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From the Pastor...

Sometimes you just need to take a deep breath! Church feels like that right now. Our summer has been very busy. Our kids and youth had wonderful camps at Passport. Our mission team had a spectacular trip to Greece. And we just finished a very large and successful Vacation Bible School.

Our staff and volunteers are pretty tired right now. We need to thank them for all their work this summer and we need to let everyone catch their breath. As you see folks who helped with our summer activities, please say a word of gratitude and encouragement.

Speaking of encouragement, thank you for your prayers for Valerie and me as we recovered from Covid. Your kind texts, calls and notes made us feel very loved. We know many other folks are also encountering Covid and we need to continue to pray for each other.

Summer is drawing to an end and kids are going back to school early this year. Our Wednesday activities will begin August 21 with a hot dog and hamburger meal and inflatables for the kids. There is a lot of planning going on and we are excited for a new year.

Before rushing into our fall schedule, let's take a moment to celebrate a great summer. I hope everyone gets some rest and maybe one last get away. In the practice of Sabbath, God teaches us to take breaks. These are so we can take time to appreciate your blessings and get some rest.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:2-3

Schedule

Sunday, August 11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream Monday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 15

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 23

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin	Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson	Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina KylesChild	dren's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby	Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

	7/28	8/4
In Person	176	129
Live Stream	19	22
Sunday School	92	80

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	90,376.00	903,757.00
Budget Receipts	24,102.00	788,327.00
Goals Not Met	(66,274.00)	(115,430.00)
Alms	1,022.00	13,751.00
Designated	106.00	125,278.00





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