

“With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.”—1 Cor. 15:58 (The Message)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day. While there is some confusion about who first proposed a day in honor of the workers of America, there is good reason to believe that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

Traditionally, Labor Day marks the end, or at least the beginning of the end, of summer. Labor Day was established to honor the workers of this country. The Psalmist praises God who has created the change of the seasons, day and night, sun and moon, so that “people go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.” (Ps. 104:23) It is God who gives food to the young lions, the trees to the birds for their nests, and work for humans.

“From its start with John Wesley, the Methodist movement has focused particular attention on the concerns of workers. Justice, dignity and equality for workers are an integral part of our social teachings and heritage. For 100 years, we have fought for a living wage in every industry and our Social Principles make clear that we believe people—not profits—should be at the heart of our economic system.” (©United Methodist Communications, 2012)

Human beings need to work. We need to feel that our work is meaningful and productive. We also need times for play and rest and refreshment. As Christians, we remember that God rested on the seventh day of creation, and that humanity is also called upon to rest, because while our work is important, we are more than just the instruments of our work. We are the children of God, who have been invited to participate in God’s ongoing work of creation. St. Paul encourages us to persevere, reminding us that nothing you do for [the Lord] is a waste of time or effort.” We believe that God sanctifies all work—that if our work is done in integrity and honesty, in service to help others and make the world a better place, then our work is done to the glory of God. We don’t always see the fruits of our labor, but we have faith that God does honor our labor, and does use it and us to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

When was the last time you thought of your work as a way of praising God? Jobs, housework, yard work, church positions, even retirement can all be ways of praising God with our work and our lives. In our work and in our rest, in our labor and in our recreation, let us praise God with all our lives.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Diana

Prayer List



- ❖ Jackie and Howard Moore
- ❖ Angie Hall
- ❖ Sandy Johnson
- ❖ Betty Prather
- ❖ Robert Moore
- ❖ Joe Smith, will have surgery on his knee, pray for a quick recovery
- ❖ Jessica Staples has been put on the heart transplant list. Please pray for her and her family
- ❖ Sophy Tao is having a hard time adjusting to her new college, she misses her friends and family at Grace. She asks for prayers for her Grandfather. I am sure she would love to hear from you all. If you would like to send her a card, please call the church office for her new address. A friendly word in a strange place is always appreciated.
- ❖ Mark Johnson’s mother, Darlene. She has been having issues with her eyes
- ❖ Virginia King
- ❖ Carolyn Glover’s friend, Janet is in the hospital. She is not doing very well
- ❖ Samantha asks for prayers for her dog, Diva
- ❖ Prayers for Godfred & Sophy in their new life adventures
- ❖ Prayers for those victims of the fires on the west coast
- ❖ Tammy asks for prayers for Virginia’s son who was attacked
- ❖ Prayers for the homeless
- ❖ Prayers for healing for all the people of First and Calvary
- ❖ Prayers for those affected by family problems
- ❖ Chuck Bishop asks for prayers for his children & grandchildren
- ❖ Allison Parker and Adam Ward, Roanoke, VA Journalists and their families
- ❖ Karen Entriiken will have back surgery next week. Pray for a speedy recovery
- ❖ The families of the Joplin drowning victims
- ❖ Our Presbyterian brothers and sisters
- ❖ The homeless and recovering alcoholics
- ❖ Tom Donnelly
- ❖ Pray for Kenny who is starting a new program and pray for his two children in basic training
- ❖ Please pray for the Wednesday Night Dinners and Services
- ❖ Prayers for those affected by the shootings in Louisiana

Miriam Circle

- Miriam Circle will reconvene after its summer break on Tuesday, September 8th, @ 11:30am.
- Our meeting will be a Potluck Salad Luncheon, so get out your cookbooks, make something yummy, and join us. We have some big decisions to make as a Circle, so members are especially encouraged to attend. Don’t forget the later meeting time for this month!

Springfield Faith Leaders

Focus on Faith

Special Conference: Impacting Poverty
Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Christ Episcopal Church

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of the Ozarks

Springfield Faith Leaders Special Conference:
Impacting Poverty

Join us for a special faith leaders conference offering a “sneak peek” into Springfield’s Impacting Poverty Commission Report, scheduled to be revealed on October 8, 2015.

Presentations on Jobs and Economic Conditions, Housing, Hunger, and Early Childhood Development/Education. This special conference is designed for our community’s faith leaders and will provide up-to-date information about how our faith communities can engage in efforts to impact poverty.

When: Thursday, September 10, 2015

7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch served, no charge for attendees

Where: Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Located at 601 E. Walnut St.

Please RSVP by September 4

Fall Festivals in the Ozarks

- ❖ Crocker, MO Railroad Days
September 5th
- ❖ Miller, MO Fall Festival
September 5th



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CALENDAR

Daily	Noon	Al-Anon Group Meeting Rm 22
Sunday		August 30, 2015
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Coffee Worship
	10:30am	Worship and Children's Church
	11:30am	UMYF
	4:00pm	Yoga
Tuesday		September 1, 2015
	10:00am	UMW
	11:00am	Sew n' Sews
	6:00pm	SWMO Children's Choir
	6:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday		September 3, 2015
	5:00pm	Dinner
	6:00pm	Service
	6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		September 4, 2015
	12:00pm	No Brown Bag Bible Study
Sunday		September 6, 2015
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Coffee Worship
	10:30am	Worship and Children's Church
	11:30am	UMYF
	4:00pm	Yoga



Wednesday Night Dinners:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015:

SPEAKER: CHRIS NORTHRIP

COOK: PASTOR DIANA

MENU: TBD

BROWN BAG



Bible Study will start
September 11, 2015.

Scriptures for
Sunday

September 6, 2015

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23;

James 2: 1-17

Return Service Requested

Grace UMC
600 S Jefferson
Springfield, MO 65806



9/6/15 Sunday Morning Servant Schedule:

USHERS- UMYF

EAST DOOR GREETER-

Sara Guthrie

TREATER-Jeanette Kennemer

We are need of an Usher for October. Please contact
the office, if you are interested

Grace UMC Garage Sale
September 12, 2015
8:00am-4:00pm

Thank you to all who have signed up to help with the
garage sale in September. We can always use more
help, so if you haven't signed up, please do so, and
it's not too late!!!

We will be contacting those who have signed up to
see when you will be available.

If you have items to donate, you may start
bringing them in to the dining area during the times
the church is open, if possible. Please no clothing
or electronics! If you need to come on off hours,
please contact the office or Cindy and we can make
arrangements.

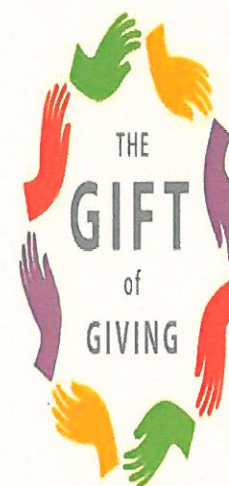
GIVING

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Church Attendance	71
Sunday School	29
Ministry Offering	\$ 519.55
Other Income	\$ 62.00

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Meals Served	95
Team	10
Love Offering	\$ 7.63
Prayer Service	11



September Birthdays

Suzy McArthur	Sept 3
Sandy Stout	Sept 4
Donna Dixon	Sept 8
Betty Fraley	Sept 12
Mary Belle Moore	Sept 13
Kimberly Townsend	Sept 18
Dina Shisler	Sept 22
Jack Lassley	Sept 25
Jeanette Kennemer	Sept 29
Don Sanders	Sept 30
Maxine Allen	Sept 30



Corn Salsa

A Labor Day Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 15 -ounce can yellow corn, drained
- 1 15 -ounce can white corn, drained
- 1 4 -ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1 2.5-ounce can sliced black olives, drained
- 4 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

Directions:

Mix the yellow and white corn,
chiles, olives, scallions, tomatoes,
jalapenos, vinegar, olive oil and 1/4
teaspoon salt in a medium bowl.
Chill at least 1 hour.
Just before serving, add the cilantro
to the salsa.

Recipe courtesy of Trisha
Yearwood for Food Network
Magazine