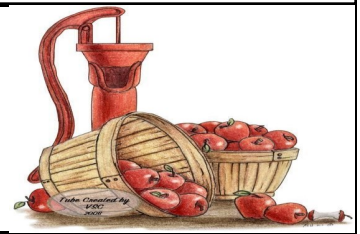




SEPTEMBER



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Reflections from Pastor Jen

A wise friend said to me today, "I don't mind change, as long it's MY idea for it." That pretty much sums things up right now, doesn't it? Especially since March, when we were hit with a pandemic, we've had so many changes in our lives that we've lost count. Not changes that any of us chose either. These changes have all been imposed upon us – to keep us safe and healthy, to protect others, to slow down the spread, and so on. But still, we have had to change our routines and lives without our permission, and no one likes that!

So what do we do about it, these changes that have been enforced upon our lives? I suppose we can rebel and refuse to follow some of the changes. We can complain and lament and grieve over how things aren't like they used to be.

But wait – that same wise friend also said that in times like these, we need to do two things. The first one is to **lament**. To express our grief and sorrow that things are not like they used to be. Maybe we can share stories about happier days and good times. And after we talk about it, to go to step number two – to **accept that things are never going to be the way they were**. Easy to say. Very hard to do.

As this world continues to change on a regular basis, without consulting with us, what can we depend upon? Whom can we trust? Even the church has changed. But the good news, the best news, is that we have a God who can be counted on to always be there for us. **God is faithful and trustworthy** and God's love for us is neverending and unconditional.

As we lament and accept, let's stay **open to the new possibilities**. Let's pray for God to show us new ways to be the church in this community. Because as we reach out to others and serve them in God's name, we will find a new sense of peace and hope, and a vision for a future. Take courage and do lose grow weary in well-doing. In everything give thanks, for God is with us.

Blessings, prayers, and love to all,

Pastor Jennifer

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Our Worship Services are live on Zoom every Sunday at 10:30 am. You can check in at 10:15 to say hello before the service. Invitations to the Zoom services are sent out early on Sunday mornings and posted on the church's Facebook page. If you cannot access Zoom and would like for someone to teach you how, please contact the church office at 712-263-4130 or email Pastor Jenn at pastorjennolson@gmail.com.

Recordings of the services will be emailed out and posted on Facebook on Sunday afternoons. You can watch those at anytime. Here's a link to watch



COVID and Re-Opening the Sanctuary



The Session and the COVID-19 Task Force had hoped to be able to hold worship services in the sanctuary beginning on Sun. Sept. 13. However the number of cases in Crawford County has risen above our baseline of less than 50 positive cases for 2 weeks for indoor worship. We haven't been under 50 since Aug. 19 and are currently in the 70s. The Task Force meets again on Mon. Sept. 14 to re-evaluate the current situation and make a recommendation to Session at the Sept. 17 meeting. We'll keep you posted.

WORSHIP VIEWS

<u>July 25</u> 26 Lawn Chair	<u>July 26</u> 37 Zoom + 27 Views	<u>Aug. 2</u> 36 Zoom + 31 Views	<u>Aug. 8</u> 34 Lawn Chair	<u>Aug. 9</u> 27 Zoom + 29 Views	<u>Aug. 15</u> 25 Lawn Chair + 12Views	<u>Aug. 16</u> 25 Zoom + 3 Views
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Stewardship & Finance

Online giving is available on our website @
www.upcdension.com



GENERAL FUND:
BALANCED 07/31/20



Pastor Jenn will be on vacation

from Sun. Sept. 20 – Sat. Oct. 3. Rev. Marshall Brown is available for emergency pastoral calls at 712-790-6803. Duane Mullen will lead the Lawn Chair Church services on the two Saturdays. Rev. Richard Francis will be the guest preacher on the Sunday worship service on Zoom on Sept. 20, and the guest preacher for Sept. 27 is TBD. For other needs or questions, contact Barb at the church office at 712-263-4130.

Bible Verses to Investigate...

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 14: 1-12

Philippians 2:1-13



SESSION

Next Meeting: Thurs., Sept. 24 @ 7PM



The Elders met via Zoom on Thursday August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Jennifer Olson served as moderator. The Session voted to approved the recommendations of the COVID-19 Task Force as follows: continue with our Saturday live service outside at the church as weather is reasonable; to continue with our Zoom services on Sunday mornings; to have Elders keep Pastor Jennifer aware of any positive cases of COVID known of our church members or those attending services or activities at our church; to put on hold plans for returning to worship inside the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall; to continue to be a hub for the distribution of food, allow TOPS to return when the congregation returns, and to approve use for all other outside groups on a case by case basis; and to have Office Administrator Barb Kessel continue to work remotely until September 14 for all but one day per week.

Eric Olson reported on the Deacons project for collection of food for TAP. The process for collecting the food by leaving it in the bench outside the church is going very well.

Shar Hulstein reported that the Mission Committee project for September is collecting items for TAP (Temporary Assistance Program). All food and non-food items will be accepted. Session approved Communion to be served at the Lawn Chair Church service on Saturday September 5, 2020.

Eric Olson reported on the HungerFighters food distribution held at the church on Tuesday August 25th. While the turnout wasn't as large as expected due, the flow of the distribution worked very well. There were many volunteers from all over our community. He spoke of possible changes that could be implemented and future plans for promoting the program. The next food drive will be Tuesday September 15, 2020.

***When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.***

**Join us each week on Zoom for
Coffee Chats!**

Thursday mornings at

9:30 – 10:15 am

We have chats every Thursday from 9:30-10:15 am.

Everyone is welcome! You can log onto Zoom with a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Thursday mornings.



DEACONS

The Deacons met by Zoom on August 4, 2020. Joyce Bohnker gave devotions based on Ecclesiastes 3, "A Time for Everything." Minutes from several past deacon meetings were approved. Congregational care updates were given and discussed, statistics were turned in. Prayers for church members and friends continue faithfully.

Deacons collected spaghetti and sauce for the first half of August. Thirty boxes of spaghetti and 30 containers of sauce were taken to TAP on August 14th. Boxes of cereal are being collected through August and will be taken to TAP on August 31st. Because the Mission Committee will be collecting items for TAP during the month of September, Deacons will collect face masks during September to take to the School.

Deacons will be meeting by ZOOM on September 8, 2020 rather than on September 1, 2020.

Take care and stay safe.

Mary Ann Irwin, Moderator



THANK YOU

To Our Church Family

We send our sincere thanks for the pretty flowers that were delivered to us a couple weeks ago. Your thoughts & kindness are appreciated.

Roy & Ann Voggesser

If so, sign up to be on Eric Olson's Bakery give-away list!



Whenever he bakes fresh goodies, he will send out an email or text and let you know. If you want anything he's made, just reply and set up a pick up time. As always, there is no charge for items. They are baked with love and generosity and a gift to anyone who is interested. Email or text Eric to let him know you'd like to join his Bakery List at oleolson09@gmail.com or 712-269-4597.

Why did the Israelites wander 40 years in the desert?
Even then the men wouldn't stop and ask for directions.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



YOU'RE INVITED!

To save time and energy, many Presbyterian Women have been meeting regularly for lunch at Washington Park each Thursday at noon. Pack a lunch or take out from one of our local restaurants as we share a meal together. There is no need to respond or call anyone, just show up at noon with your lawn chair and lunch. In case of rain, we do not meet. "Where two or three are gathered(in this case, 10-15)." Lunch can take us anywhere from an hour to two hours. This week, dessert was provided by Eric Olson.....fresh donuts! Thanks soooooo much, Eric! They were "melt in your mouth" fabulous!

August Bible Trivia Answer

After Saul's death, which of his articles did David receive?

B) Crown & Bracelet

David was brought Saul's crown & bracelet.

Reference: 2 Samuel 1:10

September Bible Trivia

What did God's glory do to the tabernacle and the altar?

A) Sanctified Them

B) Claimed Them

C) Blessed Them

D) Burned Them



**look for the answer in next month's newsletter*

A little boy was heard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am."

Want to Learn More about Zoom?

Need help learning how to use Zoom? We have people who can teach you how to use it. Contact the church office 712-263-4130 or Pastor Jennifer 317-7979-5860 or pastorjennolson@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do!



Do You Have Unused Technology?



We want everyone to be able to participate in worship services, meetings, and events online. Do you have an iPad or tablet or computer you aren't using that we could share with someone in the congregation who doesn't have one? Contact the church office if you do!

What simple affliction brought about the death of Sampson? Falling Arches

We are Starting a New Ministry!

At our last Session meeting, it was unanimously approved to be the distribution site for the Crawford Cares-Hunger Fighters food distribution! We are very excited about this ministry. Since the pandemic, this community project has given out food from the Siouxland Food Bank every 2-3 weeks. Volunteers to help unload the trucks, set up and pack the food, distribute it, deliver, etc. come from the community. It is expected that the first distribution from UPC will be toward the end of August.

Contact Eric Olson 712-269-4597 or oleolson09@gmail.com or Pastor Jenn if you want to be a part of this important and much-needed ministry!



NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee at UPC is working to find candidates for deacons and elders. First of all, we ask you to pray for the future of our church and the necessary leadership it takes to guide us. Secondly, if you would like to serve as a deacon or elder or if you have suggestions of someone you think would be a candidate, then let us know.

Members of the nominating committee are: Pastor Olson, Shar Hulstein Elaine Chapman, Jayne Lyons and Kendall Von Glan.

Duties of UPC Deacons:

- Member care and reaching out to the needs of the community are a priority.
- Assessing what the needs of our church family and the needs of the community.
- Participating in mission projects outside our church as opportunities arise.
- Dedication to attend and actively participate in monthly meetings.

Duties of UPC Elders:

- Spiritual and visionary leaders of our church.
- Dedicated to attend and actively participate in monthly meetings and special meetings.
- Agreeable to lead or at least actively serve one of our church committees.

YES, I am interested in being a deacon or elder at UPC. Circle your preference. If you are willing to serve as either a deacon or elder, circle both:

_____ Deacon Elder

I think the following individual should be considered as a potential deacon or elder for our church. Feel free to submit more than one name. Circle which leadership role you feel would be the best fit for this individual:

_____ Deacon Elder

_____ Deacon Elder

_____ Deacon Elder

FACE MASKS

The Board of Deacons for UPC continue their ministry of giving and outreach for our community. For the entire month of September, we are encouraging all of our congregation to **help us support our schools** this fall/winter by providing additional and **much needed face masks of all kinds for students and teachers.**

We have assessed the needs are great, with students and teachers required to wear masks daily. We all know that constant mask-wearing means needing multiple masks. Many families don't have the resources to purchase multiple masks so they often are used over and over without proper cleaning.

Let's make a big effort **to make or purchase masks that we can give to the schools.**

Masks can be dropped off at the church during the Lawn Chair Church service on Sat. evenings, or placed anytime inside the bench by the office door.

Thanks for continuing to be a part of our church and our mission provide outreach and support for our community and beyond.

Your Board of Deacons



After explaining the commandment to ‘Honor thy father and thy mother,’ she asked, ‘Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?’

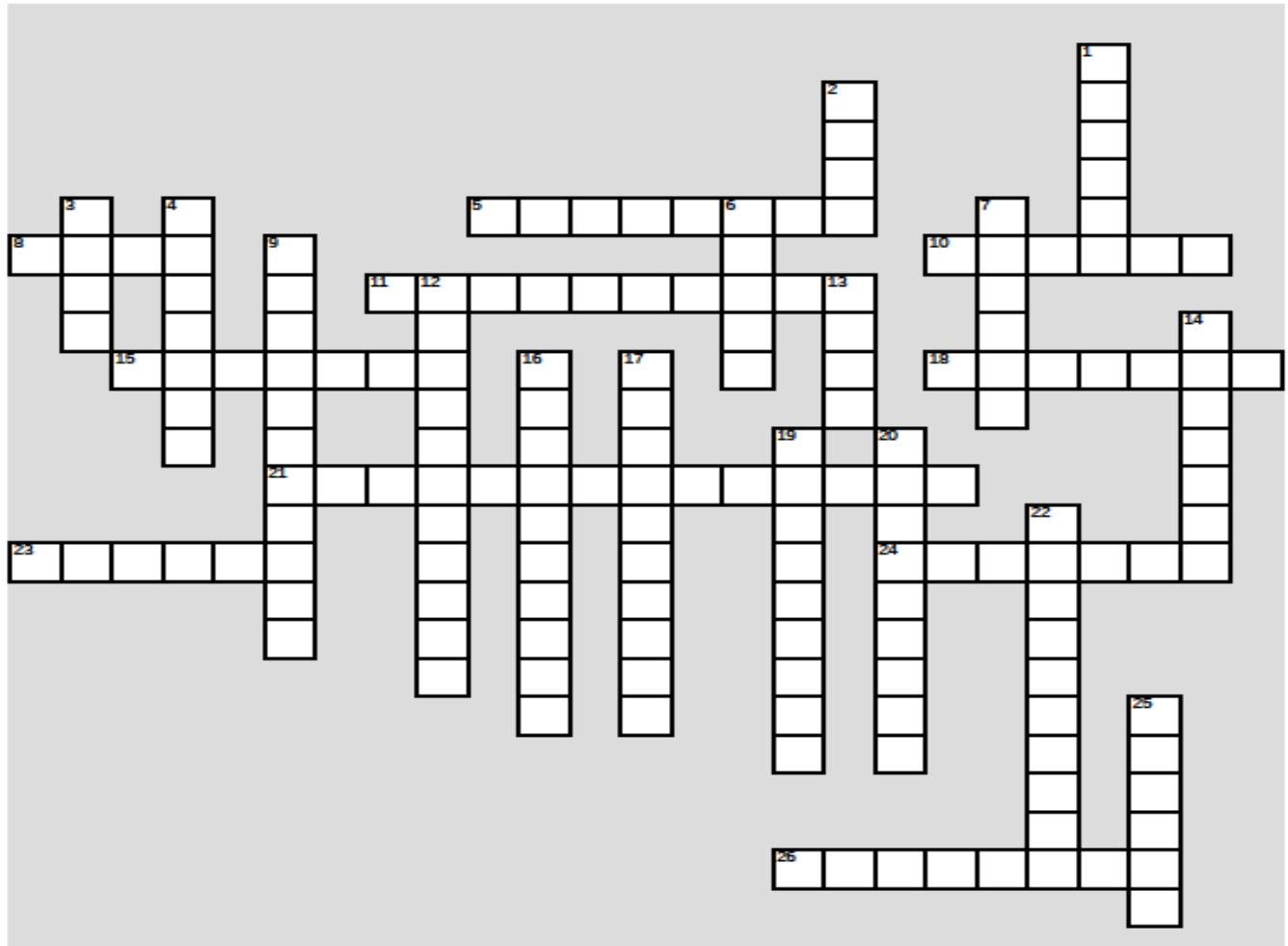
**Without missing a beat, one little girl answered,
‘Thou shall not kill...’**

Keep up with news and info from our presbytery here:

<https://prospecthillpresby.org/enews/>

SEPTEMBER PUZZLE

The ABC's and XYZ's of the BIBLE



Across

- 5 Personal name meaning "GOD with us"
- 8 Wooden frame placed on the backs of draft animals to make them pull in tandem
- 10 Archeological site near the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered
- 11 To feel passion with someone or to enter sympathetically into one's sorrow or pain
- 15 A blood relative based on Israel's tribal nature
- 18 A fisherman of the Sea of Galilee and father of James and John; two of Jesus' first disciples
- 21 Bring together of two parties that are estranged or in dispute
- 23 Wife of King Ahasuerus and Queen of Persia and Media
- 24 A political, religious and commercial center in Asia Minor
- 26 Active endurance of opposition; not a passive resignation

Down

- 1 One who saves by delivering, preserving, healing, or providing
- 2 Source of water created by digging in the earth to find available water
- 3 Obligation, dependence, or restraint
- 4 Transliteration of the Hebrew word meaning anointed one
- 6 State of being undivided; having oneness; a condition of harmony
- 7 The 2nd of the Historical Books in the Old Testament of the Bible
- 9 Choice examples of a crop harvested first and dedicated to GOD
- 12 State of being all-powerful, theology ascribes to GOD
- 13 Son of Lamech, a descendent of Adam in the line of Seth, and a survivor of the flood
- 14 The first of five books of the Bible written by Moses
- 16 Moral training, the positive aspect of instruction
- 17 Exclamation of praise that recurs frequently in the book of Psalms meaning "Praise Yahweh!"
- 19 Biblical doctrine that GOD has reconciled sinners to Himself through the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ
- 20 Fellowship meal that the Christian community celebrate with joy in conjunction with its celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 22 The enticement to do evil
- 25 Persian king who reigned 486-464B.C.; known in the book of Esther as Ahasuerus

AUGUST PUZZLE ANSWERS

The Fall of Jericho Word Search



Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are underlined. The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

The Fall of Jericho - Joshua 6

The gates of Jericho were shut tight and guarded closely because of the Israelites. No one went out. No one came in.

Then the Lord said to Joshua. "I have handed Jericho over to you. March around the city once with all your fighting men. In fact, do it for six days. I have seven priests get trumpets made out of rams' horns. They must carry them in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. Tell the priests to blow the trumpets as you march. You will hear them blow a long blast on the trumpets. When you do, tell the whole army to give a loud shout. The wall of the city will fall down. Then the whole army will march up to the city. Everyone will go straight in."

So Joshua ordered the people. "Move out! March around the city." They marched around the city once and returned to camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day, they got up at sunrise. They marched around the city, just as they had done before. But on that day, they went around it seven times. On the seventh time around, the priests blew a long blast on the trumpets. Then Joshua gave a command to the army. He said, "Shout! The Lord has given you the city!"

The priests blew the trumpets. As soon as the army heard the sound, they gave a loud shout. Then the wall fell down. Everyone charged straight in and they took the city.

Solution



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/5 Merlin Herrig
9/8 Brian Mehaffey
9/9 Donna Kuehnhold

9/13 Bill Bruce
9/14 Shirley Webber
9/14 David Voggeser
9/23 Barb Schmidt

9/26 Harold Chapman
9/27 Ann Voggeser
9/29 Roy Voggeser
9/29 Mary Goettsch

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 Drs. David Tan Creti & Rose Mary Mason

9/5 Ben & Madilyn Blunk

9/9 Roger & Sue Mohr

9/15 Dean & Beth Argotsinger

9/29 Robin & David Adams

