

The Herald

September 2026



SEASON OF CREATION In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

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Music Rehearsal
Choir resumes on
September 13 @
9:40 am.

PASTOR'S PAGE

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

– Psalm 19:1-4

Welcome to Creation Season! An idea so old it's new!

Since the 7th century of Christianity, September 1 has symbolized the day of God's creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast and "the beginning" of their liturgical year. This is in a parallel tradition with the feast of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Since it began, a series of ecumenical conferences, known as 'The Assisi Process,' explored that rich theological symbolism and the potential of the 'Feast of Creation in Christ' to also enrich the Christological nature of non-Byzantine liturgical calendars.

The feast and season contain four interrelated themes:

- (1) Creation as God's creative act,
- (2) Creation as Christological mystery,
- (3) Creation as Trinitarian mystery, and
- (4) Creation as sacramental and covenantal.

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st (The feast of Creation) through October 4th (The Feast of St Francis). It is celebrated by Christians worldwide as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. Our church community has the opportunity to join in this year's international effort to come together in prayer and action around this year's theme of "Living Water." The primary symbol is "Immersion in Living Water", based on the biblical text from Ezekiel 47:1-12 regarding life-giving water flowing from the temple in order to restore Earth's ecosystems.

- We join in prayer and action to protect the earth.
- We pray and act for Ecological Healing: Focuses on water stewardship, climate justice, and restoring damaged ecosystems.
- We call for Community Engagement: Our congregation can host prayer services, organize river cleanup days, and provide educational workshops.

May this be the year we all come together as one voice and celebrate this season of hope and new life! Amen

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Why do we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God? Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 11:00 Bible Study 4-7 pm Wenonah Farmer's Market 7:30 Flute Ensemble	4 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	5 5:00 Worship
6 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	7 HAPPY LABOR DAY! AA Meeting	8	9 6:30 pm Council meeting (Zoom)	10 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	11 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	12 5:00 Worship
13 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	14 AA Meeting	15	16	17 11:00 Bible Study 4-7 pm Wenonah Farmer's Market 7:30 lute Ensemble	18 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	19 5:00 Worship
20 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 AA Meeting	22	23	24 11:00 Bible Study	25 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	26 5:00 Worship
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for the people of Norway as they mourn the passing of King Harald V, The family, friends and fans of Dolly Parton as they mourn her passing, Prayers for the victims of the flooding in the Grand Canyon and in Nepal-Tibet, Prayers for former President Joe Biden, Prayers for the friends and family of Lindsay Graham as they mourn his passing, Prayers for Bishop Christa Compton and her family with the passing of her mother Nancy, Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they continue their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Holly & Duane, The family of Norman Albinson as they mourn his passing, Dawn Allen, Anna-Beth Arnes, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, Nicholas Baud, John Belko, Jessica Black, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Maverick Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, The family of Nicholas Damiani as they mourn his passing, Lou Deaine, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Dylan Dinh, Kathy Drew, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen and Juliet Genovese, The family of Walter Gifford as they mourn his passing, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family and friends of Gretchen Gravinese as they mourn her passing, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, The friends and family of Jim Hynes as they mourn his passing, Heather and Kim Hyson and family in their time of bereavement, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Chaley Klotz, Prayers for the friends and family of Ralph Korschak as they mourn his passing, Martha Kryzwonas, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joe Lewandowski, Desmond Licata, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, Bill Mann, Joseph Mansfield, John Markovski, Janaq Minzy and her family, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Lisa Nobile, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Loretta O'Neill, Otis, Donna Paone, Rita Paul, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Bill Reese as they mourn his passing, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Jen Rossi, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, Mark Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsad, Ronnie Snyder, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, The family and friends of Rita Stein as they mourn her passing, Claudia Storhoff, Nathan Storhoff, Samantha Sumner, Donna Testa, Mark & Candy Tryson, Ed Tutka, The friends and family of Lynne Rasmussen Walker as they mourn her passing, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$88308.77 Amount needed to date--\$91490.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 1st and 3rd Thursdays through September—Wenonah Farmer's Market. Vendors, food trucks, etc.
- Sunday, September 13th—God's Work, Our Hands (We will be working on projects to help maintain our property.)
- Saturday, September 19th—Wenonah's "One Night of Song and Dance" at Wenonah Lake—6:30 pm-? (Please note that our own Pastor Andy will be performing.)
- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)
- Saturday, October 31—Potluck following the service

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Julia Bardales, Marianne Halterman, Lori Kershaw, Sharon Kleinstuber, John Lonia, Frank Newkirk, Jackie Ricketts, Trista Yandach.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Julia & Matthew Bardales, Lorrie Foresman, Sharon & John Kleinstuber, Corinne Klotz & Ken Sauer, April & Vince Montana, Marge & Frank Newkirk.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY—Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury has launched a new breakfast ministry. It offers free cold breakfast to the Woodbury community on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 10 am in the Parish Hall at 62 Delaware Avenue. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. The next date is September 19, 2026.

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services on the first Sunday of the month. Due to the holiday and vacation schedules, this month's coffee hour is rescheduled for September 13th. Moving forward, we will return to the first Sunday of each month. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE—Journey to Generosity



Matthew 14:22-32

It is easy to feel discouraged within the mainline church these days. We hear about decline and we know that the culture has changed around us. Many congregations are not attracting young people and are experiencing financial stress. It feels like a storm is raging! Our boat seems to be taking on water and Jesus seems far away. Matthew's church had that same sense that everything not nailed down was coming apart.

It is into that very situation that our gospel story speaks. Matthew's church needed more than simple words of encouragement – they needed to know that Jesus was in the storm with them to be courageous!

The good news is that in midst of the storm Jesus appears in the boat. The storm does not immediately cease, but the disciples find courage – enough so that Peter is willing to leave the boat and venture into the stormy water with complete trust in Jesus. Sometimes the Risen Jesus sustains the church while the church is battered and facing into a wind that is against us.

Our willingness to continue to point toward the Realm of God by investing in mission is a way of giving testimony to our belief that Jesus is still present with us. Our practice of stewardship says we believe that the values of the Realm can reshape the world and bring calm to the chaos that otherwise might envelop us. Like Peter, the strong arm of Jesus is there to lift us up should we falter. Be of good courage!

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, September 19th.



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SATURDAY — 5:00 PM

SUNDAY — 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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