



*Rev. Burnetta Armour*  
***Pastor's Ponderings***



**New Shoes, New Clothes, New You**

We like new things: new shoes, purses, and clothes in our closets. We like new carpet on our floors, curtains on our windows, and paint on our walls. We even buy car fresheners that promise to make our twenty-year-old cars smell like they just came brand new from the factory. We try out new TV shows and dabble in new activities. We try new recipes. We hear new ideas and even embrace those new ideas, sometimes. We like new. New is better. New is innovative. New is cutting edge. New is exciting except when it comes to us being made new.

Being made new is exciting to some and terrifying to others. We don't know what being made new will entail or where it will lead; it may even make us a little defensive wondering "What's wrong with the old me that I need to be made new?" Whether we think it is exciting, frightening, or unnecessary, the truth is that we are all in the process of being made new creations in Christ. The Scriptures tell us that we, who have seen the face of Christ in our life and who believe in him as Lord and Savior, are being made new every day, changed by the Holy Spirit to look more and more like Christ. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." (2 Corinthians 3:18, *New Living Translation*) Did you read what I read in that passage? We are being made more and more like Christ, being changed into his "glorious image."

I don't know about y'all, but I don't want to wake up in the morning and be the same person I was the day before. I want to wake up and know that today I am a little more like my Savior. My goal, as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a child of my heavenly Father, is to become more and more like Jesus in my thinking and in my living. I want to wake up knowing that the Spirit is working within me (by no good deed of my own) to change me in order that I might

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***We VIEW Life  
 through the Cross***

**First Presbyterian  
 Church**

Rev. Burnetta Armour  
*Pastor*

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become the person God is calling me to be, a person who mirrors his Son. Do I think that I will wake up one morning with a halo over my head, and somehow I will be holy, good, and perfect in all things Christian? NO! I know that I'm going to mess things up. I know that I'm going to say the wrong thing, think the wrong thing, or act the wrong way. However, I also know that the Spirit will be speaking to me, in her still, small voice, to point me in the right direction and move me toward becoming whom Christ has made me to be, a new creation who can rest in the promise that my sins are forgiven and that God's grace is working in my life.

And my brothers and sisters, what is true for us as individuals is true for us as a community of believers. Our church is being made new, being transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ and into whom Jesus is calling us to be. Who wants a church that is the same as it was yesterday? We need a church that is willing to be made new, to be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ so that it might be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus in our community and our world.

*Peace and Love in Christ*  
*Pastor Burnett*



**FREE**  
**VALET PARKING**  
 Every Sunday,  
 starting at 10:45 a.m.



This fall we will be focusing on the Gospel of Matthew and the books of Genesis and Philippians as we explore what they teach us about growing in our discipleship through learning to love our enemies.

### SEPTEMBER

#### 9/3/2023-Wrapping up Summer Series

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-28

*Viewing Life Through the Cross*

#### 9/10/2023-Learning to Love Your Enemies

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

*Love in Conflict*

#### 9/17/2023-Learning to Love Your Enemies

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

*When God Transforms Evil Into Good*

### 9/24/2023

Phil Baughman will give the message

Scripture: TBD

### OCTOBER

#### 10/1/2023-Learning to Love Your Enemies

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13

*Be Like Jesus*



## Buildings & Grounds

*Hugh Walters*

- ◆ During the past month we have had to repair the A/C in The Growing Place, which cost \$1100.
- ◆ We also had to repair the ice maker in the kitchen for approximately \$286.
- ◆ Several water leaks were fixed.
- ◆ Utility costs were in line with last year's cost.
- ◆ Work continues in and around the buildings.

# Point of View

Jean Kelly



## Run, Jim Run!

I've known Jim Crawford for over six years, and I had no idea that he was a runner until I opened the July 27th Sports Section of the White County News! Above the fold, and big as life, was

Photo courtesy of the White County News

Jim's picture and a banner headline proclaiming "Crawford finishes 40<sup>th</sup>

Peachtree" followed by a detailed article by Sports Director, Mark Turner. I knew Jim had served the church in many capacities, and that he and his wife Virginia are longtime members, but obviously there's a lot more to know about him outside of church! Who would have guessed he'd be running races? Apparently, this is his passion, and something he's done for many years, including marathons and a 50-mile race.

Another thing I loved in the article was a

picture of the quilt that Jim's sister Jane Myer made for him, using 35 of his 40 Peachtree Road Race t-shirts. Virginia, who has run 4 or 5 of the races with Jim, plans to make pillow shams out of the remaining shirts, which may be quite a few as Jim



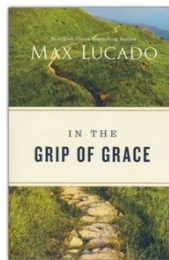
plans to continue running until he can't do it anymore. If you haven't read the article, you can get a back issue at the newspaper office on the Square or find it online. I'll quote this one part, which is 'so Jim' and will make you smile: *I told my wife when my time comes, don't buy me a suit and tie, just wrap me in this quilt and put the pillow shams on the sides.* Next time you see Jim, shake his hand, and congratulate him on accomplishing something many of us would never attempt!

Just shows once again what an interesting, diverse, and talented church family we have at First Presbyterian, Cleveland.

## Wednesday Bible Study

Elaine Wiegert

Beginning Wednesday, **September 6, the 12:30 p.m. Bible Study** group will begin a study of *In the Grip of Grace* by Max Lucado. The study focuses on Romans, with selections from Luke and 2 Corinthians.



In order to receive the most benefits from the study, it is suggested that you purchase the six-session study guide. Even if you choose not to purchase the study guide, please bring lunch, and join us. Max Lucado's videos are amazing and we will all learn much to strengthen our faith. Come join us each Wednesday.

## Fellowship After Church

Due to popular request, Fellowship Hour after Worship will return on the first Sunday of each month. On Sunday, September 3, plan to come to the reception after Worship to enjoy a sharing time with others. Light refreshments will be served, hosted by the Presbyterian Women. We request others to host the reception and to keep it simple with just cookies and drinks, unless you are celebrating a special occasion.



Please sign up in the Upper Narthex with your availability to host one Sunday. Remember to keep it simple.

**THANKS Y'ALL**  
for a great turnout

Thanks to two wonderful gardeners, Judy Massingale and Lindalee Walters, our flowers were beautiful.



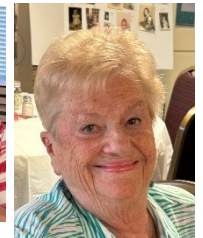
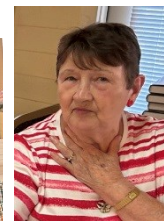
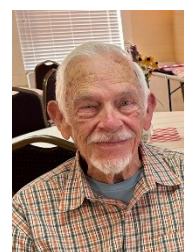
Thanks Y'All for an awesome time of fun, food, and fellowship at the annual PW BBQ dinner. Phil and Nanette Baughman did an exceptional job of preparing the meat and sauce, and the side dishes and dessert were outstanding.

Nancy Webber and Melody Thomason entertained with their rendition of *Country Roads*,

followed by Bob Thomason singing *Poncho and Lefty*. James and Lily Geiger led a rousing game of *Name That Tune*, and it was difficult to put a name to the baby pictures which were on display.

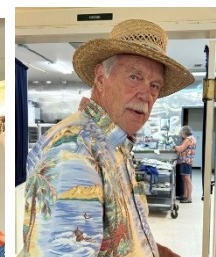
Honors went to the baby picture winners:

- ◆ Lily Geiger was most likely to be a Daddy's girl.
- ◆ Nanette Baughman could have been a Gerber baby ad.
- ◆ Kim Ciriello was most likely to be the teacher's pet, while
- ◆ Hugh Walters was sure to be the teacher's worst nightmare.
- ◆ Tom Leslie was most likely to have a mug shot on file, but he said that was just because he wore a striped shirt in the picture.



Lindalee Walters, PW Moderator, expressed thanks and recognized many in the congregation for their efforts during this year. Jean Kelly received thanks for her service as PW Secretary and Communications Elder, and best wishes as she moves out of state the end of July.

Thanks to all who made it a WONDERFUL evening!



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# Thanks Y'all BBQ

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Our lovely hostess, Lindalee Walters and hubby, Hugh.





## Youth ... Our Future

## College Life Begins

Emily Hassell, daughter of Rebecca (Becky) Wiegert, and granddaughter of Elaine Wiegert, and Lily Geiger start a brand new chapter in their lives by going off to college.

Emily will be going to Georgia College and State University College of Nursing in Milledgeville, Georgia, to study Nursing.

Lily Geiger, daughter of our accompanist, James Geiger, will be going to Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, to major in Religious Studies.



Emily Hassell, on the left, Lily Geiger on the right, are two very lovely young women who have added so much to our church family.

Sunday, August 13, Pastor Burnetta gave special recognition to both girls, and the congregation shared in the laying on of hands during the prayer, wishing them safe travels, wonderful experiences, and successful learning and fun.



Pastor Burnetta stated she could identify with the religious studies but doubted she could handle nursing.

On Sunday morning, August 5, during Coffee and Conversation, Lily Geiger was given a card and beautiful quilt to wrap her with love and warmth as she goes off to college. The quilt was lovingly made by Susie Allen and as Susie explained, she had no idea of colors Lily would like. The back side of the quilt was in a peach color, which Lily says is the color of her dorm room. And, without any planning or knowledge, the pattern on the back was of lilies. A real God thing!



After receiving the quilt, everyone present gave her a 'laying on of hands' with a prayer given by Lindalee Walters. Lily Geiger has been a leader of the Coffee and Conversation for the last two years.

Lily was asked to share her new mailing address via the newsletter, so here it is (the number off to the side of her name is necessary, so that the college knows who to send letters to):

Lily Geiger 8327  
225 Baker Drive  
Box 5000  
Davidson, NC 28035

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## A Thank You Note

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### FPC Family

Thank you so much for all of the gifts, prayers, and support for both me and my family as I transition into college.

You all have meant so much to me, especially over the past three years. You have become my second family, and you have allowed me to grow in my faith and discover a calling. I'll still be around whether in person or online for worship, and I'm just a quick letter or phone call away.

I love you all and I'm eternally grateful for all the love you have shown me. This church is truly a sanctuary, a safe and sacred place, and I pray that it continues to be for so many young people like me.

Lily

## MahJongg on Thursdays

Many of you are already aware of the Thursday afternoon MahJongg games. Any one who would like to learn how to play, come join us and observe, and see if that is something you would like to learn. It is very confusing and a bit overwhelming in the beginning but the more you play, the more you will understand. Most of



us are newbies but we thoroughly enjoy the game.

Come give us a try. It will definitely challenge your brain but it is fun!



**Wednesday Night Supper  
September 13 / 5:30 p.m.**

### Spaghetti Supper

and Introduction to

*When Have You Forgotten . . .*

Pastor Burnetta's

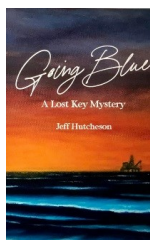
**OAM Level II Capstone Project**

Please join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., for a spaghetti supper. After supper, Pastor Burnetta will provide a brief overview of her Capstone Project for her OAM Level II Certification. Pastor Burnetta will outline the series of four workshops that will be conducted in the spring of 2024.

Hope to see you on the 13th.

Please sign up in the Upper Narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

## Congratulations, Jeff!



Former First Presbyterian Pastor, Jeff Hutcheson, has a second 'Lost Key mystery novel' coming out.

Congratulations, Jeff. We're so proud of you!



The Kirkin' o' The Tartans is fast approaching and will be on October 29. Several have expressed an interest in getting their tartan represented so if anyone is interested, please contact Becky Clark or Linda Leslie to see how they can be purchased.



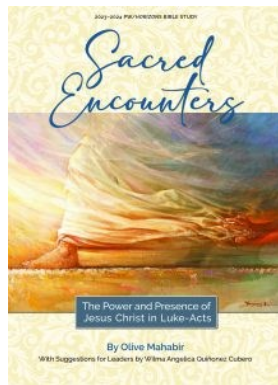
*Lindalee Walters & Elaine Wiegert*

**CT COMMITTEE MEETING**

PW Coordinating Team will meet on **Wednesday, September 6, at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Wednesday Bible Study. There is no Knit'n'Stitch on the first Wednesdays.

**PW BIBLE STUDY**

The first lesson in our new Bible Study will be on **Thursday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Fellowship Hall. The Horizons study is entitled *Sacred Encounters*. Elaine Wiegert will lead the discussion, and Lindalee Walters will be the hostess.



Study books are available for purchase for \$11 each.

**KNIT'n'STITCH**

**Knit and Stitch now meets every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., except the first Wednesday of the month.** You are invited to participate even if you do not knit, since there are other projects involved. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Leslie.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

We will again have a booth at **Agrifest in Freedom Park on September 23**. Come join us and do some early Christmas shopping as we will have our merchandise available for sale.

**ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS**

**Zoom Prayer Meetings** are suspended for the summer. They will resume some time this Fall so keep watching for an update.

**PW NEGA JUSTICE AND PEACE SYMPOSIUM**

Everyone is invited to the Justice and Peace Symposium sponsored by Presbyterian Women in Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

The Symposium: **Working Toward Justice for All** will be held on **October 14**, at First Presbyterian Church, Athens. Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator of the Self-Development of People Committee of the PC(USA), will lead the worship service. After worship there will be three break-out sessions: The Least of These, an anti-poverty workshop facilitated by Rev. Johnson and Margaret Mwale, a member of the Self Development of People Committee of the PC(USA); Courageous Conversations: Showing the World What Hope Looks Like Through the Church moderated by Rev. Andy Cook, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Augusta; and Welcoming, Including, Loving ALL God's Children, facilitated by Rev. Will Norman and Rev. Hailey Lerner, both from the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA. Registration Information will be available soon. Carpooling will be available.

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Worship

CALENDAR 2023

<b>October 29th.... KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS</b>
<b>November 5th.....ALL SAINTS DAY</b>
<b>November 26th..... Decorate the Church</b> for Advent
<b>December 3rd.....ADVENT BEGINS</b> 1st Sunday in Advent
<b>December 10th .....2nd Sunday in Advent</b>
<b>December 17th .....CHRISTMAS CANTATA</b> 3rd Sunday in Advent
<b>December 24th ..... ADVENT ENDS</b> 4th Sunday in Advent
<b>December 24th ..... CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 11:00 a.m. .... WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 p.m..... CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



# Presbyterian Women

Elaine Wiegert



The Presbyterian Women of Commerce Presbyterian Church hosted the August Workshops of the Presbyterian Women in Northeast Georgia. The event was attended by approximately 30 women. After a short time of devotion, Judy Grieve provided

an introduction and overview of this year's Horizons Study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

After the Bible Study introduction, the ladies participated in one of three workshops: Making Prayer Beads, led by Linda Leslie and Cheryl Cook; discussion of the book, *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison, led by Joyce Dejoie; or a spirituality workshop led by Trina Cain and Judy Grieve.

The morning ended with a time of fellowship and lunch.



Cheryl Cook assists Angela Lathrop in making the Prayer Beads.



Judy Winski taking part of the discussion.



Linda Leslie is showing how to make the Prayer Beads.

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## September Birthdays

- SUSIE ALLEN
- DANIEL BAUGHMAN
- MARY ANN CLYBURN
- LILY GEIGER
- BETTY GOSWICK
- TYLER LEDFORD
- BERNICE ROGERS
- BOB THOMASON



*If we missed your birthday, please let us know.*

## Labor Day

Labor Day has been a national holiday since 1894, when President Grover Cleveland signed the law that Congress passed designating the first Monday in September to be a holiday for workers. The workers' unions chose the first Monday in September because it was halfway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving. At the time, people worked an average of 60 hours a week and unions pressed for shorter workweeks, more paid days off, and to gain recognition of both the contributions and the mistreatment of workers at the time.

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NOTE CARDS

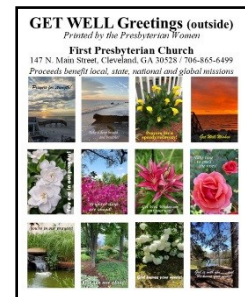
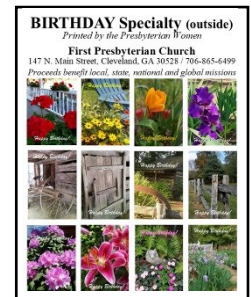
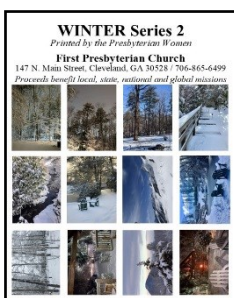
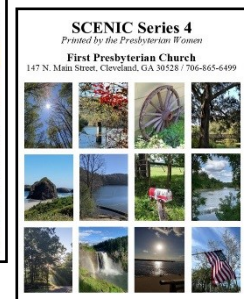
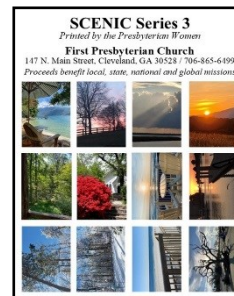
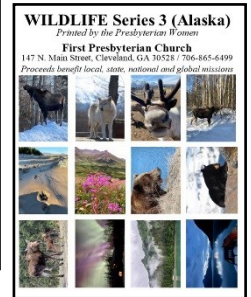
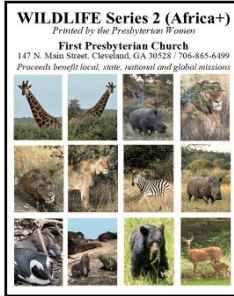
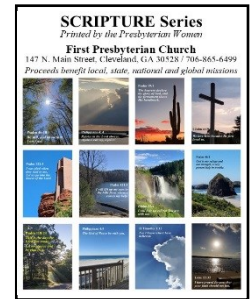
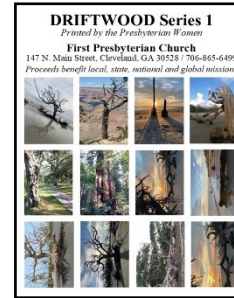
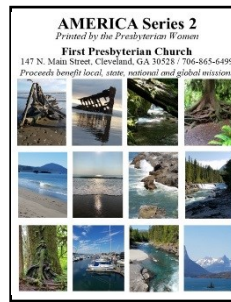
Our note cards have been a good seller and we have several new series available for purchase. Each packet contains 12 note cards and 13 envelopes for \$6.00. All profits go to local, state, national, and global missions. The new series (pictured here) are America 2, Driftwood, Scripture, Wildlife 1 (Birds and Butterflies), Wildlife 2 (Africa), Wildlife 3 (Alaska), Scenic 3 and 4, and Winter 1 and 2.

We have had many requests for Special Variety packs, which include four Birthday cards, one of which is geared more for men, three Get Well cards, two Sympathy, and three All Occasion. All these cards have appropriate preprinted messages inside.

We also have Specialty cards that are packages just for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, or All Occasion, each with corresponding messages.

Please contact a PW member to purchase one or more packages.

Thank you for your support in raising money for our mission work.



Thanks to the Knit'n'Stitchers for packaging these note cards. It has been a BIG project which we hope will continue to be a BIG successful fund raiser.



## Farewell to a ONEsie and a 'YOUNGsie'

At their August lunch meeting at Longhorn Steakhouse in Cornelia, the ONEsies said farewell and good luck to Founding Member Jean Kelly, as she prepared to move to Arkansas, and to our honorary, and youngest, ONEsies Lily Geiger, who is entering her freshman year at Davidson College this Fall.

It was a happy celebration with 16 in attendance. Several PW also joined them for this luncheon. Adele Page delivered a beautiful tribute to both Jean and Lily, and a special ONEsies certificate for each of them.

Next Meeting: **Friday, September 15, 1 p.m.** at the North Georgia BBQ in Cleveland.

*Adele presented special certificates to Lily and Jean.*

*Lindalee, Cheryl and Dewayne cannot be seen in the group photo so here they are.*



*Certificates read "Til We Meet Again"*



## Special July Hymn Sing

The month of July was like a vacation for the Choir as they had no rehearsals during the month, and they did not sing as a group. We were privileged to have special music each Sunday, all of which were featured



in the August newsletter. We would be remiss if we did not give credit to the special music on July 30 which happened after the newsletter was distributed.

Pastor Burnetta and her family were on vacation on July 30, as well as David Arvold, and gratefully Melody Thomason, with the help of James Geiger and Rachel Ficklin, directed a wonderful hymn sing.

It was a very emotional time for many, as the hymns were like sermons and the words brought back many memories.



*Bob and Melody Thomason sang a duet to start the hymn sing.*





Melody Thomason

## BACK to SCHOOL BASH

The Back to School Bash took place at Freedom Park in Cleveland, Saturday, July 9th. The event was aimed at school-aged children with school supplies being given away and bouncy houses, kid friendly foods, and games.

Booths from various schools and agencies were there, for children and their parents. FPC took part by donating money to help pay for the event, and then had a face-painting booth. Nancy Webber, Susie Allen, Sophia Whitten, my grandchildren Josie and Elliott Hamby, and I, helped staff the booth. Nancy, Susie, Sophia, and Josie started out as novices and ended up seasoned face painters. Elliott greeted clients and tried to help them decide what to have painted on their face. I cleaned brushes and was in charge of the one mirror everyone shared. In the words of 12 year-old face painting artist, Sophia, *my favorite part was when the kids looked in the mirror and smiled.* So true, Sophia. We all had a great time serving together.

## FIRST LUNCH

Because Labor Day holiday is Monday, September 4, we will be serving lunch a week later on September 11, 2023. Put it on your calendar and join us for a good time of eating, serving and fellowship.

## CARING and SHARING

Our church is part of several churches that pool their money and help people in need in our community through Caring and Sharing. FPC has the job of reviewing applications and designating funds to assist individuals the months of



Josie and our first customers.



Sophia Whitten



Susie Allen



Nancy Webber

February and August. This means more work for our Secretary, Lynne, as she has to field calls, print applications, and generally act as a go-between, during these months when we are in charge.

We have groups of three who review the applications, using specific guidelines, and follow up where needed. Paul Scott Abbot, Nanette Baughman, Burnetta Armour, Betty Royds, and I have served on this FPC church committee. If that sounds like something you would like to be a part of let us know. February is right around the corner.



**FIRST LUNCH**  
**September 11th**  
Volunteers are needed.  
If you wish to volunteer,  
contact Melody Thomason  
at [melodymagee@gmail.com](mailto:melodymagee@gmail.com)



September 3.....Mil Clyburn  
 Bill Woods  
 September 10..... Becky Wiegert  
 Phil Baughman  
 September 17...Lindalee Walters  
 Hugh Walters  
 September 24...Judy Massingale  
 Charles Massingale

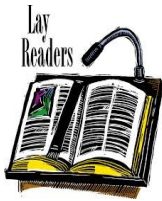
*Thank you all for serving.*



*Elaine Wiegert*

Coffee & Conversation will continue through the summer months, so please join us on Sunday mornings, at 10:00 a.m. During September, we will be discussing texts from Matthew, Genesis, and Exodus. The topics for discussion in September will be:

September 3 .....Exodus 3:1-15  
*Holy Ecounter, New Response*  
 September 10 ..... Matthew 18:15-20  
*The Rule of Christ*  
 September 17 ..... Matthew 18:21-35  
*Is Forgiveness an Option?*  
 September 24 ..... Matthew 20:1-16  
*God, the Lousy Bookkeeper*



## Liturgists for the Month September

*Becky Clark*

September 3..... Mil Clyburn  
 September 10.....MaryAnn Clyburn  
 September 17..... Charles Massingale  
 September 24..... Becky Wiegert

*Thanks to all who serve so willingly!*

## You Have Many Talents

You will be receiving a Time & Talent Pledge Card soon and you are asked to prayerfully consider the list and check off things you are willing to do, or are interested in learning. We never know what our hidden talents are until we try something new. One thing we can all do is PRAY for others.

TIME & TALENT PLEDGE CARD for _____			DATE _____
Place a check next to the various area(s) with which you have experience or have a particular interest in serving (YOU MAY SERVE ON MORE THAN ONE MINISTRY TEAM). The Elder responsible for that area will contact you. Thank you for your willingness to serve!			
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; FINANCE</b> _ Serve on Team _ Help in church office _ Stewardship Chairperson _ Serve on Stewardship Team Maintain Office Manuals & Lists _ Whatever is needed	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b> _ Serve on Team _ Help keep the House of God clean _ Help on work days _ Help maintain building & grounds _ Cut shrubs, pull weeds, etc. _ Whatever is needed	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> _ Serve on Team _ Newsletter/Brochures _ Social Media/Publicity _ Photography _ Assist with Sunday Live Stream _ Whatever is needed	<b>MISSION</b> _ Serve on Team Local _ Foreign _ Other Mission Articles/Table _ Whatever is needed
<b>WORSHIP</b> _ Serve on Team _ Choir or other musical talents _ Lay reader _ Help with Communion _ Flower Coordinator _ Decorate for special occasions _ Serve on Sound Board Team _ Whatever is needed	<b>EDUCATION</b> _ Serve on Team _ Nursery _ Youth Sunday School _ Adult Sunday School _ VBS _ Evening Bible Study _ Noon Bible Study _ Whatever is needed	<b>MEMBERSHIP AND CARE</b> _ Serve on Team Provide Meals _ Provide Transportation _ Mail Cards to Members/Visitors _ Hospitality After Worship	_ Plan or Help with Special Events _ Maintain Attendance Records _ Serve as Usher/Greeter _ Prepare Visitor and Member Packets _ Serve as Usher Coordinator _ Whatever is needed
<b>GENERAL SERVING</b> <small>Willing to serve as Elder or Deacon</small> _ I pledge to pray for those leading worship each Sunday _ I pledge to pray for our membership by praying through our directory			

# the growing place

A Preschool for the Littlest Ones!

We have had a very successful first two weeks of school. We have had fun learning about ourselves and our families, learning about how much Jesus loves us and the story of Zacchaeus, and we have enjoyed having chapel with Pastor B on Thursdays! We are so excited and looking forward to how wonderful our school year is going to be at The Growing Place!



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# Homemade Ice Cream

Wednesday evening, August 16, several gathered for the evening. Each brought their own sandwich (or salad) and were able to enjoy delicious homemade ice cream,



all of which were *really good*. Special thanks to Elaine Wiegert for her peach ice cream, Phil Baughman for his strawberry ice cream, and to Judy Massingale for her sugar-free, lactose-free ice cream and homemade chocolate sauce. YUM!

After dinner and fellowship, the choir members left for rehearsal, and others stayed for games. The MahJongg group took that opportunity to play and several stayed to watch and try to figure out what the game was all about.



**Remember, the Spaghetti Supper planned for Wednesday evening, September 13 at 5:30 p.m.**



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After another wonderful meal from Elaine and Penny, thirteen of us considered several items of 'business'.

First, we all agreed that we will make a \$100 contribution to both memorial funds for Ron and Dave on behalf of the PM. We considered John Rogers' suggestion that we take responsibility for the food closet at church in the name of Ron's Pantry. We are going to work on this soon.

Penny Murdoch presented several ideas that we all agreed were worthy:

- ◆ working with the Boy Scouts to collect retired US flags and hold a ceremony with them to properly dispose of them,

- ◆ signing and sending "Praying For You" cards at our monthly get-togethers to send to men in our church family,
- ◆ honoring veterans in church and community, and
- ◆ hosting a "Craft and Car Show" next October, 2024. The PW has already approved the "Craft" part and we would coordinate the 'Car' part. We could have a hot dog cookout going to sell as a box lunch, and use the Field of Dreams for the show cars.

We agreed that we needed some projects to add to our agenda and these will be good ones. Thanks Penny and John for ideas.

## Session Scripts

*Bruce Morgan*

At the August meeting, your Session:

- ◆ Approved the July Financial Report,
- ◆ Elected three Commissioners to the Summer Presbytery Meeting,
- ◆ Tabled a request for adult baptism pending more information,
- ◆ Authorized a team to consider the need for a funeral coordinator,
- ◆ Praised the performance of the new Lead Teacher for The Growing Place,
- ◆ Discussed the need for a program to cover the cost of replacement for A/C units,
- ◆ Approved the Pastor's vacation dates and reviewed Worship leaders for the remainder of the year,
- ◆ Heard the Pastor's Report and plans for Level II Certification in Older Adult Ministry,
- ◆ Prayed for several urgent needs for members of our church family and friends, and set the date for the next meeting as **September 17**.



*Sunday, August 20, we were thrilled to see Hannah (Wall) Satterfield and her daughter, Reese, in church. Hannah was the first baby born into our church so we have shared in her life and now in her daughter's. Proud grandparents, Christie and Eric Wall were beaming, showing off their adorable grandbaby.*

### Please Check Out the Sign-Up Sheets

Please take time, when you are in church, to check out the sign-up sheets located on the console table in the Upper Narthex. These include most of the upcoming activities that need reservations, in order to prepare enough food, or make arrangements. Don't miss out on the future fun events.



# From God's Garden

A very special "Thank You" to those who have contributed the beautiful flowers and displayed them to brighten the sanctuary for our Sunday Worship Services. These flowers add a bright spot and make our service feel special.



*These roses on July 30 was donated by Rita and Bruce Morgan in recognition of their 56th wedding anniversary.*

*This floral arrangement was from the August 4 Celebration of Life Service for Dave Royds.*



*The flowers are in honor of, and gratitude to, Lindalee Walters, Moderator of our PW, and to all the women who do so much for our church.*



*The flowers on August 13 were in celebration of the 59th wedding anniversary of Becky and Tony Clark, and to celebrate Tony's 84th birthday.*



*On Sunday, August 20, Barbara Chambers donated the flowers to the Glory of God and celebration of her children and grandchildren born in the month of August, Beth Chambers, Coleby and Dillon Nelson, Cayden Crumbly, and Paige Gozon.*

*The flowers on Sunday, August 27 were given by Rebeccas Wiegert in honor of Elaine Wiegert's (her mother's) birthday.*



If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the upper Narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating. ***If you are willing to be a Flower Coordinator please contact the Church Office.***

## A Blessing for Jean



Jean Kelly moved to Arkansas the end of August and during the Worship Service August 20, Pastor Burnetta offered a special blessing for Jean and the laying on of hands during the prayer. Jean has been serving as the Communications Elder and secretary of the PW CT

(Coordinating Team) Committee. She will continue to serve on the Session remotely (if the internet cooperates) until the end of her term in January.

## Way to Go, Joyce!



*Joyce Naivar may be in her 90's but she still has that twinkle in her eye and is very mischievous.*



## September's History in a Nutshell

**September 2, 1666** - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery. More than 13,000 houses were destroyed, but only six lives were lost.

**September 2, 1752** - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. This caused rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

**September 2, 1789** - The U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

**September 2, 1945** - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day. **September 2, 1962** - Cuba Missile Crisis.

**September 3, 1783** - The Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

**September 4, 1609** - The island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson.

**September 4, 1886** - The last major U.S.-Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured.

**September 8, 1900** - A hurricane struck Galveston, TX, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.

**September 11, 2001** - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred.

**September 13, 1788** - New York became the Federal capital of the new American government.

**September 14, 1741** - Composer George Frederick Handel finished *Messiah* after working on it nonstop for 23 days.

**September 15, 1916** - Tanks were first used in combat, in World War I.

**September 16, 1620** - The *Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew.

**September 16, 1908** - General Motors was founded.

**September 16, 1976** - The Episcopalian Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women priests and bishops.

**September 17, 1787** - The proposed U.S. Constitution was approved.

**September 17, 1862** - Battle at Antietam.

**September 18, 1947** - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

**September 19, 1893** - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

**September 20, 1873** - The New York Stock Exchange was forced to close for the first time in its history, resulting in a banking crisis during the financial Panic of 1873.

**September 22, 1862** - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.

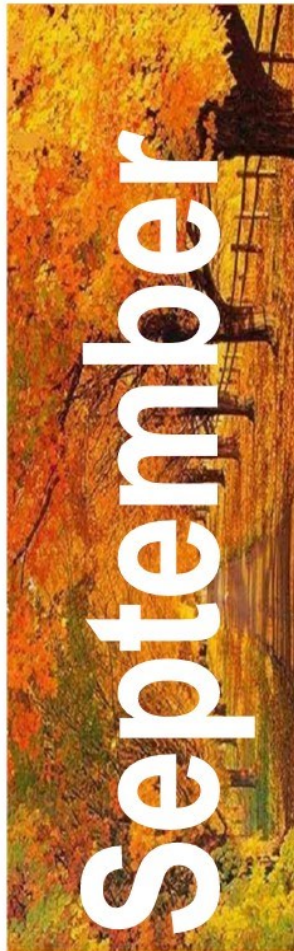
**September 25, 1789** - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution, ten of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

**September 26, 1960** - The first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

**September 29, 1789** - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.







**September 29, 1829** - Britain's "bobbies" made their first public appearance. Greater London's Metropolitan Police force was established by an act of Parliament. The force later became known as Scotland Yard.

**September 30, 1955** - Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24. Although he made just three major films, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *East of Eden* and *Giant*, he remains one of the most influential actors.



# September

**SUNDAYS**  
 Coffee & Conversation 10 am  
 Church Services 11:00 am In-Person and Online  
 Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY  
 PW CT Meeting In-Person/Zoom  
 PW Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Every Third Sunday  
 VALET PARKING available Sunday mornings starting at 10:45 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>KNIT 'n' STITCH</b> Every Wednesday except the 1st week 2:00 pm			 Spaghetti Supper Wednesday, September 13 5:30 pm		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Communion and Worship Service 11 am and Online	<b>4</b>  Happy LABOR DAY	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person PW CT Meeting 1:30 pm In-Person & Zoom Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online	<b>11</b>  FREE LUNCH Project 11:30-12:30 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit 'n' Stitch 2:00 pm SPAGHETTI DINNER 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>NEsies</b> NE Georgia BBQ Cleveland 1:00 pm	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online Session Meeting 12:15 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> PM Luncheon Noon	<b>20</b> BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit 'n' Stitch 2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  agrifest Freedom Park 9:00 am-3:00 pm
<b>24</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> BIBLE STUDY 12:30 pm In-Person Knit 'n' Stitch 2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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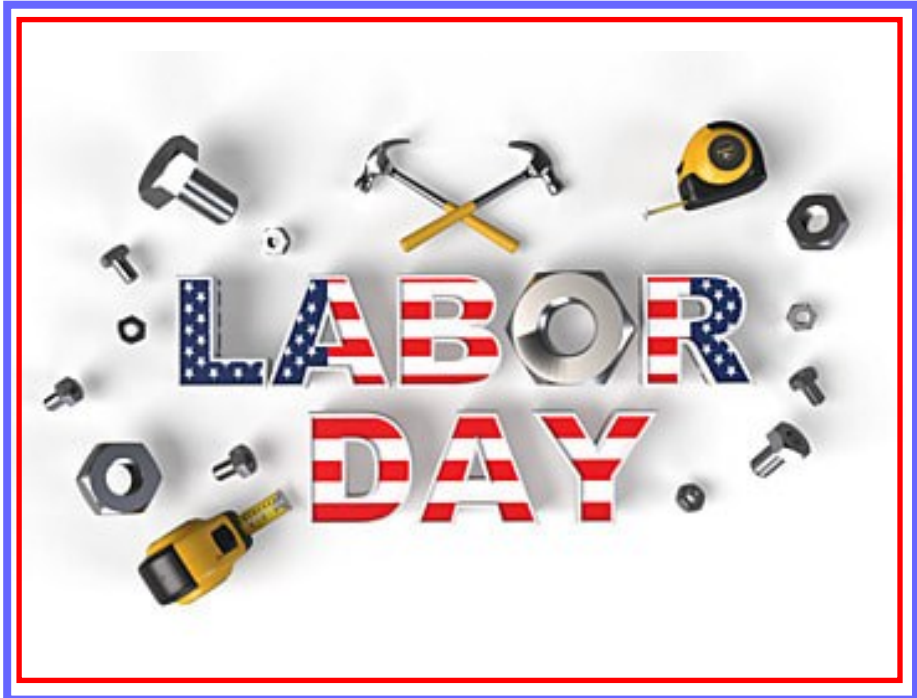
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