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From Your Minister

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." – James 1:22

This week, many of our students, teachers, and school staff will begin a new school year. There will be excitement, anticipation, and perhaps a few butterflies as they step into new classrooms, meet new friends, and face new challenges.

This Sunday, we will have the privilege of praying for them during our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Together, we will ask God to keep them all safe, walk beside them, and remind them that wherever they go, they are never alone. May they grow in knowledge, wisdom, kindness, and faith as they share God's love with others.

As I reflected on that prayer, I wanted us to pray for much more than the needs of our students and school staff. Just as God calls us to find peace in Him, He also calls us to share that peace with others. So, I wanted us to pray that God would give them opportunities to share His love through wisdom, kindness, and faith.

But this is not only a prayer for those who will walk through the school doors this week. It is a prayer for all of us.

This summer we have spent our Sundays talking about practicing the Christian faith. We have explored habits like love, prayer, trust, rest, community, peace, endurance, and everyday faithfulness. Those are not lessons meant only for children or teachers. They are habits every follower of Jesus is called to cultivate.

No matter where we spend our days this week, each of us will have opportunities to practice our faith. We will have opportunities to be patient when life is frustrating, to choose peace when anxiety creeps in, to show kindness to someone who feels forgotten, and to encourage those around us. We will have opportunities to grow in wisdom, compassion, and faith.

As we pray for our students, teachers, and school staff this Sunday, let us also pray for ourselves. May God continue shaping each of us into people who grow in wisdom, kindness, and faith, reflecting the love of Christ wherever He leads us.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 2, is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green. We continue our summer sermon series, "Practicing Faith: Habits that Shape the Christian Life." Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Hebrews 12:1–3 in a sermon titled "Practicing Endurance." During worship, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and all who place their trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share in the meal.

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel.

All are welcome to join us in worship as we continue discovering how the habits of faith shape our lives. We can't wait to see you on Sunday!



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.



Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5.
Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.



Our Twisted Stitchers group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.



Other Opportunities

Holy Land 2027 Trip

In September 2027, members of our church will join First United Methodist Church for a tour of the Holy Land. If you have ever dreamed of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and ministered, we invite you to learn more about this exciting opportunity. You can also learn more by speaking with Christian and/or visiting the following link: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl27091527p59093>

Wanda McCaskey continues to recuperate from a broken ankle. We would love to see members of the church continue to provide some meals. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the family, contact Charles at 931-260-9488. Thanks to all those who have already prepared meals for Charles, Wanda and Callie.



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

CPWM Get Together

The CPWM will be having its 2026 Get Together on August 10 in the Family Life Center. We will meet at 5pm with a covered-dish dinner beginning at 5:30; everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Jodi Smith will be our guest speaker. All members are encouraged to attend!



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THAT SHAPE
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IT'S WHAT WE **PRACTICE**—TOGETHER.

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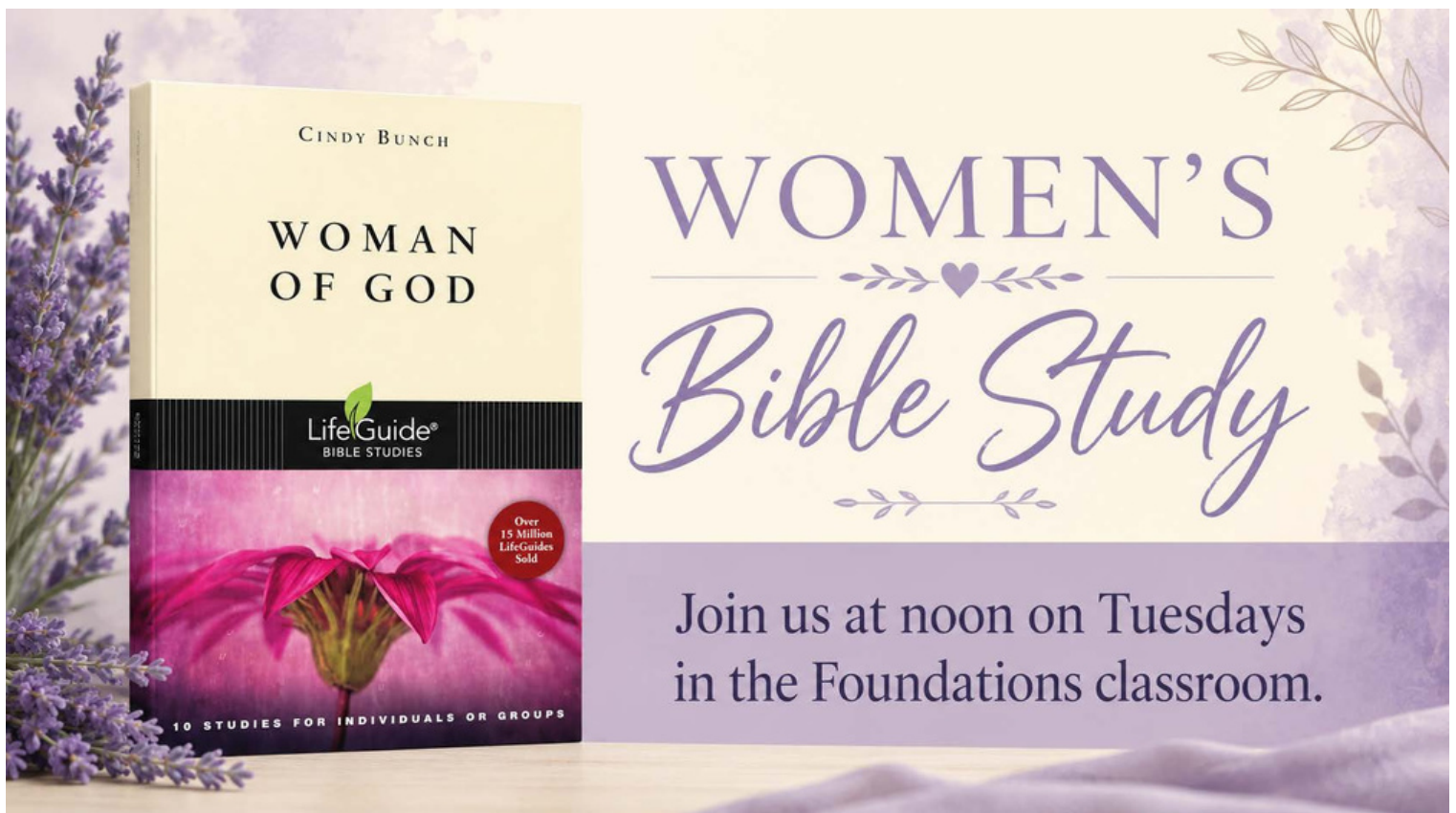



SANCTUARY
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RESUMES REHEARSALS

 **SUNDAYS**
AT
5:30 PM
IN THE CHOIR LOFT

 Starting
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EVERYONE
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10 STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Wednesday Connection

RESUMES AUGUST 12



FREE DINNER
5:15 PM



CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES
6:00 PM



TWISTED STITCHERS CRAFTING GROUP
6:00 PM



ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM

Stewardship Report

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Commitments - \$14,890.00

Undesignated - \$1,777.00

Other - \$195.00

This week's offering included a \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS.

Total contributions - \$16,862.00



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

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- Lois Squires - CRMC
- Mike Clift - back surgery
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Willene Gentry - home
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Unspoken Requests

Cancer Treatment:

- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC