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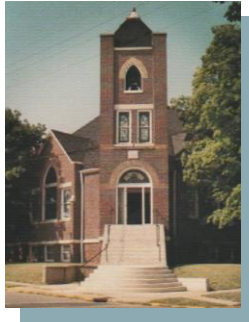
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9 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11 A.M. WORSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 1st – Roger & Georgia Taylor (1984)
- 4th – Tom & Connie Ritter
- 17th – Andrew & Megan (Grant) McGinnis (2016)
- 30th – Irving & Mary Bressie

Birthdays

- 1st – Dillon Frazier
- 9th – Connor Renick, Stiles Garverick
- 11th – Jason Gray, Joshua Gray
- 19th – Megan (Huckstep) Kaur
- 21st – Lori Dossett
- 25th – Gail Horton
- 27th – Valerie Hester
- 28th – Pat Kincaid, Jessica Sosbe



September Scriptures and Sermon Titles

2nd – Psalm 72; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; "Dawn of A New Era" / Communion

9th – Psalm 27; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37; "Faithfulness Comes Through Discipline"

16th – Psalm 19; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38; "The Call of Wisdom"

23rd – Psalm 1; Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37; "Living in Wisdom"

30th – Psalm 124; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50; "Taking A Stand" / Bucket Sunday (Loose change) Offering / Fifth Sunday Pitch-in / A Way Forward Discussion



The following articles were taken from, The Newsletter Newsletter, Vol. 26, #9, September 2004:

Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.

The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden "to till and keep it", and the fourth commandment says, "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy." Exodus 20:8-9 says, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work."

Working is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents. It satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes.

Patriot Day—a day of remembrance

On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11, of each year as "Patriot Day." It's a day to remember the more than 3,000 lives lost on that September morning in 2001.

The resolution requests that each year the President issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff.

In 2003, proclamation President Bush said, "On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness."

Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.

WHICH WAY *IS* THE WAY FORWARD?

As you may be aware, a lot of attention and concern has been directed towards the issue of human sexuality throughout the United Methodist Church. During the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon, conference delegates appealed to the Council of Bishops for help in finding some resolution to an extremely divisive issue, thus avoiding schism. According to the United Methodist Church website, "The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality, and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church."

The 32-member group, representing the diverse backgrounds of the global United Methodist Church, met diligently to develop open lines of trust and communication among the members and ultimately to arrive at strategies to present to the Council of Bishops detailing possible ways for the Church to move forward. In July of 2018, the group submitted their final report to the Council of Bishops and it can be found here:

http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Forumard_Report_-_Final_-_ENGLISH.pdf

If you are not interested in reading the entire report, I have three documents provided at the West District meeting on August 26th that I would be happy to share with you. A link to these documents can also be found under the News tab on Christ's website, christsumc.org. I also downloaded a paper copy of the report which you can borrow, if you wish.

Please keep the United Methodist Church and its leadership in your prayers in preparation for a called Special General Conference to be held next February. The Bishop plans to meet with the West District on Sunday, October 7, in Terre Haute which presents another opportunity to get your questions answered. In the meantime, review the information cited above and if you have questions, we can search for an answer together. I would like to take some time following the September 30, fifth Sunday dinner at Christ's to discuss the report and any questions you might have. Those of you who attend services at Trinity are absolutely invited to share the meal and conversation.

I realize this issue may come as a complete surprise to many of you, but the Indiana Conference of the UMC is emphasizing the importance of keeping all members informed of this process. Hopefully, things will become much clearer as we get nearer to the February 2019 Special Conference date. Remember, we're all in this together and we'll get through with God's guidance!

Pastor Judi

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>EACH SUNDAY</u> 9 a.m. Choir (Resumes this month) 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship	<u>WORSHIP LDR</u> Loretta Whalen <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u> 2 nd – The Conkrights 9 th – Joe Hutchins & Linda Melevage 16 th – The Consoers 23 rd – Kay Merrill & Sue Whalen 30 th – The Luzaders			<u>ACOLYTES</u> Gail Horton Linda Miller	1
2 Communion Upstairs Ladies meet next week	3 Labor Day Offices Closed	4	5 10 am. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	6 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	7	8
9 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies Mtg.	10	11	12 10 am. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	13 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	14	15
16	17	18	19 10 am. Bible Study @Christ's UMC / 7 p.m.	20 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	21	22
23	24	25	26 10 am. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	27 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	28	29
30 Bucket Sunday Offering Fifth Sunday Pitch-in / A Way Forward					<u>USHERS</u> Linda Kingry Ruth Grant	<u>CLEANING</u> Nurture Cmte. <u>COFFEE HOST</u> Witness Cmte.

