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Serving Schedule for October 11, 2020

Worship Leader

Gail Doss

Communion Prayer

Ed Lewis

Offertory Prayer

Anne Roberts

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Communion Preparation

Stanley & Carol Pinkston

October is Ministerial Appreciation Month

Let your leaders know how
much you love and
appreciate them!

Serving Schedule for October 25, 2020

Worship Leader

Pat Fowler

Communion Prayer

Pat Fowler

Offertory Prayer

Steve Fowler

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Communion Preparation

Jan Duffy



Our Christian condolences go out to the
families of: Eric Simmons,
(Leanard and Kim Wagganer's son-in-law)
Janis Martin, (Jack Maxwell's sister),
Ken Clark, (friend of Anne &
Gene Roberts and Ed & Marge Lewis)

Don't forget the time
change! Be sure and turn
your clocks backward
**Saturday night, October
31st**, so you won't be late
for Sunday school.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, October 15th

1:30 p.m., in

Church Parlor

Hostess: Kim Wagganer

Program: LaVerne Matthews



Serving Schedule for October 18, 2020

Worship Leader

Jan Duffy

Communion Prayer

Steve Fowler

Offertory Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

Van Driver

Communion Preparation

Jan Duffy



Serving Schedule for November 1, 2020

Worship Leader

Steve Fowler

Communion Prayer

Gleta Gorman

Offertory Prayer

Kay Gilbreath

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Communion Preparation

Ed Lewis



Happy 90th Birthday to
Fran Turpin
Happy 96th Birthday to
Wilma Brown



Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8:

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15:

1:30 p.m. CWF, Church Parlor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19:

5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Looks who's having a Birthday in	
Betty Threlkeld	6
Rev. Frank Chlastak	14
Bill Clanahan	18



Sunday School Perfect Attenders September 2020

Steve Fowler

Kay Gilbreath

Gleta Gorman

Eva Kay Smith

Pam Waggoner

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 6, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Worship.....	24
Children's Church.....	0
TOTAL WORSHIP.....	24
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Elementary A/B.....	0
Homebuilders.....	6
Men's Class.....	2
Total.....	10

ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 20, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Worship.....	29
Children's Church.....	0
TOTAL WORSHIP.....	29
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Elementary A/B.....	0
Homebuilders.....	5
Men's Class.....	1
Total.....	6

ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 13, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Worship.....	24
Children's Church.....	0
TOTAL WORSHIP.....	24
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Elementary A/B.....	0
Homebuilders.....	6
Men's Class.....	3
Total.....	9

ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 27, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Worship.....	25
Children's Church.....	0
TOTAL WORSHIP.....	25
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Elementary A/B.....	0
Homebuilders.....	6
Men's Class.....	4
Total.....	10



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” proclaimed Albert Einstein. With the hint of fall in the air and more local business and restaurants opening back up for business we must not forget that we are still living in the midst of a global pandemic. The reality of COVID-19 takes a toll on us all mentally, emotionally, and physically. I’m maybe the last to admit it but, COVID-19 is exhausting. It’s not tiring due to it’s effects on the body. It’s because it requires constant vigilance. It requires vigilance with personal protective equipment (PPE), hand washing, mask wearing, social distancing, limiting our time with family, friends at social gathers and even at church.

Since the middle of March almost seven months have passed and we all, I think are looking forward to returning to normal. But what will the new normal look like? Like the hint of fall in the air there is also a hint of uncertainty. How will fall sports look like? How will Halloween be celebrated? But how will thanksgiving be? Will it be with family or just our immediate spouses? How will Christmas be celebrated at church, in our community, and at home?

Some people have found this time of social isolation easy to do, while others like me have found it hard to be by ourselves. Some people have started reading more and other spiritual disciplines like journaling. Some have decided to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I admire their efforts, but the “Begats” in the Book of Chronicles usually slows people down or makes them stop or skip over. But the “Begats” are an important part of understanding the history of the people of God. Some have taken up new hobbies that can be done around their homes in isolation. Some people are getting dressed up to take out the trash to the curb and neighbors are trying to one up neighbors in their dressing up. Some people are taking up painting, learn a language, knitting, photography, creative writing, learning to play the guitar or other musical instrument. Some have learned yoga to ease their mental stress. Others have started a social media pod cast or musical productions on their computer or smart phone. Others like me have delved deeper into gardening. It’s interesting that there has been a surge in the cooking arts, especially in the baking of homemade breads. What we would call comfort food in a time of uncomfortable times.

But this is not a new fade. Over the ages during the time of social upheaval due to public health concerns people have done things to keep themselves together. For instance, William Shakespeare wrote King Lear while in quarantine from the bubonic plague. Sir Isaac Newton developed calculus while social distancing at his family farm during the Great Plague of London in 1665. We all have a choice to see the opportunities in our current environment. Will we take the time to reflect on what those opportunities may be and take advantage of them?

We pray to soon move beyond COVID-19, but until then let us be there for one another and uplift each other in the best of ways. May we use every opportunity we can in the middle of these difficult times to become a better person. As the writer of Psalms proclaims, “But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, for You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress.”

Psalms 59:16

See you Sunday,
Pastor Frank



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Remember in Prayer

At Home

Wilma Brown,

Roy Parton, Sharon Parton,

Gene Roberts, Jr.,

Ramona Sutton,

[Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]