



# St. Peter's September KEY

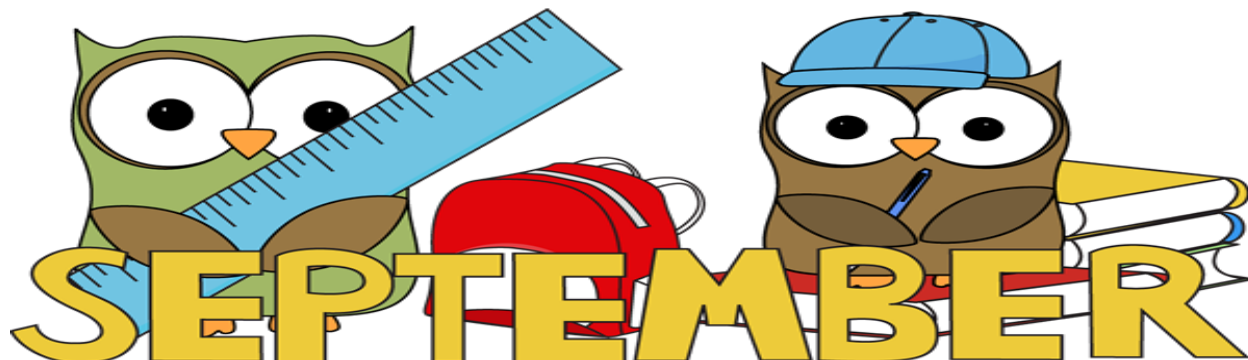
*"God Is Still Speaking"*

*Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher*



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## In the Life of Our Congregation ... *from the Pastor*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the Living God, whose love and mercy sustains and empowers us all our days, and the Risen Christ, in whose name we worship and serve.

It seems like just yesterday that vacation plans were being made and we looked forward to a leisurely summer of fun in the sun. Well, suddenly the school buses are running, crossing guards are in place ready to see that the students are safely escorted to school. Teachers have decorated their classrooms to welcome their new students and provide an atmosphere where the students will feel free to wonder and experiment. Backpacks are crammed full of supplies carefully selected to help students grow and learn, while providing a sense of fun. New clothes have been purchased that pass mom's inspection, while at the same time provide a statement on the student's individuality and "style." It is the dawn of a new school year and the air is alive with nervous energy, excitement, and a little uncertainty.

At St. Peter's United Church of Christ much of the same is happening. Members of the congregation have been called forth to be teachers of our Sunday School classes. They have prayerfully selected the curriculum and begun creating a sacred space for the students' spiritual growth. The Christian Education Committee has been ordering the needed supplies so that all will be ready. Cabinets have been organized and filled with the tools necessary for the class. Both St. Peter's UCC choirs, bell and vocal, have begun practicing so that they may offer their melodious gifts during our times of worship. Prayers have been lifted to God asking that all involved be open to God's Holy Spirit as it moves and transforms them. It is the dawn of a new church year and the air is alive with nervous energy, excitement, and a little uncertainty.

What we can be certain of is that God will be with us this new church year; just as God has always been and always will be. The power of God's Holy Spirit will be in our midst, empowering and guiding us as we search for new ways to experience and share God's love as individuals and as a community of faith. I believe that this new year will see St. Peter's UCC experience a number of changes; some will be small while a few will be unexpected and challenging. We will welcome new faces to our family and say good-bye to others. We will share in each other's joys and provide loving comfort in times of sorrow. We will try new ideas; some of which will be met with open arms while some will fade away. What is important is that everything we do and everything we say be a grateful response to the Living God, that every breath of the collective family of St. Peter's UCC be used to serve God and all of God's creation.

I have a very strong feeling that we are at a liminal and pivotal time in the life of our beloved church. God is calling us from the self-imposed complacency of our comfort to a mission of risk and faith. St. Peter's UCC was built and has thrived because its members have always had the faith in Almighty God and God's promise to be with all who trust and obey.

It was this faith that:

- \* Empowered a group of the faithful to band together in 1867 and form the small faith community in Frankfort, IL known as St. Peter's Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde. It was this faith that helped the congregation grow and become a beacon of God's love in the community.
- \* Led the congregation to build a new house of worship; the beautiful, awe inspiring sanctuary in which we worship today.
- \* To build a new Christian Education wing in 1954. They did this with no endowment, just faith that God would provide if they would but trust in the Lord.
- \* To build a new wing in 1967 to address the needs of the church and further enable the congregation to serve God and the community.

(cont.)

### From the Pastor ... continued

- \* St. Peter's United Church of Christ is a church which has been known for her unfailing faith in the promise of the Living God for 151 years. Let us continue on this journey down the road of faithful service to God begun by our founding sisters and brothers. Let us, during this new church year, embrace our heritage of strong abiding faith in God. Let us boldly and joyfully reach beyond the boundaries of our limited imagination and march to that place where only those who faithfully trust in God may tread. Let us have the faith and courage to be St. Peter's United Church of Christ!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

SCHOOL HAS STARTED AGAIN AND SO HAS K.F.C. YOUTH GROUP.

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup> AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE. AS THE YOUTH ROOM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 9/23, WE WILL BE MEETING UPSTAIRS IN MS. CATHY'S CLASSROOM!

I CAN'T WAIT TO KICK OFF ANOTHER YEAR OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND FUN WITH YOU!  
SEE YOU ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>!!

JENNIFER STEPHEN



## Church Picnic



## JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

AS WE KICK OFF THE START  
OF THE NEW CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
YEAR

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP SERVICE,**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

ON THE GLORIOUS GROUNDS  
OF ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
UPCOMING IN THE KEY, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND  
SUNDAY BULLETINS





### Margaret Norman

My name is Margaret De Laughter Norman, mostly known as Margie Norman. I'm new as Church Council member, but not as a member of St. Peter's. We go back for a long time.

I was born in Chicago in 1953, and it seems that I was in quite a hurry. You see I was born three months early. Which explains why I never like being late for anything. Eighteen months later, my sister Mary was born and our parents decided to move away from Chicago.

In 1957 my parents, William and Margaret became members of St. Peter's, which means that I've spent most of my life here, as my second home. I attended regular Sunday School, VBS, Girl Scout meetings, Confirmation Classes, sang in the Children, Chancel and Adult Choirs. I was confirmed here, and I helped serve at the Women's Fellowship Beef Dinners.

In 1974 Ronnie Norman and I were married at St. Peter's. Then in 1979 we were given the most cherished gift, a daughter, we named her Cheryl. In 1970 all of Ronnie's family, including us moved to Alabama. Cheryl and I moved back to Frankfort in 1988, I reinstated my membership here. Started singing in the choir, helped and then later taught 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School classes. Later I began to become more involved in Women's Fellowship.

When the Beginners Quilting Classes came, I was so thrilled, because I always wanted to learn and be able to make quilts. Now I can! Other things I enjoy is spending time with my family and friends. Music, which I can not be without whether listening or singing. Learning about my family history, or just history itself. The Hallmark Channel, I love a good love story. Reading, which I never seem to find enough time to do. Yard work. Yes, I did say yard work, especially with my family. Many hands make light work.

I love talking to God, aloud or in my head, I know that he hears me. He has helped me every time I've asked. I believe my love for St. Peter's will make me serve you well as a Church Council Member, along with God as my Council and Guide.

My most favorite scripture verses are:

"Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you. Matthew 7:7

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice" Phillipians 4:4

Margie Norman

**FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Bruce Wille***

**This month would like to share an article** [Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication by Andy Stanley & Lane Jones](#). I hope it is as enlightening to you as it was to me.

**What does the Bible say about communication?"**

**Answer:** The two most important types of communication are between man and God and between human beings. Communication is more than just our ability to talk, but also to listen. As we communicate with God, the first part of that communication is listening. God's primary ways of communication with us are through His Word ([Romans 10:17](#)) and by the Holy Spirit ([John 14:26](#)). God speaks to all believers through the vehicle of the Bible, which is all we need to equip us for the Christian life ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)). In order to fully understand God's communication with us, we must be diligent to read, study, memorize and meditate on His Word. Trying to shortcut this process by seeking extra-biblical revelations or "hearing" God's voice is not only unscriptural, but opens us up to the deception of our own fallen nature ([Jeremiah 17:9](#); [Proverbs 3:5](#)) or worse, the deception of demons who are always looking for inroads into our minds ([1 Peter 5:8](#)).

The function of the Holy Spirit's communication with us is first to convict us of sin ([John 16:7-11](#)), then to guide us into all truth ([John 16:13](#)). When Jesus went away, His disciples were greatly distressed because they had lost His comforting presence. But He promised to send the Spirit to comfort, console, and guide those who belong to Christ. The Spirit also "bears witness" to our spirits that we belong to Him, and thereby assures us of salvation ([John 14:16](#); [15:26](#); [16:7](#)). The Spirit communicates with the Father on our behalf, interceding and praying for us before the throne, especially when we are weary and downhearted and unable to pray for ourselves ([Romans 8:26](#)).

Our primary mode of communication with God is prayer. We are to go to God in prayer for all our needs. When we lack something, God says that it is not from His inability to provide but from our lack of diligence to ask or asking with the wrong motives ([James 4:2-3](#)). Even Jesus prayed regularly because of the limitations He took upon Himself in human form ([Luke 3:21](#); [Mark 1:35](#); [Matthew 26:36](#)). No longer able to communicate with God face to face, as He did in heaven, Jesus prayed often and fervently to reestablish intimate communication with the Father. We are to follow His example and "pray continually" ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)).

Second, we must examine how we communicate with our fellow man. It goes without saying that no "filthy communication" should escape from the lips of a Christian, whether said in jest or in earnest ([Colossians 3:8](#)). James speaks clearly on this subject in [James 1:19](#), "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." When we speak in anger, we fail to show God's love. Whether speaking to a family member or a stranger, our communication should always come forth in a loving manner. Otherwise, our testimony is damaged, as is the name of Jesus Christ when His people fail to guard their tongues. The best way to be sure what comes from our mouths is pure is to be aware of what is in our hearts. As Jesus reminded the Pharisees, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." If our hearts are filled with ungodliness, it will eventually come forth in our speech, no matter how hard we try to restrain it. Of course, our most important communication to man should be the fulfillment of [Matthew 28:19-20](#) as we communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Believers should constantly examine their communication. We should consider the tone of newer forms of communication such as email and text messaging. We should never allow the safety of a computer screen to lead us to harsh or ungodly words toward others. We should consider our body language and facial expressions toward others as well. Simply withholding words is meaningless when our body language communicates disdain, anger, or hatred toward another. When engaged in conversation, as we prepare to speak, we should ask ourselves these questions: it is true ([Exodus 20:16](#))? Is it kind ([Titus 3:2](#))? Is it necessary ([Proverbs 11:22](#))?

Bruce Wille



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**SHEPHERD'S TABLE**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

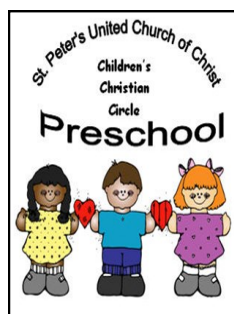
2018 dates                      Monday, 10/29  
   Thursday, 11/29  
   Monday, 12/31

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



*Now is the time...*

*to be thinking about joining our choir. Rehearsals  
begin Wednesday, September 5 from 7:00-8:30 for  
singing on the second and fourth Sundays of the  
month. Please contact Shirley  
Drobnak 708-704-6906, if you  
have any questions.*



School is around the corner for the families and staff of St. Peter's Preschool! We are welcoming 93 young learners to our classrooms! Teachers have been getting all the rooms ready and lesson plans written! We are looking forward to many wonderful things this year:

- \* New carpet in our rooms; new furniture for storage; new learning materials
- \* All staff members returning! Look for our bulletin board to get to know us!

- \* Outside play area project is complete! Many fun things for little ones to explore!

Thank you to all those who spent time helping with the preschool projects over the summer! We are excited to start our school year!

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS



Ladies!! We have lots of exciting events planned for the remainder of 2018. Mark your calendars for....

### **Movie night: 'The Shack' on Mondays October 22 & 29 @ 6:30 PM**

After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led

by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

This 2-night event will involve discussion at the end of each night's viewing of half of the movie.

### **Making lap blankets for hospice on Monday, November 12 @ 6:30 PM**

This activity was started last year and was really enjoyed by everyone. It was a great fellowship opportunity for the women to evangelize to those suffering from devastating illnesses. Come tie knots and share some food & fellowship with others.

### **Christmas Party on Monday December 3 @ 6:30 PM**

Join us for great food and fellowship as we celebrate our Savior's birth. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Ronald McDonald Charities houses.

Watch future weekly church bulletins and monthly *KEY* newsletters for updated information. We look forward to spending time together in service to Christ.

Questions? Contact Cathy Dutro (815-469-3788) or Jennifer Stephen (815-469-4509).

*During my sermon a few weeks ago, I talked about being more aware of the glory, majesty, and awesomeness of God's holy creation that surrounds us every moment of our lives. After the sermon I invited the congregation to take, and submit, pictures that show God's presence as revealed to them. The pictures sent in would be shown on our website (stpetersfrankfort.org) under the heading "Images of God." So far, we have received over fifteen pictures from the congregation.*

*I want to extend the invitation to submit pictures to everyone. I will be adding this invitation to the St. Peter's UCC Facebook page, and my page. I would encourage you to also copy and add this invitation to your Facebook page. I hope this will encourage many others to take the time to see and experience the many blessings of God that continually surround us. Submissions can be sent to [ejrimages@gmail.com](mailto:ejrimages@gmail.com).*

*There is old hymn that says "Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth you have for me" Take some time to open you eyes, and glimpse the many blessings of God's glorious creation.*

*Pastor Mark*





### WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

From July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, outdoor clean-up work was done at the church. Trees and bushes were trimmed or removed, sod removed and mulch spread, and weeds were pulled. Thanks goes to all those who worked so hard to beautify our wonderful grounds:

\*Mark Baker  
\*Ernie Rohr  
\*Cathy Dutro  
\*Jerry Warning  
\*Pastor Mark  
\*Darrell Stephen

\*Bill Goldsmith  
\*Kellee Rohr  
\*Joey Sparenberg  
\*Lyle Tewes  
\*Kieran Milligan  
\*Jennifer Stephen

\*Brett Stephen  
\*Ernie Rohr Jr  
\*Brenda Sparenberg  
\*Dan Tewes  
\*Judy Hageman  
\*Bruce Wille

\*Jeremy Bishop  
\*Dave Dutro  
\*Evan Sparenberg  
\*Marcia Steward  
\*Rick Johnson



## In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Ed Tewes, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert  
Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto Lopez, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers!

**PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:**  
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**September Responsibilities****USHERS:**

Becky Cleveland, Jim Hellrung

**COFFEE AND...**

Becky Cleveland, Rachael Muenchow

**LITURGIST:**

9/16 Bella Lattz

9/30 Bella Lattz

CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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**Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.**

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard	Joey Sparenberg
Paul Muenchow	Lyle Tewes
T-Kay Nagy	Rev. Tom Norwalk
Helen Simpkins	Rev. Mark Milligan

## Blessings from your prayer chain:

Welcome to Fall!!! Please give us your prayer requests. We are happy to lift up to God your requests and Praise!

Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or Delores, 815-469-5106.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:**

PLEASE COME CHECK OUT THE PLANE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO FIND OUT WHAT WE STILL NEED AND HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT!



FOR SEPTEMBER MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:

SOUP & CRACKERS

**Membership and Evangelism**

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests! The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

Kup-a-Joe's  
8:00 am

Come for good food, lively conversation and friendly fellowship!!!



**Please note: St. Peter's new website address is:**  
**www.stpetersfrankfort.org**

**New email:**  
**stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com**

**Birthday Greetings:**

- 9/1 Jerry Warning
- 9/2 Taylor Krusemark  
Ryan Comstock
- 9/3 Kay Eaton
- 9/4 Amanda Stone  
Ryan Breakey
- 9/5 Meg Reynolds
- 9/6 Rick Johnson
- 9/8 Peggy Wapner  
Tippi Graham
- 9/9 Beverly Carlson  
Runi Fleck
- 9/10 Robert Lynch
- 9/17 Reid Senesac
- 9/18 David Bettenhausen  
Roxanne Purucker  
Larry Walsh
- 9/19 Penne Scaletta  
Karen DePorto  
Cathy Jo Dolgner  
Kevin Gustafson
- 9/20 Kathryn Cummins  
Nicole Hellriegel  
Soren Fleck
- 9/21 David Dutro
- 9/22 Stephen Senesac
- 9/24 Billie Guinta  
Peter Wahl
- 9/25 Darlen Marasco  
Colette Gissler
- 9/27 James Holland  
Chip Krusemark

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 9/1/1984 Dennis & Lisa Gravitt
- 9/1/1996 Alan & Laura Batson
- 9/2/2012 Keith & Kara Gustafson
- 9/3/1994 Robert & Susan Lynch
- 9/5/1959 Clarence & Beverly Carlson
- 9/7/1974 Robert & Dianne Schultz
- 9/10/1950 Dale & Delores Krohn
- 9/13/1975 Mark & Kathy Milligan
- 9/13/1986 Don & Lisa Hellriegel
- 9/16/1972 Roe & Sandy Abshire
- 9/18/2009 Cade & Kathryn Cummins
- 9/20/1997 Craig & Kimberly Warning
- 9/23/1961 Milton & Leora Batson
- 9/26/1967 Terry & Patricia Schroeder

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

Sunday school kick-off party is going to be held September 16. We are going to have lots of food, games and fellowship after church service. Please plan to join us to start our new school year off right.

SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF



Thanks,  
Brenda Sparenberg

Good bye to Miss Joyce, and THANK YOU for your gifts. We wish you all the happiness and God's Blessings in this world.!



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Ushers this month are:  
Becky Cleveland  
Jim Helhring

Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.  
Enter off the east parking lot entrance.

Regular Office Hours Resume:  
M-F, 9:00 -1:00

2018

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
						1 "Sew What" 9am Fall Fest Parking 8am
2 Worship, Communion Coffee And... 9:30am Fall Fest Parking Fall Fest Parade 1pm	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Vacation Movie	4 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	5 First day of CCC Choir 7pm	6	7 "Sew What" 9am	8
9 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... Pastor Vacation	10 Y&F Meeting 6pm M&M Meeting 7pm Movie	11 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	12 Worship Meeting 6pm Choir 7pm	13 Bible 101 - 10am	14 Council Reports Due A.M Ber/Gordon Rehearsal 5:30pm Gillespie/Adcock Rehearsal 3pm	15 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-joc's "Sew What" 9am Ber/Gordon Wedding 12pm Gillespie/Adcock Wedding 3pm Men Cooking 5:30pm
16 Outdoor Worship 9:30am Communion Picnic...	17 Council Meeting, 7pm Movie	18 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	19 Choir 7pm	20 Bible 101 10am	21 Sew What" 9am Key Articles DUE	22
23 Worship 9:30am Coffee And...	24	25 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	26 Choir 7pm	27 Bible 101 10am Shepherd's Table	28	29 Sew What" 9am
30 Worship 9:30am Coffee And...						

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# SEPTEMBER 2018

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**REGULAR  
OFFICE  
HOURS  
RESUME:  
9-1, M-F**

**SUNDAYS**— (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)

**9:30-10:30 am** Sunday School  
**9:30 am** Worship - Nursery care provided  
**10:30 am** "Coffee and..." First Sunday only during the Summer

**WEEKLY**

**Tuesdays:** \*Open Sew, 6:30 pm

**Wednesdays:** Choir, 7 pm

**Thursdays:** Bible 101, 10:00 am

\* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot

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\*\*\* Please be aware, for most of the month of September, there will be a movie being shot in the area, so don't be surprised at unusual happenings around St. Peter's ... you just may see our beautiful church in a movie!

9/1	8:00 am	Fall Fest Parking
	9:00 am	"Sew What"
9/2	9:30 am	Worship, No Communion
	8:00 am	Fall Fest Parking
9/3	All Day	Labor Day, Office Closed
9/7	9:00 am	"Sew What"
9/10	6:00 pm	Youth & Family Meeting
	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Meeting
9/12	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
9/14	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
9/15	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	9:00 am	"Sew What"
	5:30 pm	Men Cooking for Picnic
9/16	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship
	10:30 am	Picnic
9/17	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
9/21	9:00 am	"Sew What"
	9:00 am	KEY Articles DUE
9/27	8:15 am	Shepherd's Table (meet in the parking lot)
9/29	9:00 am	"Sew What"