

Faith's Blessings

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*“...so that with one mind
and one voice
you may glorify
the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 15:6

As I write this month's pastoral reflection, I am readying for some time away with Allen to the log cabin we have stayed at this same time each year. I look forward to sitting by the fire with a cup of coffee in one hand and my Kindle, newly loaded with mysteries to read, in the other, as the water of the Clarion River moves silently by. It is quiet and peaceful at the campground, surrounded by tall maples, oaks and pines, chipmunks peeking up through the grass, dashing to and fro. Children have started back to school, parents and grandparents are filling their calendars, just beginning to figure out a routine for the new school year. Others are lining up their days with to-do's like cleaning up the garden and thinking about what needs done before the first snow as they look forward to football games, fall festivals and hunting season. Whatever the end of summer brings with it, I witness the hope found in moving from one season to the next, like turning pages of a book.

This morning as I headed to the church the red maple that stands alongside some mighty oaks in front of our house caught my eye as a few leaves have already fallen to the ground. This brought to mind how the trees stand as witnesses to hope, praising God. I say this because that is what trees do! If we think about it...trees

trust that a new season will follow, one after the other just as we put our trust in God as we, too, move from season to season with nary a glitch. Buds emerging in spring, giving way to leafy branches in summer, changing into their autumn colors as the “ber” (or is that “burr”) months approach, laying “asleep” as the white stuff falls and melts and falls again, until spring arrives – branches always lifted upward to God like praying hands...giving God the glory for life.

I was reading an article by John Blase on scholar and writer, James Packer, who died in 2020, just five days before his 94th birthday. “Packer championed biblical authority and disciple-making and urged believers in Christ everywhere to take living for Jesus seriously.” He was asked what his final words to the church would be and he replied with just four words: “Glorify Christ every way.”

Blase noted that those four words reflected the life of the apostle Paul whose life is an example for us. “We can glorify (honor) God in many ways, but one is by living the life set before us and leaving the results in God’s unchanging hands.” Whether we are working in the yard or around the house, caring for an aging parent, juggling our calendars, bustling through our daily routines, watching our favorite sports team with some friends, or enjoying sitting by a campfire as the waters of a river pass by —the same goal holds: *Glorify Christ every way!* As we pray and read Scripture, as we lift our voices as one in worship, as we sing hymns, eat doughnuts, enjoy fellowship, study and learn, craft and play, God helps us live with devoted obedience and keeps our daily lives on track to honor Jesus in everything we say and do...from season to season.

May the new season before us be filled with the joys found within it and may you “live for Jesus”, glorifying Him in every way. Thanks be to God!

In grace and peace,

Pastor Kathy +





During the month of August we lifted the following in prayer: Chris Maust, Sherri Will, Diane Wensel, Connor Beachy, Amber Walker, Champ Slayton, Carmella Lane, Brenda Troy, Jane Pugh, Bishop Paula, Faith's Homebound Members and Family and Friends of Satin Schrift.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 814-443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

Second Offering

We collected \$66.00 for SAM Van during our Second Sunday offering in August. Our Second Offering for the month of September has been designated for the "Shop with a Cop" Program. Your donations help those children who have been affected by a crime spend time with a cop and do some shopping. Thank you for helping this outreach!



As summer winds down and the kids return to school, plan to become involved in the upcoming Fall activities at church.

Watch for a list of upcoming events as well as the regular returning in September such as choir, Kid's Kingdom and Youth in Action.



It won't be long until the church holds its annual congregational meeting so think about serving on church council as we enter into a new year!!

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of September

Sept. 1

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Olivia George
Greeters	Dan & Dawn Walker		
Council Person	Sandy Pyle		

Sept. 8

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Ari Ohler
Greeters	Genette & Sammy Swank		

Sept. 15

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Bob Dupstadt
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Acolyte	Kohen Breegle
Greeters	Cindy Miller & Brenda Maust		

Sept. 22

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Bob Dupstadt & Karen Shaffer		

Sept. 29

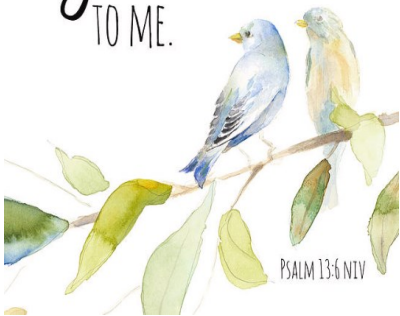
Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Justin & Brandi Rhoads		

**Please remember, that if you have a "job" and can't be here, you must
find a replacement and notify the office!**

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Donut Sunday	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:30 am	6	7 Creative Crafters 1 pm
8 Worship 9 am 2nd Sun Offering Kid's Kingdom/ YIA Rally Sunday 3rd grade Bible Presentation Back to School Blessings	9 WELCA 7 pm	10 Caring Workers 10 am	11 Council Mtg 7 pm	12 Bible Study 10:30 am	13	14
15 Worship 9 am	16	17 Caring Workers 10 am	18	19 Bible Study 10:30 am	20	21
22 Worship 10 am Family Banquet	23	24 Caring Workers 10 am	25	26 Bible Study 10:30 am	27	28
29 Worship 9 am 5th Sun. Offer- ing/Pastor Dis- cretionary Fund Youth in Action- Kickoff w/Jesus 4-6 pm	30					
				September Second Offering will be collected for SHOP WITH A COP		

Sing
TO THE
Lord,
FOR HE HAS BEEN
Good
TO ME.



Lift every voice and sing!

Faith's Choir needs your voice!

Practice begins September 15th
immediately following worship service.

It runs for 15 minutes.

15 minutes is all that's needed.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every
activity under the heavens...

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Take time to sing! Please...Come...join in!



Rodney Will	Sept 2	Charles Brant	Sept 19 (90 yrs)
Hazel Moore	Sept 3 (97 yrs)	Lindsey Shaffer	Sept 20
Dylan Pyle	Sept 3	Derrick Black	Sept 21
Donald Raupach	Sept 3	Dakota Weyant	Sept 21
Carl Schrock	Sept 4 (86 yrs)	Casey Romus	Sept 22
Jack Loffert	Sept 6	Shawn Shaffer	Sept 22
Doris Lehman	Sept 8 (84 yrs)	Keith Friedline	Sept 23
Aaron Rhoads	Sept 8	Jane Pugh	Sept 23
Gary Tataleba	Sept 10	Paul Will	Sept 23
Jacob Fochtman	Sept 11	Charley Domer	Sept 24
Brian Trent	Sept 11	Catherine Tims	Sept 25
Oakleigh Breegle	Sept 13	Khloe Lohr	Sept 26
Lily Walker	Sept 13	Ross Auman	Sept 27
Lisa Phillips	Sept 14	Kyle Weaver	Sept 27
Hudson Hillegas	Sept 17	Casey Carpenter	Sept 30
Brianna Trent	Sept 18	Lenny Miller	Sept 30



Clarence & Joan Walker	Sept 3	53 yrs
Michael & Kaitlyn Sulkowski	Sept 6	10 yrs
Melissa & Bradley Lenart	Sept 10	19 yrs
Blair & Irma Walker	Sept 11	53 yrs
Stephen & Jayme Matolyak	Sept 15	6 yrs
Kristi & Jim Pessalano	Sept 18	4 yrs
Clair & Loretta Weyant	Sept 20	15 yrs
Michael & Brandy Shepley	Sept 21	11 yrs
Clay & Cheryl Cramer	Sept 25	48 yrs
Brittany & Zachary McClellan	Sept 30	1 yr

Faith's Annual Family Banquet

**Join us following worship
on Sunday September 22nd**

**There will be fun, food, fellowship, fabulous
prizes & music**

by the quartet: Still Singing

**Menu consists of: Swiss Steak, Turkey,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing Balls, Salad
and Dessert**

Adults \$14 (80 & over are our guests, no charge)

Children 12 & under are FREE

Reservations due Sept 8th



Property Committee “To Do List”

Listed below are items the Property Committee would like help with. If you are able and willing to work on any of these items, please let a member of the committee know

If you have any questions, see Gene Hillegas or Carl Schrock.

Front entrance to fellowship hall needs new siding and trim and doors need painted

Several walls/places in the church need painted

Blinds in classrooms need repaired/replaced

Picnic tables at pavilion need sanded/painted

Light pole at rear of church (pavilion side) needs conduit

Weeding

Lines in parking need painted being worked on– work in progress

Arch at gazebo needs repaired

Join us on Sunday, September 8th,
for Faith's



Back 2 School Sunday Funday!

We will have Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

“I Am the Bread of Life” Family & Intergenerational Fun

Food and Fellowship!

Let's kick off our children, youth, family and adult activities as we
serve Christ and community in community with one another!



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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month