



Pathways

September 2025



WELCOME

What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



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Pastor Words of Wisdom

Football season is officially upon us, which means it's time to pull out the jerseys, order the pizza and wings, and get ready for another mediocre Bengals season (just kidding!).

It also means it's time for me to break out one of my favorite sayings from when I was a coach - do your 1/11th.

This was a phrase I repeated to my players over and over. It was a reminder that we were a team; that everyone had their specific role, and for us to be successful, each person had to do their role and only their role.

Football is a sport that relies on each person doing one specific thing, and if all 11 players on the field do their thing, the play will be a success. But if you worry about what everyone else is doing, or try to do their job for them, or don't trust the player next to you, then your team will fail.

A team with 11 quarterbacks would never win a game. The same with 11 lineman. A team with a wide receiver trying to be a running back, or a tight end trying to be a quarterback, would also continue to lose.

Each role is important and each person must stay within their role.

The same could be said of a church. We each have our own skillset, or own strengths, and our own roles. If we all tried to be the pastor, or all tried to lead the same event, or all volunteered to do the exact same thing, we wouldn't get anything done.

A football team's diversity in skill is its greatest strength. Our church's diversity is our greatest strength too.

We each bring our own unique gifts to this place. We are one body made of many parts. And we thrive when we embrace those differences and utilize them to do more than we ever could if we were all the same.

You and your gifts are important and necessary.

In order for us as a church to continue to thrive, we need you; you and your specific, unique, and creative gifts.

So whether you lead from the front or the back; whether you are creative or logical; whether you are a people person or a behind-the-scenes helper; just know one thing:

You matter. And we are glad you're here.





9/15 Bill Luke

9/22 Aidan Dahm
Darwin Yung

9/25 Amanda Iverson
9/27 David Holmes



10/1 Bobby Combs
10/6 Judith Lewis-Combs
10/12 Carolyn Push
10/16 Joyce Compton

10/18 Robin Lighthall
10/22 Joe Jester
10/22 Bobbie Compton
10/25 Dick Manifold

10/28 Judy Boyce
10/30 Scott Leist

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale on August 9 was a big success! Many thanks to all of the volunteers that priced items, set up prior to the sale, worked the day of the sale and transported unsold items to several local charitable organizations. Our sales totaled \$ 1704.83 which will support the General Fund.



Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Wm & Eileen Church Alice Graber Ruth Hoeweler Lynn Hoffman
Emmett Izer Nancy Lanza Donald Lerch Melitta Marx **Steve Rogers**
Bob Runk Marlene Sheward Elaine Sloan

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women
The Country of Ukraine
Civil War in the Sudan
Victims of Children Trafficking
For Everyone in the Wildfires of California
Friends & Family Currently Experiencing Grief
Families and Rescuers - Texas Flooding
Those in the Middle East

Amy, Gary Sprong's daughter, Nola Apro Victoria Baumstead
Christina Bast Beth - Kelly's Mom **Lindsey Borgman**
Barb Brewer Mike Burriss Lee & Sue Chambers Adam Clark
Skye Connerley Chelsey Davis Carrie Devine Mercedes Dreier
Cheryl DuPriest Terry DuPriest Sue Geary Ken Handley
Rebecca Horning **Izzy** Mike Iverson
Bill Jackson (continued health from heart and kidney transplant) Jan Keller
Janet Koehler **Jeffrey** Rob Langdon Joan Lewis **Lilly & Family**
Bill Luke Vicki Luke Catherine Lynch Harper Manning **Peggy Martin**
Sue Marshall Dan McDonald Sara McQueen Nathan's Grandmother
Roger Purcell Ruth Purcell Ricky Renier **Bonnie Rogers**
Cherie Lynn Sauer Tom Schumm Chris Shannon **Mike Spry**
Drew Staudigel Summer, Mom's Family Paul Tensing Amy Wadl
AJ Walker Pastor Kendall Washington Leslie Washington Chad Wilcocks
Ann Winkler Bruce Wright Paula Zellner Rick Zellner
Kay & Kip Zimmer
Family of Andy Campbell Family of JoAnn Miller

Please keep the office informed when
Names can be removed or need to be added
Bold typed names were just recently added

**OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for the October edition is Wednesday, September 17th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the QR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team



If you have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can select our church for receiving rewards.

The name has officially, in Kroger's records, been changed to Journey Community Church, but it still may say St. Paul United Church of Christ on the website. They associate more by account number than name of business.

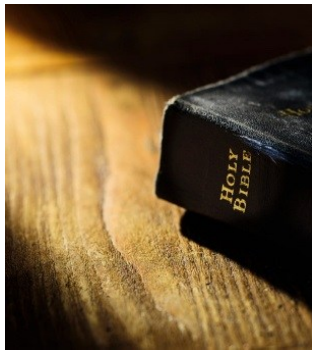
PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, September 28th. All are welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

Worship Leaders in September



Jim Hutchison

9/7/2025

Vicki Celenza

9/14/2025

Margaret Maybury

9/21/2025

Linda Woods

9/28/2025

Communion Servers in September

Missy Sauer

Ben Sauer

9/7/2025

Vicki Celenza

Margaret Maybury

9/14/2025

Margaret Maybury

Bobbie Compton

9/21/2025

Linda Woods

Steve Lighthall

9/28/2025

Greeters in September

Vicki Celenza

9/7/2025

Margaret Maybury

9/14/2025

Judith Lewis-Combs

9/21/2025

Steve Lighthall

9/28/2025





June 9th, 2025 Board Meeting Notes

Steve called meeting to order and Brian opened with prayer at 6:00pm. Four board members present along with pastor and Zwoster Scholarship team. Mike Iverson was not present. Anne represented finance team.

Zwoster Scholarship Team Process & Updates Discussion

Proposed changes were shared and discussed. Recommendations along with some adjustments were agreed to be updated in final documentation. Updated documents to be sent to board.

March meeting notes read and approved.

Team/Committee Reports

Finance (Anne)

- Updated financials report was shared
- Treasurer report accepted. See attached.

Building (Skip)

Shared that Kim is doing well as our church Sexton

- Her schedule has been altered to better serve the needs of church and other building activities
- Jim's plaque was installed.

Personnel (Ben)

- Kim's hours are 11-6pm
 - Anne is updating her contract
- Pastor Washington is scheduled to preach on June 29th
- Lois to fill in for Ben for July and Sept due to vacation schedule.
- Met with Mike Iverson concerning employee salaries. We aligned to recommend no increase for this year.
 - Ben shared written recommendation: see attached

Board Meeting Notes Continued

Spiritual (Robin)

- VBS prep and focus for the next week.

Pastor Report (Brian)

- Brian is preparing Sermon Series for the Summer
 - Topic: What are we doing? Focus is on various aspects of our service
- Pastor Vacation
 - June 23rd-29th
 - July 14th-17th

Additional Business (Steve)

- Board agreed to take the month of August off

Meeting closed with a prayer by Brian at 7:15pm

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant	Shampoo	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hand Soap	Toilet Paper	Laundry Detergent	
Dishwashing Liquid	Personal Care Items	Spring Cleaning Supplies	

Mt. Healthy Alliance will also accept non-perishable food items.

The first Sunday of each month is dedicated to collecting any of the above items for the Mt. Healthy Alliance. There is a grocery cart in the Narthex that you may place any of the above items. The cart is set up in its usual place daily. Any of the above items may be placed in the cart at any time. The cart will be emptied and delivered to the pantry each month after the first Sunday.

If you are interested in knowing any additional information, please speak with Roxanne Reed or Pastor Brian.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, October 25th, from 4 to 6 PM, in the main church parking lot.

There will be a box in the Narthex for candy donations.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Vicki Celenza.

Thanks in advance!

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH***In Loving Memory*

In Memory of Bill Carter

Judith Lewis-Combs

In Memory of JoAnn Miller

Carol & Mike Chalfin

**PLEASE HELP US with
LIGHTS AND DOORS**

On several occurrences lately, we have found lights being left on and inside doors open.

Please be sure to check doors before you leave.

Please check to make sure that the lights are off in the building when you leave.

**LIVE STREAM
OR
GO BACK AND SEE A WEEK
(OR TWO)
THAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

Here is the link that will take to watch a live service, or to even go back and watch a service that you may have missed.

<https://www.youtube.com/@journeyccc/streams>

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 ELC - 1st day for 3, 4, Pre-K Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM	3	4	5 Head Start - Late Start AA - 8 PM	6 AA - 8 PM
7 Worship Jazz Trio	8 Head Start - No School Personnel Mtg 4 PM Board Mtg 6 PM	9	10	11	12 AA - 8 PM	13 AA - 8 PM
14 Worship George Theders Kim vacation →	15 Head Start - No School Men's Bible Study 4 PM	16 Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM	17 Newsletter Articles Due	18	19 AA - 8 PM Kim Back	20 AA - 8 PM
21 Worship Jazz Trio	22 Head Start - No School	23 Kim Vacation	24	25	26 AA - 8 PM	27 AA - 8 PM
28 Worship George Theders Fall Gathering After Worship Kim Vacation →	29 Head Start - No School Men's Bible Study 4 PM Kim Back	30 Book Club Meeting 7 PM Café			Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS = Head Start