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From Your Minister

"For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ." – 1 Corinthians 12:12

I can be quick to notice when something hasn't been done and slow to appreciate the person who usually does it. Maybe the trash can is overflowing, and I have to go find somewhere else to throw away my garbage. Maybe the line has gotten too long at the grocery store, and I haven't been able to check out as quickly as I expected. When I complain about my inconvenience, I tend to forget about the people who are actually doing the work.

As we get ready for Labor Day, we need to take time to think about the people whose work helps us every day. Someone cleans the spaces we use. Someone stocks the shelves. Someone prepares our food, paves our roads, or cares for someone we love. There are a multitude of people with families, worries, hopes, and burdens of their own who help us each day. But how often do we take the time to actually see them?

Paul reminds us that every member has a place in the body of Christ. He also challenges our habit of treating some members of the body as less important. Those we might overlook are indispensable. Our tendency to give more attention to certain people does not determine anyone's value. God sees people we overlook, and if we want to be good followers of Christ, we need to pay attention to them too.

We love to celebrate the pastors and the teachers who have influenced our church and our Christian walk. But for 159 years in this church, there have been people who have emptied the trash. Countless people have done the tasks necessary to make room for others to worship, learn, grieve, celebrate, and belong. So much of what we love about our church exists because someone saw something that needed to be done and cared enough to do it.

This week, I hope we will pay closer attention. Learn the name of someone whose work you regularly benefit from. Thank them for what they do. So much of the work that sustains our church is easily overlooked, but through those ordinary acts of service, people get to experience the love of Christ. Part of appreciating that work is being willing to share it. So, ask yourself what trash cans you can empty so that others can grow closer to God.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 6, is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green. Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Matthew 18:15–20 in a sermon titled “When Belief Becomes Reconciliation.”

During worship, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we gather around Christ’s table and remember the grace that brings us together as one body.

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 as we gather to worship, share in Christ’s table, and discover what can happen when our belief in the grace we have received from God shapes the grace we extend to one another.



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.



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.

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.



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.



CPNS Annual Fundraising

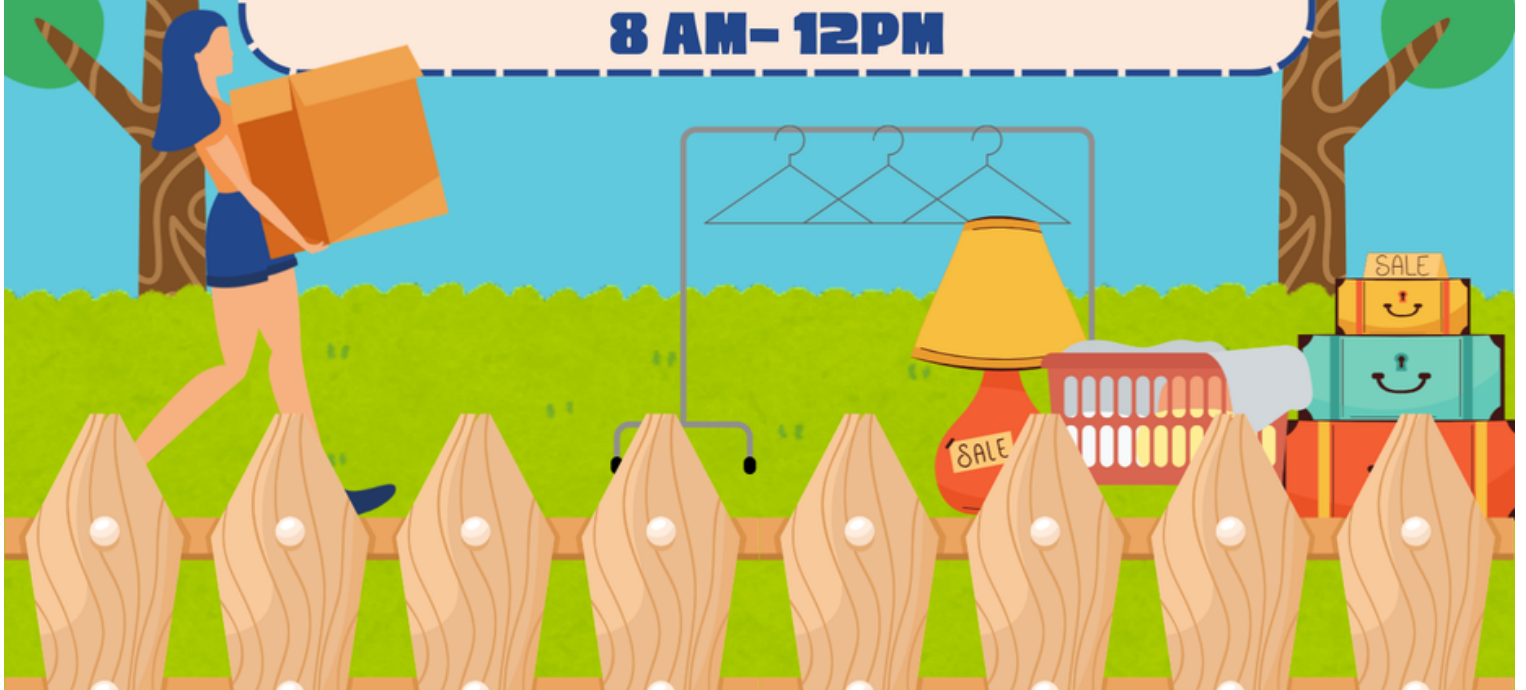
YARD SALE

It is time for our annual CPNS Fundraising Yard Sale! We are doing it a little different this year! We will be taking donations for this sale and all proceeds will go directly back into our school! We will begin accepting donations for the yard sale beginning August 31st! Please ensure any donations are in good, used condition and all parts are together. We will not be accepting electronics or car seats.

Please reach out to Madison with any questions!

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2026

8 AM- 12PM



HELP NEEDED!

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Sonshine Circle

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Members of the Sonshine Circle will come together on Tuesday, September 8, at 10:00am in the Family Life Center. Beverly Halfacre will be presenting the devotion. A reminder to everyone that we will be collecting school supplies for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please remember to bring in your annual dues for the circle. Any lady in the church is invited to attend the circle meeting and we hope to see you on the 8th.

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>

Stewardship Report

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Commitments - \$1,700.00 Undesignated - \$1,805.00 Other - \$0.00

This week's offering included no special gifts.

Total contributions - \$3,505.00



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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- The family of Annie Leona Hinton Bryant - Stephen Bryant's mother
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Unspoken Requests

Cancer Treatment:

- Nancy Rector - breast cancer
- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- 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

