

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV.

We are at the verge of a change of seasons, wrapping up summer and welcoming autumn. The longer, brighter days of summer are beginning to fade, making way for shorter days and darker evenings. People have returned from their summer vacations and the schools have reopened. At church, we have stepped into the second period of Ordinary Time, the season after Pentecost that runs through Advent. We enter this season with a renewed sense of purpose and a set of goals in ministry. The church will also kick off various events, including the resuming of Sunday School, Youth groups, and Adult Christian education. This is the time when we, as called Christians, focus on discipleship, live out our faith by sharing our gifts and talents, and discern our calling to become the hands and feet of Christ. Accordingly, we are witnessing at Christ UMC that we are gearing up for our mission and ministries, stewardship commitments, outreach efforts, and the upcoming church conference season.

This Ordinary season symbolizes growth and life. Our renewed purpose with all of these activities should move forward peacefully yet productively. For that, we depend on God's grace and God's steadfast love to equip us with the needed tools and sustain us to accomplish our goals.

My prayer is to work along with our commendable leadership, guided by the Holy Spirit, to discover new ways to make the ministry a blessing to many within and beyond the walls of the church.

May we continue to journey together to **Reach Everyone with Acts of Kindness** and build **Communities of Hope**.

Peace and Blessings,



Pastor Satya Sudhakar

September 2026 Newsletter



Sept 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost **Communion**

"Faithful Use of Power"

Exodus 1:15 – 2:10

Sept 13

16th Sunday after Pentecost **"From Resistance to Acceptance"**

Exodus 3:1-15

Sept 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost **"A Little is Enough"**

Mark 6:30-44

Sept 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost **"The Gift of Giving"**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Celebrate!



September Birthdays

Violet Heider 9/4
Mindy Zeppo 9/8
Carl Gustafsson 9/9
Tom Letterle 9/10
Maurice Pang 9/11
Dennis Vander Vorste 9/12
Robin Deak 9/13
Ethan Blackmore 9/14
Natalie Blackmore 9/17
Sherry Mark 9/19
Salvador Victoria 9/25
Joel Brighten 9/26
Joe Kilberger 9/30

September Anniversaries

Dennis & Bev
Vander Vorste 9/1

Carl & Connie
Gustafson 9/30

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary this month, but do not see your name, please call the office and let us know.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen mullen520@comcast.net

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lisa Greenwood lisajogreenwood@yahoo.com

Amy Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Praying Stitchers Ministry 🍎 Monday, September 14 🍎 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Cheryl Fournier.

Pastor Meet & Greet 🍎 Sept 1 & 2 🍎 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pastor Satya invites you for an informal meet and greet on Sept 1 & 2, 11am-12pm. The meetings will take place in the church lobby. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know the pastor better, and for her to learn more about you and our various ministries. Hope you can make it!

McHenry CROP Hunger Walk 🍎 Sunday, Oct 4 🍎 1 p.m.

Let us come together as a community to end hunger one step at a time. Help us to raise funds to provide lifesaving support, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves. Consider joining the walk and/or making a donation. See Debbie Thomas or click the URL link below to sign up or make a donation.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🍎 10:15 a.m.

After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. All children are invited to join the Sunday School class. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

Youth Group 🍎 Sunday, Sept 13 & 27 🍎 4 p.m.

We invite all youth to come and meet you friends and have an evening of fun.



**September
Collection**



**You can drop off
gently used clothes &
shoes in the bin.**



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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

In September, the food collected will be delivered to Grafton food pantry.

A HUGE Thank You! To all who helped with our school supplies and backpack collection. We collected enough supplies and backpacks for 25 full backpacks and some extra supplies and empty backpacks for a few more students. They were delivered to District 158 in Huntley.



Start your engines, oops I mean sewing machines, knitting needles and glue guns. The Annual Craft Show is coming up in October and we need items to sell! This Craft Show will take place following worship on Sunday, Oct 11th and 18th . Any items you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated. Please send photos of items to be shown in the e-news to Michele Linner.

If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner. Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at mlinner@sbcglobal.net.

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