



# SEPTEMBER

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
11:00 am Welcome Back Picnic

### Monday, September 8

### Tuesday, September 9

7:00 pm Council

### Wednesday, September 10

### Thursday, September 11

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm NA

### Friday, September 12

### Saturday, September 13



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## The End of Summer

*Pam Eveleth*

### Twenty-two.

That's how many days are left of summer; the thought of how fast time flies comes to mind quickly.

I was looking forward to so many things this summer – beginning with a long weekend at my cousin's cabin a few hours away. **Plans canceled.** I also had planned to visit some family and friends, but... not being able to drive fixed that. **Plans canceled.** It has been years since I'd made it to any Festivals or Craft Shows, this year's plan was to actually make some of them, but... walking around a Festival or Craft Show with one foot isn't very exciting. **Plans canceled.**

So when I was looking for some ideas for the cover of this week's Messenger I realized it was already September and only 22 days left of summer. Where did the time go?

Many years ago, a very dear man once told me "We make our plans, and God laughs." He said that was his rephrase of Proverbs 16:9. Well, I don't think God necessarily laughed at any of my plans, because they were all good plans. But I do believe He certainly rearranged my entire summer, and as Proverbs 16:9 really says, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." Most of my steps He did more than determine – He stopped. I don't know why – but I definitely know He's in charge, and I'm not, because this summer He reminded me – and **FREQUENTLY!**

So...22 days left, right? Lord willing, I'll be doing housework this weekend. Those are the only plans I'm brave enough to make at this point. I've got a few good books I can put in my purse and take with me wherever He orders my steps, too, because after all, wherever I step, my purse comes with me!

And tonight, I will have a fall-scented candle burning to remind me that there's only 22 days left of this season, and a new pair of sneakers whose steps I'm sure are already ordered. I have no idea where they'll take me, but I definitely give up making plans beyond the housework.

*"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." Proverbs 16:9*

September 7, 2025

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Mike Larson, Brian Bair. Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee;  
**Lay Assistant:** Janet Stroble; **Communion Assistant:** Georgette Copp  
**Acolyte:** Weston Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower  
**Greeters/Presenters:** Paul Weaver, Jean Weaver; **Cantor:** Virginia Amme  
**Flower Delivery:** Jody Fullmer

**Sunday, August 24, 2025:** Attendance: *In Church: 82; Online: 8*; Offering: **\$2,830.06**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025:** Attendance: *In Church: 77; Online: 9*; Offering: **\$2,959.38**

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sam Hessert's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 13<sup>th</sup>, by his wife Carol and family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Weaver on the anniversary of his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, with love from his wife Jean and family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Mary Ellen Rosenbaum's birthday on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, with love from her husband and family.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday, September 7:** *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33*

**Monday, September 8:** *Psalm 101; Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

**Tuesday, September 9:** *Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Timothy 4:6-16*

**Wednesday, September 10:** *Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7; Luke 18:1-30*

**Thursday, September 11:** *Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11*

**Friday, September 12:** *Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-10a*

**Saturday, September 13:** *Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 8:20-9:7; John 10:11-21*



**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

**Reminder:** *Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.*



**WELCA - Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. – Patio Picnic** at Ruth Doran's home. Table Service, meats and beverages will be provided. Please bring food to share. **Spouses are welcome!** Bob Schweppenheiser has been invited to come and play for us as he did last year.



*Thank you to all my Messiah Family for the flowers, cards, visits and prayers. Also to those who did my job when I couldn't be there.*

*Doris Butt*

## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children - DVD - **Quigley's Village - The Super Shoot for the Stars Space Ship** - The Quigley's Village kids want to buy a Super Shoot-for-the-Stars Space Ship for their treehouse, so they decide to have a lemonade sale to raise money. But when Bubba accidentally breaks Mr. Quigley's glass pitcher, they have to decide on the responsible thing to do. This DVD is in the Quigley's Village section of the library.

Adult - **Either Way, I Win - God's Hope for Difficult Times** - Lois Walfrid Johnson had long relied on the Lord for strength and comfort. But when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she discovered an even greater need to turn to God. As she felt God's love around her in this difficult time, it soon became clear to her that either way---whether she lived or died--she would win. The Lord's love would always be present for her. "God never promised that as a Christian I would live without problems," says Lois. "Yet because I seek God, I find greater resources for dealing with whatever crisis or problem I face." In this book, Lois encourages readers facing difficult times to turn to the Lord again and again. By seeking God, we receive comfort and guidance. This book is found in Poems, Prayers, Devotionals and Meditation Section of our Library.

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### **Save the Date! Saturday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. – Pack-A-Sack Event**

This is when we finally see all the work we have done come to fruition. Members of the congregation, those who attended Bible School, and friends are invited to join us for a pizza supper and to pack the bags assembly-line style. All ages may take part, but we ask that anyone under grade 3 be accompanied/supervised by an adult. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex soon. *We are really going to need all hands on deck this year - plan now to join the fun!*

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Please join us this Sunday, September 7 immediately following worship In Shaheen Hall for our Welcome Back Picnic. This year we will be recognizing all of our volunteers within the church. How many volunteers are there? Come to the picnic and see for yourself. All are welcome!

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**A Confirmation Class** for students in eighth grade or higher is being organized for the fall term through Pentecost Sunday of next year. Class will be held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:20. Parents whose students might be interested should contact the church office.





**Preschool Mums Fundraiser!** It's time to order your fall mums. This is our **Sixth** year working with the Potting Bench, for our Mums Fundraiser and the mums have been beautiful! The **\$10 tickets** for the mums will be available the next few Sundays after worship in the Narthex or church office. For more information, contact Linda Miller at 570-326-5405. You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324 Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport and choose your very own 9-inch potted mum(s). ***THANK YOU for your support!***



### Gift Card Bingo



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025  
INDEPENDENT FIREHALL**

**306 Clark Street | S. Williamsport, Pa 17702**

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | GAMES START AT 12:30 PM  
PRE-SALE \$20 | \$25 AT THE DOOR**

**GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD**

**For more information, Contact Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021**

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES TO BENEFIT  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**



Tickets will be available, before and after each service in the Narthex on these dates:  
**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> or anytime in the church office.**

**To make this event a success we are asking the congregation for your support.**

**Other ways you can help:**

- Donate a gift card of your choice for our Gift Card Bingo
- Make a themed basket to donate for our Chinese Auction
- Make baked goods to sell during the event

Deadline for gift cards and themed baskets is **October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Baked good items are due **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> by NOON** in the church office.

**PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**





Profit and Loss – 1/2025 – 6/2025

Fund Name		2025 Budget		Actual	Actual	Overage
		2nd Quarter		Income	Expenses	or Shortfall
General Fund		\$91,000.00		\$123,692.14	\$102,770.92	\$20,921.22
Rebuilding Fund		\$24,000.00		\$18,011.26	\$33,866.37	(\$15,855.11)
Children's Ministry		\$3,950.00		\$5,006.61	\$2,642.64	\$2,363.97
Preschool		\$37,260.00		\$45,133.86	\$50,314.33	(\$5,180.47)
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025						

For Sale\*~^

\* or free to a *needy* home.  
~ or make a donation to **MLC General Fund** in lieu of paying me.

**Antique Cedar Chest-** Family heirloom for +75 years.  
On steel swivel casters.  
Exterior dimensions : L= 48", D= 20 1/4", H= 20 1/4"  
Interior dimensions : L= 45 5/8", D= 18", H= 12 3/4"

If interested, call Dave Strickler @ 570-220-0077

