



Mariners: No meetings until further notice

Women’s Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, September 21st at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	Postponed until further notice	
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, Mariners is temporarily postponed until further notice.

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91:1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Frantz – Returning to Canada
for Cancer Treatment

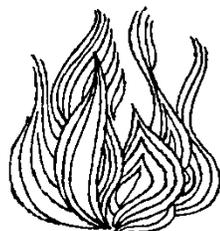
Suzanne Frantz – Cancer, Eye, husband Don
COVID – Among Us



GOD'S FOURTH PRIORITY: THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God plans ahead! He didn't suddenly stumble upon the idea of giving power to His children! This great promise was planned before the earth was created, and we were informed of it in his prophecy, the Bible, long before the day of Pentecost arrived. It was a priority part of his total plan for the redemption of his people. He wanted to make each and every one of us conformed to the image of his Son, so that as we view Him (God), we are transformed into the same image from glory to glory! In order to do what Jesus did on earth, we must have the same power He had! In order to be like Jesus, we must have God's Holy Spirit!

There are many people today who rule this out, and there are some who say, "If it is true that an angel gave this message to you, he wouldn't be talking about the Holy spirit because that is a controversial subject, and an angel would certainly stay on neutral ground." Gabriel didn't even comment as to whether or not it was controversial. He just stated a fact that this was a high priority with God today!



if we live by the
SPIRIT, let us
also walk
by the SPIRIT

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law: fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their reviling.” Isaiah 51:7

A young man came to see me. He had been a teacher in a secondary school. He was highly educated, highly trained, scholastically the best. Naturally when the headmaster retired, he thought he would get the job. But the board brought in a man from the outside. Offended and angry, the young man quit.

I said to him, “Look, I understand that you are a man of great potential, great capacity, but you are ruining yourself with resentment. The thing for you to do is to forget the whole incident. Go back and apply for a position on the faculty and go to work.”

Well, he never mentioned it again. He went back on that faculty. Later, when a school needed a headmaster, the board chairman recommended him because he had developed so impressively after mastering the art of forgetting – and he became a headmaster.

What misfortune are you nursing in your mind? Forget it. It’s a great art. I’ve seen so many people do it. It’s difficult. But it’s the way to mastery.

Prayer: *Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the great truth whereby if we really think, believe, and pray we can find the solution, Your solution, to any problem. For this we give You thanks. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Norman Vincent Peale



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!



Beginning this month Friday Fellowship will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us!



THE HUMMINGBIRD THAT LED HER TO PRAY



Michele’s teenage daughter was a natural doubter – until a tiny bird found its way into the family’s garage
By Michele Smith Walsky, From Guideposts Magazine

My daughter, Amy and I were getting ready to drive to the supermarket. *I’ll put on some Colton Dixon in the car*, I thought. Amy liked his songs. I liked the Christian message in them. I was always looking for ways to encourage my daughter to pray, but she was a natural doubter – and a teenager! If I pushed too hard, I knew she’d stop listening for sure.

We stepped down the three stairs that led to the garage and found my husband, Bob, standing by his old Mustang, looking toward the ceiling.

“It’s a hummingbird,” he said, pointing to something tiny floating far out of reach. “He flew in, but I don’t think he knows how to get out.”

“Maybe he was attracted by the red car,” I said. “It’s bright like a flower.”

“I don’t think he feels safe in here,” Amy said. “Doesn’t he seem kind of worried to you?”

For 30 minutes, the three of us tried everything we could think of to get the bird out.

I tempted him with some peach juice that I'd poured into a shallow cup. No luck.

Amy ran out to the yard and picked a colorful peony. She followed the hummingbird around the garage, holding the flower high, but the bird kept his distance. Finally her arm dropped in defeat.

The bird perched on the garage door mechanism in the middle of the ceiling. I watched him, standing by a pegboard where our snowsuits hung for the summer. "I give up," I said. "There's nothing else we can do."

"Why don't we pray for him?" Amy said.

I stared at her in surprise. Had my doubting teenage daughter just suggested praying for the bird? And why hadn't *I* thought of that?

"Jesus, please send the bird down so we can help him," I said. We all turned our eyes back to the hummingbird. The more he flitted, the more we fretted. Thirty seconds. Forty-five. The bird flew up. He swooped down toward the pegboard and slid down a snowsuit – right into Amy's waiting hands.

She cupped him gently in her palms, walked quickly outside and let him go.



WHEN THE LAST CHILD GOES TO SCHOOL

By Erma Bombeck, September 5, 1966



One of the foremost exponents of modern-day terrorism is the woman who asks, "What are you going to do with yourself when all your children are in school?"

They go on to paint a dismal picture of the lonely mother who plucks a pair of sticky socks off the ceiling and sobs uncontrollably into them, "My baby! My baby!" A woman who wanders through the house, unfulfilled and fighting bravely against the realization that she's being replaced by a 35-cent plate lunch and a woman she'd like to sue for alienation of affection. A disillusioned woman without purpose who must fill her time somehow until the big yellow bus deposits her brood at the curb so she can once again run and fetch!

For many a woman, this will be a rather accurate prediction. She's the woman who didn't have many interests going for her in the first place. When the children came along, it was the answer to her problem. Here was her crutch, her ace in the hole, her reason for not having to go outside the home, invent diversions, meet new friends, put up her hair, read a book or function as a woman. She wore her children like a hair shirt and told everyone how they depended upon her – when it was the other way around.

To most women, however, the school bell will sound as glorious as VE Day. It's over. She's done it. She is back to some semblance of a schedule, some precious time to herself. She wanted children too, but for another reason. They fulfilled a strong desire to love, raise and leave as a legacy another human being. But they didn't fulfill her ambitions, her struggle for individuality or her need to make a contribution to this life, no matter how small.

I have seen women emerge like great beautiful butterflies from a cocoon existence that was limited to naps and peanut butter. I have seen them assume leadership, develop and grow into active citizens, unearth artful talents that surprised everyone – even themselves, revert to skills they had BB (Before Babies), and set about restoring their own personal appearance.

I have also seen them sink into despondency, scrub the kitchen twice a week to pass the time and mechanically mouth the same old routine, “I can’t . . . (name anything). I’ve got the children.”

From a woman who has lived through the “last one into school” bit, may I give you a piece of advice. Allow yourself the luxury of that one last look as he waves goodbye from the bus. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and have a good cry for at least five minutes. Then, if you haven’t suffered enough, walk slowly through the house and let the quiet pound at your eardrums. If you like, enjoy a round of guilt complex. (“Why was I so rotten to him all summer?”)

Now, straighten your shoulders, take a deep breath and look out of your window. There’s a big world out there. You earned it! Now, enjoy it!



SEVEN SURPRISING LABOR DAY FACTS

**And *where* those rules about white after the holiday came from, while we’re at it.
(found on internet at townandcountrymag.com)**

Labor Day is one of the least recognized, forgotten-about-until-around-the-corner holidays of the year – one that we seem to appreciate only *after* realizing it affords us a three-day weekend come September. Here, seven tidbits you probably never knew about the holiday.

1. **The first Labor Day celebration was September 5, 1882 in New York City.** On that Tuesday, 10,000 citizens marched for labor rights down the streets of Manhattan. During this time the average American worked 12 hours a day, six days a week. It wasn’t until the Adamson Act passed on September 3, 1916 that our modern eight-hour work day was established.
2. **The holiday is often confused with “May Day”.** Most other countries celebrate International Worker’s Day, or “May Day,” instead of Labor Day. The concept is the same, but it is celebrated on May 1st around the globe.
3. **The theory about why we can’t wear white after Labor Day is highly debated.** There are three hypotheses about the origins of the “no white after Labor Day” directive. The first theory, disagreed upon by many, is based on class distinction in the early 1900s. Although white clothing was clearly an upper class luxury, after the Civil War it became harder to distinguish women coming from old money or new money. The higher class ladies then made inane fashion rules to weed out those who were “out of place.” The second theory speaks to a more practical approach by pointing out that Memorial Day and Labor Day bracketed the summer season, and therefore lighter, summery, white clothes were no longer needed. The last theory has to do with popular fashion magazines, who may have begun promoting fall clothing after Labor Day, and the trend was picked up.
4. **Labor Day ironically causes some of the longest working hours for retail workers.** Labor Day weekend is notorious for having crazy sales. But unfortunately, this means retail workers (a faction that makes up 6% of the country’s employment system) have to work longer hours on a day specially dedicated to labor appreciation. In fact, many other professionals are expected to work on Labor Day as well including correctional officers, police officials, firefighters, nurses, and more.
5. **Labor Day is the official end of hot dog season.** We’re serious. It’s recorded as such on the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council website.

- 6. **It is the second most dangerous holiday weekend to drive on U.S. highways.** According to *CBS News*, there were 308 casualties over Labor Day weekend between 2001 to 2015, following closely behind Memorial Day's 312 casualties. These particular holidays designate the beginning and ending of summer where excitement is heightened and young people tend to be more reckless on the road.
- 7. **The holiday also symbolizes other endings and beginnings.** Yes, Labor Day is the "unofficial end of summer" and the end of hot dog season. But it is also the beginning of NFL season – almost every NFL kick off game has started the weekend after Labor Day. Labor Day is the end of white pants but the beginning of black pants . . . and it's also, unfortunately, the end of three day weekends until November.

JULY 2021 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 25

Giving:



Local:	\$5,590.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	10,087.25
Total:	\$15,677.25



DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

29th –John & Sue Vacca

BIRTHDAYS

02nd –Braydon Snyder

03rd –Sarah Adams

06th –Michael Azevedo

07th –Dakota Radcliffe

13th –Gerald Allinson



15th –Eric Arellano

David Leib

16th –Tony Snyder

19th –Elsha Hartman

20th –Amy Best

23th –Kim Price

26th –Kirsten Piazza

Keith Shafer

30th –Quiana Becerra



If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.

Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.

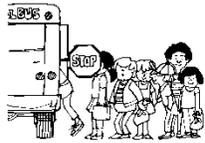
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SEPTEMBER 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

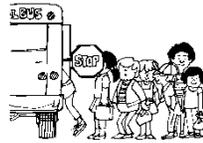


S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Joshua 6:1-20 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano	2 Genesis 1:26-31 Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 Psalm 119:25-32 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton	4 Romans 12:9-13 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.
5 Matthew 25:14-21 Pastor & Teachers Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	6 Romans 5:1-5 Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart	7 Matthew 6:19-21 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear	8 James 2:1-8 Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz	9 Exodus 4:1-17 Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10 Romans 5:6-8 Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 Matthew 5:38-42 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family
12 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Pastor & Teachers Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Family	13 Luke 12:22-34 Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee	14 Psalm 103:7-18 David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason	15 1 Timothy 4:7-16 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Job 38:1-7 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Psalm 16:1-11 Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	18 Isaiah 12:2-5 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price
19 John 13:1-17 Pastor & Teachers Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam. Joel & Susan Price & Family	20 Jeremiah 29:10-14 John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family	21 1 Kings 17:1-6 Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden	22 Psalm 133:1-3 Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	23 Genesis 32:22-30 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	24 Luke 13:6-9 Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	25 Philippians 4:4-9 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderman & Family
26 Matthew 19:13-15 Pastor & Teachers Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	27 Matthew 25:31-40 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	28 2 Timothy 4:14-18 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam. Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family	29 Luke 10:38-42 Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam. Derek Wyatt	30 Romans 1:8-12 Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt		



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SEPTEMBER 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	2  4:15pmFellowship Singers	3  FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP 5:00pm	4 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
5	6  LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	7  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	8	9  4:15pmFellowship Singers	10	11 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
12  Coffee Hour	13	14  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	15	16  4:15pmFellowship Singers 6:00pmBoard Meeting	17  FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP 5:00pm	18 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
19	20	21  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30amWomen's Fellowship Mtg.	22	23  4:15pmFellowship Singers	24	25 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
26  Coffee Hour	27	28  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	29	30		

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour