellowship, praise

music, speakers, and service. The 2016 NYE is being held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida July 26-30, 2016. For more information, see [www.nye.uccpages.org](http://www.nye.uccpages.org).

Our youth have decided to attend the NYE next summer. In order for this to be accomplished, we will be having some additional fund raisers throughout the next 10 months to raise the needed funds for the trip. We will be hosting a series of luncheons after the traditional service throughout the year. Cost of the lunch will be by donation. Come out for good food, fun, and fellowship while supporting the youth of Peace Church. The first luncheon will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now!

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Peace UCC Youth are holding a fall chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We are selling half chickens for \$6.00. Chicken can be picked up at the church between 10 am and 1pm or until sold

out. The youth are raising funds to attend the National Youth Event (NYE) in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

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The annual Church Picnic will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> after worship. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, and covered dishes. More information will be available soon.

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**Peace United Church of Christ  
August 11, 2015**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Vickie Schweitzer, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara. Excused: Vaye Freeman, Fran Hollen

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Pat Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – The reports for June and July were presented. Overall, July was a better month. We are only \$12000 behind in our actual income vs. expenses at this point. The electric and water bills are both down. \$1800 was paid to Zooks in July for the tree removal.

Mike contacted Cetera to review our investments. They said our choices are good if we have not changed our goals. Cetera will provide other proposals for potential changes and Mike will present these in September. Deposit slips have been ordered for the church. The bill for the snow plowing for this past winter is expected to be in shortly.

Chris Fitterling made a motion to add Courtney Hall to the church payroll to compensate her for all her work she is doing for the Contemporary Service and Pat Acebo seconded. Motion Carried.

At John's request, Mike will look into a church credit card to reduce the need for reimbursement for certain expenses.

Chris Fitterling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 06/30/2015	JUNE
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(3,055.76)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$1620.53
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$(1435.23)</b>
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,090.10
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$12,831.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$3,598.36
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104,132.72	\$0.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$40,159.42</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,192.85
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID	\$16,066.39

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<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,259.24</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$6,593.89
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,644.43
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103,765.59
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$6,047.73
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$158,738.53
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$311,790.17</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$371,208.83</b>

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 07/31/2015	JULY
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,383.81
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$981.18
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$2,364.99</b>
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,094.22
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$13,366.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2,448.36
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104,132.72	\$0
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$43,348.76</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,192.99
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,069.03
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,262.02</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$6,594.45
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,650.46
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103,875.55
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5,713.31
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$159,251.29
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$312,085.06</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$374,695.84</b>

**Administrator's Report** - All roof repairs have been completed and the roof is no longer leaking. Ceiling tiles were replaced in the Sunday School

rooms that received damage from the leaks. The tree removal was completed in the grove - they did a great job. The work crew installed a cement pad for the dumpster. This was paid for by a member donation. The timbers around the island in the center of the entrance to the parking lot were replaced by a plastic edging. The crack sealing in the parking lot is expected to be done soon. The Peace UCC sign on the island in the entrance to the parking lot needs repair or replacement. John is getting bids on the sign work. A donation from the memorial fund of \$4000 is available to offset the costs of the sign.

**Pastor's Report** - The Safe Church policy was presented to Council by email, along with supporting documents for review prior to the August meeting. The policy needs to be known and followed by the church. All church volunteers have become mandated reporters of child abuse under new state law. Background checks need to be completed by anyone working with children. There is no cost for these checks and they are available through the state. All workers with children need to be approved adults as presented in the policy. Pat hall made a motion to accept the policy and to make the policy effective immediately as amended and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The fall worship schedule will begin on September 13. The Contemporary Service is scheduled to begin at 08:30am, Sunday School will begin at 09:30am, and the Traditional Service will begin at 10:30am. Pastor Bill will leave the Contemporary Service after the message to prepare to teach Adult Sunday School.

There is a Baptism scheduled for September 27. September 27 is also Harvest Home. On October 4 there will be a Church Tour offered by the Cocalico Historical Society. Peace will be a stop along that tour. Members of the community will have the opportunity to come through the building and visit. October 4 will be World Communion Sunday and the annual Special Care and Concern dinner will be that day. The Adamstown Library thanks the church for using the church for summer events.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report** - There will be a parent and child Sunday School class offered

starting this fall. The class will be titled Peace Partners. The class will follow a simple format, and include songs, videos, and traditional Bible stories. Door decorations will be made for the room that will host Peace Partners.

**Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report, Benevolence Committee Report, Outreach Report – No Reports.**

**Stewardship Committee Report -** The Stewardship Committee is working on setting a date for their next meeting.

**Adult Ministry Report -** September 13 will be the annual Church Picnic. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, and covered dishes. More information will be available soon. October 24 will be the Pumpkin Cook-off. The congregation is encouraged to find recipes and prepare to participate in this fun event.

**Health and Welfare Report -** The event at the Denver Nursing Home went well. September 01 will be the first meeting for the fall.

**Altar Guild Report -** The annual meeting was held on August 10 at the church. The cost of the Altar flowers will remain the same. The cost is \$25 from Royers. There are still 5 spots open for someone to sponsor flowers for this year. Anyone interested in filling one of these slots should contact Vicki Garner-Sweigart.

The members of the Altar Guild restock the cards in the pews several times a year. Harvest Home will be September 27. All food products will be given to Ephrata Area Social Services. The money from the Harvest Home envelopes will go to the Power Pack program. Peace Pantry for September will be non-perishable food items for Harvest Home.

The Altar Guild would like to donate up to \$5000.00 to help purchase a new projector, as well as up to \$4000.00 to help with the cost of the church sign. This money is from the Memorial Fund.

Memorial contributions from Elizabeth Freeman, Kenny Hopkins, Lester Youndt, and Alan Hassler came into the Memorial Fund from May to July.

**Youth Report -** The Youth Group had a good time on their Mission Trip to Philadelphia. They helped out by preparing food bags for the elderly, serving 139 people at a shelter, and much more.

The Youth Group will be hosting a fall Chicken BBQ on September 26. This is to help raise funds for the Youth Groups trip to the UCC National Youth Event next summer in Florida.

The Youth will also be hosting monthly dinners after Worship throughout the next Church year. These dinners will be by donation and all proceeds will go towards the National Youth Event trip as well. The goal is to completely offset the cost of the trip for the Youth who want to go. The youth ask for the congregations support with all they have planned for this year.

**Old Business -** The Contemporary Service has been doing well. Attendance has been around 25 each week. Thanks for the Memorial Fund contributions, we are working on getting a new projector that meets the needs of the Service being in the Sanctuary. We look forward to continuing the development of this Service.

**New Business -** The Council will be looking for 3 Elders and 2 Deacons for the 2016 Council year. Names can be submitted to John Haldeman.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 08, 2015. Being no further business, Chris Fitterling motioned to adjourn and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Anthony  
Council Secretary

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# September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Sidney Evans</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Yuri Evans</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Larry &amp; Sally Fasnacht</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Terry &amp; Susan Fasnacht</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Grace Firestone</b>
<b>6</b> 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Pauline Firestone</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Beverly Fisher</b>	<b>8</b> 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Chris &amp; Linda Fitterling</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Leonore Fitterling</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Marvin &amp; Kathryn Fitterling</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Ida Franks</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Paul Freeman</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Church Picnic  <b>Robert &amp; Vaye Freeman</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Robert &amp; Jodi Freeman</b>	<b>15</b> 1 pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council  <b>Doris Fultz</b>	<b>16</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Allen &amp; Ardel Garner</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Carl &amp; Vicki Sweigart</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Heidi Garner-Ulrich</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Tyler Ulrich</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Ken &amp; Kathy Wilson</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Arthur Gehman</b>	<b>22</b> 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Melvin &amp; Marian Gerhart</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Jason &amp; Pam Getz</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>John &amp; Mary Getz</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Alicia Good</b>	<b>26</b> Youth Chicken BBQ  <b>Betty Good</b>
<b>27</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Duane &amp; Yarnell Good</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Greg &amp; Kathi Good</b>	<b>29</b> 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Ralph &amp; Carole Good</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Charles &amp; Edie Graff</b>			

PEACE NOTES

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Return Service Requested

**September Events**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School begins – 9:30 am, Church Picnic – After Worship**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup> – Youth Chicken BBQ**

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Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

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