



# COVENANT NEWS

The Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves

## FROM THE PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 2019

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*So, What's Your Story?*

The disciples came and asked Jesus, "Why do you speak to the Pharisees in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the reign of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'" (Matthew 13:10-13, including Isaiah )

September is always such a wonderful month for us at First Church!

With Rally Day, Sunday School renews, the Choirs return, the "Hands and Hearts" mobile is suspended from the Sanctuary vault. This year, we also make our promises with Confirmation students as they begin their course of study which can culminate in them joining the Church in June.

For the first month in a calendar season that signifies the end of growth and the beginning of harvest, things about us can feel surprisingly fresh!

This September, we who plan worship for our Sunday mornings are excited to present Jesus' parables in the gospel of Luke in some new ways. I'll be interpreting with the help of some unexpected commentators who observe our scriptures from different perspectives and faith traditions. We'll color some with the musical stylings of the Oikos Ensemble and Logos Readers (Sept. 22), and another with a bit of instruction about why we worship as we do (Sept. 29).

And to these, we'll be inviting church members to present some insights about how First Church has been foundational for their spiritual experience and growth in a Membership Moment series we're calling, "**So, What's Your Story?**"

If the summertime was an opportunity for us to consider together who we are, with Rally Day and the other Sundays this month, September will be an occasion for us to celebrate who we are becoming.

Don't miss it!

Peace.



## WORSHIP NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

*This schedule is subject to change, as need may arise.*

- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 9:55 AM — *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Sacrament of Christ's Table; Labor Day Weekend.*  
 Scriptures: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Philemon 8-16. **Message of the Day:** “*Dismantling Slaveholder Religion, Part 2: The Outcome.*” Labor activists in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century won for us the 40-hour work week, an end to child labor, collective bargaining, and other matters of worker justice we sometimes take for granted. We live in their outcomes. Still, the long shadows of slavery and forced labor continue to impact our economy and means of production. What outcomes may still be possible?
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:00 PM — *Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching*, led by Youth Minister Erick Falconer and the SNL Band in the William E. Sample Chapel. With music made by young people and a message designed for all, this is a spirited, sacred time! Specifics of this edition of SNL will be announced, closer to the date. Watch your weekly eNews and *Selected Upcoming Events* circular in your Sunday worship bulletin.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:55 AM — *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Rally Day (Theme: “So, What’s Your Story?”)*.  
 Scripture: Philemon 6-7, 17-21. This Sunday marks the start of our new program year, including the return of the choirs and a ritual commencing Confirmation Classes. Pastor Dave Denoon’s 3-part series on the letter to Philemon ends with his **Message of the Day:** “*Dismantling Slaveholder Religion, Part 3: Moral Reconstruction.*” The first Reconstruction, 1865-1877, was declared a failure soon after it ended. It was too radical, too progressive, it was argued. How can a few people in one church set successfully about the work that’s needed?
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:55 AM — *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Scriptures: Psalm 119:105-112; Luke 8:4-10 (11-15).  
 On Rally Day, we will have been introduced to the theme for the rest of September: “**So, What’s Your Story?**” Each week, we’ll concentrate on a parable of Jesus. This Sunday, Pastor Dave Denoon discusses the Parable of the Sower and what Jesus said was the purpose of parables generally. **Message of the Day:** “*Sowing Confusion*”
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 PM — *Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching.* See September 7 listing, above.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9:55 AM — *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.* Scriptures: Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13. The **Oikos Ensemble** and **Logos Readers** join us for a jazzy service. We continue with the theme, “**So, What’s Your Story?**” and focus on Jesus’ parable of the Dishonest Manager, in which a conniving accountant is praised by his boss for cooking the books in his own favor! **Message of the Day:** “*What on Earth..?*”
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9:55 AM — *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; “Worship 2.0.”* Scriptures: Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13.  
 “Worship 2.0” is an all-ages, interactive liturgy, with movements and moments in the service explained as we go. Message-wise, we continue with the theme, “**So, What’s Your Story?**” and focus on Jesus’ parable of Dives and Lazarus, in which an ignorant rich man attempts to send a message from the Great Below to his family, so that they may avoid his fate. **Message of the Day:** “*Change the World*”

### September 8 is Rally Day!

The Choirs return. Sunday School’s new season begins. Confirmation students and the Church make promises together about their studies. And everyone poses on the Lockwood lawn for a GROUP PHOTO!

Lunchtime is potluck. We will provide fried chicken. Please bring your favorite side dish or a dessert.

*You won’t want to miss this grand day together.*



## TRACEY'S BLESSINGS - SO, WHAT'S YOUR STORY?



Our Rally Day is September 8, and the theme is “*So, What’s Your Story.*” The narratives we tell each day using both our words and our actions share with others who we are and Who we represent in the world. Adults need to remember to share their life stories with children or youth and ask for stories in return. Our values and our truths are shared in our stories.

What is the best way to keep our young people coming to church? Know the stories of children and youth but make sure they know your stories about this church, your faith and how your experiences have made you who you are today. Get to know the names of the children and youth. Ask in those interactions for a story about a time when... or other story prompt. You never know... a child might teach you something about faith. Make sure to make a point that Sunday is not the only time we think about the people who share our faith. I sincerely ask for your prayers for all our students in the new school year!

Please join us on Rally Day after worship for a potluck. I hear it includes fried chicken. Plan on sticking around a bit to participate in a “people scavenger hunt.” There will be one for adults and one for children/youth. It should be fun! Please stay a few minutes to participate so everyone can enjoy the hunt! Yes, there are some prizes!

We look forward to a new Sunday School year with parables, and stories. Please volunteer to lead a class if you can. Watch for youth information and youth choir info from coordinator of youth ministry Pastor Erick.

Keep your eyes open for Adult Education opportunities as well, coming in October.

Welcome back from your summer fun and travel. We have missed you! It’s time to embrace your church family and share your story with others so we may learn and grow together.

May Peace Be Upon You,  
Tracey Harris, *Director of Christian Education and Student Pastor*

## SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHT, THE NEW SEASON

We are pleased to announce that Saturday Night Light Worship Services will return this season with a new focus on the Jazz of worship. This a continuation of last year’s theme which was the “*Jazz of Preaching.*” We will attempt to demonstrate through message, song, and word how Jazz and worship complement each other and in many ways are two sides of the same coin. These worship services will encourage participation from everyone in attendance though singing, dancing, holding hands, prayer, call & response style jazz preaching and whatever else the Holy Spirit moves us to do.

Each month we will highlight an influential Jazz composer who we will affectionately call a “Jazz Disciple” and shine light on how their contributions to society are modern gospel. It is my hope and prayer that by comparing modern composers to the ancient writers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will reveal the timeless truths contained in ancient scriptures and become better equipped to apply these truths in our daily lives. The Jazz Disciple for September is Miles Davis, a true apostle of American Jazz.



The SNL Jazz Ensemble also welcomes Laylah Williams, our first female member of the ensemble. Laylah plays bass and will be joining current musicians Tayari Chamber, Jameson Falconer and Todd Merriweather. Our former bass player Noel Richee started his Freshman year in August at Illinois State University and we wish him the best. We are excited to continue what I hope will become a new tradition of mixing things with new people to create something new. For it is written, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

## A SHOT OF "CAFFEINE" FOR YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



This September the Youth Sunday School Class will begin with a new curriculum called "*Caffeine*". This exciting new youth curriculum is an energizing youth resource that's inspiring and fun! "*Caffeine*" engages youth with imaginative retellings of Bible stories they can relate to. Utilizing this exciting new curriculum, we will address the topics of Cash, Christ and Confusion by uncovering deeper meanings in some Bible stories that will help our youth with making decisions.

Erick Falconer,  
Assistant Director of Music for Children & Coordinator of Youth Ministries

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## FROM THE ORGANIST BENCH

### *Hello First Church!*



It is time to come together and celebrate the end of the Summer Season and the beginning of the Regular Season. Rehearsals of the Chancel Choir and Covenant Bells begin September 5. The bell choir normally rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 and the Chancel Choir from 7:30 to 8:45. I am planning a long rehearsal on Saturday, September 28, for these groups.

If you are curious about handbells/handchimes all it takes is an ability to count to 6. If you can do that, you are a candidate for bell choir. Some schools have handbells and not choir for their music elective nowadays. If you are curious about playing with us let me invite you to contact me at 314-962-0475 or send an email to [leon.burke@FirstChurchWG.org](mailto:leon.burke@FirstChurchWG.org), and you can explore this fascinating world of bell ringing.

If you want to sing in the choir, fantastic! Contact me at 314-962-0475 or send an email to [leon.burke@FirstChurchWG.org](mailto:leon.burke@FirstChurchWG.org). All ages are welcome. It is said "one who is singing, is praying twice," and our rehearsals begin with warm-ups designed to cultivate good vocal technique in every choir member. Now is a good time to come and join us!

After six months of service to First Church, I am feeling like I am beginning to know you all. I am embracing my role of steward of your musical instruments and serving the ministries of this church. The Oikos Ensemble is working closely with me and I urge you to attend *Saturday Night Light* which is another musical entrance to God's word. At the end of the year Oikos and the choir plan to present the *Missa Gaia* by Paul Winter, Jim Scott, *et al*, to cap a whole season of earth consciousness.

I am excited for the coming season of music at First Church! You will be hearing the Canterbury Bells more often and the choir will be singing a wide variety of styles and genres. I will be taking my vacation time in a few weeks to go to Alcala, Spain, to conduct *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff and I will be conducting the University City Symphony in a free concert on October 13 that will feature brothers Manuel and Adolfo Ramos (violin and cello) in a performance of the *Double Concerto* by Johannes Brahms. Music is truly the speech of the divine.

## Moderator's Corner September 2019

I guess we could declare that the summer is officially over, whether we want it to be or not. Hopefully you enjoyed your summer activities and are excited for the start of another church season. There are many events already on the upcoming church calendar, some familiar and some new. Keep checking the Covenant News and the E News for the latest happenings around the church. I hope you take advantage of the many opportunities for involvement that will be available to you.

During the summer the various church committees and working groups have been busy preparing for both this year and for the church of the future. The Strategic Planning Committee (StratCom), under the excellent leadership of Jenny Jones, made an update report following the service on Sunday, August 18, to over 60 interested congregants. An update was presented on the ongoing work of StratCom in two primary areas. If you were unable to attend the meeting and want to see the report, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yy4kyaq7> to see the video.

The first area of the update pertained to the “use of church” and the process being used to increase our financial income while maximizing the use of the facility for the benefit of our members and the community. Diane McLean reported on the process and what has been done so far. She also discussed the next steps that will help define the various options that are available. There are many exciting ideas that the committee will continue to explore concerning the “use of church.” These ideas will be evaluated as to how they best meet the mission of our church and the spaces we have available. Your input and ideas will be solicited along the way.

The second area of the report concerned the development of church Vision and Mission statements. This was written by a subcommittee of the StratCom and guided by the church survey that was distributed last spring. After much discussion with the professional staff and committee members as well as analyzing input from the survey, Bob Moody and Jeanene Harris crafted a working document that was presented to the church during this update meeting. Copies of the document are available online and in the church office. You are asked to provide additional input and comment before Rally Day on September 8. The document will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised based upon the comments and suggestions that were received. The final Vision and Mission Statements will be presented for adoption at a church meeting on October 6. There is a box located in the church office for your suggestions, or you can email them to the committee chair Jenny Jones ([jennifer.jones@rubinbrown.com](mailto:jennifer.jones@rubinbrown.com)), or to me ([marke@wustl.edu](mailto:marke@wustl.edu)).

Also working hard through the summer has been the Communications Committee, chaired by Linda Kopetti. They are tasked with how to best communicate the “Who we are” component of our church. They have been busy looking at all areas of print, video and social media as vehicles to best tell our story. One of their initiatives is to gather pictures that best describe our church in action. Please look through any photos you might have that were taken at church events and you think best show what our church means to you. You can either email them to Debbie Tolstoi ([admin@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwg.org)) in the church office or drop them off at the office where they will be scanned and returned to you.

Yes, this has been a very productive summer on many fronts. It promises to be an exciting year and I hope that you share the enthusiasm of the many people who are actively engaged in defining the future of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves. Please take the opportunity to become actively involved in this process, for we want this to be the best church for both you and our community.

Together in Christ,

Mark Edwards  
*Moderator*

## THE MINISTRY OF IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS Announces Upcoming Oïkos Ensemble Events

### Jazz In Worship

Sunday mornings, September 22 and October 27



Kim Fuller, Arianna Aerie, Tim Osiek, Cliff Aerie (along with pianist Jim Owens, bassist Glen Smith and drummer David True) will guide us on an Earth Walk.



A Sacred Concert Celebrating  
Mother Earth

Friday, October 25 at 7:30 pm



Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 pm

## THEY'RE OUR CHILDREN, TOO

by Roger Barnes

A few weeks ago, Jan told me about an upcoming trip to Oklahoma to protest the upcoming opening of a new detention center for immigrant children. I was luke-warmish to the idea and readily forgot about it.

A week or so later she told me that she had decided to go. I opened my eyes and my mind and started asking questions. It was to be a two-day trip to Lawton, OK staying overnight, having a rally at a church followed by a demonstration at Ft. Sill where the detention center was to be.

The next day she told me she had sent in her reservation. This really made me pay attention. I quickly looked at the details and decided that I could and should be part of it also. In the days before we left, the government had decided to postpone the opening of the detention center for reasons we really didn't know, but it was decided that the trip and protest would go on as planned. And so, at 7:30 am on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Jan and I boarded a nice, large, comfortable bus and headed west toward Oklahoma.

There were two buses, over 100 people altogether, making the journey. With several stops en route, we arrived at our hotel about 7:30pm, got a bit to eat and headed to our rooms to get some rest. The following morning we bussed to Lawton Hill Methodist Church who had graciously invited us to rally on their lawn. We sang songs of protest, strength and courage. We heard brief stories about refugees who had died while in detention and stories of the desperate situations that forced them to flee their homelands.

Several Hispanic young men were putting a new roof on a small house across the street using a generator and nail guns. Shortly, we noticed the noise had stopped. The men, standing, then sitting, on the roof, were watching and listening to the stories and chants. It was a powerful moment. Many turned and looked to them and them to us, holding our signs. Knowing that our simple act did mean something to someone made it all worthwhile.

After an hour or so, we re-boarded our buses and went to the front gate of Fort Sill where we again gathered to sing and chant our disapproval of the conditions at detention centers. Several police officers kept watch but let us continue our action. After 30 minutes or so, we headed back to our buses for the trip back to St. Louis. At 10:00pm we pulled into our starting point. It was two days of riding a bus for about 1½ hours of protesting.

Was it worth it? Some have said it was a waste.

We all decided that, if we don't say something now, when we will be speak up? We all decided it was important to show that we are watching. We all decided to interrupt our lives for two days to take part in this. We all decided that it was absolutely worth the time and effort to give our voices to those who voices have been silenced.

This trip was organized by Heartland for Human Justice, a newly organized coalition of non-profit groups based in St. Louis. Founding coalition members were Central Reform Congregation, Congregation Sha'are Emeth, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, National Council of Jewish Women – St. Louis, St. Louis Japanese American Citizen League, United Hebrew Congregation, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice. Other members included Parkway UCC and several other faith-based and secular groups. If you want to know more about these groups, the trip itself and/or see some pictures, go to Facebook and call up Heartland for Human Justice. Please watch for more information on upcoming trips and/or how you might contribute to supplies to help those currently in detention centers.



## IS MY CHARITABLE GIVING TAX WISE?

Mark Cereghino & Jennifer Jones

October 13, 2019 in Memorial Hall

Please join us for a presentation by Mark Cereghino, CLU, ChFC, and Jennifer Jones, CPA, CGMA, for a discussion of how to make your charitable gifts tax wise. With the increase in the standard deduction under the new 2018 tax law, some church members might think they are losing a deduction for their pledge, but there are a number of approved ways to get that deduction back for many of us.

Mark has been a Financial Planner with New York Life for 34 years. Jenny is a CPA and currently is part of the executive team at RubinBrown LLP, a certified public accounting and professional consulting firm. Together, they will give you some simple and easy-to-understand ideas that could improve your tax bill as you continue to make your pledge. Four specific tax-wise strategies for you to consider for your Annual Pledge will be explained.

Mark, who has been the volunteer chair of Legacy Giving for Channel 9 for 11 years, will also share some simple ideas on how to include the church in your estate plan. At least five tax-wise legacy planning strategies will be addressed. Most importantly, the discussion will be clear and understandable.

Throughout the presentation, we will address any questions that you might have on these important topics.



I spent Saturday, August 3rd, working on one of five new Habitat houses in the La Saison neighborhood. This particular unit was in the 1200 block of Tucker, several blocks east of the old City Hospital. While we installed floor joists, a second crew laid down sub flooring on another of the new builds.

Saturday, November 9th, will be our church's workday. Between our church and St. John's Chesterfield, we need 10 workers. I'll have a sign up sheet in the office shortly.

Phil Shoulberg

## LADY ELECT

Ladies of the church: Lady Elect Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Programs include two potlucks, Christmas cookie exchange, members' book reviews, wine tasting, Harp music and a "field trip", which usually includes a dinner out.

Most meetings start at 7 PM, with two co-hostess for each meeting. The exceptions are the Sept. and May potlucks, which start at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Laura Cooper if interested in more details.

## PRACTICING OUR FAITH

We will be starting the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor, at our next meeting on September 10th.

We meet at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month, and welcome any woman that would like to join us.





This Fall we will once again have the opportunity to help the church look it's best and have fun working together to accomplish this task.

We will gather **Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 AM** in Memorial Hall. Jobs and supplies will be waiting. We will work until noon and then enjoy lunch together. Please bring a sack lunch, dessert and beverages will be provided.

Comments from previous work days have been positive from both the participants and from the staff. So, please join us!

For more information, please contact Linda Kopetti, 636-527-7946, lkopetti@icloud.com

## SAGE EXPLORES THE GREAT EXPLORER, DANIEL BOONE

Tuesday, October 15

All are welcome for the SAGE trip to Defiance, Missouri, to visit the historic Daniel Boone home. Although we usually associate Daniel Boone with Kentucky, he lived the last years of his life with other Boone family members in St. Charles County; died and was buried there. He lived in the home of his youngest son, Nathan. This home has been restored and is part of a collection of historic buildings dating from about the same period of time.

We will carpool from the church, meeting at 10:15. We will have lunch at Chandler Hill Winery before our guided tour of the Boone home at 1:30. Tickets for the Boone tour are \$6.00 per person.

*Please sign up in the office so we will know how many reservations will be needed for the restaurant and the tour.*

**Pre-Tour Exploration**  
**"Daniel Boone Before Defiance"**  
**Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Inglis Room**

The focus at the Daniel Boone Historic Home in Defiance is on the Boone's years in Missouri. But Daniel Boone's historic importance was established well before he moved to St. Charles County. As a preview of the SAGE tour of the Boone site at Defiance, Joan Musbach will present a program, "Daniel Boone Before Defiance" for anyone interested in the life of this important early American frontiersman. Although unlike Davy Crockett, there is no folklore that "he kilt him a b'ar when he was only three," it is documented that Boone killed ninety-nine bears in one hunting season! Bear bacon was a major source of food for people on the frontier. Come learn other interesting stories of his life west of the Appalachians.

## HOLIDAY LIBRARY - CHECK IT OUT

Every other summer the library committee does an inventory of our book collection. We weed out old books that are no longer in good condition and note what books are missing. This year we found several books have disappeared. Please look around your home to see if you might have any of these books or if you spot them in some room at church please return them to the church library desk.

### Adult Books

Living With Anxiety	Randolph Miller
The Road Less Traveled	Scott Peck
The Bible Speaks to You	Robert Brown
Can I Believe in Miracles?	Ralph Murray
Overcoming Setbacks	Steve Brown
The Hungering Dark	Frederick Buechner
Daily Bible Devotional	Smith
Who Am I God?	Marjorie Holmes
Through Four Centuries Julius	Horstmann
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai
Religious Drama	Martin Browne
The King of Fields	Isaac Singer
A Stillness at Appomattox	Bruce Catton
Kate Chopin: A Critical Biography	Peer Seyersted
Jesus Rediscovered	Malcolm Muggeridge
A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman
The Bean Tree	Barbara Kingsolver
A Piece of the World	Christina Kline
The Help	Kathryn Stockett

### Children's Books

God and His People	Harold Bassage
Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin	Marguerite Henry
Tell Me About God	Mary Alice Jones
I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles	Walter Wick
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Brown
Pancakes Pancakes	Eric Carle
Go Dog Go	P. D. Eastman
Olivia	Ian Falconer
Pumpkin Jack	Will Hubbell
Success What Is It	Janet McDonnell
A Fly Went By	Mike McCloskey
The Ball Game	David Packard
First Comes Spring	Anne Rockwell
The Beginners Bible	

## HISTORY... DID YOU KNOW?

The Parlor has changed locations and been redecorated several times. Today it is located on the second floor in what was originally the 1870 church structure. After the 1892-3 sanctuary was built, this original church space was refitted as a gymnasium, a sort of community center. It accommodated nicely, each week, 40 to 60 men who came to play volleyball, youth who played basketball and scouts who did their drills. When the area was no longer used as a gym a ceiling and upper room were added in 1929, in conjunction with the building of the Sunday school wing. It came to be known as Bradley's Chapel, later the Youth Room, and at present it is called the Upper Room. The lower level of what had been the gym was turned into a parlor. One of the redecorations, done in 1960, was dedicated to Carrie Prehn a long time member of the church and the Women's Association. She worked in her quiet way at many tasks for many years (put mite boxes on tables at Women's Association luncheons and collected them afterwards for years.) The latest refurbishing happened in 1992-3, in memory of parents by Robert and Carol Wolford. Both Wolfords were very involved in church activities until they moved out of state. In the parlor now is a portrait on the west wall of Paul Davis, our minister from 1965 to 1993. A grouping of pictures on the south wall includes a black and white photo of the sanctuary as it looked after a 1971 remodeling.



the Restoration 2000 Project the room was updated by Hal & Nancy Knight and Ken & Marge Gable.

The Knight family decided a **Bride's Room** would be just the right memorial for Mariel Knight, mother of present member Marge Gable. Muriel had long wished there was a special room at the church in which brides could make last minute preparations before they walked down the aisle. In a space on the second floor, that had previously been an office, such a room was created in the early 1970s. On February 25, 1973, church members were invited to view the new room after worship. During



## FALL HYGIENE DRIVE

Parish Life will be hosting our annual personal hygiene drive on October 13th, 20th and 27th. Please bring personal care items for adults, infants or children. A box will be available in the narthex.



## 2019 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

We appreciate all of the donations of school supplies and backpacks for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. These donations help many children in our community!



## PASTA / PIZZA PARTY = FUN IN THE KITCHEN!

During the summer, our Sunday School Students tend the vegetable garden as part of our summer curriculum. The end of our summer session culminates in a Pizza / Pasta Party for students and their parents. Good food and fun happened in the church kitchen this year. Thank you to our helpers!



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Bennett 2nd  
 Laura Cooper 3rd  
 Mike Stewart 3rd  
 Bob Moody 4th  
 Bob Borutta 5th  
 Doug Miller 6th  
 Jeff McCoy 7th  
 Marianne Oliphant 11th  
 Megan Christy 13th

Nancy Rudolph 13th  
 Chip Isringhaus 14th  
 Annie Warner 16th  
 Jacob Getz 18th  
 James Jaeger 18th  
 Sarah McHugh 18th  
 Mark Cereghino 20th  
 Debbie Tolstoi 20th  
 Elaine Coe 22nd

Jane Porchey 24th  
 BJ Kaul 25th  
 Philip Roush 25th  
 Kedra Tolson 26th  
 Janice Aerie 28th  
 Jennifer Gomez 28th  
 Lynn Hoganson 28th  
 Beatrice Byrne 29th  
 Herb Niemeyer 30th

## The ECH Christmas Store is expanding!!

Thanks to **your generous support** throughout the years, we are now opening the “*Christmas Store*” for our clients to “shop” **ALL YEAR!**

**We are so excited to introduce...**



**Gifts will now be available all year long for our young peoples' giving needs -  
*Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Graduations ....and Christmas too!***

Staffed by volunteers, **hopE CHest** is here for all of our clients.

**hopE CHest** opens in September. If you would like to make donations, please send

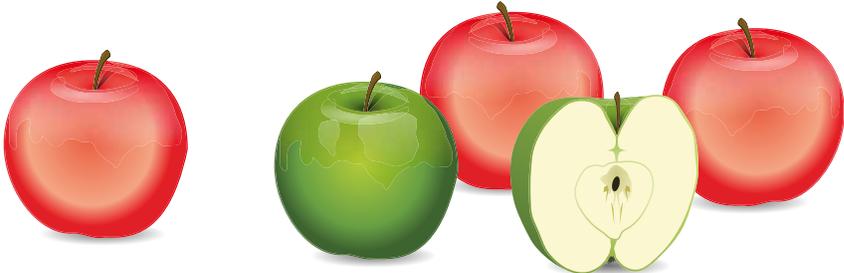
**ALL NEW** items, please, as soon as possible, all year long\*...we want to start our **Grand Opening** off with a bang!

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to working with you to give children **HOPE!**

***For more info, please contact: Sarah Deweese, Volunteer & Community Relations Manager, (314) 427-3755 x299 or sdeweese@echmail.org. \*Please note: When sending items, mark it "Store/Sarah" or "Hope Chest/Sarah. 11 Pick up is also available .***

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 – Sacrament of Christ's Table</b> 9:00 AM Brown Baggers 9:55 AM Worship 9:55 AM Youth in Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship	<b>2 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Willing Workers 2:00 PM Communications Team	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching
<b>8 – Rally Day</b> 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Congregational Photo Shoot 11:15 AM Potluck Luncheon and Rally 12:30 PM * OWL Parents of 7-9 Graders at Peace UCC	<b>9</b> 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Three Ministries 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Willing Workers 11:00 AM Mary Martha Guild 11:30 AM Devine Diners 6:30 PM Practicing Our Faith	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search 6:15 PM Canterbury Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:05 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Worship Reflection 12:30 PM * OWL Grades 7-9 at Peace UCC	<b>16</b> 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Executive Ministry	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Willing Workers	18 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Healing Touch Practice	19 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search	20	21 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Fall Work Day 6:00 PM Saturday Night Light: The Jazz of Preaching
22 9:55 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sun. School 11:05 AM Fellowship 11:30 AM Worship Reflection 12:30 PM * OWL Grades 7-9 at Peace UCC	<b>23 – First Day of Autumn</b> 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24 9:30 AM Willing Workers 7:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders 7:00 PM Lady Elect – Potluck	25 9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing	26 8:30 AM Journeymen 10:00 AM FAITH: Continuing the Search	27 5:00 PM Room at the Inn 6:00 PM Dinner & A Movie	28
29 9:55 AM Worship 11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Worship Reflection 12:30 PM * OWL Grades 7-9 at Peace UCC	30 1:00 PM Center for Counseling and Healing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts					



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*Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.*



## September Meal-A-Month

Beef Stew  
Canned Carrots (low or no salt)  
Canned Fruit in own juices  
Cornbread Mix (no eggs)  
Powdered Milk  
Shelf Stable Milk  
Soy Milk  
Toothbrushes  
Tooth Paste  
Dental Floss

## Missing Someone?

Have you been missing someone for a while from worship and other church events? Please, let Pastor Dave Denoon or the Parish Life Chair know. Either will be happy to follow up for you.

