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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Family Worship  
Kwan Kim

Praise the Lord! I am so thankful to God for allowing us to have beautiful and spirit-filled worship every Sunday. We are excited to see newcomers and visitors almost every Sunday and share joy.

And seeing children who enjoy the Children's Moment is another blessing. Whenever they make a cute comment, we laugh. When they are happy, we are so glad. When they pray, we all pray together with the heart of blessing. Children are the blessing and the future of the church.

From Oct. 1st, we will have "Family Worship," where children remain in worship with us from the beginning to the end. It is because we are still searching for the Children's Ministry teacher and cannot continue Sunday School every week.

However, it can be a good shift for our church. Through family worship, children can learn how to worship from adult congregations and feel the presence of the holy spirit through the worship service. The ultimate goal of Sunday School is to help children become true worshippers. That being said, family worship can be one of the best ways.

I plan to prepare sermons easier and shorter than before so that children may understand and apply them to their lives. At the same time, I would like to enhance worship music that all generations can get into.

There could be some areas that both children and adults need to understand or endure (?). In some sense, everyone must yield to others to go further together. But, let's say it may be a growing pain. It is always for something good.

I intentionally focus on Children's Moments to make family worship as enjoyable and meaningful as possible. Then, I need volunteers to help me prepare the props. Linda Hornig is helping me out immensely. But we need



more people to do it together. I would like to name the group the Children's Ministry Support Team. If you like to make things for children, please let me know. Our children will learn more effectively through your support about God's love, Jesus Christ, and Christian life.

It's always exciting to see how God works in us, among us, and through us. Like the beautiful foliage, I hope our church becomes more beautiful and colorful with this new worship. See you at the worship service.

## *Pastor Kwan's Office Hours*

Pastor Kwan will be in the office on Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and at other times by appointment. Please note that Pastor Kwan also visits people in the community during this time.

## *From the Deacons' Bench*

Greetings:

Well here we are going into the fall season saying goodbye to the “sunny” days of summer. The time of apple picking, pumpkin gathering and leaf peeping.

Now we scurry to finish those projects around the house, both inside and out, to get everything ready for winter. Bedding down the gardens, picking up those beautiful falling leaves drifting by our windows and the all-important firing up of the snowblower to make sure it's ready to go.

As we go through the seasons of our lives, God is there ready to help us with whatever needs to be done. No matter what the project is, his love and grace will always be there for the asking. I find comfort in that thought.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Justin Fontaine for agreeing to become a Deacon. We truly appreciate his willingness to become an integral part of this community.

Have a blessed fall season,

Penny Dibble, Deacon





## *October Birthdays*

Birthday Greetings to the following members of our church who celebrate birthdays in October.



Robert Patterson	10/01
Barbara Dunwoody	10/03
Jacene Germain	10/05
Joseph Eagan	10/05
Jennifer Jernigan	10/05
Carmel Grant	10/04
Madison Cadieux	10/08
Ellie Soucy	10/14
Cameron Walulak	10/14
Joyce Brooks	10/14
Laurie Schoolcraft	10/17
River Lillibridge	10/18
Casey DeGray	10/20
Rebecca DeSanti	10/20
Rebekah Doyle	10/23
Justin Jernigan	10/24
Bruce Westcott	10/29
Beatrice Officer	10/30
Gillian Smith	10/30
Olivia McKeone	10/31

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

Allen & Laurie Schoolcraft	10/04
Paul & Elizabeth Cilley	10/09
Nancy & Richard Nelson	10/09
Robert & Cheryl Patterson	10/14
Bruce & Jeanne Westcott	10/15
Michael & Karen Kielb	10/18
Joshua & Sarah Blain	10/24
Erik & Dawn McKeone	10/27

*Congratulations*



## *Prayer Corner*



Phyllis  
Evie Meacham  
Gail Banning  
Lois Pixley  
Cheryl Joley  
Dennis Connor  
Andrew  
Carl

Bobby S & family  
Earl  
Rory  
Joanna  
Connie  
Ellen  
Karen  
Peter  
Jacob

For those affected by hurricanes  
For the people of Hawaii  
For those traveling  
For victims & families of mass shootings  
For the people of Ukraine  
For those affected by floods and fires  
For World Peace  
For those battling cancer  
For those struggling with addiction or mental illness  
For those that grieve the loss of loved ones  
For first responders & health care workers  
For the people Afghanistan, Iran, Haiti, Russia & Middle East  
For the changing climate  
For our country  
For all world leaders  
For shut-ins and those who are isolated  
For the homeless  
For Asian & Black people & all who are persecuted for simply being  
how God created them



*Sympathy to the family & friends of*  
***Rollyn Hatch***  
*who passed away on September 4<sup>th</sup>*

# *Children's Ministry Update*

Our church has always supported families in the faith formation of their children in a variety of ways besides Sunday School groups: intergenerational worship, mission/service opportunities, and special connection-building activities between our congregation and the community.

As we are still searching for a Children's Ministry teacher, beginning Oct. 1, the children will *temporarily* remain with their families in worship. Pastor Kwan envisions making parts of worship more accessible to the children's understanding, while continuing to nurture and inspire adult spiritual growth.



We believe this temporary change offers at least several blessings; allowing the children to share the full worship service further integrates the children into the church family, strengthening their relationships with Pastor Kwan and fellow congregants (a blessing for us adults, too!) and offers them a praise experience of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit within the comfort of their family's presence.

God may be using this time to reveal new ways of shaping our Children's Ministry. Let's watch, listen, and pray for his leading, as we grow together in the Spirit.

Blessings,

Linda Hornig, on behalf of the Children's Ministry Team

# *Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Training*

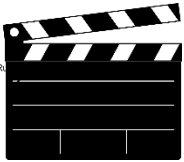
There will be a free workshop opportunity, “Building up the Beloved Community.” This workshop for Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural (CRCC) appointments is interactive and engaging, designed for laity and clergy in Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural appointments.

Time and Date: 9:00 AM – 3:00PM on Oct. 21st.

Place: ZOOM

If you want to join, please contact the church office. The ZOOM link will be sent to you.

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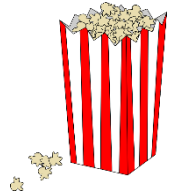


## *Movie Night*

“Daniel”

Friday, October 6th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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## *Knit, Stitch, Pray*

Join us every Wednesday from

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM





# *Spiritual Healing Touch Ministry*

Join Us Every Wednesday

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## *Bible Study*

Following Fellowship

Sundays @ 11:45 AM



## *November/December Upper Room Available*

We have copies of the November/December 2023 *Upper Room* available. Feel free to pick one up when you are at the church. If you are unable to come get one in person, please call the office at 413-566- 3711 and we will make sure to get a copy to you.

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship 11:45 AM Bible Study	2 10:30 AM Line Dancing	3 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Bells	4 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Knit, Stitch, Pray 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	5	6 6:00 PM Movie Night 7:30 PM AA	7
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