



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

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From the Pastor...

LABOR DAY AGAIN AND AGAIN MAKES AMERICA GREAT

Our nation will mark another Labor Day in early September. This holiday traditionally honors the labors of millions of Americans. It is altogether right and fitting that we do this. Since the inception of America, almost 250 years ago, it has emerged as the world's greatest and most powerful nation on earth. I submit that the root cause for this greatness lies not in any political leader but rather in the dedicated and hard-working individuals who came here from many nations.

We can all point to some political decisions that have had a tremendous impact on America but without the support and help from millions of workers to implement those decisions our country would not be what it is today. Take for example, Abraham Lincoln who faced the most formidable crisis in American history. Without the help of 2 million federal troops, our nation would have been irreparably divided. These brave men labored and sacrificed for America and won the victory that preserved the union.

Consider the contributions of American workers through the years that built roadways, automobiles, skyscrapers, bridges and railways that line this country. Our infrastructure is solely the result of American labor. Even in the age of computers, the software engineers and countless technicians have developed a communication system never seen before in the world.

Don't ever underestimate the efforts of those in the medical profession who bravely worked through the recent pandemic and continue to provide new technologies to revolutionize their expertise. Surgical procedures have advanced through robotics and other efforts to promote health and wellness in America.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the agricultural industry making America known as the "bread basket of the world." Although machinery has lessened the burdens of farming, our farmers can be proud of the fact that they continue to produce food in abundance to feed millions.

Although the common worker has made America great, there is the threat of artificial intelligence that can rob workers of their dignity and rightful place in the economy. It is my hope that we will always honor American labor as the source of greatness and not bestow any honor upon an individual or political party.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a happy and safe Labor Day and please remember to appreciate all the work that has been done by individual workers to make this country great.

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MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
9/1	9:30 am	Steve Maurer	9/1	9:30 am	Richard Dudash
9/8	9:30 am	Randy Simers	9/8	9:30 am	Cheryl Simers
9/15	11:00 am	(Rally Day) Terry Tegtmeier	9/15	11:00 am	(Rally Day) Pam Ward
9/22	8:00 am	Jim Ward	9/22	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Gabriel Woods
9/29	8:00 am	Charlann Young	9/29	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
9/1	9:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins	9/1	9:30 am	Sophia Ranta
9/8	9:30 am	Ann Shetler	9/8	9:30 am	Doug Dix
9/15	11:00 am	(Rally Day) Randy & Cheryl Simers	9/15	11:00 am	(Rally Day) NONE
9/22	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	9/22	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
9/29	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	9/29	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Doug Dix
Altar Guild			Community Meals		
		Dave & Linda Clugston			Kathy Pozzuto 1st. & 3rd. Thursdays

Readings for September 2024

9/1 <u>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9/8 <u>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9/15 <u>Seventieth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9/22 <u>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	9/29 <u>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
<u>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</u>	<u>Isaiah 35:4-7</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-10</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-10 Psalm 116:1-9</u>	<u>Num.11:4-6,10-16, 24-29</u>
<u>Psalms 119:129-136</u>	<u>Psalms 146</u>	<u>Psalms 116:1-9</u>	<u>Psalms 54</u>	<u>Psalms 104:27-35</u>
<u>Ephesians 6:10-20</u>	<u>James 2:1-10, 14-18</u>	<u>James 3:1-12</u>	<u>James 3:13-4:10</u>	<u>James 5: (1-12) 13-20</u>
<u>Mark 7:14-23</u>	<u>Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37</u>	<u>Mark 9:14-29</u>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u>

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!



August Birthdays

Lisa Keane	9/9
Marcia Howenstine	9/10
Kim Pohovey	9/10
Ann Shetler	9/12
Sandy Ritter	9/15
Paul Shine	9/16
Barb Shine	9/17
Betty Menapace	9/18
Trent Garver	9/21
James Ward	9/21
Linda Clugston	9/24
Terry Tegtmeier	9/25
Jordan Beitzel	9/25



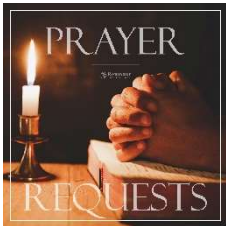
August Anniversaries

John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14
Paul & Barbara Shine	9/17

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. **John Kienzle** – Hennis Care Center,

Bolivar, OH. (Room 123) - **Dave & Dorothy Garan** –1204 N. Crater Ave. Dover, OH 44622 - **Betty Menapace** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave. Room 19 A, Dover OH 44622 and **Bob & Jocyelyn Ely** – The Inn at University Village – 2650 Ohio St. – Massillon OH 44646 (Room 415)



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Jennifer Hockenberry

Mary Sanders, Alyce Snyder, Irene Ward, John Kienzle, Hunter Renicker, Rosemary Gambaccini Pastor Steve Patrick Rita Morrin, Dean Dudash, Pat Mizer, Netta Strand, Fred Lecce, Patti Rimer, Jacob Walker, Nancy Mahoney, Bill Nelson, Brenda Schreffler, Lissa Johns, Kay Locker, Brock McNutt, Pastor Scott Anderson, Sally Lider, David Shetler, Amy Hughes, James Baltzly, Margret Cox, Pam Miller, Jeff Elliott, Lucie Dillon, Jeff Siegenthaler, Dave Mason, Josh Aubihl, Dominic Manuel, Joanne Simers, Jessica Ditous, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Devlin Crist, Gary Smerglia, Lyn Christenson, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw

Stewardship - A special thank you to all for your recent contributions to the church.

As the chart indicates below, giving has increased over the past two years.

January thru August			
2021	2022	2023	2024
\$151,529	\$119,222	\$114,913	\$125,232



PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Prayer points for the new month of September can be very beneficial for Christians in so many ways including the following:

- September prayer points provide direction and focus for prayer. Without prayer points, prayer can become rote, unfocused and ineffective. Prayer points help direct conversation with God towards specific, timely topics.
- They align prayers with current needs and events. September ushers in a new school year, changing seasons, annual events, etc. [Prayer points](#) tie into what's happening right now.
- They remind Christians to pray about specific areas of life and society. Prayer points like marriages, government leaders, churches, missionaries, etc. prompt intercession for these important prayer requests.
- They spark fresh insight and passion in prayer. There is a sense of renewal and revitalization.
- They facilitate unity among believers. Shared prayer points unites Christians everywhere in praying for the same timely matters together.
- They are biblical. Praying for issues like government, families, spiritual revival, missions, etc. aligns with scriptural values and mandates.



Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. *Please enjoy your holiday weekend with family & friends!!*



VBS-2024 VBS, Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light, was held Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1 at Holy Trinity. We had **82 children registered**. The director will be creating a slideshow, and it will be presented along with additional details to the congregation in the near future.

Bible Study: The kingdom of God will be the first topic for a Bible study that will be held on the first and third **Thursday each month at 10:00 am**. Those who wish to attend should get a copy of the booklet that will be used for the study. Please contact the church office for a copy. The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 5th**.

Dates to Remember:

Rally Day September 15th Sears Barn 11:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish to share, the church will supply hot dogs and hamburgers. Zac Pirillo and Gabriel Woods will supply the music that day.



The Rebekah's Sisters and Sonshine Ladies are planning a Ham Loaf luncheon on **Oct 13th**. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at noon and carry outs will be available. *There will only be one service that day at 10:30 a.m.* We hope to see you there! *Free will offerings will be donated to Friends of the Homeless, Jack's House of Hope. Plans to build a new shelter were announced in May to better serve our friends in need. We pray our contribution will help in that journey.*

Sunday October 20 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church
 156 Poplar St. Bolivar
ADMISSION IS FREE!
 [A Love Offering Will Be Received]
SUN~OCT 20
6 PM
Non-denominational—everyone is welcomed!

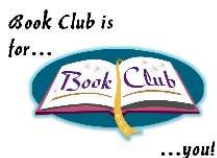
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ALL - YOU - CAN – EAT - COUNTRY BREAKFAST

St. John United Church of Christ - 409 Park Avenue, Bolivar
 Saturday September 7, 2024 8 - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast will consist of: Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast bakes, grits, fruit, sweets, biscuits and sausage, gravy, pancakes, juice and coffee.

Cost: \$9.00 ages 11 and up \$4.00 ages 6 to 10 – Under 6 – Free



Book Club: The Book Club met on Tuesday, July 30th. We continued our discussion of the book, “The Crucifixion of the King of Glory.” We discussed many topics including the interrogation of Christ by Annas, the Jewish trial, and the Roman trial, with data many of us had never considered. It involved so many subjects, we decided to spend one ore session on the remainder of the book – the last 1/3 from Chapter 21 to the end. We did have some attendees who had not read the book, but enjoyed the discussion. The book is still available, all will be welcome to join us at the next (and yes, last) discussion of this very educational book. We plan to meet on **Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm**. If you’d like a book, notify Terry Tegtmeier.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7
	<i>Have a safe Labor Day</i> 	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:00 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		
9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14
Worship & Communion 9:30 am Pastor Mike Away Pastor Cathy Ammlung Doing Service	Lions Club 6:30 p.m.		Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting 10:00 a.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21
Worship & Communion Rally Day 11:00 a.m. Sears Barn	Council 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. Rebekah's Sisters Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Cheryl Simers Home.		
9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Hope Sunday	Lions Club 6:30 p.m.	Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.		Fellowship hall Youth Activity	
9/29	9/30					
Worship & 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Jim Davis & Wanda Baltzly Preaching						

Mont To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through August - Amount 2024 \$ 22,140.00

Month to Date Giving Through August - Amount 2023 \$ 9,415.00

