

WEEKLY NEWS - August 13, 2025



***Please keep
the following people
in your prayers***

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock (Pet Pantry patron), David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Linda Lambrides, Blanche Mays, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns, Nancy White

Wider World: United Church of Christ, General Synod; People recovering from disasters in Texas, No. Carolina, So. California, and elsewhere; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

New Carpeting to be Installed

The brown carpeting in the hallway to the office, Upstairs to the Upper Room and down the stairs to the basement is slated to be replaced on Thursday, August 21st. We are able to replace this old carpeting due to a generous donation from a church member! To this end, items will need to be moved from certain areas to allow the carpet installers to easily do their work. Things may look a bit untidy for a few days before and after for this work to happen, but in the end we will have a nice new look!

From the Office

Monday - Thursday

8:00-12:00 pm

Lyn will be out of the office on Thursday, August 14 to spend a little more time with her daughter before she jets off to South Korea for another year.

Lyn will be on vacation September 2-18.

Rentals / Usage

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 16

Anniversary Party 3-7pm

Friday, September 6

Bridal Shower - 7-11 pm.

Saturday, October 11

Baby Shower - 11am-3pm



Springs of Living Water

In my back yard I have heavy clay soil that retains moisture. There have been whole summers when I have not mowed a dry lawn. After our wet spring I thought this year would be one of them. But we are experiencing one of the driest Augusts on record.

Here is a picture of my yard. Notice how brown it is! The grass there is dormant. Except for that swath on the center right where it is still green and flourishing. That same area is where the snow melts first in winter. Dig down a bit and you'll find water. You see, there is a natural spring that comes close to the surface.

Water is essential for life and for flourishing. (Yes, of course, because you need water to make coffee!)

The Psalmist said, "With you is the fountain of life" (Ps. 36:9)

The prophet wrote, God's people "will not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun will strike them; for the One who has compassion on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them." (Isaiah 48:10)

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

And John saw in his vision, "The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water." (Revelation 7:17)

Notice a theme: No matter how bleak things may seem, or how dry our spirits may be, God consistently offers springs of living water. Jesus came that we might have life and "to have it abundantly." God desires for us to not just survive but to flourish.

Grace & peace,

Pastor Paul

Bean Supper?

Our friends from the New Gloucester church have asked us if we would like to jointly sponsor a public baked bean supper this fall for the benefit of both of our churches. The Church Council has discussed this idea and will support if we can get some dedicated volunteers to work on a committee with the New Gloucester Church.

Please reach out to any member of the Church Council if you would like to volunteer during the month of August. We would like to begin joint planning for this event during September.

Thank you,

Jeff Shorey

From the Office

Thank you to Pam, Jeanne, Lois, Kathy W. and Amanda who will be covering the office from September 2- 18th from 10am - 12:00pm while I am on vacation. Special bulletins will be printed, weekly email will go out, and the phone and email will be answered. Bookkeeping will wait until my return, and Jeanne will check in the off hours incase anything comes up.

Thank you again,

Lyn



Journey Together 2025

Last night we made Italian sandwiches for dinner, followed by a program exploring how to pray and what the Bible tells us about prayer.

Next week's dinner will be a surprise, followed by our next to last Journey Together through the bible. We hope you will join us at 6 p.m. next Tuesday! Join us in air-conditioned comfort! God welcomes all, and so do we!

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August Meetings

Council - Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm.

Missions will not meet in July or August.

Choir is on Summer break.

Pet Pantry is open on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Men's Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Toddy Brook.

Tuesday Gals meet at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Journey Together - Tuesdays through August 26 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9a-1p Church Yard Sale 3:30-10:30p Parking lot rental for wedding
3 9:30a Worship	4	5 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Journey Together 6p Paley's Men's Group	6 7p AA	7	8	9 9a Pet Place Pantry
10 9:30a Worship 11a Diaconate Meeting	11	12 10a Tuesday Gals (FH) 6p Journey Together 6p Paley's Men's Group 6p Trustees	13 7p AA	14	15	16 7:30a Men's Club Breakfast (Toddy Brook) 3p-7p Fellowship Hall Rental
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