Sundays: Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.

September:

Song Leader: Leslie Hasse
Filling Communion: Vicqui & crew
Flowers: Vicqui & crew
Sanctuary pick-up: Patti Spray, Vicqui & crew
Fellowship Hour: Elders

Those who serve September 6:

Elder – Sharon Hohstadt
Greeters – Larry & Lindy Knape
Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Hank Hudson

Those who serve September 13:

Elder – Stacy Webster
Greeters – Debby Riggle & Susan Snow
Diaconate – Pete Price, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Sharon Hohstadt

Those who serve September 20:

Elder – Larry Glaze
Greeters – Patty Glaze & Betty Hughes
Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Jan Matson

Those who serve September 27:

Elder – Shirley Cook
Greeters – Jean Cooper & Linda Minnich
Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.
Communion Meditation – Kari Baybado

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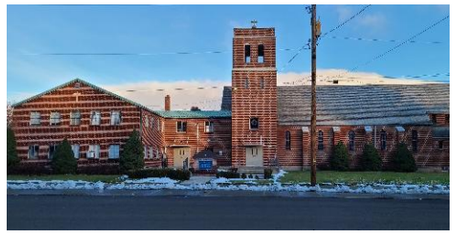
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August 21, 2026



Dear Church Family,

In the past, we as a church celebrated the month of September with a Fall Kick Off, such as promotion Sunday for the Sunday school classes, handing out first Bibles to third graders and so on. New beginnings are important in the Christian life; evidence of growth in our faith walk deserves recognition. Sharing our many blessings with others is one way of causing interest and curiosity in others as they watch us.

This last year, I have been encouraging us to begin a concentrated effort of inviting friends, family and neighbors to come and worship God and study His Word with us. People respond to a celebration: birthday parties, anniversaries and of course, a potluck with great food.

This year's September Kick Off will look different than in the past. We have no official classes of kids to move on to the next. So, what might this year's Promotion Sunday look like? Consider this: celebrating the good Christian life we all enjoy with remembrances of past blessings and expectations of future blessings. Many of these blessing have been and will continue to be relational, with God and His Son, and also with family and friends.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we are reminded that *"there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."* Now is the time we reach out to a hungry world searching for truth. Hearts have been prepared to answer the call of eternity; we are the servants going out into the street and inviting them into the banquet.

I encourage each of us to look with eyes of the Spirit so that we might see those in need of a relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogue, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

We are those workers being sent out that they prayed for! This is something to celebrate! I believe one of the greatest blessings we will ever know is when those we have invited to celebrate the goodness of God answer *YES*!

This is true promotion, to promote God in a loving and exciting way so that others cannot help but want to be a part of the celebration!

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, Archie

Call to Action: Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to impress upon your heart the people He wants You to invite to church, Bible Study, CWF or another church event. Ask for awareness, courage, the right words and for receptive hearts.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20

Little Red Wagon Sunday will be September 6. Please bring PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY/JAM for the food bank. Thank you so much!

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED....The Nominating Committee is being formed to recommend officers for the 2027 church year. If you would like to recommend someone for an office on the church board, please put the recommendation into writing and leave it in the church office, prior to Sept. 1. There is special need for qualified members to serve as Elders, Diaconate, a trustee, as well as the other offices. Committee chairpersons are appointed. If you have an interest in serving, please let me know, so I can share the information with the committee. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the future leadership for our congregation.
Carolynn Vaughan, Moderator

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD collection weeks are just around the corner!

We have received a nice selection of school supplies. While school supplies are still in the stores, we still need many SCISSORS, rulers, large erasers (not pencil toppers), and 24-count Crayons. And we need COLORING BOOKS (with not a lot of English words, but lots of pictures - not knowing which country they will go to). Be on the lookout for small toys for boys and girls ages 4-12, small stuffed animals, card games that don't require English, small nerf style balls or baseballs, jump ropes, jacks & balls...etc, and more grown-up type items for boys and girls 13-16....jewelry, sunglasses, small tools and games, small sewing kits...be creative, but please remember they must fit into a shoebox. Be on the lookout for end-of-summer close-outs on kids t-shirts.

You may leave items purchased now on the tables at the end of the Education wing hall if you do not want to keep them until October. Thank you for your continued support of this mission....it's so important that every child we touch knows that somebody cares and God knows their name....as they hear the gospel story of Jesus's love and salvation for each of them.

This week we will take an inventory of items already collected and I will be able to tell you how many more of certain items we need.

Blessings to you, Carolynn

The CWF Fall Kick-off will be Wednesday, September 2, at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the year is BE LIKE JESUS! Lunch will be provided. All women are welcome!

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;
make known among the nations what He has done.
Psalm 105:1

NOODLE MAKING TIME IS HERE!!!!
We will begin making noodles for the Bazaar on Thursday, September 17th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and finishing about noon. We will make noodles every Thursday for 6 weeks. **We need contributions** of eggs (we use 3 dozen per week), butter, and 2% milk (only part of 1 gallon each week - so not all at once). We have money for flour already committed. Please have your donation to the church by Monday, September 14th, so I will know what we have or may need.

NOODLE MAKERS ARE NEEDED....if you can roll dough, cut a straight line in the dough, or put noodles onto trays for drying, we have a job for you! Men are welcome to join in the fellowship!

This year, as a part of the Bell Tower fundraising effort, we will be having a Turkey Noodle dinner on Tuesday, October 13, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. This will be the same delicious soup that was served at the Bazaar in the past. **We need contributions** of 2 turkeys, approx. 15 lbs each.

Thank you in advance for your support... Carolynn



Please come join us on Sunday, September 13, for our regular worship service followed by a big birthday bash to celebrate ***Dorothy Fleshman's 100th birthday****! There will be a potluck in her honor and birthday cake will be provided (Please don't bring a dessert). Be sure to come and let Dory know how special she is and how much she is loved!*

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:15-16



Come and Celebrate!!! We will be kicking off fall activities of the congregation at a celebration following worship on Sunday, September 20th. There will be grilled hotdogs & veggie dogs, chips & ice cream cups; a beautiful fall scene for picture taking of family & friends, a game or two....all taking place in the area of the narthex. What a great time to invite a friend to join you for worship and fellowship! Our General Board invites ALL to come and celebrate this great congregation we have and enjoy the fun!

Carole Hays has a new address:
c/o Tim Hays
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THERE WILL BE NO ELDERS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

WORLD OUTREACH
The special Reconciliation offering will be collected on September 27th.

The Empties4Cash program that gave money in exchange for used computer ink cartridges has folded. The church will no longer be collecting spent cartridges. There is a bin at Walmart where you can take them to be recycled.

The Bible Sleuths Bible Study group will be going back to their fall and winter schedule on September 2. They will still be meeting at The Pressroom, but it will be at 3 p.m. For more information, get in touch with Mandy.

ATTENTION!!!
ALL COMMITTEES MUST HAVE THEIR 2027 BUDGET REQUESTS TURNED IN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 28

Property Committee September 2026: A Little Progress Here, a Little Progress There!

The Property Committee has been busy this summer—and apparently, the church property has decided to keep us on our toes!

There has been plenty happening around the church. **A lot of parking lines have been re-painted**, making our parking areas look a little more organized and a lot easier to navigate. Signage has also been procured and is ready to be installed in the back parking lot.

And then there was the matter of the **abandoned pickup**. It has officially found a new home somewhere other than our parking lot! We also said goodbye to **two mattresses that were so generously "donated" to us**. We appreciate the generosity…although perhaps future donations could be discussed with the Property Committee first!

Outside the building, **many of the windows have been re-glazed**, continuing the ongoing effort to preserve and maintain our historic building. And a **new mailbox receptacle** has also been installed. Unfortunately, someone or something BIG, hit our west side porch awning and broke the cement and rain gutter. Replacement parts have been procured and ready for installation.

Of course, there is always something growing around the church—so the **mowing, trimming, and weeding continue** on a regular basis. We are doing our best to keep all the landscaping looking like a church property rather than a wilderness preserve!

The **Indows have been removed for the summer season** and will soon be re-installed as we prepare for the cooling season. We are also making progress in the Red Room, with **new flooring procured and ready for deployment**.

And, because every church building needs a little mechanical attention now and then, the **boiler has received some replacement parts** to keep it working properly.

It may not always be exciting work, but all of these little projects add up to something important: **taking care of the place God has entrusted to us.** Thank you to everyone who helps with the work, whether it is mowing, fixing, hauling, cleaning—or simply noticing something that needs attention.

The Property Committee will keep plugging away. There is always another project waiting around the corner…we just hope it doesn't come with another mattress!

Westside Disciples Women's Retreat

September 18-19, 2026

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Join us Friday night for soup dinner and a short devotional time.
Saturday activities include Worship, Workshops, and Pray and Play
(Childcare available on Saturday)

- © COST: $40 for full retreat, $30 for Saturday only
  ($10 discount for early bird registration by August 13)
- © Registration link scan the QR code below.
- © Deadline: September 4, 2026

For more information, please
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What to bring:

- © *Money for putting in blessing boxes, special offering during worship, and shopping at "One Fair World."*
- © *Your reusable tote bag, water bottle, and favorite coffee cup/travel mug.*

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10