

Niantic News

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A Message from the Pastor...

In the fall, we often begin new things in the life of the congregation. This fall is one of those times. Beginning this fall, we will begin a new offering for children in the congregation. Our Children's Chapel time will be held on the first Sunday of the month starting October 1 (you can see the specific dates listed in the graphic included in this newsletter). Children's Chapel will be a time for children to engage with God's word and prayer during the worship service. Children will begin the service sitting with their families for the opening hymn and prayer. Then after the prayer of the day they will gather at the front of the church for an introduction to the day's readings and theme. Then they will be led out of the sanctuary by the Children's Chapel leaders who will take them to another room to engage with the readings for the day on their level. They will hear at least one of the lessons read from a children's Bible and then talk about the story. They will have an opportunity to do some short activity based on the lessons of the day and then they will gather to pray, concluding with learning the Lord's Prayer. During the sharing of the peace in the main worship service, the children will rejoin their families for communion and the close of service.

The goal in this effort is not so much a "mini-Sunday School" but a service of the word geared toward kids. While in worship, the adults are hearing the word of God read and then proclaimed in the sermon the children will be doing the same with the same passages at Children's Chapel. This format breaks up what can be a long service for little ones and keeps them engaged and moving to new things. It also gives adult family members a chance to focus more intently on the worship service without being preoccupied by managing their children.

This effort is being led and promoted by the Onward Niantic team. They are also planning an event for Sunday October 8th to share the results of their work, so far, and to continue to gather your thoughts and perspectives on the future of Christ Church. Mark your calendars for this important event while also marking your calendars with the dates for Children's Chapel. After marking your calendars see if you can get these dates on anyone else's calendar. Who are the children in your life that might not be attending church? Invite them and their families to worship on Children's Chapel Sundays. Explain what will happen. Show them the flyer. Encourage participation. These Sundays offer a ready-made "excuse" to invite families with children to experience the worship and fellowship here at Christ Lutheran Church.

Sunday September 17 provides another opportunity to invite your friends and family to get to know the community here. That is our Church Picnic Sunday. This year we are returning to Green Lane Park for our picnic. We will gather for worship to begin the events of the day and that will be followed with food, fun, and games. You can see more details listed in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin.

This fall, we have several opportunities to "stretch our evangelism muscles" and invite those in our lives to experience the life of Christ Church. Prayerfully consider who you might invite and see what God might do!

In Christ, *Pr. Matt*

Official Pastoral Acts

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

None since July 25, 2023.



Notification in Case of Illness

Christ Niantic Lutheran hopes that all members will notify the church office if they become aware of any member who is ill or who may have other pastoral needs. Please do not assume that "someone else" has already called. We do not mind receiving multiple notifications. Thank you!

Office Hours and Pastoral Emergency Info:

The Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 – 2 p.m.

All non-emergency, non-pastoral calls can be called into the church office during or after office hours.

Pr. Matt Finney will have office hours on Fridays. If you'd like to meet/speak with Pr. Matt, or it's a pastoral emergency, please call Pr. Matt at 484-587-6506.

Thank you. Pr. Matt's church e-mail is: clcpastor@windstream.net.

From the Office:

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the October issue of the Niantic News is **due by Tuesday, September 12**. There are several ways for you to submit your articles.

- ☒ E-mail it to me at christluthchurch@windstream.net;
- ☒ Submit it on your USB flash drive, borrowed from the church office and then returned;
- ☒ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox outside of the offices.

September Birthdays

- 1 Mac Temple
- 3 James Barr, Diana Gehman, Susan Hoffman, Rebecca Johns
- 5 Lori Nester-Ermold, Rain Hernandez-Hoffman
- 8 Corinne Hummel
- 9 Dale Reichert*
- 13 Matthew Hoffman
- 14 Abigail Eichinger
- 20 Ryan Soffa
- 21 Roberta Korsak
- 22 Stephanie Bauer, Keith Folk, Sandra Gehman, Luke Moser, Karen Soffa
- 23 Brian Barr
- 24 Robert Gabel
- 25 Patricia Gabel
- 28 Jeremy Lowery
- 29 Roxanne Fox

*Associate Member



Wedding Anniversaries

(date) (years married)

- Thomas & Denise Witman (9/6) (43)
- Kurt & Janine Davidheiser (9/8) (22)
- Matthew & Alicia Bauer (9/9) (23)
- Richard & Hattie Terkowski (9/13) (20)
- Jonathan & Amy Eichinger (9/14) (21)
- Ralph & Sandy Gehman (9/16) (51)
- Drew & Jessica Hoffman (9/19) (14)
- Ernest & Chershe Derr (9/20) (48)
- Gary & Ginnie Wilkinson (9/22) (39)
- Matthew & Dawn Hoffman (9/25) (19)
- Stan & Susan Wilson (9/26) (27)
- Anthony & Ashley Hare (9/29) (4)

**If you celebrate an anniversary but it's not listed or any other corrections, please contact the church office.*



ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN**SPONSORS**

| | Altar Flowers | Bulletins |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 3 | Nancy & Dave Fioriglio | OPEN |
| Sunday, Sept. 10 | Ralph & Sandy Gehman | OPEN |
| Sunday, Sept. 17 | Linda Hoffman | OPEN |
| Sunday, Sept. 24 | Dorothy Willing & family | Dorothy Willing & family |

*Altar flowers cost \$35.00 and bulletins are \$20.00. Please use the envelope upstairs, on the counter in the narthex, for your donation. If you would like to sponsor any of the OPEN Sunday's, please sign up on that chart or call the church office. Thank you.

**Attendance**

| Date | Worship |
|--|---------|
| July 2 | 43 |
| July 9 | 39 |
| July 16 | 38 |
| July 23 | 50 |
| July 30 | 42 |
| 2022 Sun. Avg.: | 42 |
| 2023 Sun. Avg.: | 42 |
| <i>(Prior year averages are based on same time period)</i> | |



**"Miracle of Christmas"
at Sight & Sound
Invite**

Calvary UCC has a few tickets available and is inviting anyone from Christ Lutheran to take a bus to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see "Miracle of Christmas" on **Tuesday, December 19.**

The cost is \$146.00 which includes: bus, drive gratuity, ticket to show, and dinner after the show.

Deadline to sign-up is **September 1.**

Poster/information sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs just inside the side entry door.

**"God's Work, Our Hands"
September 10, 2023**

Mercy Ministry and Endowment will have displays showing what their "hands" are doing for "God's Work". Mercy Ministry will host a coffee hour following worship.

**Quilt Tying - September 12th**

There will be quilt tying in the Social Hall on Tuesday, September 12th starting at 9:30 A.M.

Lutheran Ladies Lunch

Our monthly lunch date will be held on **Tuesday, September 12** at 12 noon. We will be going Jenn & Jessie's, Rte. 73 Oley! We will meet in the parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to Jenn & Jessie's!

There will be **NO** Worship service at the church on **Sunday, September 17** instead turn to page four (4) for information about the Outdoor Worship/Bring a Friend & Church Picnic!

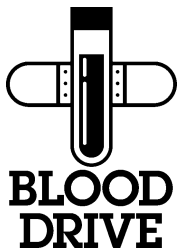


Church Picnic

Bring a Friend to our Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic!!

Please bring a friend (or 2 or 3) to our annual church picnic and outdoor worship service on **Sunday, September 17th** at the Stone Lodge in Green Lane Park!! Plan to arrive at 12 noon for coffee and light refreshments. Worship will begin at 12:15 followed by the picnic and games. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and don't forget to sign up in the narthex to ensure that we have enough tables and chairs set up. This will be a rain or shine event!!

If you would have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any member of the FUN committee. We hope to see you and your friends at the picnic!!



BLOOD DONORS WANTED:

Upcoming Keystone-Miller Blood Drive will be held on:

Thursday, September 28 from
1 – 7 p.m. at Calvary UCC,
Rte. 100, Barto

Call 1-800-223-6667 or log into https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85771 or scan the QR code on poster on bulletin board in narthex or on bulletin board just inside the side entrance door to sign up to give!



Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Social Ministry is still collecting Redner's Save-a-Tape BUT when submitting your receipts, I have to have the bottom part that says "Today's Contribution - \$XX.xx" or Save-a-Tape with the dollar figure. Without this on the bottom, Redner's will not give us the 1% back. So, all you need to do is get a Save-A-Tape card from Redners, go shopping at Redner's and deposit your complete receipt in the box in the narthex. Redner's will send us a check for 1% of the receipts! It's that easy! Any questions, please contact Shirley Dee Deery at (610) 367-0548.

BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

During September and October, the Mercy Ministry Committee will be collecting items for the food bank. Non-perishable items of all kinds are always needed and appreciated.

The following items are current priority food pantry needs at the current time:

FOOD

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Granola Bars | Jelly | Pancake Mix |
| Oatmeal | Cereal | Crackers |
| Coffee | Sugar-free items | |

PERSONAL CARE

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| "Unscented" Bar Soap | | |
| Shampoo/Conditioner sets | | |
| Hand soap | Dish soap | Toilet Paper |
| Paper Towels | Laundry Detergent | |
| Larger Size Diapers (4T/5T & size 6) | | |

The Food Bank collection boxes are located in the coat/mailbox room downstairs. Thank you.



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a GIFT. That's why it's called the present."

Prayer Concerns

Initiator:

June Herb ~ (610) 754-7841 or
Junerose56@aol.com

Health & Healing:

Laurel Arbogast - Aunt of Lisa Knaub
Lisa Barlock - Nettie VanDien's (friend of Heather Moser)
sister

Barry and family - nephew of Sandy Plumley
Janet Behel - Shirley Deery's sister
Mark Belt - Terry Flicker's brother-in-law
Bisazza family - friends of Kathy Watts
Dorothy Davis - sister of Barb Hoffman
Melissa DeBus - niece of June Herb
Don Gerhart - brother of Sue Hoffman's friend, Mary
Heather - daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt
Betty Hoffman

Jim - co-worker of Kathy Watts
Katie - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter
Tricia Korutz - Lisa Knaub's sister
Charlie Orner
Pr. Jennifer Phelps - former member at CLC
Rain Hoffman- Rodriguez - daughter of Kendra (Hoffman)
Ziegler/grand-daughter of Tammy/Glenn Hoffman
Kathy Romich - cousin of Lisa Heydt
Todd (Scruffy) Slonaker - cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise
Hoffman

Bill Starrett - friend of Gerry and Terry Flicker
Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter
Nettie VanDien - good friend of Heather Moser
Harold Worrall - Lisa Knaub's father

Death (Family and Friends of...):

Jeanette Kline - mother of June Herb's daughter-in-law, Kathy
(8/2)

Carole LeGrasse - friend of Sue Hoffman (8/18)

Terry Romich - husband of Lisa Heydt's cousin (died 7/5) (8/7)

Military Update:

Tim Drabzyak - Nephew of Dave and Nancy Fioriglio - has
returned home safely after his 2nd deployment to the Middle
East.

Military Deployed to Conflict Area/Serving in the Military*:

Owen Dietrich - cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Anthony
Lester - friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Dustin/Lisa
Lowery - Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy's nephew/wife; Quinn
Mason - Lindsey (Riegner) Mason's stepson; Ryan Watts -
nephew of Kathy Watts; William Zearfoss - Deb Matthew's
nephew; Matthew and Joseph Schwenk (nephews of Amy
Eichinger); Nathan Powell - son of a friend of Amy Fluke

*If you know someone that is deployed or serving, please
contact June or the church office to put them back on the list.
Thank you.

Homebound Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

*For current addresses of our Homebound, please look in
the 2023 Membership Directory or contact the church
office.

Gerald Flicker (Sanatoga Court, Room 103);
Phyllis Hartenstine;
Beatrice Lukens (Saucon Valley Manor, Hellertown)



Harvest Home

Our annual observance of
Harvest Home will be held on
Sunday, September 24.

Gifts of food and money are
encouraged to help variety of local area efforts.



Gifts of smaller canned goods, cereals, etc. are
given to the Boyertown Multi-Service, recipient
of our Food Bank donations for September &
October (see list on page 4 for the most needed
items).

Remember to bring your gifts of food and
flowers to the church early so that it can be
arranged for worship. Whether or not you have
had a harvest of fresh food from a garden this
year, we all enjoy the harvest of the bounty of
living in this great land. Let us share our bounty
in this way.

Nomination Committee

Bob Heydt, Council President

The Nomination Committee is in the process of
gathering information for selecting nominees
for the 2024 Congregational Council. In the
upcoming weeks, you may receive a phone call
from a Nomination Committee member on
stepping forward to serve the church on
Council. Please take a few minutes after reading
this article and ask yourself if you are interested
in serving on the Congregational Council. Every
year, we are looking for leaders to fill some
needed vacancies. Are you the one to serve God
in this capacity? Please feel free to call Bob
Heydt at 610-845-8743 if you have an interest in
leading our church into the future.

Church Council Highlights June 27, 2023:

1. **Approval for Melissa to attend Parish Secretaries Seminar - October 3 and 4:** A letter from Melissa to Council was read, requesting approval to attend the seminar and cover the cost of the overnight stay. The \$350 cost is already budgeted through continuing education. A motion was made by Bob Gabel and seconded by Dave Fioriglio to approve. Motion passed.
2. **Donation for Funeral / Luncheon for Deb Matthews father- July 8:**
A motion was made by Dave Fioriglio and seconded by Merle Deery to allow Deb to be treated as a member (for financial responsibility) for use of the Church and Social Hall for her father's service. Motion passed.
3. **Discretionary Fund (from Finance Report):**
Discussion was tabled until July when the Pastor is available to provide additional input. A new line item can be added to the budget for 2024.
4. **Girl Scouts have asked to use the Social Hall again this year:** A Thank You was sent by the Girl Scouts along with a request to use our facility again. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bob Gabel and seconded by Marvin Steward to allow the Girl Scouts to use the Social Hall again during the upcoming school year. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial results published in bulletin. Was addressed in last month's minutes.

Possible updates to church sign: The Planning Committee has not met since our last Council meeting. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Installation of Youth Council Member (Izzy Sandoval): Arrangements still need to be made between the Pastor and the Sandoval's. Pastor Matt is on vacation at this time.

Bob Gabel, Pat Moser and June Herb met to discuss the church membership rolls. Those who have communed or donated since 2021 will be compared to active membership rolls.

NEW BUSINESS

A big Thank You was given to Dave Fioriglio for his help in setting up the computers.

Questions for Property: Responsibility for trash removal, cleaning service? Does the cleaning service need access to the Sexton's closet? There were questions about heating oil schedule and boiler inspection.

Parking lot sign

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Flicker, Council Secretary

Church Council Highlights July 25, 2023:

1. **Pastor's Discretionary Fund – budget line item or self sustaining:** There was discussion to decide if Discretionary Fund could come from a budgeted line item, from Memorial Fund or supported by congregational donations.
This fund could be used to pay a utility bill or supply a grocery card for an individual / family in need.
A motion was made by Dave Fioriglio and seconded by Marvin Steward to add a line item for \$1000 to the budget in 2024. Motion passed.
2. **Finance is requesting to transfer another large amount of money from our checking account to the interest bearing Money Market Account:**
After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Sue Hoffman and seconded by Keith Folk to transfer \$50,000 from our checking account to the interest bearing Money Market Account.
Motion passed.
3. **Planning Committee update:**
Pickle ball court – a way to support and involve the community.
Parking lot could not be used due to slope. A price was given of \$40,000 that Earl Township spent for two courts. Insurance liability was mentioned.
Bring a friend Sunday to be held in conjunction with the picnic at Green Lane.
Cleaning / possible changes to church sign
4. **Discuss work with Church Rolls:** Bob G, Pat M and June H have met and a letter is being prepared

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Flicker



Come, Christians, join to sing.

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!



Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Choir rehearsals are starting!

The great treasure of our church music has been an important part of the Lutheran tradition. Through God's grace, we have been enabled to sing of His praises with music from all times and places. A great way to share the gospel message through uplifting music is to be part of one of our choirs at Christ Lutheran. We have places waiting to be filled by enthusiastic musicians of all ages and experience levels. If you enjoy the fellowship of other musicians and want to inspire the congregation to praise and glorify God in our worship services, this is the place for you. Remember that if you cannot commit to participating in the choirs from September through May, consider joining for the Advent/Christmas or Lent/Holy Week/Easter seasons.

Not a singer or ringer? We need instrumentalists to help with preludes, offertories, and choir anthems. Also, it's not too early to start to think about Christmas Eve music or music for any other time of the church year. Whether you sing, play handbells, or another instrument, join us as we begin a new season of making music to the Lord.

Handbell Choir (senior high school to adults)

Wednesday evenings, September 6th - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

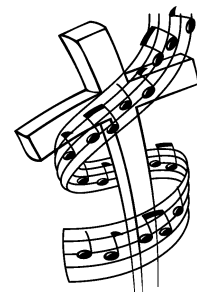
Plays the 2nd Sunday of the month, Christmas Eve, Easter, and Church Music Sunday

**** POST PANDEMIC, a lot of wonderful music for 4 ringers/8 handbells was written for Handbell Choirs to accommodate smaller choirs. We've been privileged to have 4 members until now. Please prayerfully consider joining the Handbell Choir so that we have enough players to continue to play music for 8 handbells.**

Senior Choir (senior high school to adults)

Wednesday evenings, September 6th - 7:30 to 8:30

Sings every Sunday of the month except for the 2nd Sunday of the month, Christmas Eve, Easter and Church Music Sunday.





Want to know more about our ONWARD Niantic work?
Join us immediately following the 9am service on
Sunday, October 8, 2023
Social Hall Breakfast
Breakfast and Fellowship in the Niantic Social Hall plus sharing of survey results, sharing of stories, singing, and brainstorming for the future.

Also, coming this fall...

NEW Children's Chapel

WHAT IS IT?

- Bring your family to church
- First 15 minutes together, then children come forward for the Children's Gathering Message
- Children leave service with Niantic Lay leaders and go to Sunday School room to have a snack, hear a bible story, do hands-on activities, and learn the Lord's Prayer while parents relax and enjoy worship. (25 minutes)
- Children return to service to share the peace and the rest of service with their families.



WHEN IS IT?

First Sunday of the month

- **October 1, 2023**
- **November 5, 2023**
- **December 3, 2023**
- **February 4**
- **March 3**
- **May 5**

NEW Special Children's Services

Sunday, December 24th -3pm
Children's Christmas Eve Service featuring
"No Practice Christmas Pageant"

Sunday, March 31st -9 am
Intergenerational Easter Service featuring
Children's Egg Hunt Immediately after service

Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic
Income and Expense Statement
Consolidated - July 2023

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| | Current Period | Year to Date | Prior Year |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | \$10,025.52 | \$76,071.59 | \$12,916.80 |
| OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS | 1,549.00 | 4,492.00 | 1,065.64 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | 151.90 | 459.12 | 0.00 |
| OTHER INCOME | 14.26 | 0.60 | (2,395.15) |
| TOTAL INCOME | 11,740.68 | 81,023.31 | 11,587.29 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| SALARIES | | | |
| PASTORAL MINISTRY | \$4,302.30 | \$31,335.00 | \$5,606.37 |
| OTHER STAFF | 3,418.63 | 23,461.95 | 4,863.59 |
| Subtotal Salaries | 7,720.93 | 54,796.95 | 10,469.96 |
| WORSHIP | | | |
| MUSIC | 50.00 | 532.62 | 0.00 |
| ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| WORSHIP SUPPLIES | 140.00 | 1,609.25 | 279.00 |
| Subtotal Worship | 190.00 | 2,441.87 | 279.00 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | | | |
| CURRICULUM MATERIALS | 0.00 | 127.50 | 0.00 |
| OTHER MINISTRIES | 0.00 | 138.00 | 117.50 |
| SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH | | | |
| STEWARDSHIP | 0.00 | 400.98 | 0.00 |
| INTERNET EXPENSES | 247.46 | 1,628.79 | 222.02 |
| Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach | 247.46 | 2,029.77 | 222.02 |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | 132.18 | 1,328.87 | 61.52 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 0.00 | 101.54 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Church Administration | 132.18 | 1,430.41 | 61.52 |
| BUILDING OPERATIONS | | | |
| HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS | 452.06 | 8,882.09 | 393.64 |
| CLEANING SUPPLIES | 765.00 | 2,633.70 | 816.54 |
| REAL ESTATE TAX | 106.30 | 134.37 | 103.20 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | 0.00 | 468.82 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Building Operations | 1,323.36 | 12,118.98 | 1,313.38 |
| INSURANCE | | | |
| FUND EXPENSES | 439.99 | 3,385.71 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 10,053.92 | 82,193.19 | 13,314.63 |
| TRANSFERS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES | \$1,686.76 | (\$1,169.88) | (\$1,727.34) |

Respectfully submitted
Susan Hoffman

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Worship:

Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month and on all festivals.

Church Staff

Pastor:

Pastor Matthew Finney ~ clcpastor@windstream.net

Administrative Assistant:

Melissa Seasholtz ~ christluthchurch@windstream.net

Parish Musician:

Deborah Matthews ~ debmatth@comcast.net**2023 Congregational Council**

President: Bob Heydt

Vice President: Dave Fioriglio

Secretary: Gerry Flicker ☒Treasurer: Sue Hoffman ☒

Assistant Treasurer: Nancy Fioriglio**

Financial Treasurer: Kathy Watts**

e-mail: clcfinancial@windstream.net

Robert Borneman

Merle Deery

Keith Folk

Roxanne Fox

Bob Gabel

Dawn Sandoval

Marvin Steward

Izabel Sandoval+ (5/23-4/24)

(**non-council member / +youth member / ☒ second term)**Ministry Assistants for September 2023**

| | Acolyte | Lector | Communion Assist | Assisting Minister | Ushers/Greeters |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| September 3 9:00 a.m. | _____* | Diane Houck | Heather Moser | Denise Hoffman | Abby Eichinger & _____* (1) |
| September 10 9:00 a.m. | _____* | Bob Heydt | | _____* | Ginnie Wilkinson Lisa Heydt |
| September 17 (Outdoor Service/Picnic) Time: 12:15 p.m. | _____* | Nancy Fioriglio | | Denise Hoffman | Bob and Lisa Heydt |
| September 24 9:00 a.m. | _____* | _____* | | _____* | Shirley and Merle Deery |

Altar Guild: Sue & Norm Hoffman**Counting Team:** TEAM C – Bruce Houck (capt.); Diane Houck, Nancy Fioriglio, Dave Fioriglio, Merle DeeryHelp needed*: if you are able to help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

*updated since publication

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|-----------|--|--|
|  <h1>September 2023</h1>  | | | | | | |
| W/C = Welcome Center | | | | | 1 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours <div>Melissa Vacation Day</div> | 2 |
| 3 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Communion 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) | 4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Labor Day</i> | 5 | 6 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Senior Choir | 7 | 8 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours <div>Melissa Vacation Day</div> | 9 |
| 10 "God's Work, Our Hands" 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour hosted by Mercy Ministry (W/C) | 11 7:00 Property (W/C) | 12 October Niantic News Articles are DUE 9:30 Quilt Tying (S/H) 11:30 Meet in church parking lot for Ladies Lunch at Jenn & Jessie's, Oley at 12 noon 7:30 Finance (W/C) | 13 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Senior Choir | 14 | 15 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours | 16 |
| 17 NO Service at Church 12 noon Coffee & Refreshments at GL Park 12:15 p.m. Worship/Church Picnic at Stone Lodge at Green Lane Park | 18 | 19 | 20 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Senior Choir | 21 | 22 <i>First day of Autumn</i> 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours <div>Melissa Vacation Day</div> | 23 Time: TBA Harvest Home Set-up/decorate |
| 24 HARVEST HOME 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) | 25 | 26 7:00 Council (parlor) | 27 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Senior Choir | 28 | 29 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours | 30 |