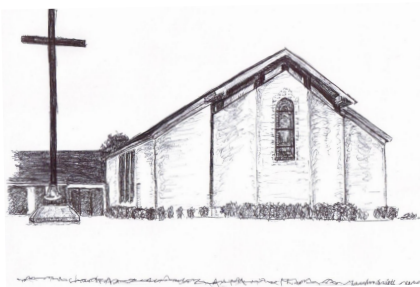


Presby News

SEPTEMBER 2025



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Every year, the Lord reminds us of His grace through the rhythm of His creation. Summer eventually gives way to fall. Warm days turn crisp, the trees exchange their green for shades of gold and red, and the harvest comes in. The changing season reminds us that life is always moving, and in every shift, God is at work.

This transition makes me think about our church family. Just as the seasons show change and renewal, we too have been experiencing growth. Your presence with us each week is a joy and reminder of God's presence with us. We have thoroughly enjoyed the music that keeps growing and deepening with new voices and new instrumentation. There is a sense that God is moving us forward into something more.

Fall is a time of gathering. Farmers harvest their crops, families gather around tables, and communities celebrate together. In much the same way, our congregation is gathering strength. We come together in worship, in service, and in mission. Each Sunday morning is not just routine. Worship is a testimony that God is building His people. Each act of service, whether large or small, is a sign of fruit that God is producing among us.

One of fall's lessons is that growth is not only about expansion but also about depth. Trees may shed their leaves, but beneath the surface, their roots dig deeper, storing strength for the season ahead. In the same way, our growth through numbers may be small but I can see that we are growing in faith. I hear you share how your hearts are being drawn closer to Christ, relationships strengthening, and a hunger for God's Word increasing. This kind of growth is quieter but lasting.

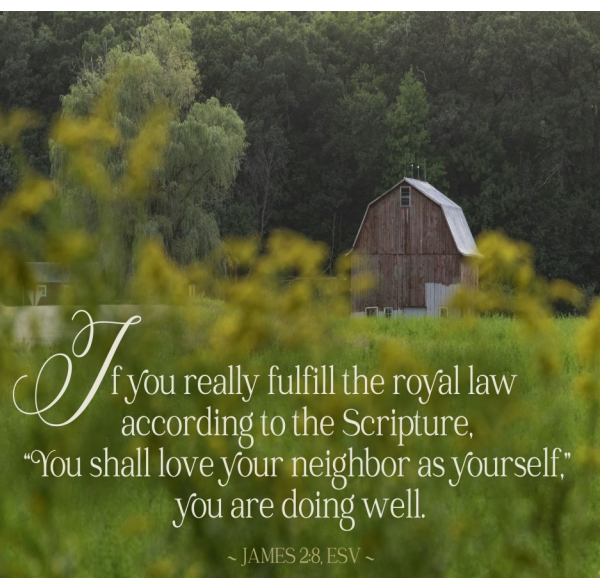
Another lesson is the beauty of letting go. The trees release their leaves so they can rest and prepare for the spring to come. Sometimes God calls us to release what is comfortable or familiar so that He can do something new. Letting go is never easy, but in God's hands, it always leads to life.

I believe this fall is a season where God is inviting us to trust Him more deeply. We may not know what lies ahead, but we know the One who holds the future. Just as the seasons change, God's faithfulness never does. He is with us in summer's fullness and in fall's transformation. In every season, He is shaping His people for His glory.

As we enter this season, I encourage each of us to consider: How is God calling me to grow? Maybe it is through prayer, through serving, or through building relationships with those who need to experience Christ's love. Growth happens when we open ourselves to the Spirit's work.

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* This fall is our time to give thanks for what God has done and to prepare for what He will continue to do. May we step into this season with open hearts, grateful for His faithfulness and eager for the growth to come.

Grace and Peace,
Greg



SPECIAL DATES

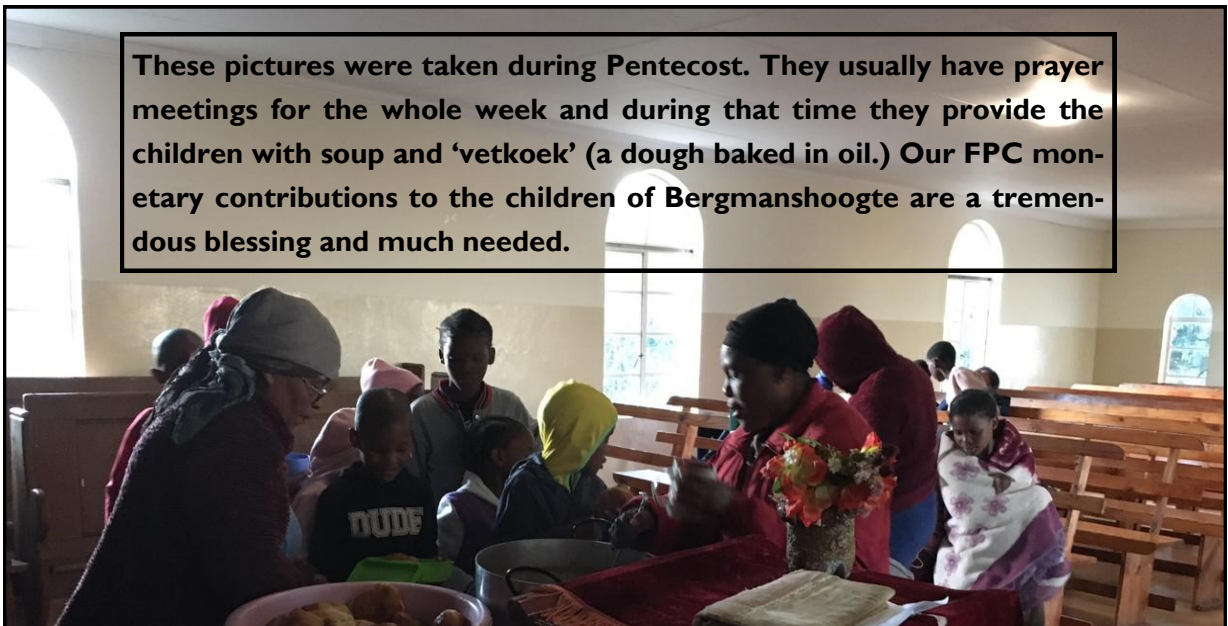
- Sept 1** Labor Day (*Office Closed*)
- Sept 7** Brookdale Worship
Worship/Communion
- Sept 21** International Day of Peace
- Sept 28** Session Meeting



**SOUTH AFRICA MISSION (Bergmanshoogte, South Africa)
PICTURES TAKEN DURING PENTECOST**



These pictures were taken during Pentecost. They usually have prayer meetings for the whole week and during that time they provide the children with soup and 'vetkoek' (a dough baked in oil.) Our FPC monetary contributions to the children of Bergmanshoogte are a tremendous blessing and much needed.



September Responders Schedule

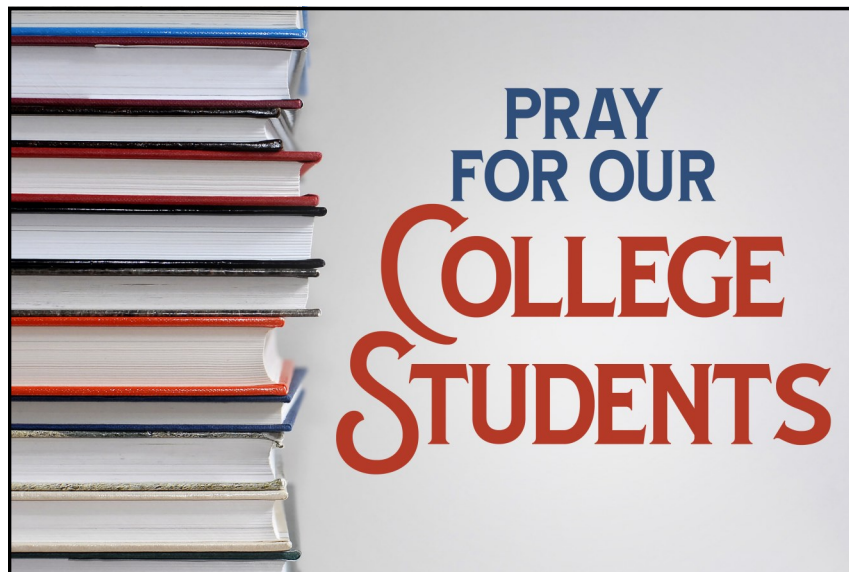
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September 7	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
September 14	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
September 21	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
September 28	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	

SEPTEMBER



Martha Higgins
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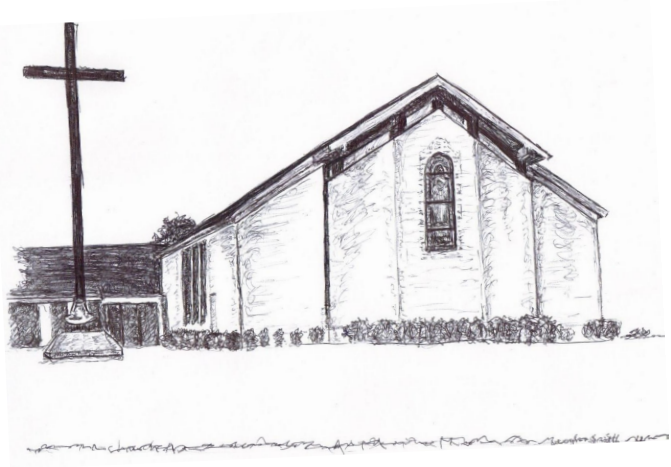
Greg Carroll *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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