

SEPTEMBER 2025

# THE MESSENGER

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paige Thomas – 1  
April Ewell – 2  
Keith Martin – 12  
Harleigh Henderson – 13  
Donna Galewski - 21  
Maddie Foster – 21  
JoAnn Wall – 23  
Pat Powell – 25  
Connie Clyburn – 25  
Constance Powell – 27  
Nicole Farrar – 27  
Judy Brooks - 28

## SERMON TEXTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**September 7**

Luke 7:18-35

**September 14**

Luke 8:4-25

**September 21**

Luke 8:40-56

**September 28**

Luke 9:1-11

During the month of  
September, Aaron will be  
preaching a series of  
sermons from Luke entitled  
“Fall Into Jesus.”

## THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

In September, we celebrate Labor Day, which as a national holiday falls somewhere between President's Day and Toyotathon in terms of excitement. It marks the unofficial end of summer. But I'm hoping you and I can use this Labor Day as an opportunity to actually think about our labor.

I hear much commentary these days about people's work ethic in our culture. Frequently, it's a statement along the lines of “Nobody wants to work.” I'm not sure that's fair. Or more accurately, I think that's always been the case. Even older generations, hard workers though they were, did not want to go to factories or endure hard physical labor. They did it but they worked for the same reason that most of us work today—to keep food on the table and a roof over our heads. I think it's important to take pride in our work and always do the best we can. But I think we should distinguish our work from our calling.

Work is the thing that you and I do to make money. A calling is something God gives us. For a few fortunate people, work and calling might be one and the same. But for most of us, we are going to have to work at jobs that we may or may not like while simultaneously seeking to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. Lots of people in our society today have swung too far to one side of that pendulum. Their work is what defines them and they spend all of their time and energy making money, believing that is the most important thing in life.

As followers of the Christ, you and I know better. Far more than any status or wealth we might achieve from our work is the joy of living a good life in the eyes of God. Calling is different for every person, and we are equipped with different gifts to fulfill it. But our passion for Jesus is what give our life purpose, not our work. Let's remember that as we seek to live out our calling this Labor Day.

## SENIOR EVENT

On September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm the Forget Me Nots will be hosting dinner and a concert. Come enjoy dinner made in house followed by a concert by Lyle and Linda Dowling. All ages are welcome to join. The dinner and concert will be \$15 per person. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling the office by Friday, September 19th. The menu for this event includes 2 entrees to choose from then a variety of sides. Please select how many of each entree you would like on the sign up sheet.

The menu is:

- Marry Me Chicken (sun-dried tomato cream sauce) with Mashed Potatoes
- OR**
- Hawaiian Chicken with Rice
- Green Beans
- Cucumber and Onion Salad
- Various desserts



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES TOTAL REPORT

Thanks so much to the members of Talbot Park for another successful School Supply Drive! Because of your support, we were able to fill 43 backpacks with essential supplies like paper, notebooks, pencils, scissors, crayons, rulers, and glue! These backpacks will be distributed to children in need throughout Norfolk.

The total number of items collected was:

98 boxes of crayons	42 pencil boxes
67 packages of pencils	51 rulers
368 erasers	50 packs of paper
52 scissors	79 folders
1 pack index cards	48 bottles of glue
217 glue sticks	27 composition books
5 boxes colored pencils	48 bottles of glue
7 one subject notebooks	8 binders
12 pencil sharpeners	



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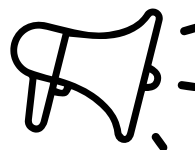
Every month, typically on the fourth Tuesday, at 2:30pm, Talbot Park hosts a party for all the students who had a birthday that month at Oceanair Elementary. We bring cupcakes and birthday cards for each student. We are always looking for folks to help us serve. It only takes about 30 minutes a month to participate. If you are interested, please see Susan Jones or Aaron Brittain for more information.



Every month on the first Wednesday, Talbot Park provides coffee, bagels, and goodies to the teachers and staff of Oceanair Elementary as a way of showing our appreciation for their work. Karen Stowe coordinates the delivery of the breakfast items. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to Talbot Park and put teacher treats in the line item.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

On Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our Wednesday night activities for the fall. Aaron will be leading a session entitled "Things I'd Wish I'd Learned in Seminary." Bring your own dinner. We begin at 5:30 each week.



## SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

The church office and preschool will be closed Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 2nd. Any messages via phone or email will be returned that Tuesday.



Now that we have a successful few weeks of school under our belt, things are running smoothly, and the children are settling in beautifully!

During the first week, we asked a few students what they loved most about school. Here's what they had to say:

- Sebastian loves lunch.
- Gage likes playing ball games
- Hartley enjoys playing with friends
- Bash likes art time.
- Bowen loves Fridays - me too, bud, me too!

We are absolutely loving watching the children come into their own - learning, growing, and building friendships. It's a joy and a privilege to walk alongside them on this journey, and we can't wait to see all that this year has in store!

*Holly Costas*

## **ALMA HUNT OFFERING** *for Virginia Missions*

The emphasis dates for the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions are September 7-14. Envelopes are in your box or in the bulletin.

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

The Talbot Park Women's Group will meet in the Social Hall on Sunday, September 7th following Sunday School. Please bring a covered dish to share. All women are invited.



## **SAVE THE DATE! PUMPKIN PATCH PLANNING**

We are excited to announce our dates for the fall pumpkin patch! Sales will run from September 28 - October 31st.

We have a pumpkin patch set-up event on Sunday, September 21st at 1:00pm. This will include setting up the fence, laying out pallets, arranging haybales and more. We will need at least 5-10 volunteers to help. We are also looking for a few additional pallets this year to replace the ones that broke or rotted last year. Please contact the office for additional details or to volunteer your time.

We are also looking for pumpkin patch sponsors this year. To help lower the cost of operating the pumpkin patch and to be able to utilize the funds raised towards school projects, we are setting up opportunities for sponsors in the patch. Individuals or businesses can sponsor to provide our dumpster, the haybales, fall lawn decor, mums, and new signs. If you or someone you know are interested please reach out to Holly Costas by email at [hcostas@talbotparkpreschool.org](mailto:hcostas@talbotparkpreschool.org) or by calling the office.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 27th at 9am to help us unload pumpkins! We will need strong hard-working volunteers to get in the truck and hand the pumpkins to those working on the ground; we also have small pumpkins that will need to be arranged on haybales and in barrels. We have a job for everyone, and can use all of the help we can get! This year we will have the play area set up and two- three staff members volunteering to help with childcare on delivery day. We love having the whole family join in to help, but heavy pumpkins and little children do not mix!

*\*These dates are what we expect however, please keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins for any changes to dates or times.*



# September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Office Closed Labor Day	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:00am Communion  12:00pm Women's Group	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<i>10</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time  7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time  7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 1:00pm Pumpkin Patch Set Up	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 2:30pm Birthday Club  5:00pm Preschool Board Meeting	<i>24</i> 5:30pm Dinner & Study Time  7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>25</i> 7:00pm Church Council	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9am Pumpkin Unloading  5pm Dinner & Concert
<i>28</i>  Comfort Meals @ Ronald McDonald House	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>				