



Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am

September 2025

From now until the first Sunday of Advent, we will be journeying through the book of Psalms. In her book Journey through the Psalms, Denise Dombkowski Hopkins describes the movement of the Psalms. She writes,

Walter Brueggemann suggests that we move from Psalm 1 to 50 "by way of the suffering voiced in the complaints and the hope sounded in the hymns." Lived experience intervenes between obedience and praise, and it is in this between place "where Israel mostly live ... the obedience of Psalm 1 and the praise of Psalm 150 are not simply literary boundaries but the boundaries for Israel's life and faith." As Renita Weems puts it, "this is the spiritual journey, learning how to live in the meantime, between the last time you heard from God and the next time you hear from God." The movement toward praise is punctuated by lurches into despair, but these are not faith relapses or aberrations. "Doubt and despair are not merely sidesteps in an otherwise optimistic faith. They are in fact integral to the faith experience." "Israel's lament is never simply an emotional outburst or an exercise in self-pity. It is a cry for relief from suffering so that God may once again be praised." (Hopkins, Journey through the Psalms, p. 3)

Over the next 12 weeks, we will be on this journey. While we won't read all 150 psalms in worship, we will spend time with Psalms of Praise, Lament, Thanks, and Trust. On September 7, we will begin our series by studying Psalm 1 and have a general overview of the Psalms. Together each week, we will recite the Psalms with the sung response from the Psalter found in the United Methodist Hymnal. Below is a brief outline of the Psalms we will be studying more closely through worship and Bible study.

Praise (Sept. 14-28)

Psalm 8
Psalm 19
Psalm 133

Lament (Oct. 5-19)

Psalm 22
Psalm 51
Psalm 91

Trust (Oct. 26 & Nov. 2)

Psalm 46
Psalm 121
Psalm 130

Thanks (Nov. 19-23)

Psalm 30
Psalm 107

As we journey through the Psalms in the coming months, I invite you to spend intentional time with not only those we will be focusing on in worship, but also those that have brought you deep comfort or those that you are less familiar with or those that make you a little bit uncomfortable. Together, we will sing these songs of praise to God who is great and worthy of our praise.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Carrie

Prayer Requests

Pam Barrett
Randy Boyer
Paula Davis
Henry Durbin

Ellen Graham
Tammye Green
Ann Irwin
Nell Kirkpatrick

Annette McGary
Mary Meilcarek-
Clark
Mary Neitzke

Jim Page
Virginia Page
Kathi Parker
Harriett Silvey

Lucille Thompson
Pam VanWormer

Birthdays

1st Jim Page
11th Erin Jones

18th Virginia Page
24th Peggy Birthrong

29th Jodi Denton
30th Rob Smith

Liturgists & Acolytes

Doyle Clark
Sarah Clark
Josh Waterhouse

Michael Bellamy Adalyn Waterhouse
Andrew Clark Annalea Waterhouse
Rosie Clark

From Our Leadership

Important Note from Our Pastor:

Our 2025 Charge Conference will be held October 19, 2025 at 4:30 pm. Anyone interested in the current standing of our church, where we're headed, or anyone with a calling to take a leadership position within St.B is welcome to attend.

From Our One Table Chair and Lay Leader:

We are to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. When we worship, we should sing praises to God, glorifying Him and honoring His Name. Music is a channel of divine blessing, comfort and strength. Even in the depths of suffering, we can turn our hearts and voices to God.

Music is a channel of divine blessing, comfort and strength. Even in the depths of suffering, we can turn our hearts and voices to lovely music provided by the hand of God. Someday we'll stand before our Lord singing and proclaiming all our praises to the King, with all the eloquence we've dreamed of having. For now, set within this earthly realm, we have music to give us a preview, a foretaste of glory divine. Music is a precious gift from God, planted in the depths of our souls, then set free from our lips to reach God in Heaven, to bring glory to His Name. God will always make a way, and one of the clearest and straightest roads to Him is the music He gives us.

Music after all is amazing. Studies seem to indicate that your potted plant grows more rapidly and robustly if Mozart is playing in the room. Can you doubt that you and I, created in the very image of God, will grow more like Him, and more quickly, when His melodies and His truths are the music that fills our lives? Music fills the world we live in, from radios in our cars to music in elevators, to birds singing at the crack of dawn, to organ music at baseball games, to downloaded music heard on over 150 million Ipods sold as of one year ago, and on and on. We are wired for music, and I believe it is a true expression that brings glory to God. And it brings peace to our hearts.

Think about the importance of music in your own life? Music softens our hearts and allows God to speak to us. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians and a parallel passage to the Colossians he writes; "Be filled with the spirit, speaking to one another in Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God." Chapter 5 verses 18-21. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

If you find yourself discouraged or depressed, try singing praise to the Lord or playing a worship CD. One thing I do is to play the piano or listen to cd's or You Tube, which helps me to center myself on God's word through hymns or gospel music. Some people listen to music when they walk or paint or just need to be with God through music.

Music has an incredible power that many people are unaware of. Discover the joy and encouragement that Godly music can add to your life! Read the Psalms and you will find music in many of them such as Psalm 150:1-6. To me, worship music makes a big difference in my home or in a workplace. It creates an atmosphere that welcomes the presence of the Holy Spirit and the peace that only God can bring. If you feel really daring and are steady on your feet, try dancing around as you sing for the feeling of joy and encouragement that the Lord brings to you during these times.

I know there are all kinds of music and some of it brings negative vibes but music that praises God energizes my spirit and truly soothes my soul.

A big thank you to all who brought special music to our worship services this summer that glorified our Lord. Your music brought a blessing to all.

We will be starting up choir and handbell choir again shortly. Our main issue is finding a time when we can have everyone together for the practice and not take you away from other things such as Sunday School, Bible study, and other things. I know everyone is very busy with family life of cheer, gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, scouts, work, and other things and we want to try to include all in the world of music.

Margaret Fisher, Lay Leader

Notes & Thoughts

Special Music

Again, we would like to say a big thank you to all those that shared their musical talent with us this Summer. You have provided each of us with joy. As the Chancel and Handbell Choirs begin practicing again you can be certain that more "Special Music" is on the way but please, if you have a musical gift and are willing to share your talent with our congregation, speak to Pastor Corrie or Margaret Fisher.



A T-shirt Fundraiser Update

Our T-shirt Fundraiser has been successful. We've sold a total of 19 shirts to date which raised \$174.81 for St. B. A huge thank you to everyone that purchased a t-shirt but know this...the fundraiser continues. Visit <https://bonfire.com/store/stbumc> to view additional items like long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies for those colder months and other fun things like a coffee mug and water bottle.

Special Events

FALL FESTIVAL

When: Saturday, **September 20th**

What Time: **10 am-4 pm**

Discover the joys of an Autumn bazaar as St. B hosts vendors from all around our area. Just as with the Spring Market, you can expect to see a vibrant and diverse marketplace filled with freshly baked goodies, handmade crafts, food trucks, and a wonderful community atmosphere.

Our fall festival is right around the corner, and we'd like your help. Anyone willing to place some flyers around town to help us get the word out and everyone willing to volunteer their time at the event are most appreciated. Contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany Julian for more information.



Upcoming Events

The St. B **Sewing Circle** meets on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 pm at rotating attendee locations. If you have any questions or wish to join the Sewing Circle, please contact Nita Heilman.

This month they meet: September 8th at the home of Nita Heilman.



Ann's Closet has been able to distribute food to the hungry in Clarksville because of your generosity. Whether your donation was monetary or food items purchased, all of it has been helpful and your gift is appreciated. A huge thank you goes out from the grateful hearts of her volunteers John and Joy Holder and Emily Bellamy. Well done St. B!

Ann's Closet will operate this month on: September 3rd and 17th.

FUEL will return to its normal Wednesdays at 10:00 am schedule soon. Preschoolers start school a few days after the bigger kiddos do so we don't have our numbers yet, however we are still set to work with Burt Elementary. Our FUEL team is ready to get started and excited about the new school year. If you'd like to participate, please contact Nita Heilman to express your interest.



United
Women
in Faith

Ann Doris Circle Meeting: September 9th at 10:30 am

Night Circle Meeting: September 8th at 6:30 pm

Join us for **BINGO** on Thursday, **September 18th** from 10:30-11:30 am.

What better place to play BINGO than St. B. We usually meet on the third Thursday morning of each month and afterwards continue our fellowship and fun with a group lunch. Come join us for BINGO this month for a fun time and white elephant gift exchange.



Join us Friday, **September 19th** for **Game Night:**

Want a great way to spend a Friday night this Fall; Game Night at St. B is it. For anyone that hasn't yet, please join us for our next event. Most of us play games but others are happy to sit around and talk. Regardless of your preference, we'd love to have you join in on the fun!

Mark your calendars for upcoming Game Nights

October 17th
November 21st

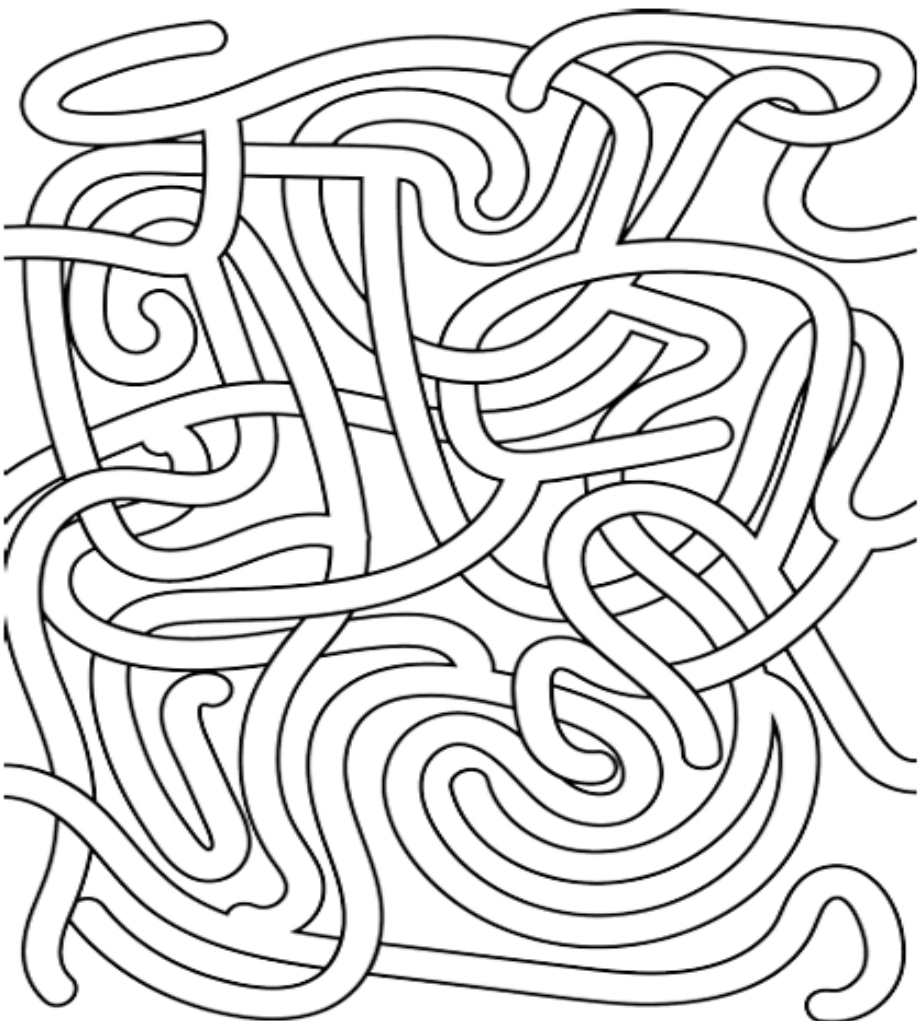
December 19th
January 16th

And here's a blast from the past...





DIRECTIONS: Use a different colored pencil or pen to trace each of the three forest animals to his favorite autumn food.



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

BACKFIELD
CENTER
CORNERBACK
DOWN
DRIVE
END ZONE
EXTRA POINT
FAIR CATCH
FIELD GOAL
FULLBACK
FUMBLE
GUARD
HALFBACK
HAND OFF
HUDDLE
INCOMPLETION
INTERCEPTION
KICKOFF
LINEBACKER
OFFENSIVE LINE

Football

Word Search

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PUNT
QUARTERBACK
RED ZONE
RETURN
RUSHING
SACK
SAFETY
SNAP
SPECIAL TEAMS
TACKLE
TIGHT END
WIDE RECEIVER



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Worship	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet	4	5	6
7 10am - Worship	8 6:30pm - UWF Night	9 10:30am - UWF Anne	10 10am - FUEL	11	12	13
14 10am - Worship	15	16 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet	17 10:30am - BINGO	18 6pm - Family Game Night	19 10am - Fall Bazaar	20
21 10am - Worship	22	23 10am - FUEL	24	25	26	27
28 10am - Worship	29	30 10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet	1	2	3	4

WORSHIP:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm returns
September 10th

ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:

Mondays

5:30 pm Soccer Practice

Tuesdays

5:30 pm Soccer Practice
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesdays

10:00 am FUEL
7:30 pm N A

Thursdays

5:30 pm Soccer Practice
7:30 pm N A

Fridays

6:00 pm Sea Scouts

Saturdays

4:00 pm N A

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