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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



September

September 2026

Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

[Psalm 27:14](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30am Worship/ Communion	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 National Grandparents Day 10:30am Worship	14 6pm Scouts	15 Food Delivery	16	17	18	19
20 10:30am Worship	21 6pm Scouts	22 Fall Begins 8am Open Door Articles due	23	24	25	26
27 10:30am Worship	28 6pm Scouts	29	30			

Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers. They are \$25.00 for two urns. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me. - Jean Greene

Quotes for September

"September tries its best to have us forget summer." — *Bernard Williams*

"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." — *Virginia Woolf*

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures." — *Henry David Thoreau*

"One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world". — *Malala Yousafzai*

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." — *Bob Talbert*

"A lot of hard work is hidden behind nice things." — *Ralph Lauren*

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." — *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Submitted by Molly Solanki

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



Our Church office needed supplies. We sent into Staples an order that totaled \$109.36. Then we hit the Rewards key and a credit of \$86.00 shows up to bring our total down to \$23.36. WOW! Thanks to you for listening to my nagging about bringing in used ink cartridges. It helps so much. Keep this wonderful program working by bringing in all your and your friends' used ink cartridges. God is good and supplies all our needs. Thank you!!!!

Elaine Lopez

September Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Sept. 8
*Anthony and Christine
Vella*

September Birthdays



Wishing a very
Happy Birthday to:

Sept. 8th *Mary Porcello*
Sept. 13th *Joan Downes*
Sept. 19th *Olivia Jastremski*
Sept. 21st *Manny Gutierrez*
Sept. 22nd *Rose Risley*
Sept. 25th *Cara Weaver*
Sept. 28th *Lori Ryan*

Want to see your special date listed?
Give the office your info.

We will never forget...
9-11-01



LABOR DAY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

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(See Exodus 20:1-21)

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WHEN YOU SAID THOU SHALT NOT DO STUFF
I THOUGHT YOU MEANT SOMEBODY NAMED
"THOU"

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(See Genesis 37:3-36)

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September Bible Verses

Psalm 55; verses 16-19; 22-23

- ¹⁶ As for me, I call to God,
and the Lord saves me.
¹⁷ Evening, morning and noon
I cry out in distress,
and he hears my voice.
¹⁸ He rescues me unharmed
from the battle waged against me,
even though many oppose me.
¹⁹ God, who is enthroned from of old,
who does not change—
he will hear them and humble them,
because they have no fear of God.

- ²² Cast your cares on the Lord
and he will sustain you;
he will never let
the righteous be shaken.
²³ But you, God, will bring down the wicked
into the pit of decay;
the bloodthirsty and deceitful
will not live out half their days.
But as for me, I trust in you.

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Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's
written by Presbyterians.

Q. 22. How did Christ, the son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the son of God, became man by assuming a real body and a reasoning soul. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to him; yet he was sinless.

Comment from Pastor John: Jesus was not "created" that first Christmas, he became man – truly like us in every way. With a real body like ours, that felt real temptations as we do, with real physical limitations. He came truly like us so He could satisfy all the demands of the law for us.

For more see: 1. Jn 1.14, Heb 2.14,16, 10.5, Mt 26.38. 2. Lk 1.27,31,35,41-42, Gal 4.4. 3. Heb 4.15, 7.26

FROM THE DEACONS

Dear Heavenly Father, as we start September and the beginning of a new season, let us give thanks to you for the summer months and time we were able to spend with our family and friends. Give us wisdom and strength as we start new routines with school, work and the changing of seasons. Bless our church families and guide our steps as we walk in faith and follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 *Do you not know? Have you not heard?* The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The deacons will meet again in Sept. Date to be determined. We will be resuming home communion in October. If anyone has a need we can fill, please contact one of us.

~Betty Pinella



Back-to-School Blessings



Remember to stick close to Jesus this year through prayer and reading your Bible.



Color your school year bright by letting the light of Jesus shine through you.



Write HIStory in your life this school year by doing what Jesus would do and making wise choices.



Use this notebook as a Gratitude Journal. For each day of school, write down things you are grateful for.



Use the bookmark to mark your favorite Bible story or favorite verse.



Use this Back-to-School Prayer Journal to write out your prayers to God.



Enjoy this sweet treat and remember that Jesus makes your life sweet!

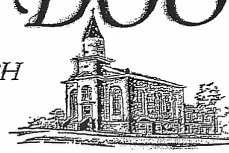


Prayer

God of harvest,
Gardener supreme,
You place us at the centre
Feed us, equip us. And,
Having provided for us,
Look to a different harvest
A fruitfulness of lives
In service to you and others.
God of harvest,
Feed us
Prune us
Harvest us
That our lives
Might bring glory to you.
Amen

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What Has Impacted You?

Over the past several weeks, we have been taking a journey together as a church. As part of our Refocus efforts, many of us have been working through a daily devotional designed to help us think differently about who we are as the church and what God has called us to be.

And I think it is worth pausing for a moment. Not simply to ask, "How many days have you completed?" or "Have you kept up with the devotional?" But a much more important question: **What has impacted you?**

Day after day, we have been challenged by Scripture to look beyond ourselves and remember the mission Christ has given His church. We have been reminded of the Great Commission and our call to go and make disciples. We have been challenged to love our neighbors as ourselves, which includes looking for tangible ways to bless the community God has placed around us.

We have been challenged to confront the fears that so often keep us from responding to Christ's command to "go." We have been reminded that vital churches are not churches that merely talk about the two greatest commandments, but churches that actually live them out. We have been encouraged to become a praying church, recognizing that before we can accomplish anything for God, we must learn to depend upon God.

These are not merely ideas for us to discuss. They are invitations from God to examine our lives and our church. That is why I want to encourage you to take some time this month and ask yourself: **What has impacted you?**

Was there a particular Scripture that challenged you? A devotional thought that made you stop and think? Perhaps God has shown you a fear that has been holding you back. Perhaps you have begun to see your neighborhood, your workplace, your school, or your community differently. Perhaps you have been convicted about prayer. Perhaps you have started asking what it would look like to love your neighbor in a more intentional way.

Remember, to "refocus" doesn't mean "knowing the answers to a test", it's about assessing if our lives, and the life of the church, are living the way that God has called us to.

Think about where you've been challenged this season. Think about where the Spirit has shown you we still have room to grow. Don't run from that discomfort, but seek to honor God with how you live your life, how you serve, how we respond to the needs in our community, and how we can show the love and grace of God to a world that so desperately needs it.

Pastor John Mottley