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Sunday, October 5, is World Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating communion at our church along with Christians all around the world. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are our brothers and sisters in the faith. On this day, we, along with Christians everywhere, draw faith and inspiration from seeing that all of us are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. World Communion Sunday is a celebration of the Christian faith's inherent globality. It serves as a poignant reminder that, despite geographical and cultural differences, believers are united in their shared beliefs and values. As believers from diverse backgrounds and cultures come together in shared communion, we not only reaffirm our own faith but also demonstrate our unity in Christ—a unity that transcends racial, cultural, linguistic, and denominational boundaries. In a time of great division and partisanship not only in our country but also around the globe, World Communion Sunday helps to bring us together, helps us to reflect on what we have in common with fellow believers, and helps us to realize that all of us are fellow servants of the triune God that we worship.

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

October 5 (Communion) Steve Newton

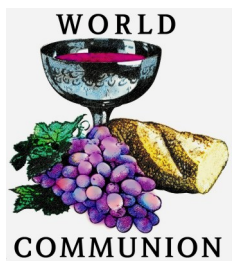
October 12 Katie Cummings

October 19 Jimmy Chapman

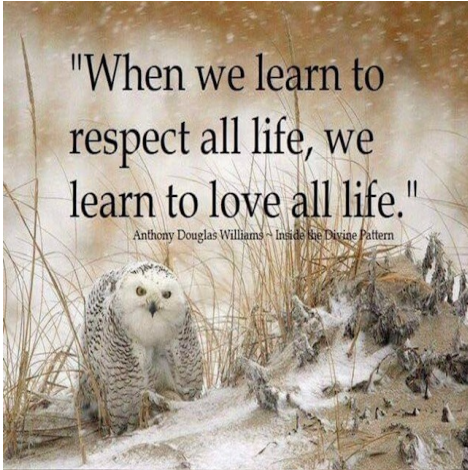
October 26 David Reeder

There is a new name on the pulpit supply list—Reverend Katie Cummings. She is the Associate Executive Presbyter of Grace Presbytery. We are the first church in East Texas to ask her to fill our pulpit. Let us all give her a warm welcome as she visits our church on October 12.

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

The Communication Committee is honored to serve the congregation by keeping everyone informed and connected. Our responsibilities include: posting the church service bulletin to the website, keeping the church website up to date, updating church marketing materials, collecting monthly newsletter submissions, conducting multiple rounds of proofreading for the newsletter, signing off on the newsletter for publication and distribution. We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored in this service.



If you have something to include in the monthly newsletter, please note that the submission deadline is the fourth Monday of each month. Send submissions via email to Liz and Louise.

Team Members: Liz, Louise, and Kathy,

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee met to finalize plans for 2025 and set goals for 2026. We will be working with the Building and Grounds Committee on the “Rehoming Sale.” Details are in the Fellowship article.

A donation of \$100 was given to the Paint the Town Pink project and pink ribbons will decorate the church grounds during October.

Mid-morning coffee will be October 9 at 1st Title Company on S Marshall at 9:30. We will be able to remind the community about the Rehoming Sale. All are welcome to attend and represent our church.

The Hustle Kindness will occur at noon on October 23. The staff at the Henderson branch of the Rusk County Library will be served a lite lunch. All are welcome to join in the hustle.

Our final Adopt a Block will be November 1.

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



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



August 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$10,697	\$6,101	\$4,596
July 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$7,974	\$7,152	\$822
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$65,162	\$68,155	-\$2,993

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

With the tree trimming completed, your building and grounds team is currently meeting to decide on how our drainage ditch dig and gutter installment projects need to proceed. At this newsletter press time, we are meeting to “nail all this down.”

Other problem areas of the church building and grounds have come up over this past month and have either been resolved or are in the process of being resolved. These will be reported in next month’s newsletter.

The building and grounds team appreciates all members keeping their ears and eyes open as to any building need.

Team members are: John T, John H, Charlie, Kathy, Tom and Steve.

Grace and Peace, Jan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School class which meets in the parlor has begun its study of the book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Rev. 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. We are in the first section of the book: The Nature of Scripture. The book is an easy read and easy to understand, though its topics are thought-provoking. All are invited to come if you want to think more deeply about the Bible and what it means for each one of us in today’s perplexing world.

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship/Christian Education

Members of CE include Lynn, Kathy, Sylvia, John H., Steve



FINANCE

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who pledged for 2026 and also thanks to all committee chairpersons who got their requested budget for next year to our committee in a timely manner. Our budget for the calendar year 2026 has been created and will be presented to the Session for its approval on September 28. If approved it will be made available to the congregation at the October 19 congregational meeting.



FELLOWSHIP

Our third fellowship luncheon occurred on Sunday, September 21st immediately following worship. Mary Lowe decorated with beautiful fall themed colors and tasty dishes of lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and chocolate cake were catered by Say Graze cook, Leandra Olvera. The meal was enjoyed by all.

A program was presented about our upcoming “Rehoming Sale” to be held on Saturday, October 11th from 9am until 5pm. Jan led a question and answer discussion after lunch. Church volunteers were asked to sign up for two dates:



Saturday, October 4th sale set up in the fellowship hall. Those agreeing to be in attendance for working to set up items for the sale are: Suzanne, Jan, Carol, Kathy, Mary, Kelly and Steve. We are confident this list will grow as others who were not present in worship today will volunteer over the next few weeks. More men are needed as there are heavy pieces to be moved.

Setting up the sale on Oct. 4th will enable all church members to have time to shop and select any item(s) they might want before the actual sale on Oct. 11th. Any donations a member might want to make presale, along with any monies made during the sale will go towards the “Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches” campaign for Camp Gilmont’s youth camps.

Saturday, October 11th sale day. Those who have signed up so far are: Suzanne, Kathy and Jan. Again, more volunteers are needed. Thank you!

Our final luncheon of the year will be on **Sunday, December 21st** and our guest preacher, David Reeder and wife Sonya will be in attendance. David will present a program of interest. Save the date of December 21st!



MEMBER CARE

With great assistance from our church session, we are able to visit with and serve communion to our home bound members each month as they are able... Bob, Cindy, Bill, Carolyn and Margaret. Thanks be to God !

With praise and thanksgiving to Christ Jesus, Jan

October 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Meals on Wheels	4 Set-up Rehoming Sale
5 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	6 11:00 Worship Meeting National 4-H Week October 5-11	7 5:30-8:30 National Night Out	8	9 9:30 Chamber Mid-Morning Coffee @ First Title Company	10 Meals on Wheels 1:00 Pine Lodge 102nd Birthday for Margaret	11 9-5 Rehoming Sale
12 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Katie Cummings	13 11:00 Worship Meeting	14	15	16	17 Meals on Wheels	18
19 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman & Congregational Mtg.	20 11:00 Worship Meeting	21	22	23 12:00 Hustle Kindness @ Rusk County Library Presbytery Meeting @ Northridge in Dallas	24 Meals on Wheels	25
26 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder	27 11:00 Worship Meeting Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30	31 	



Liturgists for October

5—Louise

12—Jimmy

19—Sylvia

26—Jan



October Birthdays:

12-Margaret



20 -Sylvia