

Beka's  
Buzz

When I was in college I was an education major for most of that time before I changed to social work. I remember taking a class in college that had us come up with mock lesson plans, bulletin boards, games, and reading activities that were engaging and interactive. I did not particularly enjoy this class and here is why, I would work so hard on any of these assignments and the moment they were graded they were donated to the professor's collection or thrown away. I remember working very hard on my interactive bulletin board. I designed it around elementary math to teach kids adding and subtracting by 5's. I named it fishing by 5's, each fish had Velcro on it and the students would do the math problems by attaching them to the board. Two days after it was graded it was put in the recycling. After that I realized I did not want to do bulletin boards the rest of my life, I couldn't work so hard on something for it to be so easily thrown out or discarded. Jokes on me.

Part of getting ready for the school year to start is getting our Sunday schools rooms ready, getting curriculum and teachers for classes, and making sure any summer activity supplies have been cleaned up and the building looks good. One of the many tasks I have been attempting to complete is the three bulletin boards in the church. There are two upstairs in the education building, and the one by the coffee. If you haven't noticed the one by the coffee is not a small one, it takes more planned out thought and execution. I have been racking my brain as to what can we put on the bulletin board that is helpful, nice to look at, and can stay up longer than a month. So whether my grand plan is up before you read this or

not, we are going to take a look at our church, the building and the inside and you will see all of the committees that make up our church. The idea is where do you fit in? We all have a place and where is ours? How are you contributing to the mission of our church? Is it through a committee, being in the choirs, council, or involved in youth groups? However you fit, your piece matters! You matter! If you are not involved in something and are curious of how to jump in, let us know. Now is a great time of year to ask about getting involved and helping out. We would love to have you!

**Beka**  
**Youth & Family Ministry**

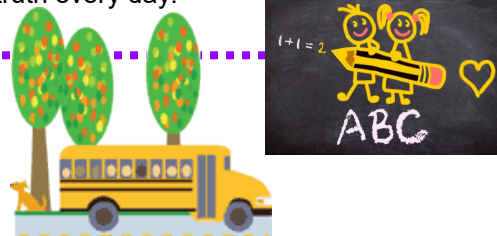
## Faithful Families' Tip

### Back to School

Sunday night before school on Monday, take your child and have them step in paint to make footprints on construction paper. As they are standing on the paper say this:

**"Your feet remind us of the journey you will take this year. I know that you will learn new things and go new places. I hope that you will go with courage and strength and know that God goes with you too."**

And pray- "God please be with \*Child's name\* as they head off to school. May the year be full of new experiences and knowledge, and may they walk in light and truth every day."



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<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**Mark 9:36-37**

## Communion Opportunities for September

September 2 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Communion on other Sundays after the service)

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service  
**Church Office Hours** Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am—3:00 pm



Grace and peace,

On Sunday, September 9, our congregation will join with many other congregations around the country who have and will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday." Since 2013 the ELCA has designated one Sunday in September to be set aside for a day of service in the community. While churches participate in service in a number of ways throughout the year, *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday* is a time when we can all together recognize that service to our neighbor is a central part of who we are, and be a part of that work with one another.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus calls us to love and serve our neighbors. In the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, in the midst of a series of sayings of guidance, Jesus calls us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. In the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Matthew, included in other gospels as well, Jesus teaches that all of the commandments are summed up in the command to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...[and] love your neighbor as yourself." When asked who is our neighbor, Jesus responds with the story of the Good Samaritan, which essentially teaches us that everyone is our neighbor, no matter how much we do or do not have in common. Serving our neighbors and showing appreciation for them is a central part of who we are as Christians, and one of the primary ways we live out Christ's call to "love our neighbors as ourselves."

We are looking forward to celebrating this day for our congregation's first year of *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. It will be a busy day as we gather together for breakfast where we will hear about our Sunday School program for the coming year, take part in an abbreviated worship service, and then join in acts of service for the community. Our Evangelism/Outreach Committee has been hard at work planning events for the day, including supporting SOCKS Crisis Ministry, House of Mercy, making Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief, and baking cookies and treats for first responders and others as an act of thanks for all they do for the community. Our hope is to have varied activities so that everyone has a way to be involved. Through these small gestures we are joining together with congregations throughout the ELCA as we work to live out our call to love our neighbor as Christ first loved us.

***Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Micah***



**9:00 am Rally Day Breakfast**  
**10:00 am Abbreviated Worship**  
**10:30 am Depart for Service Projects**

## MUSIC NOTES



**Chamber Choir** began working on new musical offerings in August. This ensemble rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Our **Church Choir** resumed rehearsals in August. We are rehearsing anthems for the current church year, as well as music which leads into Advent/Christmas and beyond. Accolades to all of our ministers of music who give so generously of their time and talent.



The choir welcomes Ashley Ange to the soprano section. Ashley is a life-long member of Holy Comforter and we are overjoyed to have her a part of the music family. We also welcome new member Mary Lee. Mary and her husband John live just 2 blocks from the church. She has been so moved by our choir voices that she wanted to be a part of this ensemble. Thanks for the ministry Mary.

Suzanne Fairbairn has been singing with us this summer. Suzanne served for over 25 years as organist/music director at First Presbyterian in Belmont. She also shares her talents here at the organ console. We are delighted to enjoy her musical gifts.



The **Adult Handbell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day) at 5:00 pm.

Our **Children's Ensemble** will resume Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day). As mentioned in the August newsletter, we will be moving to a new time slot (8:45-9:30 am) on Sunday mornings. Since we are all sharing fellowship breakfast that day, we will have a very abbreviated time together. Parents please send your children to



the **BIG room** on the second floor of the education building for our first **Blitz Encounter**. We will only have 15 minutes together before breakfast, so time is of the essence. We are excited about the positive responses received for this time change. We invite all children through grade 5 to participate. Older children who would be willing to serve as musical assistants are more than welcome. Questions? Contact Greg Cline.

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Our **30th Anniversary** Congregational Retreat to *Isle of Palms* will be **Memorial Day Weekend 2019**. We need a coordinator to insure communications and getting folks registered. Greg Cline has been doing that for a number of years. He is now retired from those duties. Please notify the church office if you would be willing to help serve in that ministry.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

You can contribute to our worship service by providing altar flowers. Available dates are listed on the signup sheet in the narthex. Sign your name at the date you would like to provide the flowers.

One vase is \$22.50.

Both vases are \$45.00.

Make check payable to Holy Comforter with *Altar Flowers* on the memo line.





## Parish Nurse

Hello! My name is Teresa Keller. By now you may or may not have heard that Holy C is getting a Parish Nurse. I will be installed as your Parish Nurse on September 16<sup>th</sup> during worship. What, exactly, IS a Parish Nurse, you ask? Well, look at it this way...physicians are credentialed by the American Medical Association (AMA); registered nurses are credentialed by the American Nurse Association (ANA); Parish Nursing – also known as Faith Community Nursing – is a subspecialty of registered nursing. It is a unique practice of professional nursing in which the spiritual dimension is central. Expert in health promotion and community resources, a Parish Nurse focuses on health within a faith community. By incorporating the spiritual beliefs of the client into the nursing process, the parishioner's faith perspective becomes an intrinsic part of the health and healing process.

The ladies of  
**Staying Connected**  
 will meet on  
**Saturday, September 8th**  
 7:00 p.m. in the  
*Fellowship Hall* to help prepare for  
*God's Work. Our Hands.*  
 activities on September 9th.



A huge *Thank You* to  
 everyone who participated in  
 the *Crisis Pregnancy*  
*Baby Bottle Challenge.*  
 You contributed over  
**\$575.00!**

Pastor Micah and the council have approved me to this position and to the mission of developing a Health Ministry here at Holy C! Just so you know what you're getting...I've been a registered nurse for 32 years and worked in specialties such as Intensive Care, Cardiac Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care, rehabilitation, pediatric medical/surgical/oncology, pediatric home health and hospice, school nursing...and have been a Parish Nurse for various churches for 18 years, had both basic and advanced training in Parish Nursing, and was instrumental in helping to develop Health Ministries in many other churches.

I am very much looking forward to working with all of you, supporting you in ways that you and I decide together, and can be reached anytime – confidentially – on my cell at 717-329-8507. Please don't hesitate to approach me!

## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, September 2 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:10 am Church choir prep  
 10:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion

### Thursday, September 6 HolyC Men's Group

7:00 pm Location TBA

### Saturday, September 8 Staying Connected

7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, September 9 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

8:45 am Children's Ensemble (Note time change)

9:00 am Rally Breakfast

9:45 am Church choir prep

10:00 am Worship Service/depart for projects

Church Council after

### Thursday, September 13 Prime Timers Luncheon

11:30 am Meet at Amber Jack's restaurant

### Friday, September 14 - Saturday, September 15

6:00 pm *Kids' Club* Children Lock In, 8:00 am pickup

### Sunday, September 16 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service with Parish Nurse meet & greet after

### Tuesday, September 18 Christian Ed meeting

7:00 pm Meet at the church

### Sunday, September 23 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion

### Sunday, September 30 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service with *Noisy Offering*

### REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

**Sundays: 8:45 am Children's Ensemble (New time)**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir

6:00 pm Church Choir

**Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Chamber Choir**

Nar-Anon

**Wednesdays: 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study**

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report for the month	July, 2018	Year-to-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$24,055.08	\$168,385.58
Actual Expenses:	24,361.19	162,063.52
Offerings Received:	22,971.00	154,536.03
(Loss) for Period:	(\$ 1,390.19)	(\$ 7,527.49)
Offerings less Expected Expenses (...)	if negative (\$ 1,084.08)	(\$ 13,849.55)

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

### LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector (Communions)

September 2: Billy Joye September 9: Billy Joye  
 September 16: Jim Buell September 23: Billy Joye  
 September 30: Teresa Keller

### ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

### ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland & Tracey Nault, Co-Captains  
 Katie Kessen Rebecca Yount

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Barb Kasmer Sheila Kelly Tim Kelly

### EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

September 2 & 23: Volunteers

### GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

September 2: Debbie Mendez  
 September 9: Carmen Buell  
 September 16: Teresa Keller  
 September 23: Pat Long  
 September 30: Sue Lahr

### TELLERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

### USHERS: Volunteers

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

September 2: Charles & Bev Mauney  
 September 9: Jerri Wesson  
 September 16: Fran Holland  
 September 23: Charles & Bev Mauney  
 September 30: 2 vases available

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

September 2: Jill Cassel  
 September 9: Jenn Kearney  
 September 16: Volunteer  
 September 23: Volunteer  
 September 30: Jenn Kearney

### NURSERY: (10:30 am-11:45 am)

September 2: Rebecca Yount  
 September 9: Rebecca Yount  
 September 16: Brandi Milton  
 September 23: Brandi Milton  
 September 30: Katie Kessen

A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. We encourage you to use the nurseries if your children become restless and/or vocal.



# September 2018

We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of September. We are thankful for the life and Spirit of those we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.

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- September 2 Preston Baker
- September 6 Alex Buell
- September 7 Elizabeth Bruchon
- September 11 Hannah Carnes  
Madison Carr  
Maria Carr
- September 14 Emily Koehler
- September 17 Bill Hollar
- September 18 Winston Baker
- September 20 Lyn Miller  
Beverly Reynolds  
Dan Wallace
- September 21 Horace Bean
- September 22 Dean Burwell
- September 23 Mary Page  
Anne Reese
- September 25 Rebecca Yount
- September 26 Harold Singleton  
Warren Heller
- September 28 Henrik Sarrazin  
Leo Kasmer  
James Milton  
Elizabeth Passer
- September 29 George Roberson  
Barbara Beale  
Claire Mitchell

If we have unintentionally left any member's name off this list, or if there are any errors, please call the church office.