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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Labor Day is quickly approaching, and for many the holiday marks the unofficial end of the Summer, even if Autumn is still weeks away. Some of us will cling to the remaining hot days as long as we can, while others will look forward to the cooler evenings and pumpkin spiced everything. While I will admit that I have an affinity for Fall in particular, I love all changes of season.

Every new season hints at new creation. New beginnings; new possibilities. What might God do in *this* coming season? What might God make new in our lives, in our community, in our church? It's exciting to ponder and dream and pray about! Of course, change can also bring uncertainty, but we are comforted knowing that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8), regardless of the calendar.

As we anticipate a new season, may we look forward with joy and wonder to all that God will do in and around Faith UMC.

Grace and peace,
Jed

MESSAGE FROM LAY LEADER

"Living with Purpose"

Have you ever asked yourself "what is my purpose in life"? I am sure we have all asked that at some point in our lives. Maybe the following can help you answer this question!

First, you can be used by God. He can use you to bless others. Be a vessel for God's glory.

Second, just follow Jesus. He has chosen you, as he did the twelve, to be fishers of men. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a gift he's asking you to share with others.

Third, be an example. Jesus Christ was the role model for each of us. He gave us the best example of how we are to live.

Fourth, any time and in every way help others. Even relatively simple acts of love can make an enormous difference!

Fifth, love is a verb. Have a heart of compassion. Open up your heart.

Sixth, good measure. Give and it will be given unto you. Focusing on the problems of others can help you to stop focusing so much on your own. Let God handle your life as you invest in others.

Seventh, shine your light! Allow your light to break forth into the world. Do not worry about the journey, God is ahead of you and has paved a way that is safe and secure. Trust him in every way. ST



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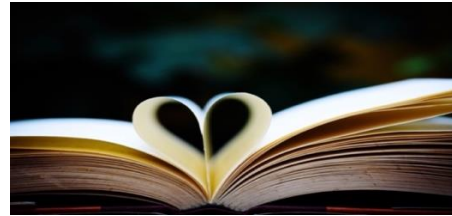
Will Return Next Month



BETH'S MISSION MESSAGE

In September, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for Haywood Christian

Ministries. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any homemade jams or jellies. Please remember our neighbors that need a little help.



Smokey has Sunday School lessons for children ages 4 to 12 each week and Mark has adult lessons.

SEPTEMBER 2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM**

September 5 - Labor Day

Labor Day is a federal holiday that takes place on the first Monday in September, at the end of the long weekend known as Labor Day weekend. It is a holiday in tribute to American workers and their social and economic contribution to society. It recognizes and shows respect for organized labor, and the individual rights of workers.

September 11 - Grandparents Day is an annual celebration that takes place on the Sunday after Labor Day. The day came about due to the efforts of two people:

In 1961, **Jacob Reingold**, the executive vice president of Hebrew Home of Riverdale (a care home for older adults), attended a conference on aging in the White House. Driven by what he heard, he sought to do something to honor all grandparents: a special day. This was first celebrated in the Hebrew Home in September 1961. On January 27, 1987, Mario Biaggi, a member of The House of Representatives, remarked for the record a "Tribute to Jacob Reingold, pioneer in efforts to gain national recognition for grandparents".

Marian McQuade's concern about the number of lonely and isolated grandparents in homes motivated her to start a campaign in 1970 for a special day for them. She wanted their families and others in the community to benefit from their care and wisdom. She gained the support of local leaders.

September 26 – World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Each year, the world observes World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 26 or on the last Sunday of September. It is a day designated yearly by the United Nations to commemorate and honor people who have been forced to flee their homes, people who have escaped conflict, seen adversity, and, against all odds, forged their way to find greener

pastures in places far away from their homes.

This day has been designated to recognize the courage and fortitude of these people and heighten our level of empathy and understanding for the plight and difficult decisions many immigrants have had to make. The activities carried out on this day are to support and create opportunities for immigrants and refugees.

September 26 – National Day of Praise and Worship is

commemorated every September 26 by Christians around the United States. On this day, praise and worship songs are sung. Derrick Wallace established this day in the year 2020. Christian worship and praise are essential to the faith. On this day, people worship God in whatever way they can, whether by singing worship songs, painting a picture, or playing an instrument. They use whatever talent God has given them to praise and worship him!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tryllis Autrey**
- 2 – Rick Boen**
- 3 – Rev. Jed Tate**
- 19 - Josh Scarborough**
- 20 - Thurman Blaine**
- 23 - Susan Trantham**



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Eduardo & Tracy Villeveces**
- 24 Scotty & Kari Setser**