

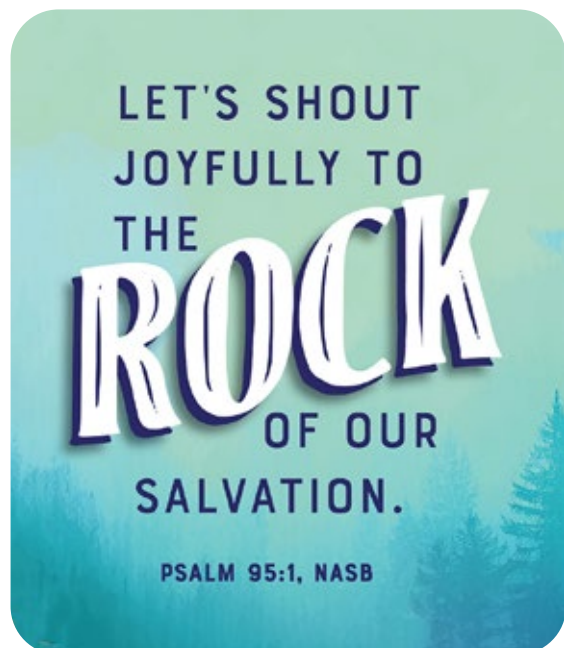
OCTOBER 2025

# SONBURST

"STOP  
AND CONSIDER THE  
*wondrous*  
WORKS OF GOD."

JOB 37:14

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**Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,  
in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!**

What a gift it has been to walk together through this past summer. We shared in worship, enjoyed fellowship, and celebrated milestones big and small. As we turn the calendar to October, I find myself reflecting on how God has been faithful through every season.



Fall has always been one of my favorite times of year. The air turns crisp, the leaves shift into a patchwork of color, and everywhere we look, creation reminds us of both change and harvest. Spiritually, fall invites us into that same rhythm—giving thanks for what has grown and preparing our hearts for what is to come.

We know God has much more for us to do. This season is not simply about winding down; it is about leaning forward. Just as farmers don't stop after harvest but prepare for the next planting, we too are called to look ahead with hope and expectation. Where will God ask us to show love in new ways? How will Christ stretch us to serve beyond our comfort zone? What seeds of faith will we plant today that will bless someone else tomorrow?

I'm reminded of Paul's encouragement in Galatians: *"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* That's a word for us this fall. We celebrate what God has already done, but we also keep pressing forward, knowing the Spirit is still at work among us.

And yes, you know me—if I had my cowbell in hand right now, I'd be ringing it loud in gratitude for each of you. Your prayers, your presence, your faithfulness—they matter more than words can say.

**In the Name of Jesus Christ,  
I pray we continue to...  
Show Love, Share Love, Spread Love!**

**Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Amber**





## WELLNESS AWARENESS

Cheryl Howard | PARISH NURSE



*"He said, 'If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.'" Exodus 15:26*

### SPOOKY MEDICAL STORIES

October brings brightly colored leaves and cooler temperatures. It also brings about spooky stories and talk of the unusual. The Medical world has plenty of those stories!! I thought I would share a few "thank goodness we don't do that anymore" stories with you this month!

- Doctors used to think letting out "bad blood" could cure illnesses. They'd cut patients and let them bleed or use leeches to suck blood. Sadly, many bled to death.
- Trepanning: This involved drilling a hole in someone's skull to "let out evil spirits." People thought it could cure headaches, epilepsy, and mental illness. It was very dangerous and often led to infections or death.
- When radium was discovered, people thought it was a miracle cure. They put it in drinks, creams, and even food. We now know radium causes cancer and other health problems. It's no longer used as a treatment except in very controlled cancer therapies.

- In the past, rich people would sometimes buy teeth from poor people to replace their own bad teeth. This often led to infections, and the new teeth would fall out.
- A long time ago, some doctors told people with tuberculosis to drink turtle blood.
- The dung of pigs, donkeys, lizards, and even children was used as an ingredient in various medicinal salves and oral treatments throughout ancient Egypt.
- Maggot therapy, where live maggots are used to clean wounds, a practice used to promote healing. Ok, we still do this—I have actually assisted in placing and then removing the maggots—and yes it worked!!!!

I am thankful for many of the changes we have made in treatments and practices.



### FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, reminding us to cherish and care for our physical health. By taking care of ourselves, we honor God's creation in us. This calls us to be mindful of our eating habits, exercise, and lifestyle choices. By keeping our hearts and bodies healthy, we are able to serve others and fulfill God's purpose for our lives. Together, we are encouraged to make wise choices that lead to better health. Let's hold on to the hope and encouragement that His word provides as we continue to seek wellness, both spiritually and physically.



# THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF ALL THINGS

*Mindfulness and Prayerfulness in October*

**Cathy Mosier** | FUMC PRAYER TEAM



Picking a leaf off the ground and contemplating it as an object in and of itself is very inspiring. Its shape and color, the way it feels in your hand, its delicate veins and the stem that once held it fast to the branch of a tree — all of these qualities reveal a leaf to be a miniature work of natural art. As we contemplate this small object more deeply and consider where it came from and what purpose it has served, we find that the leaf is one small but essential part of a system that harnesses the energy of the sun, plumbs the depths of the Earth, and in the process brings into being the oxygen many living things rely on.

A prayer transforms the elements of its environment — grief, pain, anxiety, uncertainty — all seem to lessen as we place the “problem” into Our Father GOD’s Almighty Hands with our prayers. Our prayers bring Jesus’ love to surround, sustain and support us and those we love. Our prayers provide a conduit to connect Our Father GOD to us and us to Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit and back again becoming the oxygen our Spirits need to survive the changing seasons of our lives.

One of the many gifts prayer offers us is the ability to be a part of the interdependence between all living things and Our Creator GOD, who breathes life into each of us and we in turn through prayer breathe His life and light into those around us.

C.S. Lewis talks about the timelessness of GOD, who IS ... not was or will be BUT IS. Eternally Present ... Always NOW ... and when we pray our prayers reach this same timelessness and are HEARD by GOD. (“How to Pray” by C.S. Lewis)

We NEED our Father GOD, His Son Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit to SHINE in this darkened world.

Do you KNOW GOD’s Emergency Numbers?? Here are a few from Patsy Agnew:

When in sorrow ... call John 14 (yep the entire chapter)

When humans fail you ... call Psalm 27 (definitely the entire Psalm)

When you have sinned ... Psalm 51 (once again the entire Psalm)

When you are in danger ... Psalm 91 (once again the entire Psalm)

When you feel GOD seems far away ... Psalm 139 (once again the entire Psalm)



May you rest in the grip of HIS GRACE today and ALWAYS.

Your Prayer Team is willing and waiting to confidentially pray for YOU and Your loved ones

In Christ’s service  
Cathy for your Prayer Team



## MISSION and MINISTRIES



**Dave Nance** | MISSION CHAIR

We are approaching the season of Holidays. As we do, we realize how thankful we are for the birth of our Savior, Jesus, as well as the daily blessings we often take for granted. We also remember that many in our community will find themselves in need during this season. Thanks to your generosity through your tithes and offerings there will be some blessings spread around our local missions. There are other specific additional opportunities for your participation.

**CHURCHES IN MISSION (CIM)** is experiencing increased needs with decreasing grant resources. We encourage you shop, consider the “buy one get one”, (BOGO) at a discount as a great way to purchase a food gift for CIM. You can place those in the box across from the Fellowship Hall.

**CLARITY** is also experiencing shortage of certain supplies. They are specifically asking for girl’s pajamas size 12 month and up and girls clothes sizes 18 month, 24 month, and 2T. They generally always need diapers.

**SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER** They are on a fundraising drive to resurface their parking lot. They don’t want a lot, just want your loose change. Consider any additional support you’d like to give as they do need a fresh surface on their parking lot. You can find more information on their Facebook page.

**HENDERSON SETTLEMENT** It seems too early to be talking about Christmas, but it is time for the Angel Tree. We will be setting up the tree later this month with clear instructions on what the needs are and when we be will be taking those gifts to the mission. You are welcome to travel along to the mission for just a few days in early December. Watch for more specific information on the Bulletin Board, and at the Angel Tree in late October. This is a United Methodist mission in Appalachia, [www.hendersonsettlement.com](http://www.hendersonsettlement.com).

**KAIROS** October is the month for the Fall Kairos closing ceremony following a 3-day retreat at the men’s prison in Plainfield. The specific day for this ceremony will be Sunday afternoon, October 26. We encourage your attendance but you will need to submit information in advance as you will actually enter the prison to hear about how God has touched those that are incarcerated. We are thankful as a Church to participate in this ministry and praise God for how he’s touched these hearts. For more information keep an eye on the bulletin board, the bulletin, or ask me or Curt Sidener.

You’ll find additional information on these and other missions on the Missions Section of the **BULLETIN BOARD** located on the wall outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Dave Nance,  
Chair of your Missions Committee







**CANDY DONATIONS**  
Family Ministry is taking donations of individually wrapped candy or trinkets for the upcoming "Trunk-or-Treat"

Sign-up to participate in Trunk-or-Treat.  
It going to be a *spooktacular* event!

## Children's Ministry News

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

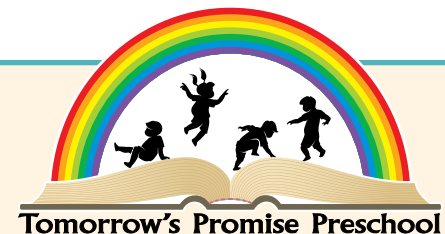
All children, middle schoolers and high schoolers are encouraged to participate in our Christmas program. The program is called "The Perfect Christmas". The program will be held during the 9:15 service on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Practice begins on Sunday, Oct. 19. The children will practice the music during the 9:15 service once they leave the Sanctuary after Children's Moment. The middle and high schoolers will practice at the beginning of Sunday school at 10:30am. Please contact Lydia Rychtarczyk at 317-834-1787 or 317-989-2873.



### OUTDOOR WORK DAY

Saturday, Oct. 18 we will have a Church Work Day from 9am to noon. All are invited to help clean up the grounds of the church. Bring your work gloves and come for an hour or two or three.



**Tomorrow's Promise Preschool**

Tomorrow's Promise Preschool is on fall break Oct. 10 through 17. School resumes on Oct. 20.

Themes for October are: Creepy Crawlies; Signs of Fall; Bears; and Let's Pretend. Watch for teddy bear parades at the end of the month.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry is hosting  
Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday,  
Oct. 25 from 3 to 5pm.

Sign up on page 9 to  
participate with a car.

If you are not able to participate,  
donate candy or trinkets.

### YOUTH CONNECTIONS

**FRIDAY, OCT. 3-  
SUNDAY, OCT. 5**

Fall Retreat

Leave from the church on  
Friday at 6:30pm. Return to the  
church on Sunday afternoon.



**SUNDAY, OCT. 12**

No Youth Group  
Fall Break



**SUNDAY, OCT. 19**

No Youth Group  
Fall Break



**SATURDAY, OCT. 25**

Trunk or Treat  
Help us decorate cars and  
pass out candy from 3-5pm!



**SUNDAY, OCT. 26**

Regular Youth Meeting  
Join us from 4:45-7:15pm for  
Food, Fun, and Faith!!



### CAMPUS LIFE®

Middle School Campus Life meets  
Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:40am in  
the Paul Hadley Gold Gym (Entrance 19).

High School Campus Life meets  
Wednesday mornings from 7 to 7:40am  
in the Mooresville high school choir room  
(H104).

Dan is there each week with the rest of  
the Youth For Christ volunteers leading  
games and devotions. Afterwards we  
throw down some awesome doughnuts!  
Many of our church's students are already  
active in Campus Life, so come join us!



**YOUTH FALL RETREAT  
OCT. 3-5, 2025**

**WHERE** Pine Creek Camp, 2218 E 700 N,  
Pine Village, IN 47975

**WHEN** Friday, October 3 through Sunday,  
October 5. Meet at the church on  
Friday at 6pm. Eat dinner before  
you come to the church. We will  
return late afternoon on Sunday.

**WHO** All youth: 5th grade through  
12th grade. Friends are welcome.  
We have room for 32 people!

See a youth leader to get the list of items to  
bring and what the youth will be doing. Cost  
is \$35 which covers transportation, lodging,  
meals and t-shirts.





Family Ministry is hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25. Volunteers can decorate their car in a fun or funky fashion, park them in a designated spot in the parking lot and pass out goodies as trick-or-treaters pass by. It's bound to be a **SPOOKTACULAR** event! Candy and trinkets will be provided by Family Ministry, but you are welcome to bring your own. It will be held in the north parking lot and around the bell tower. We encourage participants to dress up too! Please keep in mind that this event is for children, so we ask that all costumes be "kid" friendly. We don't want to scare the little ones.

Contact Shelly Duncan at 317-437-9344 Lydia Rychtarczyk at 317-834-1787 or 317-989-2873 with questions

**SATURDAY  
OCT. 25  
3 TO 5 PM**

## TRUNK OR TREAT VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- VEHICLES AND/OR TABLES MUST BE SET UP IN DESIGNATED AREA NO LATER THAN 2:45 P.M. WE WILL OPEN THE TRUNK OR TREAT TO THE PUBLIC AT 3 P.M.
- FOR SAFETY, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE EVENT AREA UNTIL 5 P.M. OR AFTER.
- WE WILL NEED AT LEAST 8 PARTICIPATES FOR THIS EVENT TO TAKE PLACE.
- VEHICLE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL and RECURRING GROUPS



*Please check with your leader to confirm meetings.*

Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Date	Description of Study
<b>SUNDAY GROUPS</b>					
Seeker Sunday School	10:30 am	Rm 106	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	10:30 am	Parlor	Yeager / Harris	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Here and Now Class	10:30 am	Rm 104	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Talk Back	10:30 am	Rm 110	Pastor Amber	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Alcoholics Anonymous	4:00 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support group
The Crossing	4:50 pm	Rm 112	Dan Herron	Meeting Now	7th-12th grade youth group
5th/6th Grade Youth	4:50 pm	Rm 108	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	5th-6th grade youth group

<b>MONDAY GROUPS</b>					
Trailblazers	1:00 pm	Parlor	Cheryl Howard	Meeting Now	Bible Study

<b>TUESDAY GROUPS</b>					
Quilters	9:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Bring sewing machine
Matter of Balance Class	10:30 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Starts Oct. 28	Chair Yoga

<b>WEDNESDAY GROUPS</b>					
Prayer Group	8:00 am	Chapel	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Pray for our church/community
Stretch & Flex	10:30 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Chair Yoga
Handbell Choir	6:00 pm	Rm 103	Cathy Mosier	Meeting Now	Handbell practice

<b>THURSDAY GROUPS</b>					
LRE Visitation Team	9:30 am	Rm 104	Sandy Fanning	Oct. 9 & 23	Meet for devotions/outreach

<b>FRIDAY GROUPS</b>					
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Parlor	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Support for addiction
Al-Anon	7:30 pm	Rm 110	Team Leaders	Meeting Now	Spouse support for addiction

<b>SATURDAY GROUPS</b>					
UMMen's Breakfast	8:00 am	Parlor	Team Leaders	Oct. 11	Breakfast & devotion with sharing

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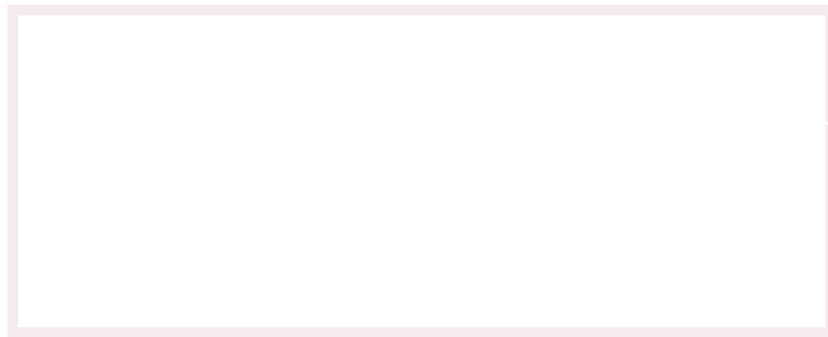
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					YOUTH FALL	
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Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 from 3-5pm. Enter a car and/or donate candy or trinkets. Don't miss out on this great community event!

**SATURDAY • OCT. 25 • 3-5pm**



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