





GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The summer is waning, and crisp fall days are on the horizon. Thanks be to God for His never-changing sovereignty over the ever-changing seasons!

WORSHIP continues at 11:00 am each Sunday in the sanctuary. Masks are optional.

COMMUNION will be celebrated during the worship service on Sunday, September 5th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, where Rev. Tom Osterhaus continues to lead the study through the Bible.

BIBLE STUDY continues in multiple venues. Bible study of the book of Mark, led by the pastor, meets every other Thursday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a light lunch. The September dates are September 9th and September 23rd. All are invited. Come join us! Bible study led by Dr. Howard Jones meets on the weeks in between on Fridays at 1:00 pm as long as Dr. Jones is able. September dates for Dr. Jones' Bible study are September 3rd, and September 17th.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH begins September 12th and continues through October 3rd. Cornerstone is a missions-supporting church which responds to the Great Commission to spread the Gospel throughout the world by sponsoring a number of missionaries and other missions. The month will conclude with a prayer service for missions at 9:45 am on October 3rd in the Fellowship Hall in lieu of Sunday School that day. Please plan to attend as we pray for the specific needs of each mission.

FAITH PROMISE PLEDGES will be solicited by mail in early October. The congregation will be given an opportunity to promise their financial support for missions for the calendar year 2022. Missions grants are not part of the church operating budget; they are funded separately by these pledges. The Faith Promise is private, a commitment between the individual and God; your name is not needed. The purpose of the written Promise is to gather summary information so that the Session can plan its missions grants for 2022. Our church has always responded generously to the missions effort, promising more than \$25,000 for 2021. Thanks be to the Spirit for leading us to serve Him in this way.

THE Highlands Presbytery *WOMEN'S RETREAT* will be held at Camp Ridge Haven on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. The featured speaker will be Courtney Doctor, author, Bible teacher, M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary. The deadline for reservations to spend Friday night at the camp has expired, but those who would like to attend the day sessions may do so on a space-available basis for a \$30 fee and by contacting Denise Sawyer at (828) 883-8031.

SPECIAL PRAYERS are requested for those in Louisiana and Mississippi affected by Hurricane Ida, for those who lost their lives and those left behind in the withdrawal from Afghanistan, and for Ellie Silman's brother Harry Vaiden, who is battling bladder cancer.

THE SESSION will meet in the pastor's office at 9:00 am Saturday, September 11th.

THANK YOU! The following note was received from the family of Dick and Jeanne Daniel:

"From all of us here at the Daniel house, we'd like to express out gratitude for all the delicious meals that were prepared for us. Cornerstone certainly has their lion's share of great cooks! What a beautiful representation of the hands and feet of Christ! It's been so helpful knowing we don't have to worry about what's for dinner, giving us more time to heal and rest. With much love and gratitude, Dick and Jeanne, TC and Karen, and Josiah"

IN MEMORIAM: We mourn with Lynn Thomas the passing of her sister Jan Kelly.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER: Rob McKee (4th); Lou Gebb (6th); Joanna Martin (6th); Jim Tschepl (7th); Warren Redwing (20th); Bart Vaughan (25th); Jerry Redwing (27th); Susan Parker (28th). When you see them, let them know you are thinking about them!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quandrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they have put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." (Mark 12: 41-44)