

Happy September Birthdays

4 – Anne Badanjak 24 – Sam Judnick
5 – Cynthia (Schandorf) Krull
10 – Bob Umhauer 24 – Dawn Trexel-Kroll
13 – Brian Stevens 29 – Winston Schandorf

Session Highlights

The Presbytery Committee on Ministry has approved of the Ministry Discernment Profile that was prepared by the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The profile is now active in the PC(USA) national database.

Preaching Schedule

Sept 6 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion
Sept 13 – Don Breckon
Sept 20 – Stephanie Falkowski
Sept 27 – Daniel Triestman
Oct 4 – Rev. Kate Stangl, World Communion

In Sympathy

We offer sympathy to the family of Dan Hestetune who passed away on Aug. 14. We do not have details on a memorial service at this time.

Lift Update

The shaft for the lift is now ready for sheet rock and painting. The next step will be to install the lift that has been ordered. We do not have a date for that yet, but we anticipate the lift being ready for use sometime this fall. Thank you to members of the Support Committee for all your work on this project! Please contact the church office if you are interested in making a donation of \$1,000 or more toward the lift so that the donation can be recognized on a plaque. Of course, donations of any size are appreciated!

Adopt-a-Highway

Craig Mason signed our church up for highway cleanup in the location on Hwy 53 north of Virginia where the men's group used to be assigned. We will clean that stretch of highway in the spring and fall. Please contact the church if you would be willing to help!

Ladies Luncheon

There will be a Ladies Luncheon potluck on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11:30am at the home of Clyda Prosen.

Food for Thought

The Food for Thought discussion group will resume weekly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome to participate! If you have a discussion topic you would like to present, please talk with Claude Erickson.

World Communion Offering

The Peace & Global Witness special offering that we collect in September is now called the World Communion Offering. This offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Offerings can be made any time, and the offerings will be dedicated on Oct. 4, World Communion Sunday. Checks can be made out to HCPC with *World Communion* in the memo. There will also be special offering envelopes available at church.

Time with Young Disciples

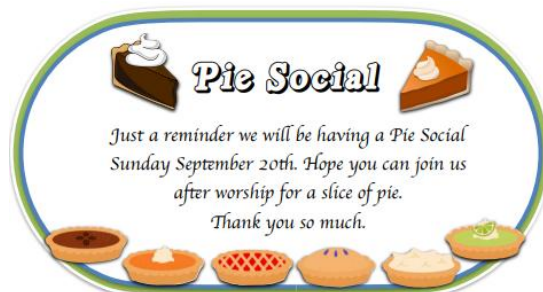
If you are interested in leading a Time with Young Disciples (children's sermon) during worship, please contact the office or Paj Falkowski. You are welcome provide a short story or activity, or Paj can provide some ideas for you.

Treasurer's Report

July offerings: \$6,331

July expenses: \$8,948

(not including \$20,000 lift deposit)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2026

September Weekly Thoughts

September 6

Matthew 18: 15-20

Reconciling With Others

- God wants us to live in peace with others.
- Jesus is with us when we gather together.

September 13

Matthew 18: 21-35

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

- God forgives us so we can forgive others
- Kindness and mercy matter more than keeping score.

September 20

Matthew 20: 1-16

Parables of Workers in Vineyard

- God's love and generosity aren't about being "first" or "best."
- It's good when others receive good things.

September 27

Matthew 21: 23-32

Parable of the Two Sons

- It's never too late to make a good choice.
- God cares about our actions, not just our promises.

Friendship
Kindness
forgiveness &
Love

Back to School With Blessings

Pastor Kate will do a Back to School blessing on Sunday **September 6th** so bring your backpacks if you have one.

If not that is OK, too.

Prayers for a wonderful, safe and positive year in school this year.

Blessings – Your Hope Church family



Sunday School & Acolytes Return!

Also **September 6th**, Sunday School is starting. Our first lessons are on the Creation, Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, and Joseph's Coat of Many Colors.

The following week we will begin having **Acolytes** light the candles before church. Please think about giving it a try. We'd love to have your help!

Pie Social Join us

Come - enjoy a slice of pie with us

Sunday September 20th
after worship.



Christian Education Calendar

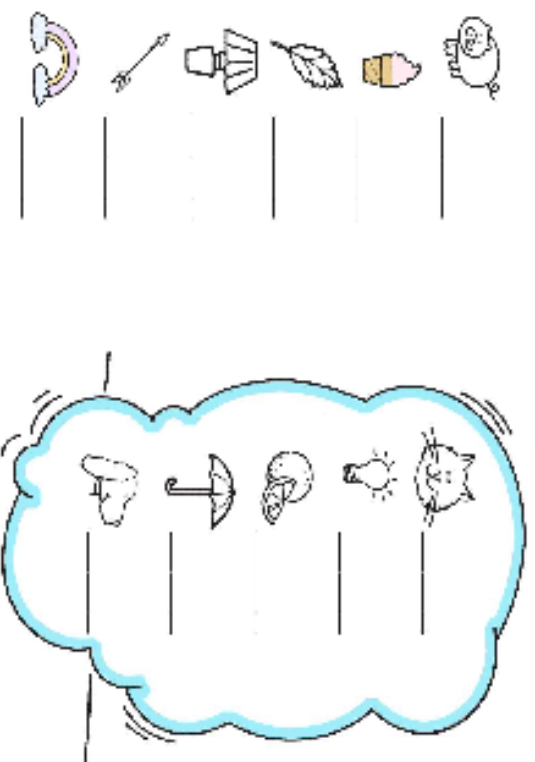
Sunday Sept. 6	Sunday Sept. 13	Sunday Sept. 20	Sunday Sept. 27
Matthew 18: 15-20 Back to School/Backpack Blessings Communion	Matthew 18: 21-35 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant	Matthew 20:1-16 Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 21: 23-32 Parable of the Two Sons



Crossing the Red Sea

The angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them.

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines. Then read the letters from top to bottom and write the two words on the blanks below.



The _____ of _____ also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel.



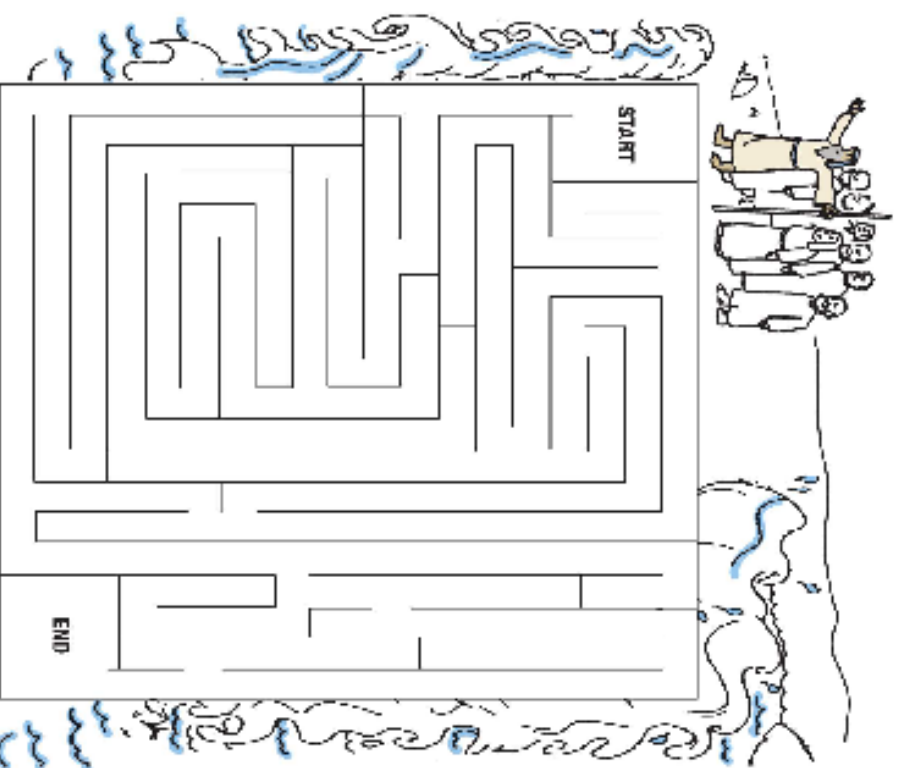
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Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land.

Help Moses and the Israelites get across the sea.



The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.