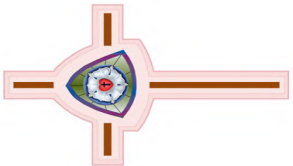


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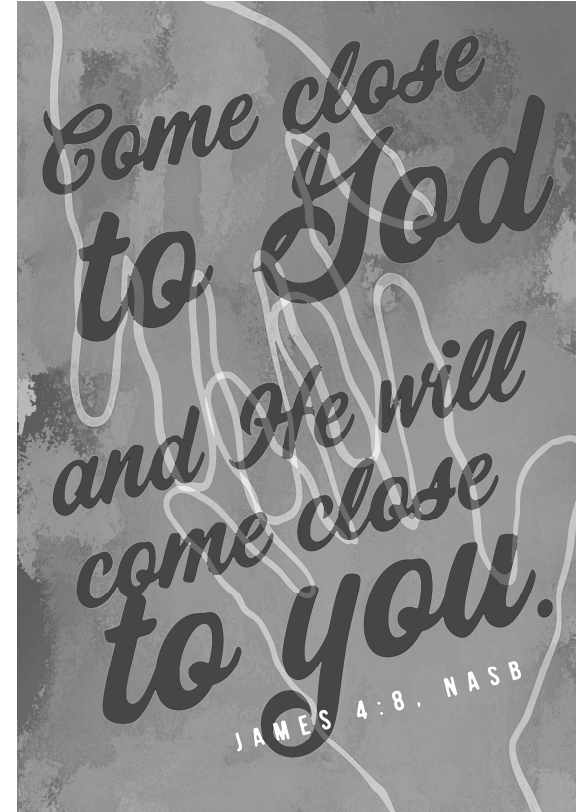
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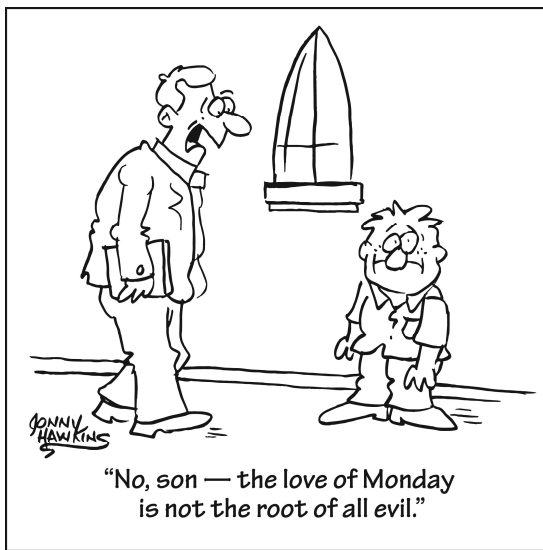
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## Status of Accounts as of July 31

Balance in Checking Account \$38,110.09

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2021 Annual Budget of \$202,094.00 is **\$16,841.17**

June & July income was \$28,138.98.

Expenses for June & July were \$31,261.55, resulting in a loss of \$3,122.57 for the two months.

Benevolence Gifts through July is \$7,799.00

(52% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2021)

## CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Beth Andrews Secretary	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
Angie Berger	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Debra Price	570-875-4272	Feb. 2024
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
Stefan Swanson	610-849-6662	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024
Joseph McAndrew Youth Representative		

## PASTOR

Awaiting assignment of Designated Pastor

## STAFF

<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Deb Hall	570-875-1591
	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
<b>Director of Music</b>	Jamie Johnson	570-590-1678
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021



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## Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education  
Evangelism/Outreach  
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)  
Social Ministry  
Stewardship  
WELCA  
Worship & Music  
Multimedia Ministry  
Safety and Security Team

## Christ's United Committees

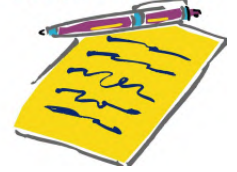
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Nominating  
Personnel

## **Christ's United Lutheran Church**

### Mission Statement

*We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.*

*From the  
Counci President*



Friends,

As our congregation battled through the pandemic, there were times when we thought things could not get much worse. Then they did. As vaccines became available we began to see things begin to loosen up, we were able to get back to the business of the church, "worship." This fall, for the first time in over a year, we will be bringing back our social hour after church.

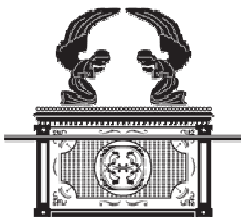
Now, a pastoral transition has occurred in our congregation. I want to assure you that the resources of the bishop, synod staff, district dean and your church council will be working to secure new pastoral leadership here at Christ's United Lutheran Church. I have no doubt about the lay leadership at our church and I know that they and others will certainly do their best and help us during this transition to a successful outcome. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid."

Briefly, I would like to explain what the steps will be in this transition process.

1. Meet with the mission district dean and synod staff person. On August 9, 2021, your church council met with Pastor David Rowe, Dean of the Schuylkill Mission District, Pastor David conducted the required exit interview with Pastor Laura. Following that meeting we met with Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner, Associate of the Bishop. She discussed pastoral care and introduced materials used in preparing a study report. This first step has been completed.

2. Gather information for the Parish Study Report. Information will be gathered from all interested members of the congregation. Two short forms will be distributed to members prior to Sunday worship:

## **Christian symbol**



**ARK OF THE COVENANT**—For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the

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3. Elect a Call Committee.

Six persons shall be elected by the church council to fill the role of calling a pastor and completing the Ministry Site Profile. If you are interested in serving as a member of this committee, please let me or any of our council members know.

4. Meet with the bishop.

After the Parish Study Report is completed, the bishop or designee will meet with the council, call committee, and all interested members of the congregation to discuss financial realities, roles defined and questions to be asked.

5. Identify a candidate.

The bishop will search for a candidate that is suitable.

6. Work of the Call Committee.

This consists of preparing for and interviewing a candidate.

7. Council meets with a candidate.

Council holds a formal vote in order to recommend the candidate to the congregation.

8. Informal reception.

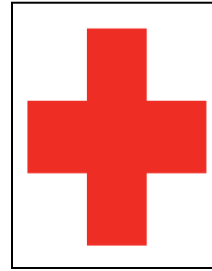
A reception is held in order to meet and greet the candidate.

9. Congregational Meeting.

Here a vote is taken to extend a call as pastor of our church.

This is a brief synopsis of what will take place in the ensuing months. We have made it through difficult times in the past and we will, God willing, make it through this one. If anyone is in need of pastoral care during this transition, please call the church office. Jesus said, "I am with you always."

Yours in Christ,



## American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

Community Room  
437 Airport Road (Gordon)  
Ashland, PA 17921

**Monday, October 4, 2021  
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Please contact Debbie Hall or call  
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule an appointment.

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Open to the public and walk-ins are Welcome!



## Annual Vickie's Angel Foundation Walk in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth

will be held at 9:00 a.m. September 11th at  
Christ's United.

All money collected will benefit families fighting cancer.  
Sign up sheets for walkers & donations and more information  
will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Any questions contact Deb Price at 570-875-4272.





## Church Council Highlights from August

- The decision was made to start Sunday School in October with 2 different age groups. Right now we have four children who are active. Cards will be sent out to all children of Sunday School age as an invitation.
- The Chicken BBQ drive-thru is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 from 3-6 p.m. The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday August 29 with much the same menu as previous years.
- Social Hour will begin on October 3 after worship. Council will serve.
- Driveway lights which had been damaged by a tractor trailer were fixed by Ken Dengler. Ken didn't charge any labor. We paid \$67.29 just for the cost of materials.
- John Denchak suggested including in the Newsletter that if anyone is in need of a ride to church they should call the church office. Deb Hall would then notify Angie Berger who volunteered to handle the requests.
- New electronic lighted church sign - Our present sign is getting dim. The brighter lights of a new sign would be programmed to be on during the day and a few hours in the evening so it wouldn't be a problem for the neighbors. Dennis Wolfe offered

# PUZZLE

## Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party - t = **P R A Y** (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps - p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

## September Council Contact of the month is Angie Berger

The Council Contact of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Angie,



Council Member  
of the Month

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## We Offer our Prayers to...

**August 15** – James Houser, Sr. (T. Houser)  
Margaret Reichenbaugh (J. Sweinhart)  
Carlee Spieles (K. Berner)  
Chad Weikel (L. Lute)  
Janet Krise (D. Berner)  
Robbie Link (I. Morgan)  
Pam Huhn (D. Zaharick)  
Jim Hepler (P. Hepler)

*Family of Nellie Schlorff*

**August 8** - Elizabeth Anderson (K. Berner)

*Family of Mike Seritsky*

**August 1** - Linda Zerby (J. Young)  
Jim Gruber (D. Gruber)  
Helen (D. Gruber)  
Deb Lentes (D. Hall)  
Ed Matalonis (C. Brennan)  
Mary Willier (P. Schaeffer)

*Family and Friends of Bill Price Sr.*

**July 25** - Amy Stauffer (C. Brennan)  
Pastor Laura  
Mary Ellen Coulter (D. Zaharick)  
Jesse Hepler (C. Varndell)  
Forrest Shadle

*Family of Joann Meade*



*The following Memorials were given to Christ's United since the last Newsletter:*

*In Memory of Bill Price Sr. by  
Don & Laray Klinger*

*In Memory of Nellie Schlorff by:  
Dorothy Zangari  
Don & Laray Klinger  
Amy Fegley  
Grace Johnson  
Rachel Reilly  
Bill & Sandy Miller*

*To Christ's United's Capital Campaign  
In Memory of Nellie Schlorff by:*

*Ron & Beth Andrews  
Jim Chappell  
Ron & Donna Wallace*



**Please continue to pray for:** Corrine & Josh Coward, Annette Houser, Tara Houser, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Bobby Liem, Gail Lorady, Dianna Monaghan, Irene Morgan, Nellie Schlorff, Cheryl Varndell, Jo-Ann Young, Leo Young, Linda Zerby Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Elizabeth Brown & family, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Jaden Leiby, Keith Morgan (G. Marquardt), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Danny Quick (A. Berger), Karen Schwalm (C. Carl), Albert Stehr, Carol Stehr, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich

*Please note that those experiencing a traumatic event are placed onto the Prayer List and will be kept on for one month and then taken off. Please provide updates to the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added, please call the office or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found on the Prayer Podium.*



**Saturday, September 25th**

The fall highway clean up of 2021.

Meet at the church at 8am.

Gloves, an orange vest, and trash bags are provided.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Rain date will be October 9th.

# Women of the ELCA

The next Women of ELCA Meeting will be September 1st at 6:00 pm  
All women of Christ's United are welcome to attend.



Saturday  
Worship Suspended

## Saturday Evening Worship Suspended

Until further notice, no Saturday Evening  
Worship Services will be held at Christ's  
United. Everyone is invited to attend

### Need a Ride?



### Do you need a ride to church?

We have members who are willing to offer  
rides to those who wish to attend worship  
but do not drive. If you need a ride (or if  
you are willing to offer rides, please call

Angie Berger (570-875-3598 - *leave message if no answer*) or the church

## Mark you Calendars!

Sunday School will begin for the fall on  
**October 3 at 10:45 a.m.** for all children from Pre  
-K through 6th Grade.

Anyone entering 7th grade is invited to  
begin Confirmation Instruction taught by Mark Varndell.

Adult Class will also resume. Watch for details.



## Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families.  
We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their  
needs and spiritual journey.

*This month we pray for:*

The Marlow Family - Dennis, Raven & Hayden  
The Sweinhart Family - Ivan & June  
The Wilson Family - Steve & Bernice,

## PRAYER CHAIN

Each day members of Christ's United bow  
their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for  
the ministries of this congregation and people  
in need.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each  
weekend, you may also have an email sent to you on Fridays with a  
list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of  
immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.

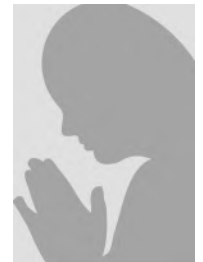


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## Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways,  
sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.  
And some take years to fully unfold  
the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms,  
sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.  
Some blossom early, and some blossom late,  
but each one will flower — have faith and wait!



# SEPTEMBER



2	Faith Rickert	16	Oliver McCormick
3	Joyce Mallams	17	Tina Dengler
	Heather Young	18	Traci Smith
4	Frank Dzikczek		Cathy Troutman
5	Vivian Brown		Blake Allison
	Keri Johnson	20	Ted Ambrose
6	Donna Lassen		Holly Bolich
7	Carolynn Long		Renee' Walter
8	David Becker	22	Louise Gregis
	Kay Berner		Frank Mattis
	Kenneth Marlow	23	Ava Hernandez
	Mark Sharp	24	Annette Houser
9	Katie Knorr		Grace Johnson
	Terry Shilling		Joshua Kanezo
	Hailey Sisko	25	David Walter
	Cheryl Varndell		Nelson Berger, Sr.
	Tanner Walacavage		Jocelyn Judge
	Dot Zeigenfuse		Anne Pirie
	Doug Dean	26	Tyler Wolfgang
10	Josie Economy		Susan Merwine
	Shawn Romberger	27	Chelsea Stutzman
	Bryon Rusinko	28	John S. Wolfgang
11	Ken Dengler	30	Beth Becker
	James Houser		Rick Fritz
	Abigail Zweizig		Bernice Wilson
13	Rachelle Demko		
	Alanni Miller		



## Donations needed for Chicken BBQ

Your donations to complete the menu for the Annual Chicken Barbecue will be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return this sheet no later than **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. The sheet may be placed in the Chicken Barbecue Donation Box in the narthex or returned to the Church Office.

**One #10 can whole kernel corn**  
 **Cakes**  
 **12 pack soda (any brand/flavor)**  
 **20 lb. bag of charcoal**  
 **Cash**

Donations may be placed on the center island kitchen counter. **Please attach your name to your donation so we can account for it.** All donations except the baked goods must be in the church no later than September 5, so a final inventory can be taken and the remaining items may be purchased. Baked goods may be brought on **Friday, September 10** between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or **Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

WELCOME  
BACK, CHOIR

**Wednesday, September 1  
6:30 p.m.**

Come out and join the choir as we begin rehearsing for another season of leading worship and providing special music.

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Saturday, September 11, 2021  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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**COST \$11.00**

~Take Out Only~

**MENU**

- ½ Barbecued Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Corn
- Dinner Roll
- Butter
- Dessert
- Beverage

Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets from



09/10/05	Kenneth & Ann Welker
09/12/15	Andrew & Kelsey Blyler
09/16/72	Terry & Dorothy Kessler
09/21/13	Steven & Rachelle Demko
09/22/90	Terry & Cheryl Neumeister
09/24/16	Nicholas & Kayla Troutman
09/25/76	Robert & Carla Mae Carl
09/26/92	Brian & Faith Rickert
09/26/97	Russell & Carrie Hummel

***Give Electronically***

**Checking/Savings      Credit/Debit Card**  
***Christ's United accepts electronic donations***

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org) or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



**2021 Sponsorships**

The sponsorship sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board. Sign up for:

- Altar Flowers \$25.00
- Worship Bulletins \$15.00
- Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
- Children's Bulletins \$10.00



Payments for Altar flowers should be given to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made payable to Christ's United

# ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



ARE YOU ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (college, university, trade school, nursing/medical school, business school, ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE, OR ARE STARTING A JOB?

The Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for the 2021 scholarships of \$500 for full time students/military service and \$100 for employed graduates.

ADULT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN POST SECONDARY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Active members of the congregation are eligible to receive a scholarship by submitting a letter of request by OCTOBER 3rd to a Committee member: Carrie Hummel, Barbara Liem, Stefan Swanson, Morgan Sweitzer, Mark Varndell, or Donna Wallace.

The letter should include: Your name and address, name of the school attending, or military branch, or employer, your status (freshman, senior, etc), field of study/ certification or degree, and projected time of graduation.

**Please be advised, you must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the congregation and be present on NOVEMBER 28th when scholarships are given out at worship service**



In observance of “Gods Work. Our Hands” Sunday (September 12) we are filling Flood Buckets for victims of flooding. We will be collecting items for the buckets from September 1st -19th. A table will be available in the Narthex for donated items.

## The supplies needed for each Flood Bucket are:

- Scouring pads
- Scrub brush
- Dust masks
- Sponges, assorted sizes
- Cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 12 oz. bottle of liquid household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- 50 oz. (or two 25 oz.) bottles of liquid laundry detergent
- Package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (long heavy-duty, like Playtex® dishwashing gloves, not thin ones for painting etc.)
- Work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

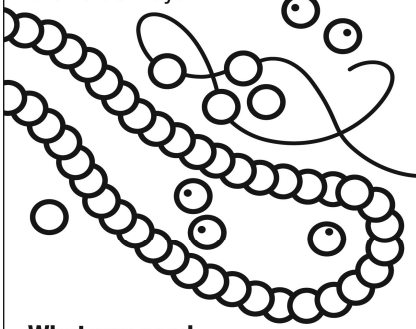


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# Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



## What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

## What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following items for September:

## Cereal

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is  
Thursday

Sep-



**Fellowship Hour** will resume on October 3 and will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month.



## Serving Our Community of Faith in September



Date	Congregational Representative	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Crucifer	Greeter at the Door
September 5	Dennis Wolfe	Jacob Tice	Ted Ambrose John Denchak John Towey Becky Spencer-G	Larry Wolfgang - AM Donna Wallace Angie Berger	Kaitlyn Werner	Jacob Tice	Allen Johnson
September 12	John Denchak	John Towey			Dylan Buhay	Mason Buhay	Allen Johnson
September 19		Mark Vardell			Amy Johnson	Cole Johnson	Allen Johnson
September 26		Barb Stepanchick			Desiree Dengler	Jesse Cascarino	Allen Johnson

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. Seniors  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	<b>6 Labor Day</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 Council	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Seniors  6:00 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 - 11:30 Christ's Cupboard  	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Patriot Day</b> 11:00 a.m. Vickie's Angel Walk in Memory of Wendy Farnsworth 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ
<b>12 Grandparent's Day</b> <b>GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 a.m. Seniors   6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship  5:00 p.m. LCM 6:00 p.m. Property Committee	<b>20</b>  7:00 p.m.. Social Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Start of Fall</b> 10:00 a.m. Seniors  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 Highway Clean-Up  
<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly 10:00 a.m. Seniors  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>		