

The Central Christian 411



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Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is one of the rare instances in the Old Testament where we read of Forgiveness being freely given. This is the kind of forgiveness that makes many do a double take. "Really? After what they did to Joseph, he forgives them? Unbelievable!! His own brothers betrayed him!!" Yet this is exactly the kind of forgiveness Jesus speaks of and teaches us to be an example of. Forgiveness that is freely given without requiring any payment for. One of my favorite illustrations on forgiveness is this:

There's a Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read:

"Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father."

On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers. There are so many people in the world who are longing for forgiveness, yet afraid to ask for it. Jesus tells us not to make anyone ask, just forgive. Can you be forgiving? Will you be?

May the God of Love and Forgiveness abide in you always, Wes



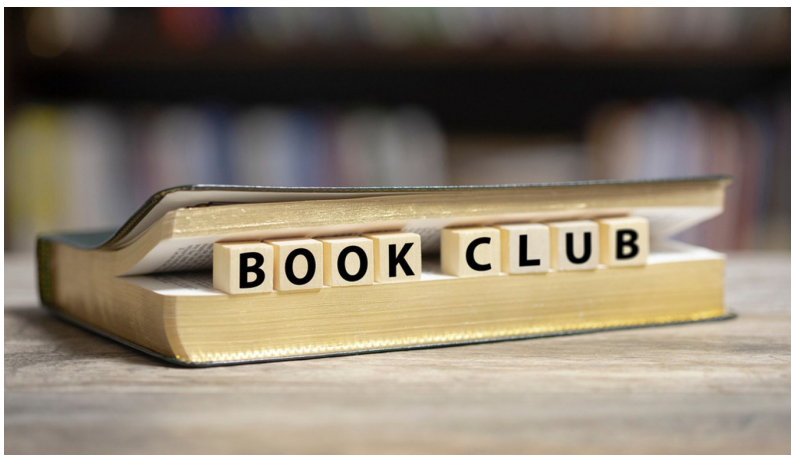
World Suicide Prevention Day, marked annually on 10 September, is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO).

The theme for 2024 – 2026 ‘Changing the Narrative on Suicide’ is about moving from a culture of silence and shame to understanding and support. It encourages people, communities, institutions and governments—all of us—to have open and honest discussions about suicide and suicidal behavior.

With an estimated 208 000 lives lost every year, suicide is a major issue in our South-East Asia Region. It remains one of the leading causes of death, affecting people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds.

By breaking the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide, we create a culture where people feel safe to seek help. It is vital to ensure that no one feels alone, and that everyone knows support systems and interventions are available.

Suicides are preventable — but prevention is not easy. It requires collective effort, awareness, and a commitment to fostering hope, healing, and connection. More than responding to individual crises, it is about building strong and inclusive communities where people feel connected, valued, and supported. Even small acts of kindness, honest conversations, or simply being present for someone can make a profound difference.



ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
TO DISCUSS

LOST & FOUND

BY

JACQUELINE SHEEHAN

After the death of her husband, Rocky flees to Peak's Island, a tiny speck off the coast of Maine, a million miles away from everything she's lost. Taking a job as an Animal Warden, Rocky meets Lloyd, a large Labrador retriever, who enters her world with a primitive arrow sticking out of his shoulder. And so begins a remarkable friendship between a wounded woman and an injured, lovable beast.

Can the magic of Peak's Island and its quirky residents heal Rocky's pain? As the unraveling mystery of Lloyd's accident and missing owner leads Rocky to an archery instructor who draws her in even as she finds every reason to mistrust him, she discovers the life-altering revelation that grief can be transformed...and joy *does* exist in unexpected places.

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CWF/DWM Blog

CWF will meet WEDNESDAY,

September 16th

At 11:30 a.m.

We will have a salad luncheon.

Our service project is school supplies
for

Liberty-Eylau Elementary.

All women please come and
enjoy the fellowship!

Men's Fellowship

THE

***CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)***

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, SEPT. 18TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H MEAT

I-Z VEGETABLE OR SALAD

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

COMMUNITY **OUTREACH**

Giving back to the community

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

**WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S SHELTER**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS
PLEASE COME JOIN
IN.**

**WE MEET IN DISCIPLE HALL AT 4 PM
TO PREPARE THE MEAL, THEN SERVE AT
RANDY SAM'S AT 6 PM.**

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵“By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Board Meeting

THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 28th

AT 4 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY IM-
PORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



World Vegetarian Day is **observed** annually around the planet on **October 1**. It is a day of celebration established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978, "**To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.**" It brings awareness to the ethical, environmental, health, and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. **World Vegetarian Day** initiates the month of October as **Vegetarian Awareness Month**, which ends with **November 1**, World Vegan Day, as the end of that month of celebration. Vegetarian Awareness Month has been known variously as "**Reverence for Life**" month, "**Month of Vegetarian Food**", and more.



BINGO RETURNS!!!!

OCTOBER 3RD

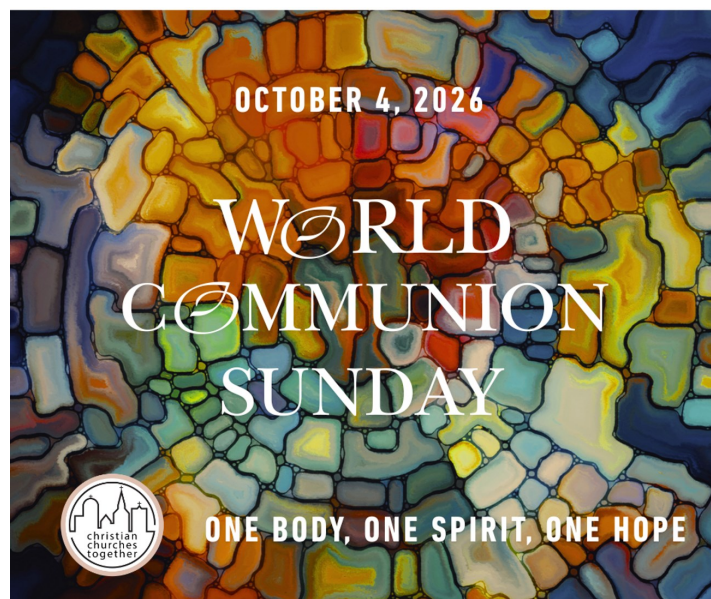
IN THE

COMMUNITY ROOM

From 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several **Protestant** denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes **Christian unity** and **Ecumenical** cooperation.

It focuses on an observance of the **Eucharist**.

The tradition was begun in 1933.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

(That You May Know the Roles)

ELDERS

Elders primarily shall be ***responsible for the spiritual life and development of the congregation***, preside at the Lord's Table, assist and ***share with the Minister in the conduct of Pastoral functions*** and ***provide supportive counsel*** for the Minister regarding the spiritual life and development of the congregation.

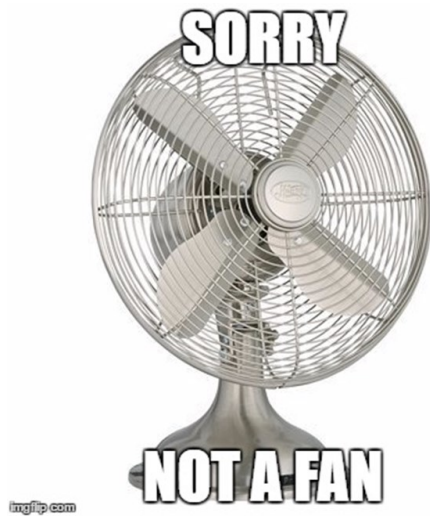
DEACONS

Deacons primarily shall be ***responsible for the maintenance and “growth” of the congregation*** through its individual members and corporate life through witnessing in the community and in the world.

MINISTER

The Minister of the congregation ***shall be the chief administrator of the congregation***, and in cooperation with the Moderator of the congregation and the General Board, ***encourage orderly procedures in the life and work of the congregation in compliance with the congregation's Constitution and the policies & procedures of the congregation*** and General Board.

The Minister shall give ***special attention to the selection and training of the congregation's leaders***.



PLEASE BE SURE YOU **NEVER** SET ANY
THERMOSTAT ON “**FAN**” MODE. IT
WILL **NEVER** CUT OFF, AND
THEREFORE **RUN 24/7**, WHICH RUNS
OUR ELECTRIC BILL **SKY HIGH**. WE
FOUND A THERMOSTAT ON **FAN** THAT
HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR NEARLY A
YEAR.

PLEASE **NEVER** USE “**FAN**” MODE,
JUST AUTO.



***The Journey Sunday School Class
will be studying***

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

We hope you will join us
for this important study.

The Journey class meets **in the**
Library in the Community Center.

The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, one of the four canonical Gospels, and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of Jesus, recording his birth, his ministry from his baptism by John the Baptist, his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his mission to the world. It emphasizes that Jewish tradition should not be lost in an increasingly gentile church and presents Jesus as the Jewish Messiah who fulfills the prophecies written in the Jewish scriptures.

The gospel reflects conflicts between Jewish Christians and other Jews, particularly with its criticism of the scribes and Pharisees, presenting the view that the Kingdom of Heaven has been taken away from them and given to the church. It emphasizes Jesus's role as the Son of David, Son of Man, and Son of God, and frames his teachings, miracles, and parables to reflect both Jewish law and the Christian church. It culminates in the Passion, Resurrection, and Great Commission, having been structured around alternating narratives and discourses.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

1 CORINTHIANS

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would
love to have you join us
in class or **on FACEBOOK**.

We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



WE WILL NO LONGER
LEAVE THE ALLEY DOOR
TO THE SANCTUARY BUILDING
UNLOCKED
DUE TO UNWANTED GUESTS WHO
MAKE THEIR HOME UPSTAIRS.
IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER,
PLEASE
DO NOT UNLOCK
THE ALLEY DOOR.



NOW AVAILABLE!!!

OUR BEAUTIFUL

CCC BALL CAP

AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

ONLY \$20 EACH!!!

To purchase your

CCC Ball Cap

and

T-Shirt

Call or come by the

Admin. Office today!!!



In our Sanctuary/Education building we have three areas where we try to maintain an energy efficient temperature that can be adjusted as needed. These areas are the sanctuary, the parlor, and HeBrews. Each area has its own controls.

It has now become necessary, in an attempt to control the cost of heating and cooling in our Sanctuary/Education building, to turn off ALL units except in the sanctuary. Therefore, the parlor and HeBrews will no longer have AC/Heating units on. If you wish to use the parlor or HeBrews, please let the Property Committee Chair, Jim Spears, know. It will also be necessary to reserve the parlor or HeBrews by booking it through our Admin. Assistant, Tonya Shumake.

With everyone's help we can save on the cost of gas AND electricity.

Thank You!

Your Property Committee



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY MONDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 4:00 P.M.**

AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY MONDAY ON FACEBOOK.

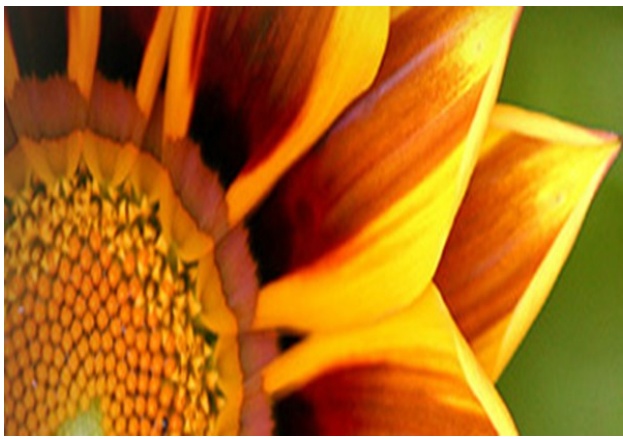
REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 P.M.**

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/](https://www.facebook.com/ccctxk/)



Honorariums/Memorials

JUST A REMINDER

HONORARIUM

&

MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

ANYTIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC

WITH A NOTE STATING WHO YOUR

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



FLOWERS!!!!

Be sure to purchase flowers for
the sanctuary to honor
Friends or Family or
in memory of a loved one.

The cost is only
\$40.

Office Hours

JUST A REMINDER TO

OUR CONGREGATION

CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY

(Lunch 11 am – 12 pm)



If you are looking for a safe way to give to the church, download the “Givelify” app onto your phone.

You can find it at the [App Store](#) or at the [Google Play Store](#) under:

“Givelify [Mobile Giving App](#).”

Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Please [be sure you find](#)

Central Christian Church [Texarkana](#).

ATTENTION ALL ELDERS AND BOARD MEMBERS!!

In an effort to increase attendance at our Elder meetings and Board meetings, we would like you to sign up for text messaging so you can receive reminders of meetings.

THIS IS NOT A GROUP TEXT!

No one will receive your phone number through this messaging service! If anyone responds to a text it goes straight to the messaging computer system, not you. This is a completely safe way to receive reminders without risking your privacy.

Please follow the instructions below to sign up for the messaging service.

We need **ALL** of you to do this, please.



Central Christian will be sending out text messages to remind members of upcoming meetings. To receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the 411 must be submitted to the office **no later than noon** on Tuesdays.

After that time, we cannot guarantee your article will be published.

Day & Time may vary during holidays
CHURCH BULLETIN

Any information you will like in the Church Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than 10am on Fridays

Day & Time may vary during holidays.



DO YOU PREFER RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGE OR PHONE CALL REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS?

Central Christian will be sending out text messages and phone calls to remind members of upcoming meetings and inform every one of prayer needs.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

If you do not receive text messages but would like to be added to our call list, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

September 10	all day	World Suicide Prevention Day
September 10	3pm	Stewardship Committee
September 10	4pm	Core/Steering Committee
September 14	1pm	Book Club
September 14	2:30pm	Worship Committee
September 16	11:30am	CWF
September 18	7:30am	CMF @ Old Tyme Burger
September 20	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon
September 27	10:40am	Reconciliation offering
September 27	4pm	Randy Sams Prep
September 27	6pm	Randy Sams serving
September 28	4pm	General Board Meeting
October 1	all day	World Vegetarian Day
October 3	1:30pm	Bingo
October 4	10:40am	World Communion Sunday/ Reconciliation offering



Be sure to keep up-to-date
with Church Activities

By visiting

www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and
there is a lot of information.

Prayer Requests



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that “The Prayer List” may be cause for litigation if we place people on it that have not given their personal consent to be placed on it.

It is a violation of HIPAA Law to release information about anyone without their personal consent. Therefore, we ask that you not call requesting that a “friend” be placed on the list unless you have their consent.

THANK YOU.

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad		1	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5
6 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	7 Labor Day Office closed	8 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day 3pm Stewardship Committee 4pm Core/Steering Comm.	11	12
13 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	14 1pm Book Club 2:30pm Worship Committee	15	16 11:30am CWF	17	18 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyne Burger	19
20 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Reconciliation off	28 4pm General Board	29	30			
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September Birthdays

Jack Duncan	9-4
Philip Stover	9-7
Dorothy Alves	9-8
Jack Carter	9-11
Julia Carpenter	9-16
Teresa Crow	9-18
Sondra Bedwell	9-20
Jack Fisher	9-27

September Anniversaries

Robert & Alice Kern	9-7
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Servers for the Weeks Ahead

September 6, 2026

Greeters: Glenda Burkhart & Janell Dailey
Worship Leader: Sheri Thomas
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Judy Shilling

September 13, 2026

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Diana Muckelrath
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Alice Coleman & Lois Moore

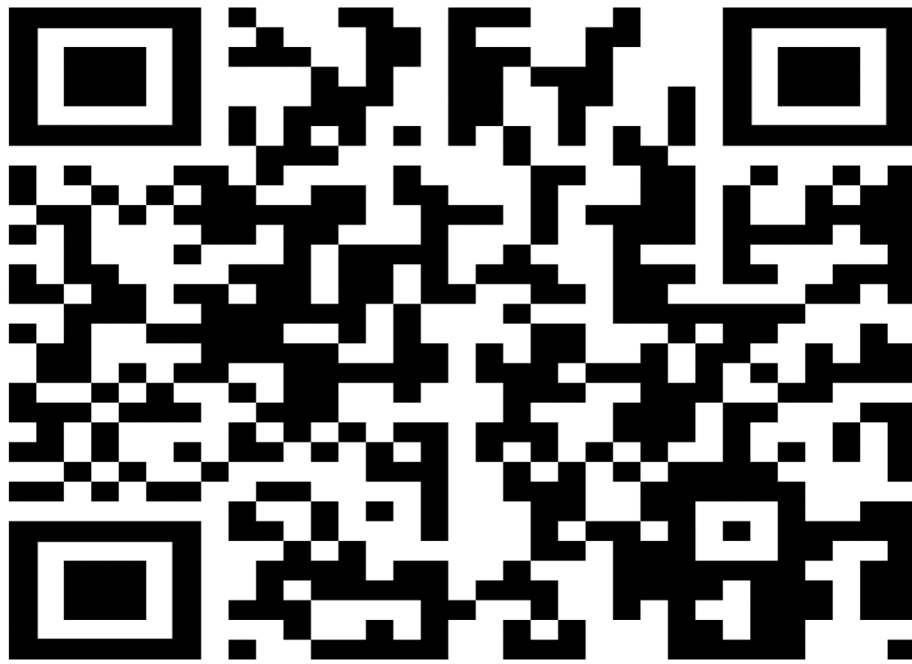
September 20, 2026

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth
Hospital Elder: Robert Kern
Flower Elder: Alice Kern
Deacons: Gail Runyon & Dan Rogers

September 27, 2026

Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore
Worship Leader: Mike Lamb
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth





SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Prayer Need

Our Church
Wes Byas
Stan Brummal
Diana Muckelrath
Kelly Scurlock, friend of Julia Carpetner
Billy Roy, friend of George & Julia
Tim Harvey, Jerry & Sheri Thomas' nephew
Derek Rath, Janell Dailey's son
Judy Shilling
Sandra Lofler, Glenda Burkhardt's niece
Christina and family, friend of Beverly Folmar

Ongoing Concerns

Laura Byas
Dorothy Alves
Mike Lamb
Beth Brine
Annette Plhak, friend of Wes
Kim Baker Boyette
Matt Lowe, Robert and Alice Kern's son-in-law
Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister
Kathy Sylar, friend of Connie Spears
Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister
Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother
Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister
Carolyn Hudspeth Farrel
Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhardt's son-in-law

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home
Betty Caudle, home
Margie Beeson
Midge Cooney, home
James Thompson, home
Susie Howdeshell, home
Jane Watson, home
Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207



Serving this Sunday
September 13, 2026

Greeters: Alice Coleman & Diana Muckelrath
Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Alice Coleman & Lois Moore

September 6, 2026

Attendance: 26
Offering: \$7,199.67

This Sunday:

"A Religion of Love"

Scripture:

Mark 12:28-34

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 13,
2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11,
20-21

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103: (1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35