



**Join us every Sunday:**

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

**All are Welcome!**

You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!



**Tuesday Morning Devotional Group**

The Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday on Zoom at 9am. To join the group, contact Sharon or Bob Perkinson at [perkinshar@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinshar@yahoo.com) or [perkinbob@yahoo.com](mailto:perkinbob@yahoo.com).



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*God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace*

## ***A Moment for Reflection***

*Greetings Church Family and Friends,*

*With September here, the first official day of autumn is just around the corner. When I think of autumn, one of the things that I think of are apples. Crisp fall days have me longing for cinnamon-filled apple goodies-pies, cakes, muffins etc. It is the time to make apple butter and apple sauce. The old saying goes: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." I don't know how true this is, but apples are very good for us and also taste great!*

*When we think of references in the Bible concerning apples, the first thing that comes to most people's minds is the "apple" Eve ate from the forbidden tree. But the Hebrew word used in Genesis does not mean "apple". It means "fruit". I found this out doing just a bit of reading. However, there are several places in the Bible where the word "apple" is used.*

*I like Zechariah 2:8 NRSV which says "For thus saith the LORD of hosts (after his glory sent me) regarding the nations that plundered you: Truly, one who touches you touches the apple of my eye." To me, when God is saying through the prophet Zechariah to the people of Israel that they are the apple of his eye, he is saying they are valued above all other things.*

*Having sent his son, Jesus, to die on the cross to save us from our sins, I believe means we are also the apple of His eye. How wonderful for us!! So I will ponder this as I enjoy my autumn apples and all this beautiful season has to offer.*

*Blessings,  
Stephanie*



## **Upcoming Meetings**

September 13-**Session-6:30pm**

September 15-**Stewardship & Finance-6:30pm via Zoom**

## **Speakers for September Worship Services**

September 4-**Forrest Palmer-Sermon, John**

**Feuchtenberger- Communion Celebrant**

September 11-**John Feuchtenberger**

September 18-**Sallie Daugherty**

September 25-**John Feuchtenberger**

## **Lay Liturgists for September**

September 4-**John Feuchtenberger**

September 11-**Jim Harvey**

September 18-**John Feuchtenberger**

September 25-**TBA**

## **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for our members and others for whom prayer is requested:

Priscilla Valko, Greg Testerman, Betty Bailey, Betty Kincaid, Carolyn Neale, Suzanne Compton, Robert Perry, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy, Tokita Webb, Chuck & Zella Denham, Randy & Jeri Snider

Randy Carter, Mack Hatfield, Louis Scott, Donna Baugh, Lilian Blackman, Tamie Brence, Patti Gay Hartzell, Oleksiy Hodonavets, Jack & Ruth Hansel, Brenda Payne, Paul & Theresa Dodson, Don Kennedy, Zac Carter and Ed Box, The People of Ukraine, Those affected by COVID-19, and Those dealing with substance abuse.

Bereavement: The Family of John Mayo

**REMINDER:** If you have an addition for the **October Newsletter**, please have it to the church office by **Monday, September 26th**.

Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by **Wednesdays by 11am**.