CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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If you step outside this morning, you can feel it—the crisp bite in the morning air, the subtle rustle of leaves changing from vibrant green to deep amber, and the early arrival of evening. October is a month defined by transition. In nature, change is inevitable, beautiful, and sometimes a little messy as trees shed what they no longer need to prepare for what lies ahead.

Often, our lives mirror these autumn seasons. We find ourselves walking through seasons of change—perhaps a new school year, a shift in our careers, a transition in our family dynamics, or even the heavy weight of personal grief. Change can be exhilarating, but it can also leave us feeling unsteady and uprooted.

In the midst of life's shifting winds, we are given a beautiful promise to hold onto. The prophet Isaiah wrote:

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." — Isaiah 40:8.

What a comforting truth! The scenery of our lives will change. Our circumstances will fluctuate. But **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever** (Hebrews 13:8). When the world feels like it is shifting beneath our feet, His grace remains our solid ground, and His Word remains our unmovable anchor.

This October, as you watch the leaves fall and the seasons turn, let it be a visual reminder to root yourself deeper in the things that never change. Take time this month to slow down, lean into prayer, and anchor your heart in God's promises. No matter what changes this autumn brings your way, you can rest secure knowing that the God who holds the seasons is securely holding you.

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BIRTHDAYS

Oct 7: Justin Geisler
Oct 8: Marjorie Miller
Oct 9: Rachel (Geer) Zinsmaster
Oct 11: Paulette Waltz
Oct 14: Jackie Danhauser, Joseph Leffert
Oct 16: Mary Stuart
Oct 18: Bindi Baker
Oct 19: Kirk Hamilton, Jane Williams
Oct 24: Kylee Hall
Oct 25: Sharon Jones
Oct 26: Athena Eisan
Oct 30: Sawyer Black

ANNIVERSARYS

Oct 7: Sean & Mitzi Rogers
Oct 21: Mitch & Laura Karnafel
Oct 25: Milt & Chris Hess (40)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon: Men's Ministry, 7 am, Parlor
Staff Meeting, 10 am, Parlor
Tues: Prayer, 10:30 am
Women's Bible Study, 1 pm, Parlor
Wed: Bell Choir 5 pm, Choir 6 pm
Thurs: Bible Study 5 pm, Parlor

MONTHLY DATES TO REMEMBER

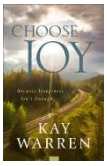
Mon, Oct 5: Worship Committee, 5:30 pm
Staff Parish Committee, 6:15 pm
Wed, Oct 14: Joy Circle, 10 am Parlor
Sat, Oct 17: Loaves & Fishes, 11 am-12:30 pm
Sat, Oct 24: Paper Pantry, 10 am-12:00 pm

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will meet on October 14 at 10 am in the Parlor. Program will be Kids Hope by Becky Noel.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club: The next women's book club will be November 10 at 5:00 pm in the Parlor. The book will be **Choose Joy** by Karen Warren.



MILITARY

Isaac Cicchelli, US Army, Louisiana
Duncan Greenhill, US Marines, Washington
Jacob Kaley, US Army, Georgia
Alex Karnafel, US Air Force, Missouri
Michael Karnafel, US Marines, Virginia
Oakley Lewellen, US Marines, California
Lynda Redrup, US Army Virginia
Jarret Regan, National Guard, Georgia

OCTOBER BIBLE READING

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

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – HEATHER PLATT, PARISH NURSE

Early detection of cancer greatly improves the chance for successful treatment and breast cancer is no exception. A combination of a manual breast exam and a mammogram is the most effective way to detect abnormalities. A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray exam of the breasts to look for changes that are not normal. Mammograms are able to detect changes in breast tissue that cannot be felt during a breast exam.

If you do a breast exam on yourself, just remember that in the cycle of our lives, we experience changes in our breast tissue. We have changes related to hormone changes with pregnancy, menstruation cycles, aging, hormone replacement therapy and menopause. Breast tissue can feel a little bit lumpy, swollen or uneven and that may be ok. It's really about knowing what is normal for each individual and being observant of changes. All of this being said, having a clinical breast exam by your health care provider is a requirement as well.

The United States Prevention Services Task Force recommends women aged 40-74 years should get a screening mammogram every other year. Women with a personal history of breast cancer and those who are at very high risk of breast cancer should talk with their healthcare provider and how often to get mammograms.

If a screening mammogram shows an area of concern, your healthcare provider may order additional testing such as a diagnostic mammogram to focus on a specific area, an ultrasound to see whether a lump is solid or fluid filled, an MRI to show a more detailed film of the breast or possibly a biopsy.

Take care,

Heather

NURSING HOMES

Milner Healthcare: Bev Bartunek
Cedar Creek: Jim Harris, Mary Stuart
Woodbridge: Jan Blackburn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Easton Overman
Don Collins
Evert Wolfe
Unspoken Requests

KIDS HOPE USA

Kids Hope USA mentoring will begin at the start of the 2026 school year. I have met with our partners at Columbia Elementary and they are working on identifying students to pair up with our mentors. To say the least, everyone involved is excited! If you haven't picked up an application, please do so either at church or find me.

Here's what you need to know before you will be paired up with a child:

- Please fill out the Mentor application and turn into church office (mailbox)
- I will contact you to set up an interview
- We will run a background check completed through the LCSC portal - church takes care of this
- You will complete an on-line mentor course through the KIds Hope link I will provide to you
- We will meet as a group in August to go over procedures and questions
- I will be at the school during each mentor's meeting to help get you started and offer support
- At the end of each meeting, you will fill out a quick summary form and stick it in the Kids Hope mailbox at school

Each mentor will meet with their student once a week at school for 1 hour at a time that you have selected. Activities, ideas, and supplies are available, so you won't have to come up with something to do unless you want to!

We are looking forward to an amazing year building friendships/relationships with our eager littles!

In Christ's Love,

Becky Noel

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TRUSTEE UPDATE

The air conditioning unit has been replaced. The oven and stove for the kitchen will hopefully be installed soon. The Fire Marshall inspection was done and the two items of concern have been addressed and are completed. Next item on our agenda is replacing the uneven sidewalk out front.

Our next meeting is in November. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Board of Trustees

BELINDA JORDAN, LCM DIRECTOR

LCM will be hosting our annual Grandparent's Day celebration on Friday, October 9th at 9 a.m. We will have a small program in the Fellowship Hall followed by breakfast. Dulce Candle Light Studios will be providing photographs for purchase.

October means Fall Party!! Classroom parties will be held on Friday, October 30th. LCM is accepting candy donations for the annual costume parade in the hallways. Please give any donations to the office by Wednesday, October 28th.

LCM Christmas assistance applications will be available in the office beginning Monday, November 2nd. They will need to be returned to the office by Friday, November 6th. LCM families or staff may apply if they are in need of Christmas assistance for their children. We will once again be partnering with the church to help in our Mission.

LCM children attend Chapel for 30 minutes every morning. Our preschool gathers from 8:00-8:30 and toddlers from 8:30-9:00. This Fall we are hoping for volunteers to lead Chapel. This usually includes a Bible Story, Songs, Prayer, Pledges, and perhaps Felt Board or other activities chosen by the Chapel Teacher. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer your time. The office phone number is 574-753-6058.

October Birthdays:
Elizabeth Nethercutt 9th

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan

THANK YOU

Wow! What a sweet surprise to receive the care package for Max and our family! Thank you all for your continued prayers. Thank the Lord, Max is doing so much better and is growing stronger every day!
We so appreciate you all!
Love, the Cardwells

CHURCH HISTORY CORNER

Pastors 1891-1890:

1901 Horace N. Herrick (9 months)
1902-1904 P. Ross Parrish
1905-1907 Brenton S. Hollopeter
1907-1910 J. C. White
1910-1915 J. A. Sumwalt
1915-1918 Wirt Lowther
1918-1923 Benjamin Kendall
1923-1925 Ashton S. Preston
1925-1930 M. C. Wright
1930-1931 Freemont Fribley
1931-1934 L. G. Jacobs
1934-1938 J. T. Bean (Robert Younker Assistant Pastor under Bean)
1938-1942 Dale Beatty
1942-1949 J. V. Siberal
1949-1951 Wilbur Day
1951-1956 Benjamin H. Franklin

At least five men who worshipped in Broadway as laymen have given their lives to the ministry. The first was Jacob Colclazer, who was licensed to preach September 24, 1836. William J. Vigus was the next, having entered the ministry in 1860. William S. Stewart followed in 1871. He had been converted in Broadway in 1857 during the pastorate of Rev. Greenman, while a young man attending school in Logansport. Stephen J. Mellinger was the fourth. He was converted in Broadway, and entered the ministry in 1885. Brother Cloyd Hershey, whom we all know, is the last man that Broadway has given to the work.

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Methodist World Conference met in South Africa from August 30 – Sept. 6. There was much Godly work done.

Simon Mafunda, the director of GMC Africa, took as his theme a phrase that sounds, at first, like a contradiction: “We die to live.” To truly live, he said, a person must first die – not to self- improvement, but to self-surrender. He anchored the claim in Paul’s confession. “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” And drew out its cost with plain honesty. What dies is pride, selfish ambition, and the desire to have one’s own way. “This is not merely changing our behavior,” he told the body. It is a change of ownership. Before Christ, I belong to myself. After Christ, I belong to him.”

Yet Christ does not leave his people empty, he was quick to add; the cross is always followed by resurrection, and the old self is exchanged for a new heart and a new purpose.

That new life was never meant to be kept safe on a shelf. “Jesus did not save us merely to keep us safe. “ Mafunda said: ” He saved us to send us.” To a conference preparing to scatter back across the world, he pressed the point home: “The Christian life is not a waiting room for heaven. It is a mission field.”

As the message closed, Mafunda turned Isaiah’s vision into an invitation. God is still asking” Whom shall I send?” he said, into unfamiliar languages, into persecuted and war-torn places, into neighborhoods and workplace where indifference reigns, this call is not for the qualified but for the surrendered.

Praising God in different Languages.

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Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We are a member of the Global Methodist Church.

Core Affirmations:

The Global Methodist Church professes the Christian faith, established on the confession of Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God, and resurrected Lord of heaven and earth.

This confession, expressed by Simon Peter in Matthew 16:16-19 and Acts 2:32, is foundational. It declares Jesus is the unique incarnate Word of God, and He lives today, calling all to receive Him as Savior, and as the one to whom all authority has been given.

This faith has been tested and proved since its proclamation by April Magdalene, the first witness to the resurrection. It was defended by the women and men of the early church, many of whom gave their lives as testimony. Their labor, enabled and inspired by the Holy Spirit, resulted in the canon of Scripture as the sufficient rule both for faith and practice (the Greek word kanon means rule).