

Peace Free Lutheran Church

September
2026
Newsletter



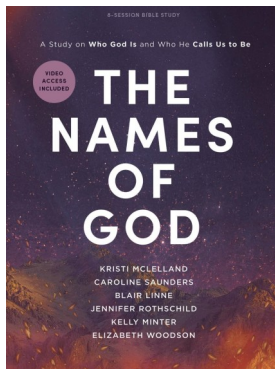
Sandstone Cliffs
Clear Creek Metro Park



Labor Day Hotdog Giveaway!!!

We will be holding our annual Labor Day Hotdog Giveaway on Monday, September 7th. We are in need of individual bags of chips, bottled water and bagged ice. If you would prefer to donate toward the cost of these items, you can put your donation in the offering plate or donate online if you wish. Please make sure to mark the donation "labor day food". We are also in need of large coolers and pop-up tent/canopies for this event. And last but certainly not least we are looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen and hand out the goodies! Please call or text Tina Jones at (614) 316-3108 or

call the church office if you are interested in helping out. We would like volunteers to arrive by 10:00 a.m. Thank you in advance!



Ladies, your Bible Studies are back in session!

Starting on Tuesday, September 8, the Women's Evening Bible Study group will begin an 8-week study on *The Names of God*. This new study is hot off the press!!!! There are 6 different women who will present lessons on the many names that God reveals of Himself. We have prayer, discussion, and watch a video based on the lesson. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 6:30pm and ending at 8:00pm. You may purchase the study book from Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/Names-God-Bible-Study-Access/dp/B0FPXNFR8Y>). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Leitch (614-202-4068). We hope you will be able to participate!

The Ladies' Daytime Bible Study group will reconvene on Tuesday September 8th as well, and will continue to meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m in the PCC. We will be returning to our study of Discipleship. Study books will be provided. Please join us for a time of fellowship and the study of God's word!



Home Bible Studies Are Back!

First Monday of the Month

Home of Greg and Wendy Leitch
Reynoldsburg
Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Fall session starts October 5th

Second Sunday of the Month

Home of Barb Jauert
Canal Winchester
Starts at 6:30 p.m.
Fall session starts September 13th

Second Sunday of the Month

Home of Tim and Emily Haverfield
Pickerington
Starts at 6:00 p.m.
Fall session starts September 13th



Pastor Steven Carlson

“School is in Session

“Be diligent [study] to show yourself approved unto God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

All of our students are now back in school; whether in university, college, vocational, high school, all the way to preschool. Teachers and those working in the education sector are diligently at work teaching in the classroom, serving food in the cafeteria, driving bus, etc. Many of our students are home-schooled or go to Christian co-ops. This year, I had the opportunity to meet and pray with each of our home-school families at the start of their school year! Whether in the public-school classroom, at the kitchen table, or in the library; school is in session and learning is taking place! What may have been forgotten over the summer is being recovered and the pursuit of knowledge continues.

Education is of great importance, but merely being “educated” is insufficient. King Solomon, who was the wisest man to ever live, wrote to his foolish son to encourage his learning and to instruct his education process. He wrote, ***“The fear (reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Prov. 9:10)*** He was telling his son, “Don’t despise learning, and be sure to remember that a relationship with the LORD is the true foundation of wisdom and understanding.”

The Protestant Reformation put forth a similar two-fold call regarding education. First, it called for education during a time when it was not highly regarded. Secondly, it called for education to be grounded in the Word of God. From the very beginning, the Lutheran Church has been a strong advocate for education. Martin Luther was very well educated and loved learning. He pursued theology, philosophy, literature, languages, law, government, music, and education itself.

Luther wrote two treatises to his fellow Germans admonishing both civil leaders and parents to care about educating children rather than simply being concerned about “their comforts and bellies” (meaning jobs and food). In 1524, he wrote “To the Councilmen of All Cities in Germany That They Establish and Maintain Christian Schools” in which he called on the civil government to see to its “moral duty” that children were educated in the ways of God. He also published the “Sermon on Keeping Children in School” (1530) which also dealt with what godly curriculum would include.

Luther consistently taught that education began with learning about God, and that one’s life and vocation were to be lived for the glory of God. Luther knew and warned against the dangers of secularized knowledge apart from a reverence and love for God, and the understanding and wisdom of God. He wrote: ***“I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth.”*** Luther expected the state to teach the Word of God in public schools. (He would probably be horrified today!) For Luther, education without the Gospel was of NO value; but for a Christian, an education would greatly enhance a life of service to God and to one’s neighbor.

Near the end of his life, the Apostle Paul wrote a final letter to young Timothy about the importance of remembering what he had been taught, and to continue in it.

“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Sacred Writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” – II Timothy 3:14-17

Timothy's first teachers were his mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois (II Timothy 1:5) who were faithful to bring him up in the Christian faith since he was a little child. Timothy had soaked this wisdom up like a sponge, and then he was further disciplined by the Apostle Paul. For most people, their first teachers were their parents, then others became their teachers as well.

I am reminded of the baptismal vows that Tyler and Alyssa Richardson made last Sunday as they brought their newborn son, Thomas James to the waters of baptism. They, along with the godparents, and our entire congregation, will continue to teach Thomas the ways of the Lord, so that he will love and follow Jesus all the days of his life, unto eternal life.

In our baptismal liturgy, we confess that *"God gives the gift of faith in baptism, but that this gift will be lost unless the child is taught the Word of God, upheld by prayer, and given a Christian example to follow."* The Apostle Paul knew that Timothy was going to be facing some stiff opposition to his faith, so he reminded him of the truths he had been taught, and how he had seen that lived out in the lives of others. Paul points him to the inspired Word of God. The Holy Scriptures unfold the way of salvation to us as God continues to speak His holy life-giving Word to us and bring us to faith and keep us firm in the faith.

It is a Christian parent's greatest concern that their child "continue in the things" of God that they have been taught. When I was working in college campus ministry, many parents would express their fears to me when they dropped their students off at college. They were concerned about the spiritual well-being of their son or daughter, and rightly so, as many "forgot" what they had been taught, and failed to "continue in what they had learned" about God. Let us be in prayer for all of our students (and teachers!). What a great privilege and responsibility we have in the ministry of education!

As we enter this new "school year" it is a great time, for all of us to recommit ourselves to be "students of the Lord" and to sit at the feet of Jesus, the Master Teacher who not only teaches the truth, but is "The Way, The Truth, and The Life" (John 14:6). There are many opportunities in our congregation to study God's Word and to grow in your faith. I encourage you, to not only engage in our Sunday Worship Services, but also Sunday School, small group Bible studies, youth group, and prayer times!

Learning together at the feet of Jesus,

Pastor Carlson



We are considering having another New Members Class this fall. The class is primarily for people who are new to Peace Free Lutheran Church but is also open to all members and visitors. This class typically covers topics such as: What is a Christian?, The Reliability of the Bible, Overview of the Bible, Core teachings of the Christian Faith such as:

Justification/ Sanctification/ Glorification, Distinctions of the Lutheran Denomination, History of Peace Free Lutheran Church, Opportunities for Involvement at Peace, and Biblical Positions on Contemporary Issues. Please contact Pastor Carlson or the church office if you, or someone you know, might be interested.



Thank you for all of the caring and prayers for me during my recent eye surgery. It went well, for which I am very grateful. I am so blessed by my church family - Carolyn Johnston

FROM THE COUNCIL



1. Pastor reported that we continue to have visitors every week. One man who is here to work for several months found us online and decided to come so our online/social media presence makes a difference. We are currently working on upgrading our website. For Adult Sunday school, he finished up his series on *The Christian Heritage of America* which was well received. He started the next series on *Understanding Islam*. He continues to connect with people through visitation and is looking to have another New Member Class this fall. The PDHC Life Gala is on Sept 17th. Peace is hosting a Life Breakfast for pastors and church leaders the next morning in support of PDHC. He is in contact with the LifeWise ministry for Canal Winchester. The AFLC Evangelism director, Pastor Randy Nelson will be here at the end of September. He will preach, teach SS, and work with the Evangelism committee.
2. The Finance Committee reported that our income is up from last year at this time, but so is our expenditure. We have had to do a lot of work on the church building. The 2027 budget was distributed for review and will be voted on in September to present to the congregation in October.
3. The Evangelism Committee reported that they had gone over current programs with new members to acclimate them to the team. The team plans to look into lectures offered by AFLC seminary instructors to see if any may be of interest to our congregation. The Living Nativity team met and is making great progress. Plans will be presented during Sunday School on September 13th.
4. The Parish Life Committee reported that although the weather did not cooperate and no games were played outside, the Church picnic went very well with 89 in attendance! Our annual Labor Day hotdog giveaway is on September 7th. We are receiving donations and making plans at this time.
5. The Property Committee reported the following work done on the parsonage: New tile floor was installed in the bathroom, New light installed in the kitchen w/ceiling fan, and it was cleaned throughout. Recommendations: replace the blinds and re-carpet the bedroom. The following work was done on the PCC: HVAC serviced in the PCC, and Earl and Tim repaired and painted the firewall atop the roofline. In addition, we received an estimate for taking down the tree in front of the parsonage. Also, they considered options for the use of the parsonage house and recommend that the church keep it available for ministry purposes such as short term emergency housing, or housing for visiting missionaries or clergy. Eventually we may use the parsonage to begin housing interns in the future.
6. The Social Concerns Committee reported that the PDHC Gala is Sept 17th. Faith Houck is organizing our reservations. We just finished up donations for the CW Human Services Tools for School drive. A monetary donation will also be made.
7. The Stewardship Committee reported that donations to CW Food Pantry, Lancaster Food Pantry, and Pastor Al Pinno were made from their Miscellaneous Funds. Their regular Quarterly Giving numbers were completed and they removed Al Pinno from quarterly giving as the website is no longer NON-PROFIT. They added the K-family and the Chmiel family to their quarterly giving list.

September lectors

September 6

8:00am—Amy Murray
10:30am—Stephanie Fox

September 13

8:00am—Mary Pabst
10:30am—Debbie Crawford

September 20

8:00am—Shane Clark
10:30am—Stephanie Fox

September 27

8:00am—Denise Clark
10:30am—Pam White



Peace Free Lutheran Church Financials Through July 2026

General Fund Income: \$158,742
General Fund Expenditures:
\$168,236

Members may request a copy of the Council Minutes and Financial reports from the church office.

Greek Pasta Salad

From the kitchen Cathy McIntyre

Ingredients

- 16 oz. bow tie pasta
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 pt. grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cucumber
- 1 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh herbs, such as mint, dill or parsley
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta

Directions:

1. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water, and let cool.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, lemon juice, salt, pepper, and dried oregano.
3. Add the tomato and red onion, and let sit for 10 minutes.
4. Add the cooled pasta, cucumber, olives, and herbs. Mix well.
5. Top with crumbled feta cheese. Enjoy!



Meet our newest members!



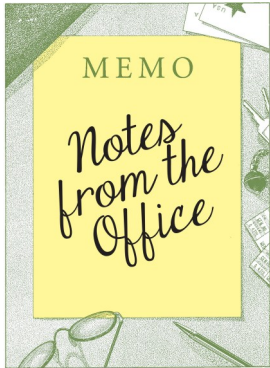
Tyler and Alyssa Richardson welcomed baby Thomas (James) on August 5th. He was 6 lbs, 10 oz and 19 inches long. Mom, Dad, and big brother David are doing well. Congratulations to the Richardson family!

Thomas was baptized here at Peace Free Lutheran church on August 30th, 2026.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6



Alyssa was also received into membership on August 30th, 2026. Welcome Alyssa!



1. We now have Closed Caption available on the livestream! Just click on the symbol  in your browser to turn it on.
2. There is another new directory update available for August 2026. Please call or email the office if you need one. You may get an email copy or a hard copy booklet.
3. It's been a great summer at Chestnut Ridge park, but starting on Sunday September 13th, the 8:00am service will be held in the church sanctuary.
4. The next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 9:30am in the sanctuary. We will be presenting the 2027 budget for approval.



Pastor Randy Nelson, the AFLC National Evangelism and Discipleship Director, will be in Canal Winchester from September 24th-27th.

Pastor Randy will be leading the Men's Breakfast/Bible study on Saturday the 26th at 8:00am. He will also be teaching the adult Sunday school class and preaching at both services on Sunday the 27th.

Please take this opportunity to meet him and hear more about this organization and what it does.

Starts September 13th!



We're excited to kick off the year together, and our first week will start with a special meeting to go over plans for the Living Nativity. We would love for our entire church family to be a part of it.

Youth Sunday School is for ages 3 (or potty trained) through 18 and runs from 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. We would love to have you join us! In addition, while the kids are in Sunday School, there is also an amazing adult Sunday School class happening as well. Something for everyone here at Peace!



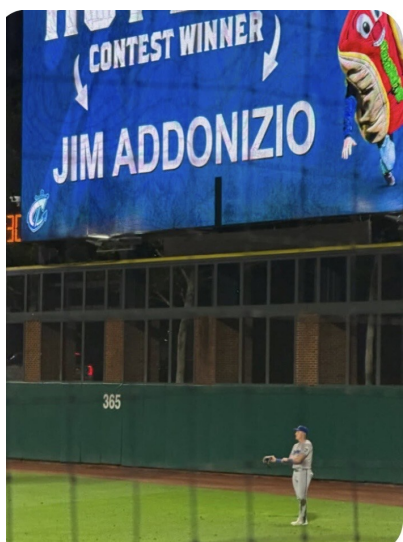
Bob Davis was 90 years young on August 31!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB!!



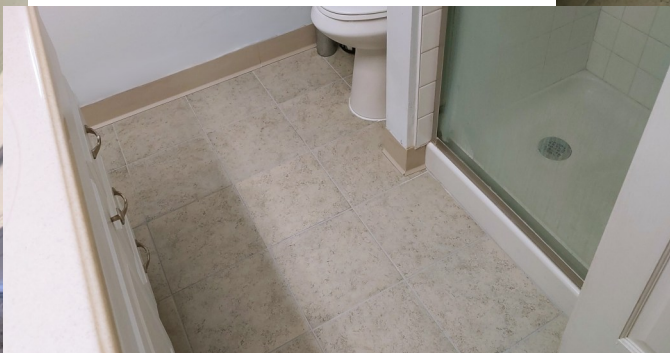
Faith Night with the Columbus Clippers

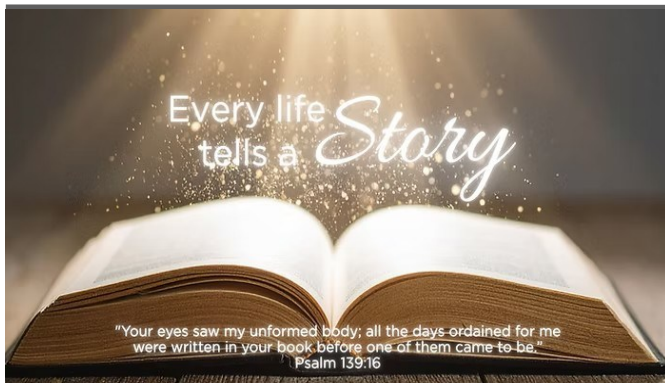
A few of the “Peace Team” had a great time at the ol’ ball game. Not only did the Clippers win the game, our own Jim Addonizio won a contest drawing, and Tim Householder fielded a t-shirt!



Out with the old, in with the new!

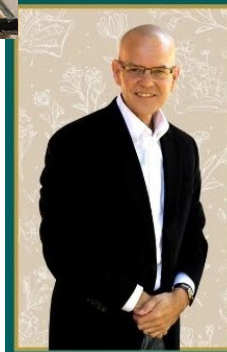
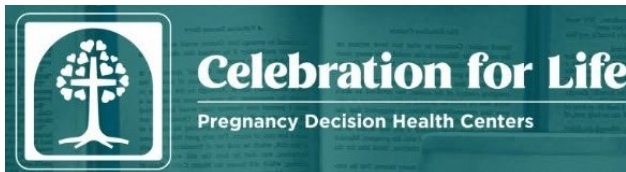
After many years, the parsonage bathroom got a new floor...literally! It turns out it had 4 layers of floor under the tile, all of which were replaced. Next on the docket will be carpet for the master bedroom and paint. Many thanks to Tim for taking care of the repairs and upgrades around the parsonage and church.





The 2026 PDHC Gala will be held on Thursday, September 17th at The Tree Church in Lancaster. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and a program to start at 6:00 p.m. Go to <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/gala> for more details on the location and program and also to register for the event. If you are interested in attending this fundraiser with a group from Peace Free Lutheran, please call Faith Houck at (716) 867-9155 by Friday, September 10th so she can register the group.

PDHC Gala 2026! September 17th at 6:00 p.m.



Lancaster Gala

Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at The Tree Church

Mike Spencer

International speaker,
author of "Humanly
Speaking" and founder of
Project Life Voice.

Introducing the first ever "Life Breakfast"

In conjunction with PDHC, we will be hosting a "Life Breakfast" here at Peace for Pastors and church leaders on Friday, September 18th! Greg Leitch will be coordinating the breakfast. We are inviting local church pastors and leaders to this. This is the first time that PDHC has done this. I am praying and working for at least 40 people! It is so important that church leaders are fully committed to LIFE!
- Pastor Carlson

September "Bible In One Year" Reading Schedule

DATE	OT Verse	NT Verse	DATE	OT Verse	NT Verse
09/01/26	Psalms 135-136	2 Cor. 11	09/16/26	Lam. 3-5	
09/02/26	Psalms 137-139		09/17/26	Amos 1-3	John 7
09/03/26	Psalms 140-142	2 Cor. 12	09/18/26	Amos 4-6	
09/04/26	Psalms 143-145	2 Cor. 13	09/19/26	Amos 7-9	
09/05/26	Psalms 146-147	John 1	09/20/26	Ezekiel 1-2	John 8
09/06/26	Psalms 148-150		09/21/26	Ezekiel 3-4	John 9
09/07/26	Judges 1-3	John 2	09/22/26	Ezekiel 5-7	
09/08/26	Judges 4-6		09/23/26	Ezekiel 8-10	John 10
09/09/26	Judges 7-8	John 3	09/24/26	Ezekiel 11-13	
09/10/26	Judges 9-10		09/25/26	Ezekiel 14-15	John 11
09/11/26	Judges 11-12	John 4	09/26/26	Ezekiel 16-17	
09/12/26	Judges 13-15	John 5	09/27/26	Ezekiel 18-19	John 12
09/13/26	Judges 16-18		09/28/26	Ezekiel 20-21	
09/14/26	Judges 19-21		09/29/26	Ezekiel 22-23	John 13
09/15/26	Lam. 1-2	John 6	09/30/26	Ezekiel 24-26	



Ben Carlson
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

Our 2026 College Students

Meet the students we pray for every week! Best wishes for a safe and successful year to Ben, Adam, Lilly, Logan, Olivia, Sean, Connor, Jadon, and Karissa

Heavenly Father, we lift up all students to You. Guide them through this school year with Your wisdom and grace. Help them to learn, grow, and achieve their best. Amen.



Adam Moneypenny
Wilmington College



Lilly Haverfield
Bowling Green State University



Logan Haverfield
Wright State University



Olivia Householder
Ohio University



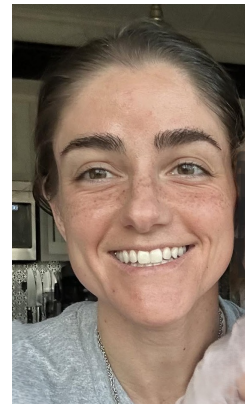
Sean Moneypenny
Otterbein University



Connor Huston
University of Alabama



Jadon Stearns
Capital University



Karissa Jensen
Cleveland State University

First Service (8:00 a.m.)

September 6 N/A
September 13 Fred Voigt
September 20 MaKenna Cassidy
September 27 Micah Haverfield

September Acolyte Schedule

Second service (10:30 a.m.)

Eli Hess and Becky Mosher-Wheeler
will alternate



Living Nativity

Planning for the Living Nativity is proceeding! There will be a presentation during the adult Sunday school class on September 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the PCC for anyone interested in helping or just curious about how this Live Nativity project will work. All ages are invited to come and see what this is all about!

MY PRAYER JOURNAL

TODAYS DATE _____

MONTH: J F M A M J J A S O N D

DAY OF THE WEEK: S M T W T H F S

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

GOD, I ASK YOU FOR:



SOMETHING GOOD THAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS:

I'M THANKFUL FOR:

I'M SORRY FOR:

SOMETHING NOT SO GREAT HAPPENED TODAY, AND I NEED PRAYERS:

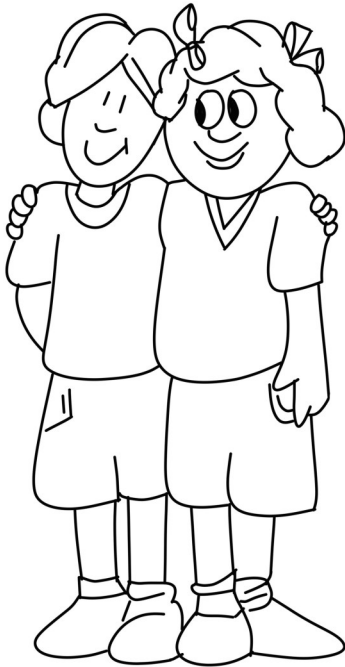


A SPECIAL NOTE OR PICTURE FOR GOD:

I AM PRAYING FOR:

I can
WORSHIP

God by:



helping someone
who needs a

friend



praying

and talking
to God anytime



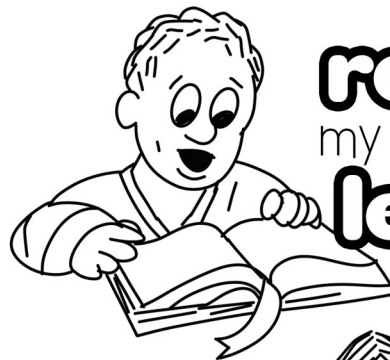
going to church with

my family



giving to others
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**happy
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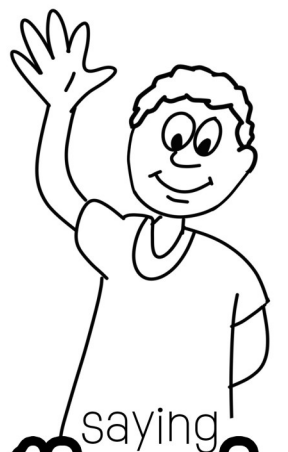


reading

my Bible and

learning

God's truth



saying
**thank
you**



celebrating

Jesus



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	3	5	5
6 Worship in the woods 8:00am: Worship Svc 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Parish Life 11:45am	7 Office Closed Labor Day Hotdog Giveaway 12:00pm	8 Women's Daytime Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center-11:30am Bible Study in PCC-1:00pm Women's Evening Bible Stdy 6:30pm	9 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am Deacons Mtg 10am
13 Worship Svcs 8am&10:30am; Sunday School 9:15am Jauert Home Bible Study 6:30pm Haverfield Home Bible Study 6:30pm	14	15 Women's Daytime Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center-11:30am Bible Study in PCC-1:00pm Council Meeting 7pm	16 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	17 PDHC Gala in Lancaster 5:30pm	18 PDHC Pastors Breakfast 8:30am	19
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27 Worship Svcs 8am&10:30am; Sunday School 9:15am	28 Stewardship Meeting 2pm	29 Women's Daytime Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center-11:30am Bible Study in PCC-1:00pm	30 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm			



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SEPTEMBER *Birthdays*

2nd Shane Clark	17th Chase Grey
6th Anthony Grey	20th Sam Carlson
6th Shelly Brown	21st Marge Tamte
7th Gary Clark	21st Sally Blackburn
8th Jeremy Hess	23rd Kit Steiff
10th Bonnie Richardson	23rd Debbie Rehl
10th Randy Berry	24th Jeanne Sherman
11th Mailyn VanSickle	25th Emily Haverfield
12th Sarah Hess	28th Makenna Cassidy
12th Jo Binkley	28th Sawyer Boczek
13th Ellie Clark	
16th Bill Snowball	
17th Peggy Cassidy	



SEPTEMBER *Anniversaries*

5th Richard and DiAnn Cole
8th Nick and Diane Boczek
10th Mike and Chelle Coleman
11th Bill and Winnie Minor
12th Don and Teresa Rawlings
14th Marty and Jo Binkley
16th Zack and Nikki Hall
26th Jeremy and Sarah Hess
28th Bob and Carolyn Johnston