

# Messenger

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## Thinking about Labor Day

The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden “to till and keep it.” In the fourth commandment we are told to “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” Then we read: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work” (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV).

Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the “fruits” of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

Since we have the privilege of being “workers together with God” it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.

# September

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Office closed

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's house

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9-12 noon Methodist Market



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8. Connye Dees

Bettina Newman

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7. Mr. & Mrs. Billy Melton

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## Operation Christmas Child



It's Good Samaritan Christmas Shoe Boxes time again. Materials are on the table outside the church office: boxes, packing tips and labels, plus rubber bands to put around the boxes. Because of a "use by" on candy and toothpaste do not pack those. You may put in Christian items. Use only new items. Enclose \$10 check for shipping.



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday we will be recapping the last couple of lessons in our series for the month of August, *Living Out Our Faith*. These lessons remind us that things will not always be easy. Sometimes we face difficulties, but we should never quit. We must learn to persevere, learn and grow from our circumstances.

### W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> is at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. This is something a little different but will hopefully be fun. Supper will be at 6:15 p.m. and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. There will also be one scheduled Sunday afternoon activity (field trip) each month. This schedule will be revealed and begin in September.

### Youth Sunday School

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Sunday our Youth Sunday School will be switching gears into an entirely new curriculum. Mrs. Carrie Chaney will be leading the Youth Sunday School and is introducing the students to a new study. We are excited to see how this new lesson unfolds.

### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group are back in full swing. Last Sunday night we had a great group of youth who showed up ready to study God's word. We have made a slight time change for Sunday's and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester. Wednesday August 23, was our first mid-week session.

### WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. The cost is \$125, and half of the cost (\$75) will be required as a deposit to hold your spot. Sign-up will begin soon. Payment will be due in full by the first week in October.

# Sunday, September 3, 2023

Greeters	Sandra Martin/Linda & Bob Coker
Scripture	Joshua 23:1-16
Sermon	<b>“Finish the Job”</b>
Flowers	Brenda & Jim Oakes

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### September

<b>3. 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-8</b>
4. Labor Day	Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
5. Wait patiently for God	Psalm 37:1-11
6. The tribute God chooses	Isaiah 66:1-2
7. Our common roots	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23
8. Solid as the mountain	Psalm 125
9. Show no partiality	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17