

September, 2026



Parish Messenger

Christ Community United Methodist Parish

A Note from Pastor Jess



Spiritual reading is reflective and prayerful. It is concerned not with speed or volume but with depth and receptivity. That is because the purpose of spiritual reading is to open ourselves to how God may be speaking to us in and through any particular text.

Marjorie J. Thompson "Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life"

I do not know how many times I have read the Bible. I never thought to count. I have been reading it since I first learned to read. I didn't always understand what the words meant but I knew they were the story of God and God's people. So I read stories of creation and the flood, I read about Jesus and pictured the events of his life in my mind. I received a Bible from the Lineville United Methodist Church when I was in the third grade. I read it often, though there were things I still did not understand. Why did Jesus answer simple questions with parables? Did Jesus feel abandoned on the cross? I tried to imagine the apocalyptic texts, but their rich imagery confused me more than they connected me to God. In college I read sections of the Bible for several of my classes. The academic reading and my personal spiritual reading wove together a deeper connection to God through the sacred text. Seminary brought with it a widened perspective and knowledge that allowed the words to be viewed in a new light. The words of scripture never change, but my understanding of them does as I grow in faith. The ancient writings share a message that God is with us. The words have power to transform and authority to convict us in our faith.

What is the Bible to you? How do you approach the sacred text of our faith?

Excerpts from The Book of Discipline of the UMC concerning Scripture.

United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine.

The Bible bears authentic testimony to God's self-disclosure in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as in God's work of creation, in the pilgrimage of Israel, and in the Holy Spirit's ongoing activity in human history.

As we open our minds and hearts to the Word of God through the words of human beings inspired by the Holy Spirit, faith is born and nourished, our understanding is deepened, and the possibilities for transforming the world become apparent to us. (104. p.78)

We will be spending a great deal of time reading through scripture together this year. I hope you join us for this journey, I hope the Word of God deepens your faith and changes your life.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Jess

September Birthdays

2—Sawyer Dithrow, Pat Perkins
 5—Kinser Wallace
 9—Christian Rockhold, Jill Runyon
 14—Krista Snow
 18—Julie Fry
 19—Judy Shields
 20—Jane Pershy, Gary Runyon
 21—Susan Henderson
 23—Linda McCarty, Brenda Thomas
 26—Mike Boggs, Doris Pollock, Kristy Sheriff
 29—Troy Arnold
 30—Lillian & Dean Ellis



September Anniversaries

3—Clarence & Missy Petty
 4—Jim & Judy Shields
 14—Dennis & Linda Thomas, Brent & Judy Werts
 21—Charles & Tasha Bailey
 28—Mike & Tanya Boggs

Corydon UMC Sunday Brunch

September 13

Corydon UMC *Brunch Worship Service* at 10:45.
 Breakfast pizza will be provided (freewill donations are appreciated).

Corydon Mobile Meals

Corydon UMC will deliver mobile meals on September 28th through October 2nd. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study & Sermon series will be starting in September. The Corydon UMC Sunday School class will be using the study material for their time together which will include a video each week. Anyone else who wants to participate in the study should let Pastor Jess know.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Group meets at Corydon UMC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 am for breakfast and Christian fellowship.



Millerton UMC Weekly Community Breakfast



Every Monday morning at 7:30 people gather at Millerton UMC for coffee and breakfast. All are welcome.

Lineville Campout:

September 12th-13th

Our campout, breakfast, and worship services have provided an opportunity for us to connect with one another and with people we might not find inside the church on Sunday morning. Jesus met people where they were, so we try to do likewise.



September 12—gather around the campfire as the sun sets.

September 13—breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the shelter house; worship at 9:45 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

August	2	9	16	23
Allerton	14	9	21	16
Corydon	43	0	37	24
Lineville	14	10	15	15
Millerton	11	20	24	15
New Zion	16	31	26	29
Total	98	70	123	99

Average parish attendance for August was 98.

Thank You, VBS Helpers & Participants!

Loving God & Loving Others VBS was a wonderful time of worship, crafting, acting out the bible stories, playing mini golf, sanding boards, and sharing our God sightings! The favorite craft was either the pipe cleaner flowers or the bird feeders. The favorite story was probably learning the greatest commandments through the story of the Good Samaritan. A few of the participants were very proud of the work they did sanding boards for the Counting Sheep bed ministry and all of us were so excited that we received \$600 toward that ministry during VBS!

A big thanks to every person that made this year's Vacation Bible School fruitful and fun! It is so amazing to see people from all five parish churches coming together to donate supplies, volunteer, prepare food, participate, and pray for VBS.



United
Women
in Faith

On August 17th UWF served breakfast to school employees. The teachers took 125 boxes of tissues and 49 wipes that were donated by the Parish churches.

Joanna Circle will be meeting at Corydon UMC at 1:30 on September 2nd. Martha Circle will be joining Joanna for a speaker.

The next UWF meeting is on September 22nd at 1:30 at Corydon UMC.

New Parish Website

Our parish website, <https://christcommumparish.com/>, has changed hosts. The site is easy to navigate and full of up-to-date information. The News page has both the weekly announcements and the monthly newsletter. The Events page lists special upcoming events which are updated regularly. Just for fun take a look around the website paying attention to the pictures: see if you can find a picture of Allerton's altar Bible and cross, New Zion's Pool Party for the Parish, VBS at Lineville, Corydon's Handbell Choir, and Millerton's church sign at sunrise.

No one wants to see generic pictures when they go to a church/parish website. They want to see real pictures of God's people and active ministries!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Men's Breakfast at Corydon UMC 7:00 am Martha Circle 9:30 Joanna Circle 1:00	3	4 Allerton UMC Deliver Mobile Meals	5 St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm
	6 Communion & A & A J-C & M T-AL & N	7 	8 Prayer Shawl 9:30 at Corydon UMC	9	10 Ad Council Meeting at 9:30 Blood Drive at Corydon UMC 1:30 to 5:30	11 Quilting at Lineville UMC 2:00 Lineville UMC Campout St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm
13 Lineville UMC Camp Out & Breakfast at 9:00 Corydon UMC Brunch Service J-C & M T-AL& N	14 Community Breakfast at Millerton 7:30	15	16 Men's Breakfast at Corydon UMC 7:00 am	17 Food Truck at Allerton 2:00 Paish Council at New Zion UMC 5:30	18 Chapel at Corydon Specialty Care 11:00	19 St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm .
20 Communion J-C & M T-AL& N	21 Community Breakfast at Millerton 7:30 Lineville UMC Board Meeting 5:30	22 United Women in Faith Corydon UMC 1:30	23	24	25 Quilting at Lineville UMC 2:00	26 St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm
27 Food Pantry T-C & M J-AL& N	28 Community Breakfast at Millerton 7:30	29	30 Last Week Supper & Planning Meeting 5:00 to 6:00			
Corydon UMC deliver Mobile Meals September 28—October 2						

The schedule is subject to change



Joel and Bonita Wells were parade marshalls at Corydon Old Settlers



Row 1, Right; Row 2, Left: UWF serves breakfast for school employees.



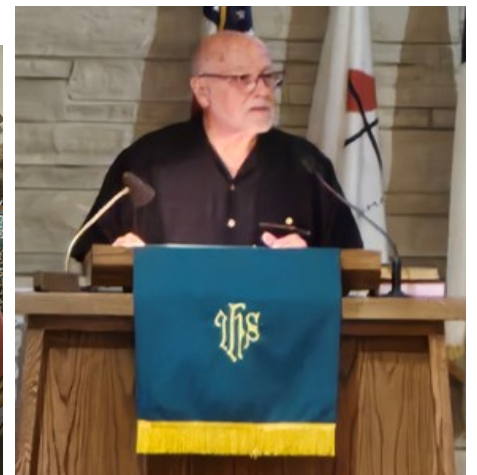
Row 2, Right: Linda McCartney of Allerton UMC delivers mobile meals.



Row 3, Left: Lineville UMC Quilting Group

Row 4, Left: Millerton UMC breakfast

Row 4, Right: Guest speaker preaches while Pastors were on vacation





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Parish Prayer Chain

Call one of the pastors



Worship Times

Allerton

Worship 8:30

Corydon

Adult Sunday School 9:30 ~ Worship 10:45

Lineville

Worship 9:45 ~ Children's Sunday School 10:45

Millerton

Worship 9:00

New Zion

Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship 11:00