

Information @ Church

September Deacon of the Month
Lew Smith

September Elder of the Month
Deb Cooley



September 10

Open House Sunday

September 17

Kick Off Sunday



Open House Sunday and Kick Off Sunday

In the past, we have had fun sharing the mission of the church, sharing ways for the congregation to connect with that mission. Join us in September and find out how you can connect to the mission and purpose of our congregation.

September 10 - Open House Sunday

This will be a day for the congregation to explore our Education Wing.

- Fellowship Time will be held in the Gathering Room.
- Classrooms will be open to explore and to get reacquainted with the space.
- Leadership Teams will "Show & Tell" how the mission is lived out in the congregation and the community through the work of their Teams. They will share how you can be involved and how to share your gifts.

September 17 - Kick Off Sunday

This will be a day for the congregation to build relationships.

- Outdoor: Worship/Fellowship/Activities
(In Fellowship Hall if we have inclement weather)
- 'Human' Bingo - with prizes!
- Lunch will be served!
We will enjoy the same meal that is served at Loaves and Fishes- Helping everyone to understand/appreciate our mission of Loaves and Fishes.

Look at All the Fun We Had in Previous Years!



September 3

We welcome back Pastor Dan Schultz this Sunday.

As is our custom, on the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

You can read more about Presbyterian Communion [here](#).

September 4 - Labor Day

The church office will be closed.

Today is Labor Day. Labor Day honors all workers and their contributions to society.

Commit your work
to the LORD,
and your plans
will be established.

Proverbs 16:3

Thank You - From SSM Cancer Center

Dear Women of Faith -

Thank you so much for the donations of hard candy/card with inspirational quotes, and the homemade rice-filled neck warmers. These are both wonderful ideas for our patients!

Our patients often ask for hard candy to help with their dry mouths, nausea and to help with the metallic taste of some chemo drugs. The neck warmers will be very comforting for them.

Your kind and thoughtful gifts are very appreciated.
Ellie & the Cancer Center

September 10 -

Today we will have an Open House, in the Gathering Room on September 10.

We will have Fellowship Time, as well as, a time to walk around the classrooms and get reacquainted with the Education Wing.

The Leadership Teams will have a 'Show & Tell' about how their missions work in the congregation and the community.

Please join us! More information is available on Page 2.

September 13 - Women in Faith



Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, August 9, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will share a light meal together followed by a fun time of fellowship and sharing our school memories.

On the menu? We are having a "Salad Bar." You can bring a dish to pass, if you like, if not, just bring yourself, and maybe a friend, and enjoy a lovely evening.

Following dinner, we will check in with each other and share our school memories. Bring your class pictures, yearbook or other school memorabilia.

Women in Faith meets one evening a month from 5:30-7:30pm. Women in Faith is open to women of all ages, and everyone is welcome. See you there!

September 14 -
Ruby's Pantry



- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food

Where	Grace Christian
When	September 14
Open	4:30-6:00pm
Donation	\$25.00 Cash Only

If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry please complete the application at: www.rubyspantry.org.

September 15 - Cribbage

Join us for Cribbage on September 15. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.

If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you!

Fun, friendship and fellowship - now that's a winning hand!

September 17 -
Outdoor Worship & Kick Off Sunday

We'll worship outdoors and have activities outdoors, like 'Human' Bingo! Bet you can't wait to play that!

We are also having lunch. A Loaves and Fishes meal is planned.

It will be a great day to build relationships!

Won't you join us? More information is available on Page 2.

September 18 - Session

Session meets this evening. Please pray for them as they make decisions that will help to lead our congregation forward.

Every Saturday -
Table Tennis

Don't forget! We have Table Tennis every Saturday from 9:00am-Noon. All skill levels are welcome.

Join us to get a little exercise and have a lot of fun.

Pastor Supply

September 3	Dan Schultz
September 10	Rebecca Proefrock
September 17	Darren Beachy
September 24	Evan Stark
October 1	Rebecca Proefrock
October 8	Darren Beachy
October 15	Evan Stark
October 22	Darren Beachy
October 29	Ken Nabi

Growing Connections

September 3 Labor Day Weekend
No Growing Connections

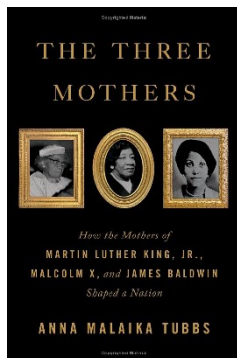
September 10
Gathering Room Open House
Alzheimer's Walk Promotion
Becky Frize will lead us.

September 17
Outdoor Worship
Kick Off Sunday!
Intergenerational Activities

September 24
Challenge Day

The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation

There are books for both adults and children in the bookcases in the Narthex, and in the parlor, as well. You can borrow a book at any time. A sign-out sheet is available.



One of the new adult acquisitions is entitled: *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*.

Louise Little, Alberta King and Berdis Baldwin are not household names. The author, Anna Malaika Tubbs, a Gates Scholar, and Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at Cambridge University, aimed to piece together what she could from the “margins and footnotes” of books, speeches, funeral programs, and letters.

She notes that there are similarities in the lives of these women, who were born within six years of one another. All three “learned to read and write above an average level,” and all three formed “passions for the arts of writing, poetry and music.” The three mothers raised sons who became internationally known.

Louise Little, came from the rebellious island nation of Grenada, where Caribs fought and bravely died for their freedom. She spoke several languages, and taught her children to recite the alphabet in French. Louise was the mother of Malcolm X, an American Muslim minister and human rights activist who was a prominent figure during the civil rights movement.

Alberta King, the mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., was an only child. She was a trained musician, a graduate of Spelman Seminary, and a licensed teacher. Alberta had a strong relationship to the Black church with unwavering faith in the Lord. MLK was an American Baptist minister and one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement.

Berdis Baldwin had gifts as a writer. Her birthday wishes were “some of the most beautiful ever written,” according to her children and grandchildren. James Berdis, her son, was a prolific writer and wrote about social change, such as the civil rights movement, in the 1950’s.

In the chapters: *Our Men and Marriages, The Birth of our Children, Our Trials and Tribulations and Tragedies, Loving our Sons, and Losing our Sons*, the author features what happened to each of their sons. The book closes with the statement “we must take pride in ourselves, in our children and in our shared mission for each person to be granted the basic right to live life with dignity, happiness and recognition.”

We invite you to read the book to learn the joys and challenges of these three mothers.

Review provided by Carol Smith.

8 Biblical Principles for Labor Day + Bible Verses

Labor Day is a day to remember the value of work—and rest. Here are 8 principles that apply to the practice of work.

#1: Hard work

Scriptures on hard work:

Proverbs 14:23: *"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."*

Colossians 3:23: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."*

#2: Rest

Genesis 2:2: *"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work."*

Matthew 11:28: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

#3: Integrity

Proverbs 10:9: *"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."*

1 Peter 3:16: *"Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."*

#4: Honesty

Proverbs 16:11: *"Honest scales and balances belong to the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making."*

Ephesians 4:25: *"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."*

#5: Diligence

Proverbs 12:24: *"Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor."*

Hebrews 6:11: *"We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized."*

#6: Excellence

Colossians 3:17: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Philippians 4:8: *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

#7: Creativity

Genesis 1:27: *"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."*

Exodus 35:31-32: *"He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver, and bronze."*

Closing thoughts

The Biblical principles outlined above are not just reserved for Labor Day but are applicable every day in our lives, whether at work or in our personal endeavors. These principles teach us the value of hard work, the importance of rest, and the need for integrity, honesty, diligence, excellence, creativity, and perseverance in all we do.

By embracing these principles, we can bring honor to our labor, serve others, and glorify God through our work.



Have you ever reached for a pen and started to write with it only to discover that it is out of ink, or wanted to use a marker or Sharpie and realized it was dry? When that happens, we throw the pen or marker in the garbage. The fact is, pens and markers are not biodegradable and sit in landfills.

To do our part to reduce this type of waste in our landfills, we have found a company called Terracycle Recycling. Terracycle is a recycling company that specializes in recycling typically hard to recycle waste which is not processed by local municipalities. The company recycles many types of waste, however, the waste that we will be recycling is:

- pens and pen caps
- highlighters
- permanent markers and caps
- markers and caps
- wooden pencils
- mechanical pencils

You can find the Terracycle box in the Narthex next to the Welcome Center. As you come across the items that were just mentioned, please feel free to bring them to church and put them in the box.

When the box is full, we will ship it back to the Terracycle.

Thank you,
The Serving Team

Congratulations to Our New Church Officers!

On August 13, 2023, we ordained/installed five Elders and three Deacons. We are all happy to have them leading and caring for our congregation.

Elders

Mary Bacon
Cheryl Clarenbach
Larry Johnson
Joanne Marchionda
Mike Warntjes

Deacons

Judy Dassow
Carol Smith
Lew Smith





Blood Center of Wisconsin

Blood Drive October 19 2:00-6:00pm

First Presbyterian Church began working with Versiti Blood Center at least 15 years ago. Unlike other donation organizations, all donated blood products stay in Wisconsin - helping *our* family and *our* friends. And, it has a four-star rating, according to [Charity Navigator!](#)

Did you know donating blood at an upcoming Versiti blood drive is an easy, yet powerful way for you to strengthen our community? When you donate blood, you can help save a local patient's life and give hope to that patient's family. Accident victims, premature babies, patients with sickle cell disease, and patients who need blood transfusions to stay healthy are counting on kindhearted people like you. Neighbors need neighbors.

You will be able to sign up, online, soon. There will also be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Make a difference in our community by donating at the First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive on Thursday, October 19th from 2:00-6:00pm.

