

Crisis Control Food Drive

CC Food Drive will be held at the UC Food Lion on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Instant Grits & Oatmeal are the items of the month. We will postpone if it rains.



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS! Children all over the world are learning about the Gospel of Jesus Christ & committing their lives to Christ through Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. But these shoeboxes are not just gifts - Children receive literature with their shoeboxes & some are invited back for a discipleship program. Empty shoeboxes will be available to grab on Oct. 4th, and you will need to turn them in by Oct. 31st. **Please remember that soap, liquids, camouflage, war-related items, food, or candy are not allowed!** If you are unable to fill an entire shoebox, please consider purchasing a few small items to help WOM pack the majority of our shoeboxes we send. If shopping is difficult or you would prefer to make a monetary donation, simply place your contribution in an envelope and give it to me by Oct. 25th, and I will be happy to shop on your behalf, or you can help with the shipping & literature costs for the boxes packed by WOM. Get your Sunday School classes, friends & families involved. And "The most important item you can put in your shoebox or support a shoebox is prayer." -Franklin Graham. By filling shoeboxes, we are tangibly fulfilling the Great Commission. "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me.""-Matthew 19:14

-Jill Sutphin, UCBC WOM OCC Project Leader

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

October 4 th	Lisa Young
October 11 th	Susan Hilton
October 18 th	Marianne Casas
October 25 th	Julie Striplin



October Birthdays

10/2	Trevor Ward
10/5	Tina Church
10/7	Dennis Hester
10/8	Michael Buckner
10/12	Jake Weavil
10/13	Kathy Idol
10/26	Ann Canada
10/27	Durham Clodfelter
10/28	Angie Weavil

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Join us on Sunday, October 18th, for our Homecoming celebration, "Continuing in Their Footsteps." We are excited to welcome Mike Lauten as our guest speaker on this special day. This year's Homecoming Offering will benefit Crisis Control Ministries. Following the service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. Please bring your favorite covered dishes, along with a few extra to share with our visitors. To help prepare for Homecoming, Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 10th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The rain date will be Saturday, October 17th. We hope you will join us for this special day of worship, fellowship, and celebration as we continue in the footsteps of those who have faithfully gone before us.

Dr. Adam Woods
Mrs. Gayle Smith
Rev. Marty Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Sara VonCannon
Mrs. Teresa Tucker

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A Word from the Pastor

William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, said, "True silence is the rest of the mind; it is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment." Practicing silence effectively requires ... well... practice. It takes effort on your part. In his book Noise Reduction, Leonard Koren writes, "Like an unbroken horse or a spoiled child, your mind will resist any attempts to discipline it."

We are addicted to noise. All day we are besieged with sound, from the time we wake up to the sound of the alarm until we drop off to sleep at night, often with the TV in the background to "keep us company."

Try a few moments of silence each day. And begin today. Just a few minutes with no music, no radio, no TV, no conversation. Just a few moments of absolute silence in the presence of God. These moments will be like nourishment to your soul.

As David wrote, "But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me." (Psalm 131:2)

Grace and Peace,
Adam

Financial Summary

September 6, 2026		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,451.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 937.00
Total Offering		\$ 5,388.00
September 13, 2026		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,151.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 4,496.00
Total Offering		\$ 7,647.00
September 20, 2026		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,426.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 162.00
Total Offering		\$ 2,588.00

General Fund

August General Fund Receipts	\$ 11,809.00
August General Fund Expenses	- \$ 19,148.26
August General Fund Net	-\$ 7,339.26
August Fund Balance	\$ 115,185.43



SEPTEMBER 2026 WOM ACTIVITIES:

Hospice Ministry Note: Snacks were again delivered to both Hospice Homes.

Inward Meals: There were a few meals delivered during September.

September Mission Projects & Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:

- To purchase additional cans of food for the Appalachian Backpacks if the required amounts are not donated by the congregation.
- Using WOM funds to provide a home-cooked meal to the HP Hospice Home patients' family members & staff during September or October.
- \$350 to purchase needed items for "Hospitality Kits" for families utilizing the Ronald McDonald House in WS, as well as providing single-serve breakfast & snack foods, paper products, etc. for the residents staying in the RMD House.

UPCOMING WOM EVENT:

- ❖ Saturday, October 3rd, WOM members will meet at 9:00 a.m. to fill 48 Appalachian Backpacks.

By the time you read this article, fall will be here. Growing up, my mom always told me how much she dreaded fall because it reminded her of death & most of the deaths in her family at that time had occurred in the fall. I felt that way too until a couple of years ago, but as I got older, my feelings changed—I am now more thankful than ever for the gift of another day. Another day to succumb to sorrow or joy, in our hearts, whichever we choose. May each of you be thankful for the gift of life too & may you continue to do your very best to always show others what Christ means to you as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.** -Jane Sutphin

New Deacon Officers for the 2026/2027 church year are: *Scott Clark* - Chair, *Dale Lakey* - Vice Chair, *Beverly Weavil* - Secretary, and *Julie Striplin* - Assistant Secretary. We appreciate their willingness to serve and pray for God's guidance and blessing as they fulfill these responsibilities.

World Communion Sunday is October 4th. For nearly 80 years, churches of different faith groups have joined together for World Communion Sunday. Currently, this day is commemorated by 38 different Christian traditions. These various groups each celebrate the day in their own ways and through their own traditions, but even though they're in different settings, everyone gathers together, at least figuratively, around the Lord's Table. Christian unity, specifically symbolized by the act of Communion, is the focal point of World Communion Sunday. This provides us with a powerful reminder that we're one in Christ despite our differences.

All Saints' Sunday, November 1ST

All Saints' Day is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven. It is also a day when Christians give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the lives of all people. It is not because people are special in and of themselves that we call them saints, but it is because they are ordinary, everyday people who allow the Holy Spirit to work through them, doing the mighty deeds of the Lord. Martin Luther writes, "the Holy Scriptures call Christians saints and the people of God. To forget that we are saints is to forget Christ and to forget our baptism." All Saints is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God. We will be remembering those we lost in our church family since last All Saints' Sunday.

Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, October 11th, at 4:00 p.m. We will be planning events and activities for the months of November, December, and January. If you have suggestions for upcoming events or would like to join us, we welcome you to come and be a part of the discussion!



Prayer Concerns: Tim Bowen (Peggy's neighbor's son), Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father), Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Jr. Clodfelter, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susie Hilton's nephew), Melvin Duncan, Brian Grose, Ann Huth, Ritchie & Stoney Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Ron & Doris Pinyan, Davis Tucker (Felix & Gayle's friend), Dean & Tracy Ward, John Young (Lisa's husband), and unspoken prayers.