

# GraceVine



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**SEPTEMBER**  
**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:**  
**CHARITY**

**“Charity cannot be neutral or indifferent!  
 Charity takes risks! For true charity is  
 always unmerited, unconditional  
 and gratuitous! Charity is creative.”**

**- POPE FRANCIS**

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**10:00 am Worship Service**

**11:00 am Fellowship**

*Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship*

**Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.** Items may be sent to Editor,  
 LeeAnn Burt: [leeinkc@hotmail.com](mailto:leeinkc@hotmail.com) or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

## Pastor's Corner



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Of what things are you afraid? There is a site on the internet which lists nearly 650 words ending in the suffix: phobia. I would almost wager that each one of us could find at least one thing on the list which makes him or her shiver.

Fear is a funny thing, isn't it. On the one hand it can motivate and on the other it can debilitate. We can take a look at our bodies, decide we are out of shape, soft, flabby ... decide we don't want it that way and join a gym. Or ... we can feel that lump, that bump, or see that strange mole and become so frightened that we immediately go into a deep denial and refuse to see our doctor.

Our fears, whatever they were before, have taken a sharp turn since that day in September in 2011. The focus of our fears now includes horrible things done to people by other people who give no thought to dying in their attempt to inflict pain and tragedy. As a result of fairly recent tragedies in schools and movie theaters today parents probably no longer usher their children off to these places with no thought to their safety. We read about deep seated, long standing religious differences from which emerge ugliness to other members of the human family.

It might be argued that there is much of which to be afraid in today's world.

The Bible talks about fear. Did you know that? It tells us that we do not have to live in fear. Why? "Because God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in (times of) trouble. Therefore we will not fear ..." (Psalm 46.2). Or, "They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord" (Psalm 112.7). In the New Testament Peter bids us, "Do not fear what (others) fear, and do not be intimidated" (1 Peter 3.14). But best of all, I believe, is what John tells us in his first letter. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4.18).

The perfect expression of God's love is, of course, the Lord, Jesus Christ. In Christ we have abundant life as well as everlasting life. So whenever we might be gripped in fear ... the fear of anything ... let us remember: perfect love casts out fear. Let our focus be the image of the risen Christ. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory! The Lord be with you ...

PS: By the way, that site on the internet which lists all those words ending in phobia is here: [www.fun-with-words.com/phobia\\_words.html](http://www.fun-with-words.com/phobia_words.html)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

All Military Overseas & at Home  
 All 1st Responders  
 All Educators  
 Pastor, Church & Officers  
 Debbie Anderson  
 Lenny Barshinger  
 Dixie Battin  
 Bourdeau Family  
 Harriet Brandt  
 Paul & Betty Carlisle  
 Daughtry Family  
 Scott Gallaway  
 Joe Garcia  
 Kelly Graham  
 Rodney Green  
 Cliff Gridley  
 Harland Family  
 Larry Ickes  
 Grace Johnston  
 Betty Jones  
 Lehman Family  
 Sheri MacIntyre  
 Gerald Marsh  
 Joe Miller  
 Molina Family  
 Katherine Nolen  
 Nolen Family  
 Aishia Smith  
 Sue Tiso  
 Sherry Wilmer  
 Faith

*Names will remain in the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

SEPTEMBER 3	JUDI HINTZ
SEPTEMBER 3	BARBARA MITCHELL
SEPTEMBER 8	NINA SEBASTIAN
SEPTEMBER 10	JOHN JONES
SEPTEMBER 10	MARY NOLEN
SEPTEMBER 11	SUE BARSHINGR
SEPTEMBER 11	GENA GARICA
SEPTEMBER 17	JUDI MCINNES
SEPTEMBER 19	LEEANN BURT
SEPTEMBER 20	PAUL SEMPRICH
SEPTEMBER 21	PATRICIA BODINE
SEPTEMBER 22	DEBBIE ANDERSON
SEPTEMBER 27	NAOMI CONLEY
SEPTEMBER 27	ELLEN GERBRACHT

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

SEPTEMBER 13	THOMAS & VICKI MARI
SEPTEMBER 16	RODNEY & SUSIE GREEN

**Fullness of Life Prayer**

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are my shield and my strength. You have said that you have the power to restore my health and give me fullness of life. In your love, you will keep me from destruction. Heal me and use my time of suffering to increase my faith in you. May Christ dwell in my heart through faith so that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May I be filled with all the fullness of you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**Sundays at 11:00 am** — Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

**Wednesdays at 9:30 am**—Relax and Renew in the church kitchen.

**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**—Wednesday Night Connection—Our new study of The Apostle's Creed begins September 7.

**Sundays at 9:00 am**—Starting September 18—Adult Sunday School.



### Session Members

#### Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds  
Margaret Elyard  
John Jones  
Roy Lipsett

#### Class of 2023

Rodney Burt  
Rodney Green  
Kathie Saum  
John Graham

#### Class of 2024

Cal Brown  
Grace Johnston  
Vicki McWhorter  
Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,  
Session Clerk

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>World Day of Prayer</b> 9:00 Labor & Landscape	2	3
4 <b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	5 <b>Labor Day</b>	6	7 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Meeting 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection	8 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	9	10
11 <b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship	12	13 4:00 pm Choir Practice	14 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection	15 9:00 Labor & Landscape	16	17
18 <b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Worship	19 7:00 pm Session Meeting	20 4:00 pm Choir Practice	21 <b>International Day of Peace</b> 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection	22 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	23	24
25 <b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Adult SS 10:00 Worship	26	27 4:00 pm Choir Practice	28 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Connection	29 9:00 Labor & Landscape	30	



### Refugee Mission Project Reminder

We are still accepting donations for our refugee families. We are collecting gently used or new items that could outfit a kitchen. Maybe you have extra dishes, pans, utensils or other items you can deliver to the church and we will store for a short time until Lutheran Services picks them up. We will be setting up an account for monetary donations if you are so inclined. Keep in mind they came here with nothing. Anything you could provide would be welcome for that empty house. Please let us know if you are aware of housing opportunities or furniture items. If you have any questions you may contact Grace Johnston at 302-750-5991.

### Fish Fry Update

We are researching some new frying equipment for the upcoming Fish Frys. We are also looking into getting a new sign for the Fish Fry to go in front of the Church.

Cal Brown  
Fundraising Chair



### Stitch N'Stuff

Determination is everything. *I will not quit!* If you could reach into the inner hearts of great men and women, I can tell you what you'd find: an unlocked door and the words, "*I will not quit!*" Doesn't that sound like our Stitch N'Stuff sewing circle? Covid 19 sure didn't stop us as we have kept up with the needs of the different organizations that receive our items.

It would be wonderful to see more of you come out and look at what goes on at one of our meetings on Thursdays (see calendar) in Clayton Hall from 9:00 til 11:00 am. Any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

*"To everyone who overcomes—who to the very end keeps doing things that please me—I will give you power over the nations."*

Revelations 2:26 TLB



It's that time of year when we begin a new season of growing in faith together through Bible Studies and Sunday School. There are lots of exciting plans for this season.

Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm, the season begins with **Wednesday Night Connection** (WNC) and a new study. Pastor Tim will lead us with a study of The Apostle's Creed. The evening begins with a "Pot Luck" Fellowship meal, followed by the study. If you prefer, you can come for just the study which begins at 6:30 pm. For more information check the upcoming Sunday Bulletin, Pastor Tim, Vicki, or the church office.

Beginning Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 am, bring your Bible and join the **Adult Sunday School Bible Study**. Vicki will begin the group Bible study with the Gospel of Mark. As a group, we will learn and study together to grow our knowledge of the Bible and deepen our faith.

**Rejoice and Renew**, "R & R", meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am for study, prayers, and fellowship. Eileen Friday is leading this group of women using a Bible study guide from Presbytery Women on the *"Travels of Paul."*

Each Sunday during Worship, the nursery is open to provide care for children. It is located at the end of the hallway, last room on the left. After a "Time for Children" mini message from Pastor Tim, a member from the our dedicated team of women will take older children who wish to participate in Kids' Korner to their class room to grow in their faith while playing and learning together. If you'd like more information, please contact Vicki McWhorter, Pastor Tim, or the church office.



### In Memory

Please keep Judy and the family of Mike Harland in your prayers as we grieve with them. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection.



## Birthday Box

We have a birthday box! Here is how it works. During the time that our offering is being received, any one of us who has a birthday, anniversary, or other celebration in the current month is invited to come to the box and deposit a gift. The “formula” is to give a dollar for each year old one is that month (or for each year of one’s anniversary or it is discretionary for any other kind of celebration). The gift is understood to be an offering ... not a part of one’s pledge. Let us do the math as to what a total annual amount might be for the work and worship of our church. The amount is quite healthy ... if everyone participates.



## Just a friendly reminder ...

It's time to for us take a look at our pledge giving and, if possible, to catch up where needed to reach or exceed our goals for the year 2022.

Information on your pledge and giving amounts is available to you on our Realm church management computer program.

All our generous gifts are appreciated and are put to good use.

Thank you

Your Finance Committee

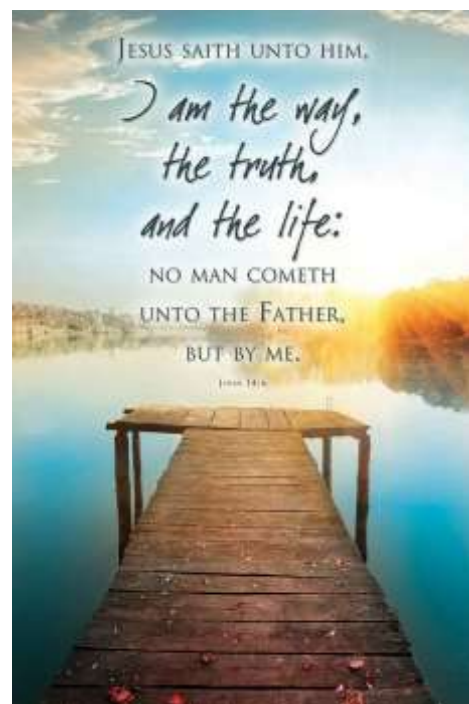
## Nursery Attendants

September 4 - Vicki McWhorter

September 11 - Janelle Webb

September 18 - Alexis Brown

September 25 - Kathie Saum





We have a beautiful addition of an olive tree in our landscape given by the Nolen family in memory of their son and grandson, Kyle Eddie Nolen.



### Welcome

Welcome Jim Shubert, our new Music Director. Jim will begin leading our choir on September 1. He comes to us with great talent and a variety of experiences in directing music for worship. Choir will resume in Worship beginning September 11. Our first choir rehearsal is scheduled for 4:00 pm Wednesday .

### Looking for Ways to Serve at BPC?

We are always looking for additional members for our committees to contribute to many tasks. If you are interested, please reach out to any Session Member and they can help you determine your best fit based on your interests, talents, gifts and abilities.



