

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year! From football games, to temperatures becoming a bit chillier, to that smoky tinge in the air, to the beginning of harvest being brought in (even though my allergies don't particularly like it!)...all of it appeal to my senses and bring a smile to my face. What really gets me, though, is the splash of color that the trees take on as the leaves begin to change and the autumn sunsets that paint the evening sky in orange, purple, and pink. To me, it is all a reminder of how wondrous and majestic God is.

As I think about God, it is no surprise to me that the very first story of Scripture is the story of Creation, namely Creation as solely the work of God and how it declares the glory and wonder of God. Have you ever taken a few moments to simply be in awe and wonder of God? Even as I write this, I can't help but hear our congregation singing the beloved hymn, *"then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art."* Truly God is great and awesome and majestic! Creation sings the glory of God, and we are invited to join in that hymn, praising our God simply for who and what God is. If you haven't had a chance to lately, I want to invite you to take just a few moments and reflect upon and bask in the greatness and wonder of our God.

What makes the Creation story even more amazing, to me, is that the story doesn't stop simply with the glory and wonder of God. Genesis 2 places great emphasis on the creation of human beings, and the special place in God's heart for the human creation.

What's more, within the heart of God is a special place for each individual person! This is because each of us is formed and fashioned in the image of God; we are each a reflection of our Creator. It is almost overwhelming to think that the Lord of all Creation would care to even know who we are as individuals, yet the Psalmist declares *"You search me and know me...You knit me together in my mother's womb...I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* (Psalm 139). We are not just a part of God's glorious creation, but we are known and loved beyond belief by the God who formed us in God's own image!

The Creation story is one that, for many of us, might be so familiar that we could quote it, or at least explain the basics of it with little help from Scripture. But it is a story that is more than just the beginning of Scripture. It is a story that declares the glory and wonder of God and our place, as human beings, in God's heart and life. Let us never forget, indeed, let us remind ourselves again and again, of the greatness and glory of our God...and let us sing for joy and thanksgiving this song by contemporary Christian band Third Day:

*Lord of all creation,
of water, earth, and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high*

*God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy*

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jarrett



The Mustard Seed



September

Ministry Team:

Pastor ~ Jarrett Wells

Office Manager ~

Maria Hymes

Pianist/Organist ~

Jill Roegge

Choral Director ~

Tim Bartholomew

Financial Secretary ~

Lynne O'Hara

Treasurer ~

Susan Treadway

Youth Director ~

Andrea Wells

Custodian ~

Tonya White

Sunday Services:

Worship Service ~

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School ~

10:30 a.m.

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Beardstown First UMC

Birthdays

- 1 Wanda Walker
Jeanne Tyson
Dane McGuire
- 2 Mike Bonansinga
- 3 Barb Braner
Brenda Vermillion
- 4 Tyler Starkey
- 6 Gary Jeffers
Gus Vermillion
Clint Theivagt
- 7 Conner Alexander Ellis
- 8 Linda Humphrey
- 9 Harry Coufal
- 11 William Corbin Robertson
David Miller
- 12 Judy Stailey
- 14 Clay Starkey
Ross Robeson
Paige Sommers
- 15 Erin Meyer Logsdon
Nicole Sager Potts
- 16 Julie Looker
- 17 Addi McClenning
Wendy McClenning
- 18 Lew Barker, Jr.
- 19 Cynthia Hack
Jarrett Wells
Nancie Walters
Suzanne McClure
Jennifer Vermillion
- 20 Danny Vermillion
- 22 Joe McClenning
- 23 Sally Lael
Lainie Sommerville
Joseph Logsdon
Tanya Logan
- 24 Penny Mulconrey
- 25 Ellie White
Wyatt Sager
Mary Kight
- 26 Jerry Rohn
Linda Mullen
Duane Hendricker
- 27 Cal O'Hara
Brady O'Hara
- 28 Toni Durham
- 29 Barbara Black
Madelyn Joy Logsdon
- 30 Kenny O'Hara, Jr.
John Osmer
Richard Lamb

Anniversaries

- 1 Leigh & Vicky Lamb
John & Susan Spaulding
- 7 Jeff & Cheryl Baer
- 15 Rob & Michele Quigley
- 18 John & Ronda Large
- 21 Courtney & Michelle Ellis
Frank "Sniggs" & Judy Stailey

Liturgist

- 1 Susan Treadway
- 8 Maria Hymes
- 15 Karen Robinson
- 22 Tami Mathis
- 29 Fall Fun Festival

Greeters

- 1 Kathleen Quigley & Lynne O'Hara
- 8 Ron & Vicki Blakeman
- 15 Ron & Vicki Blakeman
- 22 Bob & Paula Kloker
- 29 Fall Fun Festival

Communion

SEPTEMBER: Jo Ann Surber

Servers: Christy Bley, Fawn Rohn
& Andrea Wells

OCTOBER: Jody Peacock

Servers: Michael, Heather &
Brayden Booth



Christian Love In Action

Currently C.L.I.A. is in need of: **Canned Tuna & Wide Noodles**. You can bring your donated items to the church or directly there. Hours are: Tuesdays from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for donations. If you would like to contribute but don't have time / remember to shop, you can give money to Lynne O'Hara and she will pick up the items.

Local Missions

The Local Missions met in July and voted to donate \$500 to each of the following: *Beardstown Fire Department, Beardstown Police Department, Cass County Food Pantry*. Local Missions will meet again on September 1st. Those scheduled are: **Mary Deaton, Andrea Wells, Dan, Mitzi, Joe & Bree McClenning**.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Local Missions:** Sunday, September 1st at 10:30 a.m.
- **Board of Trustees:** Sunday, Sept. 8th at 11:30 a.m.
- **PPRC:** Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Church Council:** Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 11:30 a.m.

Cass County Food Pantry

The Cass County Food Pantry is another place that helps Cass County residents in need of food. To help with their mission, they are asking churches for donations for the month of **SEPTEMBER: Flour, Sugar, Brown Sugar, Powdered Sugar, Canned Yams**.

They are always in need of: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Cereal, or Non-Perishable Food Items**. They have a walk in cooler or freezer to hold perishable items, and are able to take fresh produce items.

Let's Go Nuts

It's that time of year again when the UMW is selling Terry Lynn Nuts. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see a UMW lady or call Maria in the office. If you are interested in selling them, again contact Maria for an order form.

Choir Practice

Choir practice has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Halligan room. If you enjoy singing or making a joyful noise unto the LORD, then I hope you join us, in music, praise, laughter and fun. And for those of you who think you can't sing, remember there are some of us who sit next to you in church and can hear your great voice.

Football Dinner

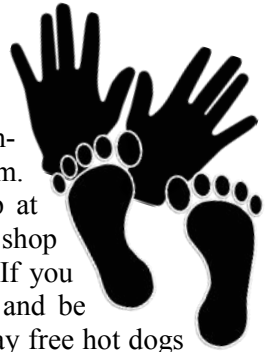
On Thursday, September 26th around 5:00 p.m. we are preparing a meal for the football players and the coaches. We will serve pulled pork sandwiches. If you would like to help serve and / or make desserts it would be much appreciated. (Expecting around 50.) If you have any questions, please see Andrea. Thank you.

Creation Museum & Ark Encounter

Next spring we are considering a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky. We are trying to get an idea of how many would be interested in going. Please call the office and let Maria know if you are interested. If we get enough, we will plan a trip. Dates, cost and details to come.

Shop With Christ

Shop With Christ will be September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will need people there to set up at 9:30 and more people there to help shop with customers a little before 10:00. If you would like to help, please show up and be ready to serve. We will be giving away free hot dogs and water during the event as well. We will need people to help with the food, shop with customers, and sit at the check out lane to cut tags off (this needs to be someone who can't walk around much and needs to sit and help). At this event, we will also be giving away the extra school bags that were packed for the back to school event. We want to take every opportunity we can to bless the people of our community. Thank you so much for your help and support!



Fall Spiritual Growth Opportunity

Do you ever feel in a spiritual rut, as if you are stuck or simply wanting a new momentum? If so, our fall study is for you. We will be engaging the book *The Intercessory Life*, written by Maxie Dunnam. Often, when we hear the word "intercession", we might think of intercessory prayer. While that's certainly true, there is much more to intercession than praying. Intercession is about discipleship, namely a pattern of discipleship. Our study will be for our interior growth in prayer as well as an outward expression of a missional Christ-life in the world.

Our study will be on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning September 18th (for those worried about a conflict with choir practice, we'll be done by 7:00!) and will run for 7 weeks.

The book being used for the study comes in a variety of formats. If you would like a hard copy of the book, the cost is \$17. Please let Pastor Jarrett know by Sunday, September 8th if you would like one. Those who desire the book in a PDF download or in Kindle or e-reader format can visit (<https://store.seedbed.com/products/the-intercessory-life-breaking-the-impossibility-barrier-by-maxie-dunnam>) to purchase and download.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Pastor Jarrett.

Church Council Minutes

The administrative Council met on Sunday, August 18th, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. Those present were: Pastor Jarrett Wells, Ron Blakeman, Susan Treadway, Lynne O'Hara, Julie Looker, John Chambers, Georgeanne Osmer, Andrea Wells and Brittney Taylor.

Pastor Jarrett opened with prayer. Lynne O'Hara gave the devotions with a reading "Hope In God's Love". Lynne O'Hara will have devotions for the next meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Georgeanne Osmer, seconded by John Chambers.

- **Trustees:** Windows are ordered and are waiting on Herter to set the time. After installation the church will be more energy efficient. Toland Plumbing didn't think that filters would help with the upstairs toilets use of water.
- **Old Business:** NONE

- **New Business:** Pastor Parish met and set salary recommendations for the 2020 budge. Finance committee will need to meet before the September meeting to approve the budget. Julie Looker stated that she will no longer be the United Methodist Women chair. They need to meet and have an election of officer for the 2020 year. Study lab will meet on Wednesday from 3:30—5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

- **Disbursements from New Life Trust:**
 - ◆ \$925.00 ~ Scranton Plumbing and Heating

- ◆ **Local Missions:**

- * \$500.00 ~ Beardstown Police Department
- * \$500.00 ~ Beardstown Fire Department
- * \$500.00 ~ Cass County Food Pantry

As all have been approved by the Trustees, on a motion by Georgeanne Osmer, they were accepted. The next meeting will be on September 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Wells closed with prayers.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Treadway

Dear Friends,

As fall quickly approaches we see changes all around us. Most of the time change is a good thing and helps us appreciate where we are. It's also a good time to reevaluated our lives and the things we invest our time in. I have been doing that for the last few months. All this means one thing for me, I will not be U.M.W. President in 2020. It's time for me to step down and let fresh eyes lead you next year. I will still help anyone who wishes to step into this position, and to head up our annual Bazaar. But if there is no leader, many things will change: We will lose our scholarship account, fundraisers will cease, and missions that we give to. It's all up to you!

The following is the minimum we have to do to be a unit:

1. Meet 3 times a year.
2. Pay a pledge to the district.
3. Turn in paperwork to district of how many on leadership role.
4. Attend at least 1 leadership training meeting throughout the year. (They usually hold 3, I highly recommend them.)

These meetings help you to not only see missions in a wider scope but also give you new ideas for local missions in your own unit! It's up to all of us ladies to pray, attend, support and elect a new President! It's been my pleasure to serve.

In Christ Jesus,
Julie Looker



UMW Meeting

There is a UMW meeting on Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting as we need to have an election for a new President and discuss / plan some upcoming events.

Fall Fun Festival Worship

We will, once again, be joining our sisters and brothers from the First Lutheran and First Congregational Churches in worship during Fall Fun Festival weekend. We gather at 9:00 a.m. on September 28th at Art Zeeck Park for this special time of worship. More information regarding rain location and opportunities to be a part of the service will be shared in the worship bulletin in the coming weeks.

Study Lab

The study lab will be open each Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students will have access to the Chromebook computers, printer and wi-fi. There is a sign-up genius link posted on the church Facebook page as well as a pen and paper sign up at church. Please sign up for as many slots as you would like to. We would like to have 2 people sign up for each slot, if possible. Please plan to arrive at the church at last 15 minutes early to make sure that the computers are turned on and ready to go. There will be an instruction sheet for first time volunteers in the lab to help answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry and for volunteering.

Explorer's Bible Study

Explorer's Bible Study will resume this fall with a study of "Psalms of Prayer & Praise". Start date is Sunday, September 8th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. There are books in the church office if you are interested. The cost is \$30 for the book. They meet on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 9876 St. Peter's Rd. outside of Arenzville. If you have any questions contact the office or Deb Burrus at 217-997-5920.

V.B.S. 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School in any way—as leaders, contributed money or food and most importantly your prayers. We again joined with 4th St. Lutheran Church and had a great week with an average of 40 kids throughout the week. Here are a few pictures from the week.



Backpacks

Early in August we packed drawstring backpacks filled with school supplies to pass out to students in the community. Thank you to everyone who helped pack the bags, and distribute them at the park. Your service and help was much appreciated.



School Stories



"SUMMER IS OVER, RICHARD, SO DEAL WITH IT AND START RAKING!"

- Many years ago, when I was teaching 5th grade, I was grading students' science homework papers. One of the questions was "Who developed the system of naming organisms?" or something like that. Anyway, the correct answer was supposed to be Carl Linnaeus. One of my students wrote 'Adam' for his answer. When I questioned him about it, he said he was referring to Adam in the Bible. He had learned in Sunday School that Adam had named all the animals in the Garden of Eden. Guess what? I counted his answer correct!
- I teach kindergarten and when I was urging a student to get down to work, he looked up at me and said, "You do know that I didn't sign up for this. My dad did it."
- A head teacher is making his rounds of the school when he hears a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushes in and spots one boy, taller than the others, who seems to be making the most noise. He seizes the lad, drags him to the hall, and tells him to wait there until he is excused. Returning to the classroom, the head teacher restores order and lectures the class for half an hour about the importance of good behavior. "Now," he says, "are there any questions?" One girl stands up timidly. "Please sir," she asks, "may we have our teacher back?"

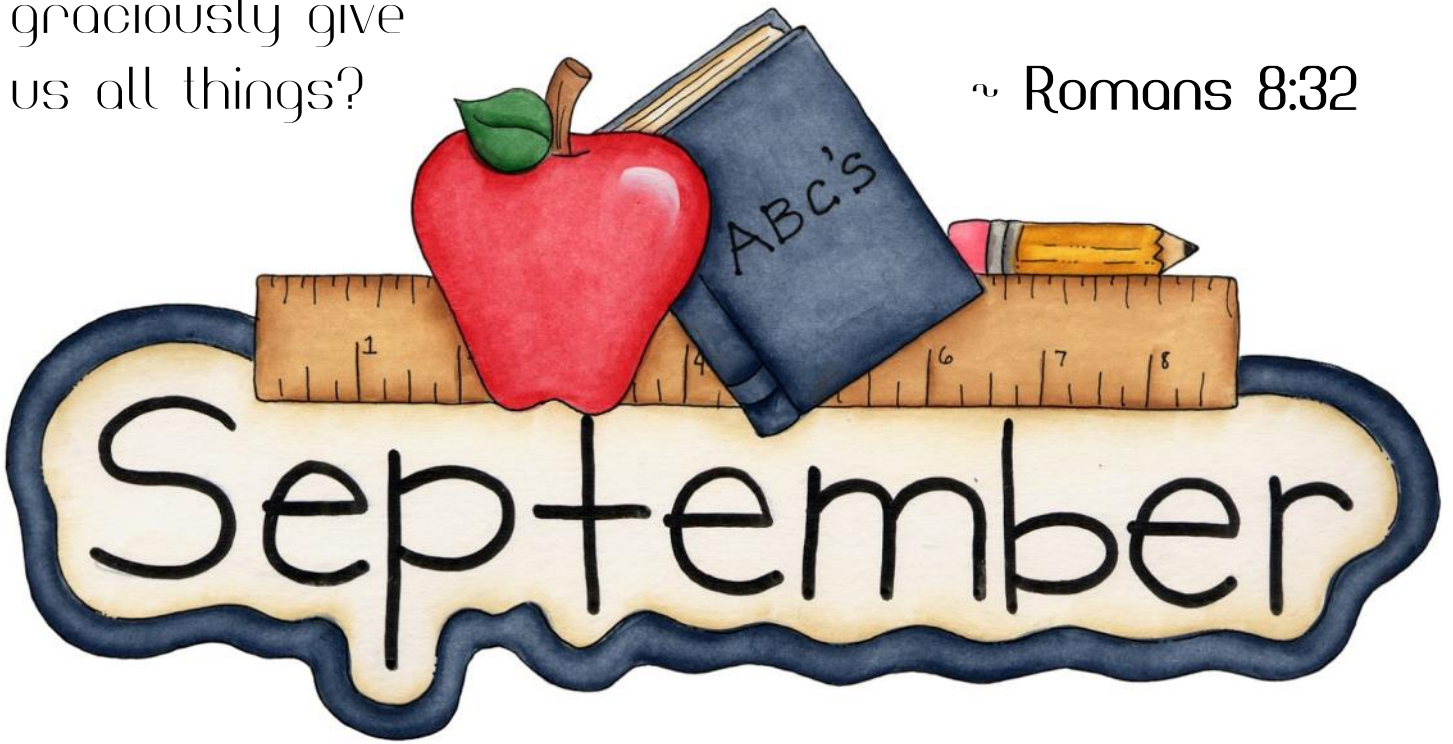
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Back to School

- BOOKS
- DESK
- ERASER
- GLUE
- LUNCHBOX
- MATH
- NOTEBOOK
- PAPER
- PENCIL
- PLAYGROUND
- READING
- RECESS
- RULER
- STUDENT
- TEACHER
- WRITING



He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ~ Romans 8:32



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