

September

It is always exciting to turn the page of the calendar to September. We always anticipate that the higher temperatures may subside and with the Labor Day the summer season draws to a close. As school begins, family vacations are past and the traffic to the beach may finally slow a little. Oh yes, as school begins, that means that the children and school staffs are out early in the mornings. We all need to watch out for the children on the streets and the additional traffic in the mornings and afternoons – especially with school buses. Pray for the children, teachers, aids, coaches, cooks, custodians and everyone who works with the children.



We are thankful that volunteers from among our congregation are beginning a second school year hosting a Good News Club at Fairview Elementary School just down Walker Road from our church building. On Tuesday afternoons they gather with students who want to stay after school and learn the good news of Jesus. It is a privilege for these volunteers to be able to share this special time with the children as they share God's love.

On Sunday, September 1, the day before Labor Day, we will worship at 11AM, and share communion at the Lord's Table. Later that day, at 4PM we look forward to gathering for an annual **Church Picnic** in our Fellowship Hall. What has become a picnic in recent years was initially begun years ago as a Sunday School Ice Cream Social. It is a special time of fellowship, food, games and this year – some special music. New church member, Brian Cunningham, is bringing other musicians together to play throughout the afternoon that I know will be enjoyable. This is a time to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you for a fun evening, getting to be with old friends and make new ones. I hope it's on your calendar.



On Wednesday, September 11, we will begin sharing at the tables in the Fellowship Hall for family dinners. We will eat a prepared meal together at 6PM followed by Bible study and prayer time at 7PM. While the adults are involved in study/prayer time there is also a special time for children. We are thankful that Debbie Metzger and Bethel Chang will once again be using their gifts to fix meals for us. These evenings are wonderful times to share and learn more about people with whom we worship on Sundays. I hope you will come and put your feet under the table with others as we all get to know one another and love one another. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15.21



In the Hope and Peace of Christ,
Rev. Taylor