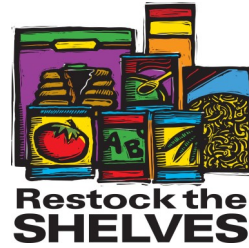


**UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for September is Chef Boyardee Spaghetti O's or Ravioli.



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**Trustees Meeting**

There is a Trustees Meeting Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm. An email containing some information was sent by Spencer and Pastor Robert. Please look over the attached information before arriving to the meeting.

**Parsonage Group**

The Parsonage Study Group will be beginning the new book, *Good and Beautiful Community*, Monday September 9 at 6:30 pm.

**Study Groups**

Study Groups will meet as scheduled this week except for Thursday's I Love Growing Older Group. They will not meet the first Thursday of any month.

**Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle**

The Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle Meeting will be Thursday September 5 at 11 am.

**Fellowship Dinner**

The Fellowship Dinner is immediately following worship this morning. Please stay and enjoy a good meal and the company of your church community.

*Important dates to keep on your calendar.....*

- Sept. 1—12:30 pm Fellowship Supper
- Sept. 1— 5:00 pm UMYF
- Sept. 3—11:00 am The Ugly Mug Study Group
- Sept. 3— 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Sept. 3— 7:00 pm NOW Team Meeting
- Sept. 4— 6:00 pm Bible Study
- Sept. 4— 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sept. 5—11:00 am I Love Growing Older (Canceled)
- Sept. 5—11:00 am Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle
- Sept. 8— 5:00 pm UMYF
- Sept. 8— 6:30 pm Administrative Board Meeting
- Sept. 9— 6:30 pm Good & Beautiful Community Group
- Sept. 9— 6:30 pm UMM Meeting
- Sept. 10—11:00 am The Ugly Mug
- Sept. 11— 6:00 pm Bible Study
- Sept. 11— 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sept. 12—11:00 am I Love Growing Older

**Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :**

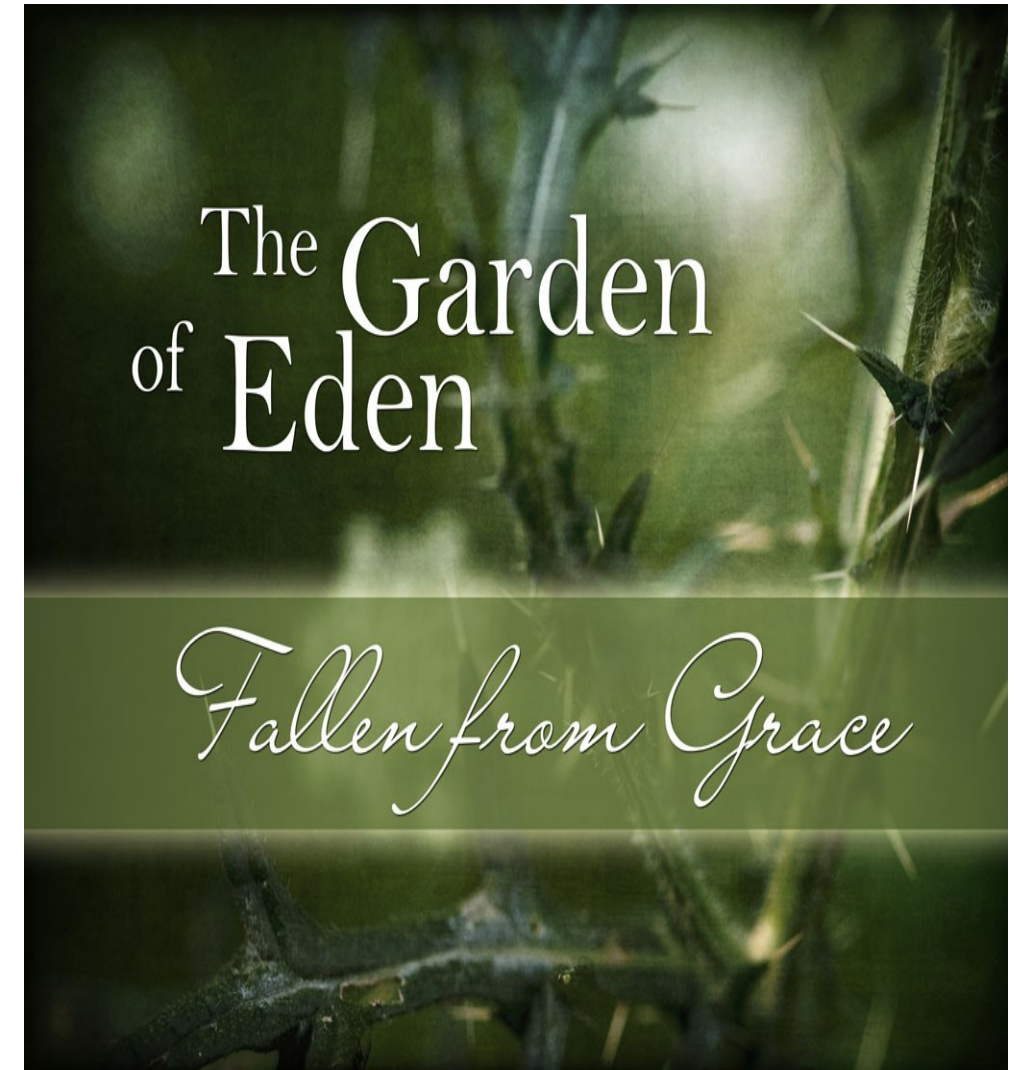
Jan—Breakfast Cereal	Feb—Single Serve Fruit	Mar—Mac n Cheese
Apr—Juice Boxes	May—Juice Boxes	June—Cash Donation
July—Cash Donation	August—Soup	Sept—Chef Boyardee
Oct—Ramen Noodles	Nov—Breakfast Bars	Dec—Juice Boxes

**Food Notes:** \*Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) \*Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) \*Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) \*Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) \*Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) \*Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail ) \*Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) \*Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

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**The Trinity Companion  
Sunday September 1, 2019**



**Trinity United Methodist Church**

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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**  
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**Greeters:** Patty Robbins and Joe Toney

**Announcements:** Christy Smith (please begin at 10:55 am)

**Prelude:** Day by Day, Arranged by Greg Howlett

**Lighting of the Candles:** Maverick Webb and Jaxon Anderson

**\*Opening Hymn:** There's Within My Heart a Melody No. 380

**Pastoral Welcome**

**\*Statement of Faith** No. 881

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Ushers:** Lana Prater, Sandra Rich, Phil Robbins, and John Hagan

**Offertory Music:** Take My Life and Let It Be, Arranged by Greg Howlett

**\*Doxology** As found at No. 95

**Anthem:**

**\*Scripture Reading:** Genesis 3: 1-14 and 22-24 Alberta Mitchell

**Homily:** Landmark 1: The Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Ushers:** Andrea Burlingham, Pat Bowden, Ruben & Nancy Allman

**Communion Music:** Here, O My Lord, I'd See Thee Face to Face, Arranged from the Genevan Psalter by Elizabeth Ragsdale

**\*Closing Hymn:** O How I Love Jesus No. 170

**Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude:** O Carpenter of Nazareth (A Hymn for Labor Day) by Lawrence Wik

\*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.  
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### Our Journey to God's Destination

Is this it? When shall I arrive? Why does the grass look greener on the other side? I have found the answers to these questions in Jesus' advice to Nicodemus. "You must be born again." About the time we think we have arrived, a voice deep within the soul of humankind calls us on yet another journey.

As Summer embraces Fall, I hear the still, soul-deep voice of God calling me to take yet another journey. May I invite you to join me on *Our Journey to God's Destination*. We will spend a few weeks drawing a map pinpointing the landmarks on this journey.

Next, we will plot our journey from one landmark to the next. Along the journey, Jesus will guide us from one Be-Attitude to the next, until be BE-Come reflections of His mercy, grace, and love. Write, Evangelical, and student of religious and spiritual development, George Barna, will guide along Ten Steps of the Christian Life. You might consider buying his book, Maximum Faith.

The Landmarks: The Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, The Law of Moses, The Cross of Jesus Christ, and The Birth of the Church.

#### Landmark 1: The Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Genesis 3: 1-14 and 22-24

The Fruit: Desire (Genesis 3: 6)

Desire takes and possesses. Love gives and receives.

Four Voices: The voice to which we listen creates the image we reflect.

- The Serpent's voice sounds like a simple question that tempts us to question our knowledge of God, not our experience. Genesis 3: 1
- The voice of sin sounds like fear of God. Genesis 3: 10
- The voice of neighbor sounds like judgement that creates shame, guilt, or blame. Genesis 3: 11-13
- The voice of God sounds like a parent full of mercy, grace, and love. Genesis 3: 21-24

Four Lords

- Satan as Lord: Tempts us to worship knowledge, what we know about God.
- Self as Lord: the worship of knowledge creates Selfishness, Self Righteousness, Ego, and Sin.
- Neighbor as Lord: Our Judge.
- God as Lord: Agape Love.

Desire begins with a questions about God. Harmless enough, right? Who doesn't want to know about God? Herein, however, lies a temptation. To know about God is to turn God into knowledge. Knowledge alone turns God into a thing. Describe the difference between your knowledge of a person and your experience of that person. Knowledge in and of itself is selfishness. Knowledge that leads to an experience with the person creates relationships. The danger of asking questions about God comes in who you trust to give the answer. Prayer is a conversation with God that creates an experience. The experience of being unconditionally loved creates worship.

Four kinds of Love

- If you love me, you will do what I say. (Control)
- If you love me, you will let me fix you. (Codependence)
- If you love me, you will make me happy. (Idolatry)
- To love God, self, and neighbor Be patient and kind. Know your own way but never insist upon it. Such awareness offers hope in all things. (Image of God)

## September



### Van Drivers and Riders

1—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
8—Christy Smith & Cathy Galyean  
15—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
22—Christy Smith & Diane Botts  
29—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

### Money Counters

1—Christy Smith, Diane Botts  
8—Bill Cole, Tiffany Adams  
15—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons  
22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
29—Christy Smith, Diane Botts

### Children's Message

1—Communion Sunday  
8—Kim Parsons  
15—Cindy Ashley  
22—Diane Botts  
29—Andrew Holyfield

### Scripture Readers

1—Alberta Mitchell  
8—Nancy Toney  
15—Bill Cole  
22—Paula Barton  
29—Dana Barlow

### Greeters

Patty Robbins and Joe Toney

### Announcements

Christy Smith

### Ushers

Lana Prater, Sandra Rich, Phil Robbins, and John Hagan

### Communion Ushers

Andrea Burlingham, Pat Bowden, Ruben Allman, and Nancy Allman

### Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Ashley Turner



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

### For Those with Cancer:

Denise Qualls; David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zac Carter; Steve Clark; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills

### Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

### Non-Specific Prayers for:

Marion Kocher; Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Maurice & Patsy Lay; Andrew David Hartman; Jack Williams; Bill & Jean Hendrick, Larry Spears; Ann Nickles

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

Donation link can be used at any time and from any capable phone.

