



# 2021

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# GOOD WORDS

## FROM THE PASTOR



I know that everyone is under pressure. We are still living in a pandemic please be safe, making wise choices. God said

in His Word if He be for us, He is more than the world against us. Please know that I am praying for you as we all represent the body of Christ.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Joseph Moore

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### JESUS CHILDREN

When children ask the following questions: "If God is real why is there so much pain in the world?" "If God is real why doesn't He just show Himself to us?" Do we adults just want to freak out when hearing questions like this? Is our reaction to think that I don't want the kids to question because we just want them to believe what we tell them about God with blind faith? But is this reaction realistic?

Even if you were raised in the church, wasn't there a time that you wrestled with questions. The kids might seek out their parents or other mentors for answers. So, how do we help? First we need to know more. We need to decide the motivation of a child in asking the question. If you determine that the child really has questions and their questions and their motivation is to find an answer, then we need to do our best to be available and search out resources that will help, namely

Scripture. Next we need to know the emotion behind the question. Fear, embarrassment, pain, and worry are a few motivators. Maybe the child is embarrassed when they are around friends who are not Christians. Maybe they struggle with pain from ways they've been hurt in the past. We need to let a child know that emotions are natural. Then perhaps you could show them someone in the Bible who had similar emotions. David's Psalms might be a good start. Remind the child that Jesus was caring and compassionate with those who had questions. The child needs to be reassured that their questions are safe with you and with God.

Lastly, do the questions need to be answered immediately? Most of the time we believe we have to come up with great answers right away for a child's questions. Instead, it is okay to take a step back and see if discussing the background that prompted the question might be more important than the actual answer. Remember that God will bring the right person or resource to help. God is patient with all of us. Instead of worrying, we need to pray for wisdom and pray that God will show up in amazing ways to reveal Himself to us and to the child as we face together the questions presented. Trust that God will always be there.

(condensed from rootedfamilies.com)

Submitted by Jan Lane

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### Congratulations

Amanda Dodds, daughter of Danielle and Kent Dodds, of Andover and granddaughter to Vivian and Dan Smith of Furley has been named assistant softball coach at Miami Oklahoma Junior College. Amanda is a graduate of Neosho County Junior College. She will continue her education while in Miami.



### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH TO AREA SCHOOLS

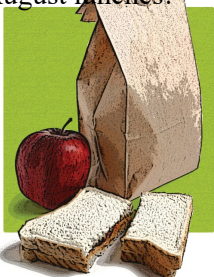
Students and Educators at Furley Church were prayed over during worship on August 8th. Keep the prayers for our schools going up!

Your Furley Mission and Outreach Team will be gathering a list of needs for our area schools. Be watching the bulletin and our facebook page for the details! **Collection Sundays will be September 12, 19 and 26.** After one month in the classroom, teachers and staff will know where shortfalls of supplies can be provided for from our generous congregation.

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### OPEN DOOR SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Come together on Saturday, September 18th @ 4 pm to prepare sack lunches for our Open Door in downtown Wichita. Lunches will be delivered on September 20th. Thank you so much to the many hands that helped assemble the August lunches!



### BROWN BAG LUNCH

### SEPTEMBER RECYCLE DAYS

A thru K = September 28th

L thru K = September 14th

Recycle Often ~ Recycle Right! Please remember all cardboard must be broken down with tape and labels removed. Also, no plastic bags in the recycle cart, please. Thanks for your cooperation!

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### THE NORTH BUTLER 4-H

The North Butler 4-H Club met on August 9th, 2021. To start the night, the Club members met outdoors at Wheat State Manor to show the residents the projects they took to the Butler County Fair. The regular business meeting started at 7:00 pm at Emmaus Church. Desiree Ingalsbe, President, called the meeting to order. Cora Brackenridge led the Flag Salute and Ella Amend led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 12 members stating "My Favorite Part of the Fair was..." The Treasure and Secretary reports were read. Debora Classen, Club Leader,

presented the Leaders Report. She had the club members name what they took to the fair and were rewarded with candy. She reminded the Club to make a poster and take it to the Potwin Bank for a reward. She also mentioned the Kansas State Fair will be coming up in September and several members qualified to take their projects. Lucy Goebel was recognized for having a Birthday in August. The program started with Rustin McLaughlin leading the club in a 4-H Camp song, "Blue Jay". Cora Brackenridge did a Project talk over "Sewing a White Blouse" that she made for the County Fair. Ella Amend presented a Demonstration on "How to Make 3D Paper Roses" and offered a chance for the 4-Hers to make one as well. To end the night, Makenzie Creekmore did a Project talk on "How to Make a Snowman Decoration". For recreation, the club participated in a "Color Tag" game led by Hope McLaughlin. Refreshments were provided by the Amend Family. The next scheduled meeting will be September 13th, 2021 at the Emmaus Church.

Ella Amend, Club Reporter.



North Butler 4-H'ers met outside with Wheat State Manor Residents to show their projects.



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"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply  
your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.  
You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,  
which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;  
for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints  
but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."  
2 Corinthians 9:10-12

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I join with the powerful declaration of the Apostle Paul as he praised the generosity of the church in Corinth. I believe that your gift to the Border Ministries of the New Mexico Annual Conference will not only meet the needs of those who have arrived at our borders, but also, your generosity will produce a flood of thanksgiving in people's hearts.

I want to thank you personally for your Amazon gift cards (worth \$600.00). We sent three gift cards to El Calvario Ministry Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico (Rev. George Miller is the contact person) and three to the El Paso District Border Ministries in El Paso, Texas (Diaconal Minister Kristen Bowdre is the contact person).

My prayer for you is that God will continue enriching you in every way so that we all can witness an increase in the harvest of God's Kingdom.

Respectfully,

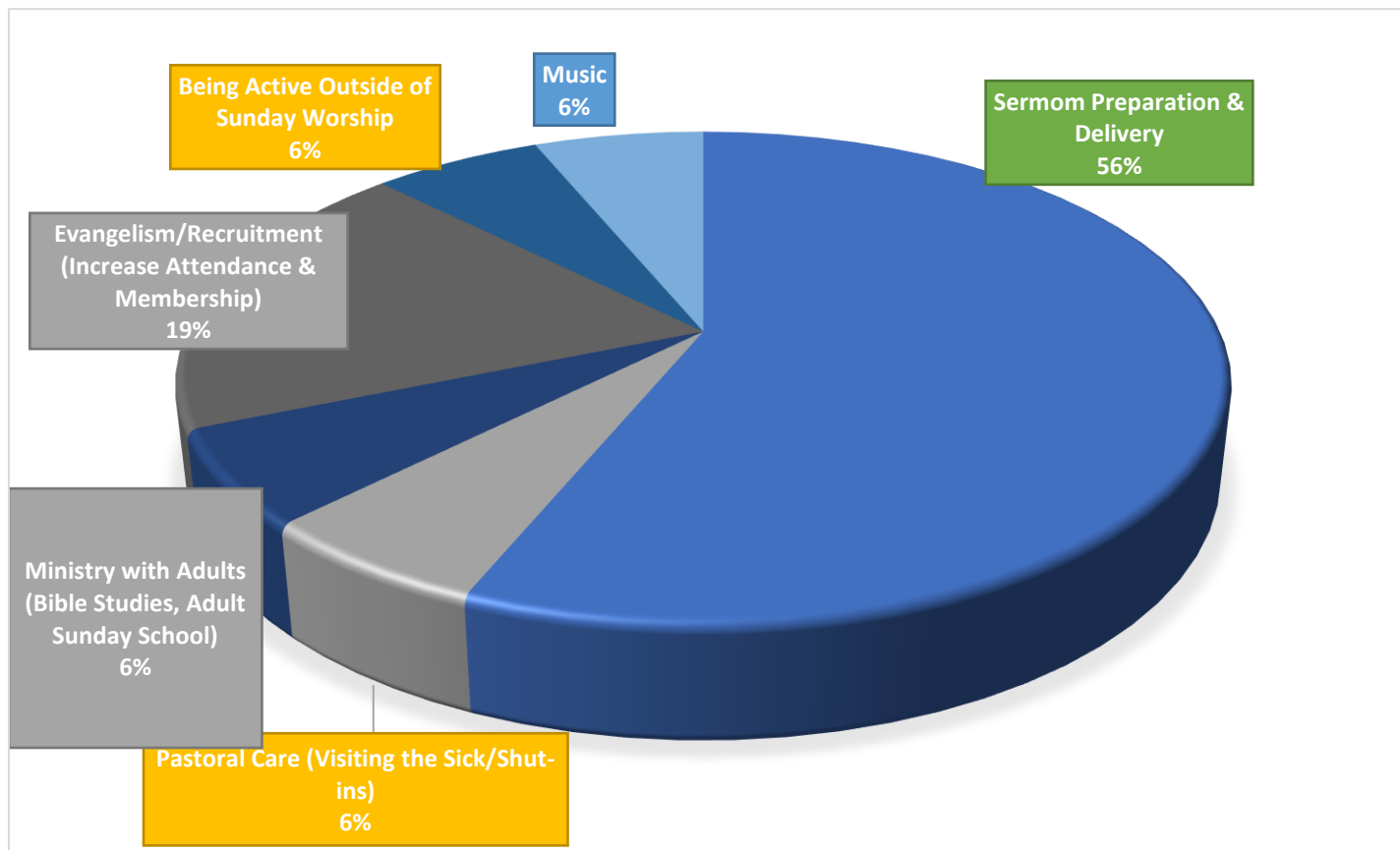
Rev. Dr. Eduardo (Eddie) Rivera  
Provost of the New Mexico Conference



August 2021 – Updates from the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Angie Telford

WOW! These are certainly wonderful times to be involved with Furley Methodist Church. Just a few notes, Pastor Joseph's office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM. His non-working days are Friday and Saturday. If you need to reach Pastor Joseph, the email is [pastor@furleyumc.org](mailto:pastor@furleyumc.org)

At our last Administrative Council meeting, I reported how we have been just checking the boxes in the first six weeks of Pastor Joseph's appointment to Furley. The "boxes" are the items submitted in the survey to members in early 2021. The graph below outlines the priorities sought by our congregation after our leadership change. We are definitely meeting the targeted goals!



Looking back, I spent the last few days reviewing each of the Sunday messages in July 2021 on Facebook. There is a lot of significance in these messages but here are a few takeaway messages.

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> – A Day of Celebration!**

Lead Pastor, Dan Thomas Jr., Find Your Place Church, Fort Worth, Texas provided our message of introduction and change to become a church of vision, a church that is an example of how to build relationships that unite and break the barriers of cultural boundaries. Pastor Dan spoke of how God chooses our voice (new Pastor Joseph Moore) – *Jeremiah 3:15, "Then I will give you shepherds after my*

*own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”* He also shared that this new “voice at Furley” would be the seed for membership and attendance growth.

### **July 11<sup>th</sup> – Love Culture!**

New Pastor, Joseph Moore, provided his very first message. The scripture selected: *Mark 12: 30-31, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.* The power of life and death is in the tongue, many times in life people will criticize and speak ill of others. He spoke directly to how people of the church should be joined together but instead; we verbally tear down our church with our tongue. We should be called to be one body and united. We reap what we sow (seeds), or we reap what we say! If God has ordained someone why would anyone speak against what God has selected? God sees all and God knows all.

### **July 18<sup>th</sup> – Identity Crisis!**

*2 Samuel: 4:4 Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became cripple. His name was Mephibosheth.* His nurse was to care for him. But in her care he was cripple (she dropped him) and thus lost his identity of royal lineage. Do we recognize that we are connected to God because we are His? Are we being the light of the world or are we going along to get along? What do you see when you see people, are you drawing conclusion based on what you see? Do you see a man of God? Or do you see a white man or a black man, do you see a black woman or a white woman? Why not a woman of God? **Not them, not us, we are Furley united!**

King David sought anyone of the house of Saul, Ziba spoke on behalf of Mephibosheth and they brought him to the King’s table. God uses broken things or people to produce good. Speak on behalf of your brother or sister of Christ and bring them back into royalty. Plant a seed of good and see the people around you as Royalty of God!

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Following the service on July 18, a luncheon of sandwiches, salads and desserts was provided. We spent the afternoon in fellowship with one another and continued to get to know the Moore Family. Such a blessing! Thank you to everyone that worked to ensure this luncheon was successful.

If you haven’t been able to make it to church be sure to check out the recordings on Facebook and if you really want to be spiritually charged come to Worship Service - you won’t be disappointed. Angie Telford, SPPR Chair

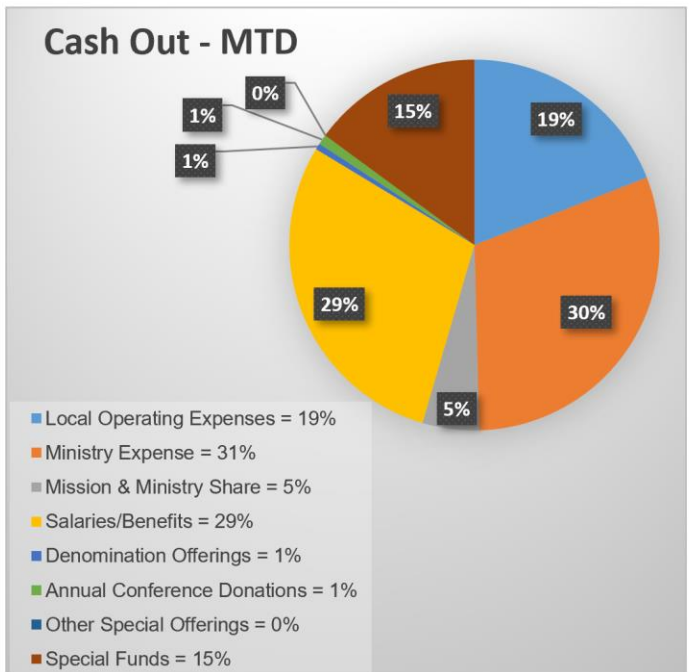
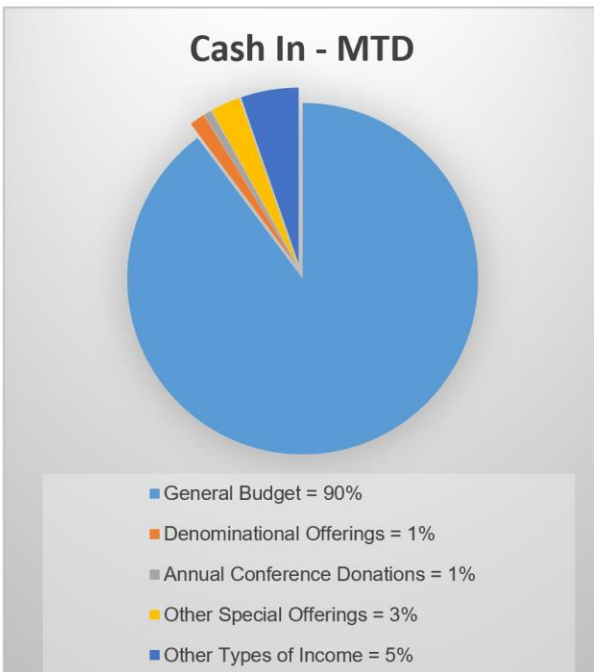
## FACTS AND FIGURES FROM FINANCE

There are so many exciting things going in **God's house** located at the corner of Greenwich Road and 101<sup>st</sup> Street North! Do you realize since Easter Sunday our attendance has more than doubled? That's right, in a time when church attendance numbers are falling, Furley UMC has doubled. With higher attendance numbers comes additional giving which enables the church to reach more people...which is what we are **ALL** called to do.

Malachi 3:10-12 tells us *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse (church) so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."* The unchurched needs our help and tithing provides God's church the ability to continue to reach more people. In this verse from Malachi, God tells us to tithe so that there may be "food" in his house; in other words so that **HIS** church has the finances and ability to do what it needs to do to reach the lost and the needy.

January - July / Financial Facts & Figures Offerings & Expenses		
Category	MTD	YTD
Offerings	\$ 9,504	\$ 42,007
Expenses	\$ 8,091	\$ 45,610
Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balance	\$ 1,413	\$ (3,603)
As a point of reference the YTD Fund Balance for June was \$(5,016). Because of your generous offerings in July, we were able to reduce the deficit by \$1,413. <i>"Praise The Lord"</i>		

January - July / Financial Facts & Figures Actual Expenses Compared to Budget			
Category	Actual	Budget	Variance
Local Operating Expenses	\$ 9,504	\$ 22,406	42%
Ministry Expense	\$ 4,187	\$ 18,881	22%
Mission & Ministry Share	\$ 4,755	\$ 7,987	60%
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 22,132	\$ 33,660	66%
Totals	\$ 40,578	\$ 82,934	49%
Through July we have spent less than half of our budget (49%). To have this kind of outcome through the first 7 months of the year is quite an accomplishment. As a point of reference we could have a variance as high as 58% and be in line with the 2021 expense budget.			



In addition to the exciting news above, the committee on finance met on August 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss numerous items such as the committee's job per the UMC discipline, recommendations from the auditor, new online giving platforms (and the need for a stronger internet), registering FUMC with an Amazon Smiles account, and grant opportunities available through the conference. It was a long meeting and long overdue.

The committee spent most of its time discussing the discipline and the recommendations from the auditor who conducted the recent 2020 audit of the church books – both of which require FUMC implement internal controls regarding the counting of the weekly offerings. In a church the size of Furley, where everyone knows and trusts everyone, this was not a priority for the Finance Committee. It is also challenging to have at least two counters (that are not related) count the offerings. Even after discussing the size of Furley church and the challenges of counting on Sunday before the offerings left the building with the Treasurer & Director of Administrative Services at the Great Plains Conference, we were told this change needed to be made immediately. It has nothing to do with trust, it is simply a requirement of the auditors, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the United Methodist Church as a whole. So when you see members of the finance committee leave the service for a little while, just know we are doing what we need to do to ensure we are meeting the requirements of these entities. It is important to all members of our committee that we follow the discipline, are transparent, and are good financial stewards of the gifts entrusted to us to build **HIS** kingdom.

If you would like additional information on the data above, please feel free to reach out to either Regina Klamm (Finance Chair) or Cheryl Slater (Treasurer). ~ submitted by Regina Klamm

# Furley's Streaming of Sunday Service Continues to Grow

Remember those good ol' simple times back in 2019? Back before we knew about words such as COVID or efficacy? Back when ***Come, Let's Journey Together, Living Life, Loving Jesus*** meant coming to worship all together in our Furley Church?

Sadly, much as changed in our collective lives in the past year and a half. Many of us have suffered from the virus—from a mild to major illness. Most likely we each have grieved the loss of someone we knew from this ongoing pandemic. However, through these difficult times we have found a way to keep going. Even when we could not worship in-person, we still worshipped!

Before the pandemic, zoom was something that moved quickly. Now, to most of us, Zoom is a way to communicate with both voice and video. But, even as this is being written, the Zoom application has fallen out of favor for new applications! This has been the case at the Furley Church as well.

Last Spring we moved from using the Zoom platform and start streaming the Sunday morning service on Facebook Live. We continue to stream onto Facebook as it offers several advantages; the biggest being that viewers can watch the service either live or later at their convenience. Behind-the-scenes as well, there are other technological advantages, which are constantly being updated. While you might notice ongoing efforts to improve the sound, there are numerous other items which are being addressed almost weekly, and it is almost a guarantee that these advances in technology will only continue.

While we miss the simpler times of the past, even the recent past, God is moving us forward, and He has not forgotten His Believers at Furley! Remember the Zoom viewership of ten to twelve people, and how we thought that was good? Now we reach dozens each week! As you hear about the excitement in our Church, please come see what is going on! If you cannot Come, and Journey with us Together--in person--please remember you can Come, and Journey Together, Living Life, Loving Jesus from wherever you might be at, and at the time that is most convenient for you.

If you have yet to discover the Furley worship stream, log into the Facebook application and search for the Furley United Method Church page. As you scroll down the page you will see the Sunday services.

*Submitted by David Klamm*





## News from the Manor

### Good Words from Chaplain Mike

Autumn is a great time to reflect on God's creation. Colors on the trees remind us of a God of beauty. Growing up in Indiana, I remember the beauty of places like Brown County in which people would go and be "leaf-peekers" in the Fall.

The beauty at this time of year reminds us of God's creation account in Genesis 1 and 2, with the words repeated, "And God saw that it was good." God's goodness is also known in His offer of redemption for our sinful souls through the sacrifice of His Son on the cross. If we want His forgiveness in Christ and a home in Heaven, He is willing to give it. Paul expressed His thankfulness for God's gift of His Son in 2 Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift." (NKJV)

And, by the way, if you are able to visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY (near Cincinnati, OH), you will be blessed by God's story of creation from the Bible. And while you are in the area, visit the Ark Encounter in nearby Williamstown, KY. They are both sponsored by Answers in Genesis. The website, [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org), is also a wealth of information in learning about God's creative genius.

### Help Wanted

CNA, CMA, LPN & RN  
All Shifts - Part Time & Full Time  
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*North Butler 4H Group*

The North Butler 4H group came to Wheat State Manor on August 9, 2021. They each brought some of the projects they entered in the Butler County Fair which was held in July. The group had several Grand Champion and Champion Reserve winners this year! Each member brought a project to show the residents, explained about it and what ribbon they received. All enjoyed the fresh air in front of the Manor. Thank you Debora Claassen and North Butler4H!

### Resident Corner

Q. "How are you feeling?"

A. "With my hands!"

A joke from Bessie Ratcliff, Ruth Ledbetter's mother

### Resident Words of Wisdom

"Do your best all of the time!" --Carrie Bell

"Think positive and always of good things!"  
--Sherrilyn Chisholm



*Rex Newcom preparing potatoes for the air fryer.*

Rex Newcom, with the inspiration of David Smith, have planted a very nice garden in raised boxes. They are growing tomatoes, potatoes, corn, yellow squash, pumpkin, green peppers, sweet potatoes, onions and okra. They are also growing various kinds of flowers. With the help of Tricia Fee, the rosebushes in the courtyard were pruned and are now blooming with beautiful red, pink and orange roses. When asked about pesky mosquitoes, they replied that purple martins come during the day and in the evenings a pair of bats make a visit and enjoy a mosquito meal.



*Tomatoes from the courtyard garden.*

## Thank you

Thank you to the WSM board members for authorizing the purchase of an air fryer for the Manor. Residents are loving the taste from Rex and David's garden in a new way. Staff love the



wonderful aroma it sends down the hallways when it is cooking. Thank you Rex and David for sharing the bounty of your harvest with us!

## September Birthday Cakes

Palmyra Baptist Church

## September Birthdays

Alice Dyck	11 <sup>th</sup>
Francisca De La Rosa	17 <sup>th</sup>
Louvina Miller	17 <sup>th</sup>



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  <i>Wayne &amp; Angie Telford (A)</i>	2	3  <i>Jan Lane</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Collection Sunday for area schools  Ad Council Meeting @ 5:00</i>	13  <i>KK @ 8:30 am</i>	14  <i>Recycle L thru Z</i>	15	16	17	18  <i>Meet @ 4 pm to prepare sack lunches for Open Door</i>
19 <i>Collection Sunday for area schools Deadline for Newsletter Denny Hill Josiah Moore</i>	20  <i>Deliver Sandwiches to Open Door</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Collection Sunday for area schools</i>	27	28  <i>Recycle A thru K</i>	29   <i>Brian &amp; Debbie Creekmore (A)</i>	30	Greeters September 5th Gary & Lamoyne Eilert September 12th Dave & Regina Klamm September 19th Gary & Lamoyne Eilert September 26th Dave & Regina Klamm	

# Peace and Patience

## September 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Read Proverbs 14:30 A heart of peace give life to the body	<b>2</b> Read Proverbs 15:18 Patience calms quarrels	<b>3</b> Read Isaiah 48:22 The LORD says No peace for the wicked	<b>4</b> Read Romans 5:1 Justified by faith Peace with God	<b>5</b> Read Colos. 3:12 Put on a heart of patience, kindness
<b>6</b> Read Galatians 5:22 Peace Patience Kindness	<b>7</b> Read Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule you	<b>8</b> Read Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with peace	<b>9</b> Read Psalm 37:7 Wait patiently for the LORD	<b>10</b> Read Galatians 6:9 Let us not grow weary of doing good	<b>11</b> Read Isaiah 26:3 Thou will keep in peace a mind stayed on thee	<b>12</b> Read Romans 12:12 Joyful Patient Faithful
<b>13</b> Read Romans 8:6 Mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace	<b>14</b> Read Romans 8:25 Eagerly wait with perseverance	<b>15</b> Read Luke 2:14 Glory to God and peace to mem on whom his favor rests	<b>16</b> Read James 1:2 & 3 Faith tested produces patience	<b>17</b> Read 2 Thess. 3:16 The Lord gives peace in every way	<b>18</b> Read Colos. 3:15 One body called to peace	<b>19</b> Read 2 Corinth. 13:11 Live in peace
<b>20</b> Read 2 Corinth. 4:17 Light and momentary troubles achieve eternal glory	<b>21</b> Read Psalm 29:11 The LORD blesses his people with peace	<b>22</b> Read Philippians 4:7 God's peace will guard your heart and mind in Christ	<b>23</b> Read John 16:33 Troubles in the world but I GIVE you peace	<b>24</b> Read Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another	<b>25</b> Read Romans 12:18 As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone	<b>26</b> Read Eccl. 7:8 Patience is better than pride
<b>27</b> Read James 5:8 You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high!	<b>28</b> Read Romans 12:12 Patience in affliction	<b>29</b> Read Ephesians 4:2 Humble, gentle, patient	<b>30</b> Read John 14:27 Peace I leave with you			