

This fall, we will launch a four-week series called Counterculture – a call to live generously, love deeply, and root our identity not in the world's expectations, but in God's transforming grace.

Rooted in the Wesleyan and United Methodist tradition, this series will challenge us to resist the pressures of consumerism and scarcity-thinking. Instead, we'll explore what it means to be people of compassion, humility, action, and generosity. Each week, we'll look at scripture that highlights how followers of Jesus are invited to live by a different standard – one shaped by God's love, not by cultural norms.

Series Highlight:

- **Week 1: Who Are You?: Transformed, Not Conformed** – How God reshapes us from the inside out (Romans 12:1-2)
- **Week 2: Who Are You Wearing Today: Clothed in Christ** – Living with compassion, humility, and love (Colossians 3:12-17)
- **Week 3: Love in Action** – Generosity that's visible and concrete (1 John 3:16-18)
- **Week 4: Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving** – Giving flows from knowing who we are (Matthew 22 & Genesis 1)

At the conclusion of the series, you'll be invited to respond by turning in an **Estimate of Giving Card for 2026**, as an act of prayerful commitment to live more generously in the year ahead.

We know that giving is about forming our faith and not just about funding a ministry. And we're already seeing powerful ways that our congregation is choosing to live counterculturally every day.

Where We See Countercultural Faith in Action

- Volunteers who consistently show up for those in need, even when it's inconvenient.
- Joseph's Closet providing for those in need or with very limited resources year after year.
- Volunteers facilitating connection providing meals at Community Dinner and Saturday lunch.

As we prepare our hearts for this important season, take a moment to reflect: Where is God calling you to live differently? Where might generosity be your own countercultural act of faith?

We look forward to walking this journey together – in worship, in community, and in bold, Spirit-led generosity.