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As the warm embrace of summer gradually gives way to the cooler winds of autumn, we find ourselves at the cusp of change once again. The end of summer is a time of transition, a moment to reflect on the beauty and experiences that the season has bestowed upon us. It is also an opportunity to turn our hearts and minds towards gratitude, renewal, and spiritual connection. I found this prayer which I think might be appropriate for each one of us.

An End of Summer Prayer for Unity

Heavenly Father, With the end of summer drawing near, I pray for unity and harmony to prevail in our world. As the leaves of diverse cultures and backgrounds come together, may we, too, find common ground and understanding. Let the spirit of unity bridge the gaps that divide us, allowing love and compassion to flourish. In the changing of seasons, may we be reminded of our shared humanity and the importance of coming together as one global family. Amen.

The following persons will be in our pulpit for the month of September:

September 7 (Communion) Steve Newton

September 14 Kris Crawford

September 21 Evan Dolive

September 28 Jim Dees

You will notice a new name on the pulpit supply list—Reverend Kris Crawford. She is a PCUSA minister who has recently moved with her husband to Lake Cherokee. She is interested in pulpit supply and in being a grandmother to her grandkids. Please give her a warm welcome on September 14.

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship Committee

Members include Lynn Tieken, Mary Lowe, and Kathy Porter.



Did You Know?



C.E. Green Team

The **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM** remains resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.

If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the **fourth Monday** of each month. Please send e-mail submissions to **Liz and Louise**.

Team Members are Liz, Louise, and Kathy (Suzanne-proofreader).



OUTREACH

During the month of August members of the Outreach Team helped pack the backpacks for the Yates Park School Supply drive to which the church contributed \$455. Watermelons were delivered during the Adopt-a-Block with the help of long-time friends Jim and Pat Wallace.

Team members are covering the HIM office so Monica can join the Chamber mid-morning coffee along with church members. The next mid-morning coffee will be Thursday, September 11 at Boys and Girls Club.

The Outreach Committee will meet at 1 PM on September 8 to review plans for the remainder of the year and create a budget for 2026.

Louise, John H., John T., Lynn, Jan, Sylvia, & Kathy



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



July 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$7,974	\$7,152	\$822
June 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$7,170	\$15,570	-\$8,400
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$53,555	\$61,143	-\$7,588

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Due to an accident unrelated to our church, involving Jose Diaz, our tree/limb/brush worker, the work on tree limbs on our side of fence line, landscape dig for better water drainage and gutter installment has been postponed for a couple of months. Please be in prayer for Jose's recovery.

The sloped concrete block outside sanctuary door entrance has been completed. Three generous church members made this happen. Easier access into the sanctuary from outside is now possible for our worshipers.

In August, John B. Hillin came to our aid and replaced ten sprinkler heads within the church yard's sprinkler system making the watering of the yard more efficient. Thank you for your time and effort, John, and for saving us funds for a service call.

Our committee is currently looking into a yearly service contract with Shawnee AC & Heating for servicing our units. More news on this will be coming in our October newsletter.

Our lone tree on the east side of our building has lost another limb. This tree, as you may remember, was given to our church many years ago in memory of John H. Hillin. It was originally planted on the west side yard by the bell tower but was dug up and replanted where it stands today. A few years ago it was struck by lightening and has suffered at least two lost limbs over the past few months. Clean up of both limbs was done out of pure kindness by Harriett Craig and crew from the City of Henderson's Park force. A letter was sent to the City of Henderson, attention to Harriett, thanking her for her crew's efforts in taking care of what needed to be done and saving us time and money. On a personal note, knowing the wit of the Hillin family over the years, I can just imagine the conversation that would have ensued between John H., Margaret and John B. on the plight of this Hillin tree. Great family, great memories.



Thank you on behalf of our building and grounds team of Charlie, Steve, John, John T, Tom, and Kathy, Jan, chair

FINANCE

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who has submitted their pledge card for 2026. We will be meeting soon and attempting to create a realistic budget for the new year. This budget will be submitted to the Session at their September meeting for their study and approval.

FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBER CARE

Our third fellowship luncheon will be held on Sunday, **September 21**. This meal will be catered by Say Graze (owner Leandra Olvera). We will have lasagna, green beans, salad, bread and two scrumptious desserts. At this luncheon, Louise and Jan will present the plans for our "church re-homing sale" that will occur on Saturday, **October 11**. Don't miss this luncheon of great food and instructions on your opportunities to re-home items before the sale date. All proceeds will go to Camp Gilmont.



Be sure and save the date for our final fellowship luncheon of the year on Sunday, **December 21**.

Continue to be in prayer for our homebound members and all those who are in our hearts.

On behalf of Kathy, Mary, Suzanne and Kelly,

Grace and Peace, Jan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—The Sunday School class is continuing its study of *Appreciate These Things*—8 Ways to Cultivate Compassion by Jill Duffield. We will finish this study sometime in September. Afterwards, we will begin the study of the book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Reverend Adam Hamilton, who was the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. This church grew to have over 20,000 members. The book divides itself into two basic sections. The first is The Nature of Scripture. Chapters include topics like What the Bible is Not; Jesus and the Old Testament; Reading Someone Else's Letters; How, When, and Why the Gospels Were Written; Who Really Wrote Paul's Letters; Is the Bible Inspired?; and A High View of Scripture, in addition to several others. The second section is Making Sense of the Bible's Challenging Passages. Topics include Science, the Bible, and the Creation Stories; Were Adam and Eve Real People?; God's Violence in the Old Testament; Did Jesus Really Say That?; Women Need Not Apply; Making Sense of the Book of Revelation; and several others. This book is very easy to read, but it is also very thought-provoking. Please join us if you want to challenge yourself to think more deeply about the Bible.

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship/Christian Education

Members of CE include Lynn Tieken, Kathy Porter, Sylvia Conlee, John Hillin, Steve Lowe.

September 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<div>1</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div></div> <div>labor day</div> <div>11:00 Worship Meeting</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>3</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>5</div> <div>Meals on Wheels</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>6</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
<div>7</div> <div>9:45 Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 Worship & Communion with Steve Newton</div> <div>Home Communion</div>	<div>8</div> <div>11:00 Worship Meeting</div> <div>1:00 Outreach Meeting</div> <div></div>	<div>9</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>10</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:30 Chamber Mid-Morning Coffee @ Boys and Girls Club</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>Meals on Wheels</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
<div>14</div> <div>9:45 Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 Worship with Rev. Kris Crawford</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>11:00 Worship Meeting</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>16</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>Meals on Wheels</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>20</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
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<div>28</div> <div>9:45 Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 Worship with Rev. Jim Dees</div> <div>12:15 Session Meeting</div>	<div>29</div> <div>11:00 Worship Meeting</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>30</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>				



Liturgists for September

- 7—Liz
- 14—Lynn
- 21—Suzanne
- 28—Kathy



September Birthdays:

- 1—Cindy
- 17—Claudia
- 24—Lynn
- 29—Louise