



**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!](https://www.youtube.com/)



August 2025

## **Events**

**August 17th-Annual Picnic-Dodson Cabin-2-5pm**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Our pastor will NEVER email or text you to randomly ask for personal information or request that you purchase items or send money. If you receive anything of this nature, please delete it immediately and let the office know.

**Jeri Ball Snider will resume her Bible Study this Fall on “The Chosen” (Part 2). More information to come!**



### **Tuesday Morning Devotional Group**

The Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom. 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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## A Message from the Pastor

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*This month, new things are coming our way. We are starting a spiritual development class on The Seven Deadly Virtues and a sermon series on emotions; both of which will run for 8 weeks, and hopefully bring us a new sense of call, a new sense of understanding, and a renewed sense of hope.*

*As these studies and reflection bring us new understandings, let us reflect on the way that God works in the world - through us. Though God could certainly choose to work in the world alone God chooses to involve us in bringing about a better world. God works on our hearts, helping us to recognize our unique, God-given talents. The Holy Spirit helps us to find ways to use those talents to benefit ourselves, our community, and the larger world, as we move mountains we don't even realize we are moving. Christ leads us in community, amplifying our gifts, as they unite with other gifts in the community to become more than the sum of their parts.*

*When we unite with one another, as the body of Christ, we are equipped to do the work of God in the community: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, offering respite to the traveler, and always giving glory to God. This month, I pray we find new ways to unite and reveal God's loving mercy to the world.*

*Pastor Victoria Krebs*

## SESSION STREAM

Session met on July 17th .

The new class of Elders attended their first meeting.

Session voted to have the church serve as a collection center for lunch boxes and thermoses for area school children. Victoria will be doing interviews for TV and radio about this drive and will also be working with the police department about further needs in the community.

The church picnic at the Dodson cabin is set for August 17th at 2:00pm following the church service. Watch for announcements in the bulletin!

New chairs are in the future for the conference table in the library where our current ones, which have served us well for many years, are quite literally on their last legs!

Choosing a new Nominating Committee will be happening soon so please be in prayerful consideration about serving on this committee to seek a new Elder class to come on board in the Spring!

John Eckman was elected as a Foundation trustee.

New Elder training will start soon and is open to any Elder who may wish to attend...just let Victoria know!

Jimbo will be attending the presbytery meeting in August.

Ken Valko has agreed and was elected to take over the role as Clerk of Session so this is my last Stream to you.

It's been an eye opening experience and I've learned an awful lot about what it takes to keep a church going so I am grateful for that!

Stay safe and happy and kind! Becky