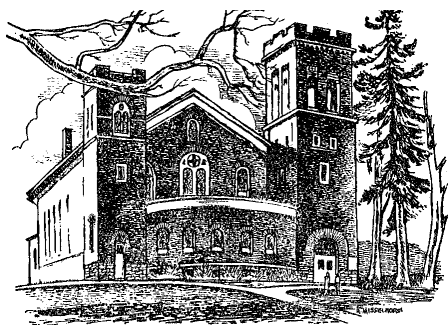




Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

Rally Day is
Sept. 13
Sunday School
9:15-9:45,
Breakfast 9:45-
10:15. Join us!

Calvin's Kids
begins on Sept.
16, from 5:00-
6:30 pm. If you
would like to
volunteer to
help, please let
CE office know.

Worship in the
Park will be on
Sept. 20.
Service begins
at 10:30 a.m.,
followed by
lunch at 11:30.

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Laura Schulte, Editor

September 2026

The following is an excerpt from "Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share."

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace. We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all. — Ephesians 4:2-6 NLT

We Are One In The Spirit

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.

And we know that our unity
 will one day be restored,
 And they'll know we're God's children
 by our love, by our love,
 Yes they'll know we're God's children
 by our love.

You have probably heard the song that says "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord." But have you noticed that there are actually many different kinds of Christians in the world? There are Catholics, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, and others. There are even different kinds of Methodists, different kinds of Presbyterians, and different kinds of Baptists! Each

of these ways of being Christian is called a "denomination."

People from different denominations sometimes argue about how to understand God and about what God expects of us. As a matter of fact, sometimes people from the same denomination—or the very same church!—argue about these things. But God doesn't want us to argue. Here the author of Ephesians tells us to be patient with each other, and to put up with each other in love. We must do this because we all worship one Lord! We have only one faith but many ways of practicing it. And there is only one God, who loves us all.

Prayer: God and Father of all, forgive us when we forget that the whole church is your church and that you want all Christians to live as one. Teach us to be patient and loving even when we disagree with each other. Amen.

Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to our Backpack Ministry staff. These individuals purchase, bag and deliver to Sparta schools. Thanks to those who donate items for this ministry. This local outreach ministry benefits youth Pre-K through High School by meeting some physical needs. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated and needed.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” Mathew 25: 23

On Sunday, August 9, during Worship, CE held a Blessing of the Backpacks. Following a children’s sermon that reminded the children that God is always with them, each student and staff member received a tag for their backpacks/tote reminding that God is with them at school. Clint offered the blessing prayer.

Rally Day is scheduled for September 13. Look for the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Calvin's Kids (age 4-grade 6) will resume on Wednesday, September 16 from 5-6:30 p.m. Registration forms are available outside the CE Office. A dessert Sign-up sheet is available on the K-4 classroom door. We are in need of help in the kitchen and for meal shepherds. Please contact the CE Office if you are willing to help.

CE is putting out a plea for the following supplies for Calvin’s kids and Faith Formation:

- ☐ Crayola Washable Markers-12 in the pack
- ☐ Crayola Crayons-packs of 24
- ☐ Elmer’s Washable Glue Sticks

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending July 31, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$113,734.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$104,598.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$9,136.00

Acolyte Schedule

Sept. 6 (Labor Day Wknd)—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely	Oct. 4—Breckon & Addie Lauer
Sept. 13—Hadley & Lennon McMaster	Oct. 11—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely
Sept. 20— Worship in the Park	Oct. 18—Saylor & Wade Watson
Sept. 27—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely	Oct. 25—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna

September Birthdays

Sept. 4—Ellie Kirk
Sept. 5—Staci Schuessler, Bud Joiner
Sept. 7—Janice Wall
Sept. 9—Bert Byington, Ruthie Gilmour
Sept. 12—Lincoln Coleman, Halleck Kirk,
Herb Boyster
Sept. 14—Eli Bernardoni
Sept. 15—Tracy Hooper, Ann Sullivan
Sept. 19—Bruce Ethington
Sept. 20—Ruth Spier
Sept. 23—Jayden Ethington
Sept. 26—Meredith Klausing, Bob Misselhorn
Sept. 27—Karen Steele
Sept. 28—Marleen Maybell
Sept. 29—Marcie Soderlund, Angie Stover
Sept. 30—Erin Jones



SEPTEMBER 13

9:15-9:45—Faith Formation grades 5-adults

9:45-10:15-Breakfast for all in Fellowship Hall

10:30-11:30 –Worship (nursery-grade 4 leave during part of Worship for Faith formation)

11:30-1:30 meal at Catholic Church

Please support the Sparta Community Christian Churches (Formerly Ministerial Alliance). Make checks to: Sparta Community Christian Churches.

“...whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

September Anniversaries

Sept. 2—Dave & Charleen Heuman
Sept. 5—Taylor & Tyler Coleman
Sept. 7—Rob & Ellie Kirk
Sept. 15—Daniel & Tracy Spirk
Sept. 18—Clyde & Sheryl Boyd
Sept. 19—Joe & Robin McMurtry
Sept. 25—Kenny & Kathy McConachie,
Bill & Jaimie Smith
Sept. 28—Larry & Stephanie Bernardoni,
Robert & Tammy Gielow



September 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at City Park for worship. Bring a chair if you do not want to sit at the picnic tables.

Following worship, we will go to the Community Building for a potluck meal. Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided. Bring a side dish.



Backpack Ministry needs totes

If you have any spare large totes that are in good shape and have lids, please consider donating them to the Backpack Ministry. They are going to start filling bags a month in advance, so they will need totes to store them in until they get delivered.

This is also an excellent opportunity for the high school students to get volunteer hours for the scholarship. On Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m., students are encouraged to come to the church to fill bags. If you have any questions, please contact Brandy Steely or Rachel Hanna.

Thank You...

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the \$100 from your Benevolence fund. You can be sure that your gift will be used to help our clients with needed items for baby, and for educational materials to help parents raise their children. God bless you! S.P.C.C.

Thank you for your blessing. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your gifts and party. Thank you for your smiles. Love, Logan Bockhorn

Dear Church Family, Thank you all for the wonderful greetings you send me. I read them over and over and feel God's closeness! I love our church and treasure each person. God bless and thank you!! Alene Holloway P.S. I love our choir!!

Dear members of Westminster congregation, The congregation of St. John is so very grateful for your support in our fish fry mission projects through the years. Your help enables us to give \$10,000 to baby Isla's parents. God bless you all. St. John

Thank you for supporting our family during this time. It means so much to our family! The Stevens family

Our family time focus this year is on memorizing scripture. This month's memory verse is...

September Memory Verse:

"A friend loves at all times."

Proverbs 17:17

Notes from Session

- On Sept 20th we will have Worship in the Park. This will be just like last year with a potluck meal following the service. The fellowship committee will provide the meat, drinks and paper products.
- September schedule for pulpit fill: Clint will be with us for the 13th, 20th, and 27th with Vallerie with us on the 6th.
- The nominating committee will be meeting soon to ask for volunteers for Deacons, Session and Trustees. Your nominating committee is: Tammy Gielow, Ruthie Gilmour, Sheryl Boyd, Donna Bannister and Tara Byington.
- We have several people interested in joining the church. Yay! If you are interested in joining, please let a Session member know.
- The Scholarship Committee has sent \$2000 checks to the following members for the Fall semester: Callie Peck, Ella Jones, Sydney Rheinecker, Katie Vickery, and Lee Craig. We wish them all a successful and wonderful semester.

If you are chairperson of any committee, please remember to submit minutes by the second Tuesday of the month to Doris Lehman or the office. Thank you!

Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

Out and About at Westminster



Left and below:
The sock and underwear collection that the Deacons took up during worship on Aug. 30 was a great success! (It was a little touch and go for a minute when Clint almost took off Connie's head, but no one was injured and everyone had a great time!)

Below: A special "Thank you!" to Allison Rheinecker for doing so much to help during worship on the 30th. Not only was she the liturgist, but she also stepped up and did the Children's Sermon (and did an amazing job!!). If you would like to help out in worship, please let Laura know.

Below right: The final count for the sock and underwear collection: Pairs of socks: Boys—169, Girls—164, Underwear: Boys—107, Girls—167.



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	2 <i>5 pm Benevolence</i> <i>6 pm Choir</i>	3 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>6 pm Deacons</i>	4	5
6 <i>Vallerie King preaching</i>	7 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1 pm Quilting</i>	8 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>5 pm Session</i>	9 <i>6 pm Choir</i> <i>7 pm Trustees</i>	10 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	11	12
13 <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i> <i>Rally Day 9:15-9:45 Sunday School, 9:45-10:15 Breakfast</i>	14 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1 pm Quilting</i>	15 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>2 pm Pie Social at Addington Place</i>	16 <i>5-6:30 pm Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	17 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	18	19
20 <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i> WORSHIP IN THE PARK <i>Lunch in Community Building following</i>	21 <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i> <i>1 pm Quilting</i>	22 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	23 <i>5-6:30 pm Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 pm Choir</i>	24 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	25 <i>2 pm RCCC Birthday Party</i>	26
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