



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

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From the Pastor...

A LABOR LOF LOVE

If you stop to think of all the jobs there are in the world, one of the most significant ones is parenthood. Today many people complain about the challenges they face in raising children. To be clear, it is never easy but it can be the most satisfying experience one can have.

Everyone comes from some kind of family so we can all relate to various parenting skills or the lack thereof. Parents always have to balance helping their children too much or too little. Like most things in life, we learn the job of parenthood by trial and error. Hopefully, the errors are not too egregious.

Unlike other jobs where a particular product is made or a service provided, the job of parenthood deals with the fragile lives of human beings. The mistakes can be devastating and the consequences can last a lifetime. Unfortunately, poor parenting is often transferred to the next generation and the patterns of behavior can be hard to break.

The saving grace in all these matters seems to be the resilience of human beings to adapt and respond to the hardships of life. One explanation for this phenomenon is the grace of God. God is constantly at work guiding parents and children alike to cope with the hardships of life. Parents who realize this can always rely upon the grace of God to heal and mend any fractured relationship. I wonder how often parents pray for their children. I hope they do on a regular basis.

At the heart of any child/parent relationship is the element of forgiveness. Children at some point must forgive their parents for their shortcomings as well as parents being forgiving of their offspring's foibles and peccadilloes. As humans we all make mistakes, so we depend upon the mercy of God to unite us as a family of faith.

As our country celebrates Labor Day, let us labor to be better individuals with our family members as well as those in our community. The foundation of all human relationships is found in the work we do to strengthen the bond we have as members of the human race. The labor of love is derived from the commandment that Jesus gave to love others as we love ourselves.

In closing, I wish you and your families a restful Labor Day filled with gratitude for all the work that is done each day to make this country strong and free.

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MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
9/7	11:00 am	Sears Barn – Randy Simers	9/7	11:00	Cheryl Simers
9/14	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	9/14	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
9/21	8:00 am	Jim Ward	9/21	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
9/28	8:00 am	Charlann Young	9/28	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Linda Clugston
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
9/7	11:00	Tom & Tammy Huggins	9/7	11:00 am	NONE
9/14	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Zac Pirillo
9/21	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	9/21	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
9/28	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	9/28	8:00 am	Doug Dix
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Steve Maurer
Altar Guild			Community Meal		
		Richard & Donna Dudash			Kathy Pozzuto

<u>9/7</u> <u>Thirteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>9/14</u> <u>Fourteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>9/21</u> <u>Fifteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>9/28</u> <u>Sixteenth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>
<u>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</u>	<u>Ezekiel 34:11-24</u>	<u>Amos 8:4-7</u>	<u>Amos 6:1-7</u>
<u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>Psalm 119:169-176</u>	<u>Psalm 113</u>	<u>Psalm 146</u>
<u>Philemon 1-21</u>	<u>1 Timothy 1:5-17</u>	<u>1 Timothy 2:1-15</u>	<u>1 Timothy 3:1-13</u>
<u>Luke 14:25-35</u>	<u>Luke 15:1-10</u>	<u>Luke 16:1-15</u>	



Congratulations! Pastor Mike celebrated his 18th anniversary at St Paul on 8/16/25

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!



BIRTHDAY				ANNIVERSARIES	
Lisa Keane	9/9	Trent Garver	9/21	John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14
Marcia Howenstine	9/10	James Ward	9/21	Paul & Barbara Shine	9/17
Kim Pohovey	9/10	Linda Clugston	9/24		
Ann Shetler	9/12	Chrystal Page	9/24		
Sandy Ritter	9/15	Terry Tegtmeier	9/25		
Paul Shine	9/16	Jorden Beitzel	9/25		
Barbara Shine	9/17	Josh Keane	9/27		
Betty Menapace	9/18				

PLEASE NOTE: When you write a check to donate to the Sonshine/Rebekah Sisters group, please make check payable to **"Spread Some Sonshine"**.



Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. - **Pam Ward (Room 128)** – Hennis Care Center 300 Yant St. Bolivar OH 44612) - **Pat Mizer (Room 215)** the Inn at Northwood Village 5799 N Wooster Avenue Ext NW Dover, OH, 44622. - **Jerry Hoskinson**, 1970 North Orchard Rd. NE Bolivar, OH 44612 - - **Betty Menapace (Room 19 A)** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave., Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder - (Room 608)** at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Jefferson Lodge/Inn Bldg. Brewster OH 44613 **Carol Hoskinson –(Room 311)** The Gables 3660 Greentree Ave. SW Canton, Ohio 44706



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Allyson Sanders, James Baltzly, Melanie Rhea, Laura Fortner, Donna Spangler, Jim Tucker, Zach & Raeann Todd, Donna Robishaw, Dan Chenoweth, Jennifer Melegari, Dave Rimer, Gary Sliffe, Darin Wentz, Pam Ward, Mary Sanders, Irene Ward, Netta Strand, Lissa Johns, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, Gary Smerglia, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Seth Hershberger, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, **Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.**



Book Club News: We have selected our next book, "Your Eternal Reward by Erwin W. Lutzer. The cost is \$7.00. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you would like to purchase a copy. We will meet Tuesday, **September 23 at 7:00 p.m.**



SEPTEMBER IS BIRTHRIGHT MONTH



Birthright of New Philadelphia: Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 50 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright services are always free, non-judgmental and confidential. Birthright is supported by devoted volunteers and donations.

Items Needed are as follows: Diapers – size 1,5 and 6+

Sleepers: 12 mo. -24 mo. – **Onesies** – 6 – 9 mo. & 12 – 24 mo. **Outfits** 18-24 months and blankets are also needed

New – little books & toys, hooded towels, and monetary donations.



Rally Day: We will gather at the Sears Barn on Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring covered dish and invite your friends. The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

Fall Schedule: On Sunday, **September 14** we will return to 8 & 10:30 a.m. services. Sunday School will resume that day at 9:15 a.m.

"ONE PLUS GOD MINISTRIES"

On **Sunday, September 21**, pastor Wayne DeWet and Kim Schilling will visit St. Paul at both services to discuss the ministry in Tanzania, sponsored by the NALC.

Hope Sunday: **September 28th**, the 4th Sunday in September, Breaking the Silence, Offering Hope! This is a united effort to bring light and healing to those impacted by suicide and mental health challenges. Our focus this year is Suicide Prevention: breaking the silence, reducing stigma, and offering hope.

Save The Date: On **Saturday, October 4** our mission district will volunteer at the Caldwell Disaster Response Center. The greatest demand is for gift cards from Lowes and health care kits which are comprised of shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and bath towel, as well as deodorant.

Property News: Completed-Bell Tower painting, Kitchen sink replaced, Lavatory in women's restroom replaced, windows washed inside & outside. Comments from council-fellowship hall window replaced, 15 lights in basement to be replaced, most other lights now LED lights. The stain glass window on left by altar needs fastened.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

Good Night!

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.
Psalm 4:8

Have trouble sleeping?

You're not alone. A study found 77 percent of Americans sleep fitfully. Nearly half say they are losing sleep because anxiety about what's going on around us.

In "God's Peace For When You Can't Sleep" Christian Vinson suggest; "Take in a deep breath. Exhale the stress you are holding, and breathe in the peace of God, letting the promises of His Word flood your tired soul. And the, as you close your eyes, know that He is right there with you, He is your rock, your strength, your ever-present help in times of trouble. As you place your cares into His loving arms, His peace will replace your worries with a restful night of sleep."

Lord, you are the Giver of rest. Help me trust that you have everything under control, and to hand all my burdens over to you, the all-powerful, able, strong God.

Don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd!



SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	<u>9/1</u>	<u>9/2</u>	<u>9/3</u>	<u>9/4</u>	<u>9/5</u>	<u>9/6</u>
	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u>	<u>Rebekah & Sonshine Ladies Meeting 10:30 a.m.</u> <u>Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.</u>		<u>Bible Study 10:15 a.m.</u> <u>COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.</u>		
<u>9/7</u>	<u>9/8</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>9/13</u>
<u>Worship & Communion 11:00 a.m.</u> <u>Rally Day!</u> <u>Sears Barn</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Lions Club 6:30 pm</u>		<u>Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</u>			<u>Property 9:00 a.m.</u>
<u>9/14</u>	<u>9/15</u>	<u>9/16</u>	<u>9/17</u>	<u>9/18</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>9/20</u>
<u>Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.</u>		<u>Bible Study 10:15 a.m.</u> <u>COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.</u>		
<u>9/21</u>	<u>9/22</u>	<u>9/23</u>	<u>9/24</u>	<u>9/25</u>	<u>9/26</u>	<u>9/27</u>
<u>Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m.</u> <u>Missionary Speaker</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Lions Club 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Book Club 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</u>			
<u>9/28</u>	<u>9/29</u>	<u>9/30</u>				
<u>Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Yoga 9-10 a.m.</u> <u>Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</u>					

Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through August 2025 – Amount \$ 30,798.55

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

