

CHUM NEWS

September 2025 Newsletter



A Message from the Pastor...

Pastor Samuel Mohn

Dear Church Family,

As the warmth of summer begins to fade and the crispness of fall draws near, September invites us into a season of reflection, renewal, and rhythm. Children return to school, routines settle back into place, and the natural world reminds us that change is a part of life—and often a gift from God.

In the church, September is also a time of re-engagement. Many of us return from summer travels and time away, and we begin again to gather with intention—around Sunday worship, small groups, service opportunities, and ministries that nurture our spirits and bless our community.

I'm reminded of Romans 12:11–12:

“Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

These words speak to the rhythm of the Christian life: renewed energy, faithful service, and persistent prayer. As we move into this next season together, I encourage you to lean into all that God is doing in and through our church.

This month, we'll be returning to our normal fall schedule of events, with who knows maybe a surprise or 2. Our outreach ministries are preparing for a busy fall, and we'll be welcoming new faces through our doors. Let's be a congregation that shows up with joy, welcomes with love, and serves with humility.

May this September be a month of spiritual harvest—where we see the fruit of what God has been planting in us all along.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Sam



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Celebrating Hymn History: Blessed Assurance

As we continue to celebrate the rich history of hymns, we turn our attention this month to one of the most cherished hymns of all time—"Blessed Assurance."

Written in 1873 by the legendary hymn writer **Fanny J. Crosby**, with music by **Phoebe P. Knapp**, this hymn has become a cornerstone of Christian worship around the world. Its enduring popularity is a testament not only to its beautiful melody and poetic lyrics but also to the deep theological truths it proclaims.

Fanny Crosby, who lost her sight as an infant, is one of the most prolific hymnists in history, credited with writing over 8,000 hymns. Her blindness never hindered her spiritual insight. In fact, many believe it deepened her faith. "Blessed Assurance" is a perfect example of how her words were born from a deep and personal walk with Christ.

The story behind the hymn is as moving as the song itself. One day, Phoebe Knapp played a new melody for Crosby and asked,

"What does this tune say to you?" Without hesitation, Crosby responded, "*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!*" From that moment, a hymn was born—one that would inspire countless believers for generations.

The lyrics speak of a personal relationship with Jesus and the peace that comes from knowing we are secure in His love:

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

As we celebrate hymn history, "Blessed Assurance" reminds us why these songs matter. They are not just melodies we sing—they are testimonies of faith passed down through time. They connect us with the saints who have gone before us and inspire us to live lives of worship today.

Next time you sing "Blessed Assurance," take a moment to reflect on the story behind the song—and give thanks for the gift of hymn writers like Fanny Crosby, whose faithful witness continues to bless the church.



Blessed
assurance,
Jesus is mine

Children's Corner

A Message from Terri West

Hi, from Children's Corner.

Fall is here and we are going to begin our fall schedule.

Krew will meet as usual, and we will begin our regular lessons starting with the story of Creation. We will set up a Bible station so the children will learn more about their Bibles. We would like to establish one more teaching team so if you are interested in teaching, please let me know.

Kings Kids starts on Wednesday, September 24th at our usual time, 4:45, and will end at 7:00. We will start with a snack, then go to Bible class, music, dinner and a craft. All families are invited to join us for dinner. We are looking for volunteers to help with registration, teaching, as a table parent, crafts and kitchen. We are looking forward to seeing our old Kings Kids and new ones too. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in any way.

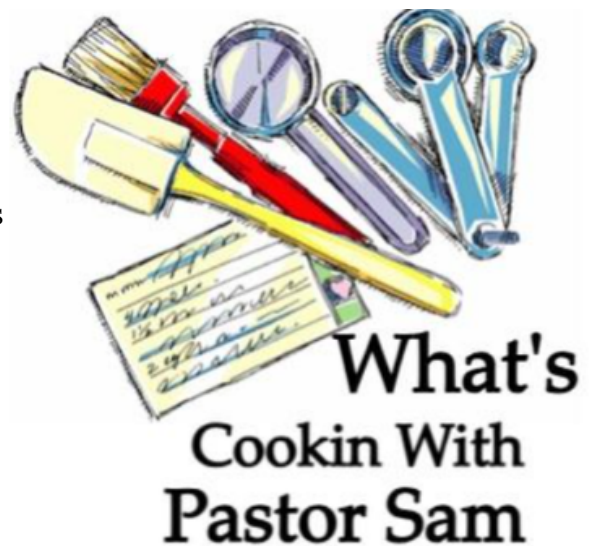
Week Night Meat Loaf

Ingredients

- 4 slices white bread, torn into pieces
- 2 ½ pounds ground beef
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled & cut into eighths
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- ½ cup flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon coarse salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

Directions

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place bread in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade; pulse until fine crumbs form. Transfer to a medium bowl, and add ground beef.
2. Place onion, garlic, celery, carrots, and parsley in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade; pulse until fine. Add to meat mixture, using hands to mix well. Add egg, 1/2 cup ketchup, 2 teaspoons dry mustard, salt, and pepper; use hands to combine thoroughly. Place in an 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-by-2 1/2-inch loaf pan.
3. Combine remaining 1/2 cup ketchup, remaining teaspoon dry mustard, and brown sugar in a bowl; stir until smooth.
4. Brush mixture over meatloaf; place in the oven with a baking pan set on the rack below to catch drippings. Cook until a meat thermometer inserted in the center reads 160 degrees, about 90 minutes. If top gets too dark, cover with foil, and continue baking.



September Birthdays

9/1 Zoey Newell

9/2 Janet Berlin,
Donald Taylor

9/3 Isabella Slifka

9/4 Jan Ferry

9/5 Amy Camardese,
Debbie Hunter,
Bob Brown

9/7 William Edwards

9/9 Jane Page

9/10 Aaron Newell,
Shawn Sweitzer

9/12 Molly Martin,
Emily Martin

9/13 Kara Mae Andre

9/16 John Clinton,
Ava Murphy

9/20 Judith Miller

9/23 Michael Funk

9/23 Pastor Sam Mohn

9/28 Charleen Spencer

9/27 Marjie Hrabe

9/30 Jennefer Sweitzer



News and Updates

Membership Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of Church Hill? We warmly invite you to join our church family and become an active part of our community. To get started, simply talk to Pastor Sam for more information on the process and what it means to be a member. Or, you can mark your connection card during your next visit, and we will reach out to you with further details. We look forward to welcoming you into our community and sharing in our faith journey together!

The **King's Kids/Youth Group** start date is Wednesday, September 24th 4:45pm to 7pm.

Choir practice begins Wednesdays at 7:30pm on September 3rd.



with sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following members who have entered eternal life:

Dona James – August 10

Joan Smith – August 10

Marlene Flickinger – July 5

Betty Drennon – July 1

We give thanks to God for their lives and the many ways they shared their faith among us.



To : My Beloved Children

From : God

Neighborliness is not passive—it is active love. In the United Methodist tradition, hospitality is more than friendliness; it's a means of grace. Our neighbors are not just church members—they are anyone God places in our path.

That means the new family down the street, the grieving family carrying sorrow, the lonely neighbor across town, and even the stranger we may never see again.

Hospitality is not optional—it is sacred. Let's keep our doors, hearts, and lives open so that all may find Christ's love among us.

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Worship with us Sundays at 10am!

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Our Team

Sam Mohn, Pastor

Jane Page, Director of
Worship

Carla Jenkins, Pianist

Terri West, Children's
Director

Deanna Slifka, Youth
Director

Joe Seifert, Sound Room
Tech

Charity Washington,
Custodian

Prayer Requests

Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Ron Baker, Elaine (friend of Gay M.), Nancy Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Kevin Vara, Carol Smith, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Burce MacLellan (Ken Miller's friend), Alma Knupp, Jimmy Weller, DeeAnn (Carla Jenkins' sister), Samuel M, Margie Ryan, John Baksa, the Essad family, Bella, Mike (Nancy Smith's brother), Jerry (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Carla Jenkins, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Jean Dutko, John (Clara Jones' nephew) Bill Rotar (Terri West's brother), Hope Warner, Natalie D'orzio - (friend of the Ahlswede family), Roger Bartlett - (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Frank Zedek - (Kathy Zedek's son, from Bible study), Prayers for teachers preparing to back to school and military members and their families

Contact Linda Toepfer at 330-718-2361 for the current prayer list and to request prayers.





SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 Pantry Set up 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Pantry Set Up 6:00	5 Liberty Com- munity Food Pantry 10-Noon	6
7 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	8 NAMIMV 5-7p.m. Parlor	9	10 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Bible Study 10:30 am 6:00 pm Grief Share	12 Pastor Sam Course of Study in Columbus	13
14 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	15	16	17 7:30 Chancel Choir	18 Bible Study 10:30am 6:00 pm Grief Share	19 Pastor Sam out of 9/18-9/22	20
21 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	22 	23 Happy Birthday Pastor Sam 	24 4:45-7:00 KK/YG 7:30 Chancel Choir	25 Bible Study 10:30 am 1pm Parson- age Inspection 6pm Grief Share	26	27
28 9:30 Bible Brew 10 Worship	29	30				



Come to the Table

09.07- Hospitality

Romans 12: 9-21 and Matthew 16: 24-25 (MSG)

09.14- Love

Romans 13: 8-14 and Matthew 18: 15-20 (MSG)

09.21- Peace

Romans 14: 1-12 and Matthew 18: 21-35 (MSG)

09.28- Grace

Philippians 1: 21-30 and Matthew 20: 1-16 (MSG)

10.05- Joy

Philippians 2: 1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32 (MSG)



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