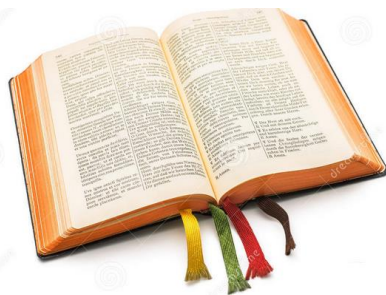




## GOOD NEWS AMBASSADOR

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**W**hat is a church? This is a question that I think we need to ask ourselves more often. Anyone who has sung Richard Avery and Donald Marsh's hymn "***We Are the Church***" may have a head start on the idea that the church is not the building that we meet in, the church is the body of people who have come together in common community with one another.

### **SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES**

**SEPTEMBER 1** COFFEE: Priscilla Edick  
NURSERY: Priscilla Edick & Donna Jones  
READER: Ross Jones  
USHER: Geri Erwin & JoAnn Mead  
Linda Ehlers & Kate Huxtable  
GREETER: Maxine Armstrong

**SEPTEMBER 8** COFFEE: Sheryl Morris  
NURSERY: Mary Stevens & Emma Boss  
READER: Alexis Fahey  
USHER: Fred & Carla Eckler  
GREETER: Donna Jones

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
COFFEE: Kate Huxtable & Carrie Gardner  
READER: Daniel Stevens  
USHER: Larry Belcher & Bill Mahardy  
GREETER: Linda Ehlers

**SEPTEMBER 22** COFFEE: Carol Simpson  
READER: FaithAnn Young  
USHER: Priscilla Edick & Brady Young  
GREETER: Maxine Armstrong

**SEPTEMBER 29** COFFEE: Linda Ehlers  
READER: Brian Howser  
USHER: Ross & Donna Jones  
GREETER: Priscilla Edick

In the New Testament the church was called the ekklesia and referred specifically to a group of people called together for a meeting. It wasn't until the fourth century that the church began to refer to the building space rather than the people. Over the course of many years we have begun to incorporate both views into our modern understanding of "the church". We talk about church being a place that we go and as a people to whom we belong. Those called into positions of church leadership are continually called to church maintenance and growth, both of the physical space and of the communal body.

How can we announce that our church is not a building but a community for all people that has been called together by the love of God, and how can we live out our faith with one another in ways that are rich and authentic to our relationship with God? As we journey together as a church I pray that we will discover remarkable and faithful ways of answering these questions, and in answering these questions I pray we will discover what it means to be the church.

In Christ,  
Pastor Casey Bradley





**CHANCEL CHOIR: Alice Mahardy (Director)**

The Choir is going to resume singing on Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. >>>> Please meet at 9:00 am. Melissa Belcher, Carrie Gardner, Dave Llewellyn, Marion Pitcher, Mark Reardon, Michelle Schmitt, Sue Sheldon, Carol Simpson, Gene Simpson, Linda Watkins

**2nd MILE GIVING OUTREACH MINISTRY**

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief

**SEPT 10 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

6:30 PM here at the Church.

**Sunday School Classes Resume Sept 15th**

We're looking forward to another year of learning and fun. Class will be held during the Sunday worship service. Children go to class after a special message from Pastor Casey. Bring your children, grandchildren, even your neighbor children! All children preschool - grade 6 are welcome.

\* Well documented studies have shown that "children who actively engage in a faith community, on a regular bases, are rewarded with significantly reduced likelihood of life problems and risky behaviors and stand to improve their odds of happier, healthier lives". See you in Church, Mrs. Boss, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Worobey & Mrs. Stevens.

\* Research From Duke University, Indiana University, U of Michigan, the Center for Disease Control, Barna Research group, Gallup, Pew ,NIHR. ---Donna Jones

**PRAYER CHAINS**

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." — Hebrews 13:16

When you receive a message, please call the next person. If you get an answering machine, please leave a message.

**PRAYER CHAIN 1:**

- Linda Ehlers 858-1833
- Sue Sheldon 858-2681
- Carrie Gardner 858-0694
- Geri Erwin 858-2103
- Rowena Robertson 858-0652
- Carol Simpson 868-0319

**PRAYER CHAIN 2:**

- Patti Lou Leopold 858-2706
- Shirley Dreis 858-0667
- Maureen Kennedy 858-1631
- Kate Huxtable 858-1566
- Donna Jones 858-2357
- Nancy Strongreen 858-9483

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 9/3 Maibel Buck
- 9/10 Gary Southard
- 9/10 David Gardner
- 9/10 Gailyn Dyn
- 9/14 Robert Woodrow Jr.
- 9/15 Arnold "Gene" Simpson
- 9/18 Carla Eckler
- 9/18 Kevin Mahardy
- 9/19 Roger Vaughn
- 9/20 Ashlyn Wolfe
- 9/24 Candice Domion
- 9/23 Mark Richards
- 9/25 Fred Eckler
- 9/26 Patrick Johnson
- 9/28 Melissa Belcher
- 9/29 Abigail Matteson



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 9/6 Michael & Connie Domion
- 9/9 George & Carrie Gardner
- 9/18 Patti Lou & Ed Leopold
- 9/20 Fred & Carla Eckler