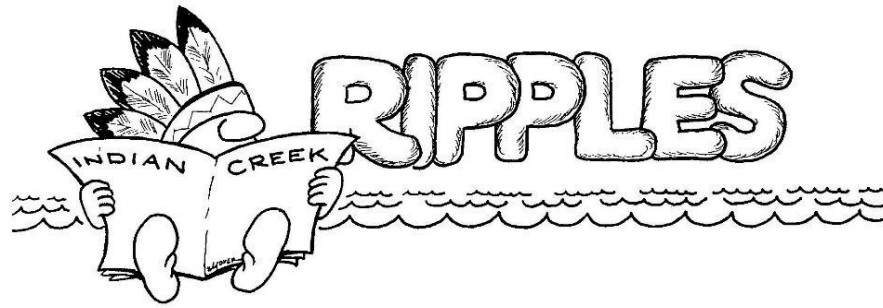


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## Letting Your Leaves Fall

Article submitted by Courtney Covell: [dayspring.com/articles](https://dayspring.com/articles)

Little yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree "Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!" But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to:

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [Ephesians 4:31,32 \(NIV\)](#)*

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:18,19 \(NIV\)](#)*

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

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Interim Pastor

**Courtney Covell**

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**Don Ziegler**

Custodian

**Kathy Moyer**

Wee Folk Director/Teacher

**Heather Thomsen**

Wee Folk Assistant Teacher

# Search Committee Update

There are no updates from the search committee.

Blessings,  
Sarah

# Nurture Nook

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

Our September Nurture activity was a celebratory Volunteer Breakfast. We are so appreciative of the MANY volunteers that help within our church family. All of you are so important and we wanted to thank you! We tried to name some of the ways people volunteer, and came up with quite an extensive list!

We feasted on delicious baked goods and breakfast sweets, and also had pancakes hot off the griddle and omelets made to order! Special thanks to omelet makers Chuck and Kevin, and pancake flipper, Pastor Tim! Thanks to Jadon for offering our prayer.



I was going to try to list all of the volunteers but I'm afraid I would miss someone. There are so many of you and we are so grateful. Let's all continue to look for more ways to support our congregation and its ministry!



# Youth Group News

Article and pictures by Donna Parcell

In September the youth group had some fun at Retroware Arcade in Lansdale. We had a great time playing the games, and most of us tried them all. The gamers included Jadon, Joseph, Kadlin, and Nathan.

The arcade has so many different kinds of games, including pinball machines, skee ball, basketball, dance dance revolution, and so much more. They have everything from newer games to old throw backs like Donkey Kong and Ms Packman. We all had a great time.

After expending our energy playing arcade games, we refueled with some delicious pizza!

We also continue to teach the nursery school Sunday school class on the first Sunday of every month, and are excited for Charlie to join our class! We are also planning another pop up breakfast so stay tuned.



# Small Talk

by: Kathy Moyer



The first weeks of school have come and gone quickly, with many accomplishments already! The children are enjoying new friendships and are working and playing well together, having made a good adjustment to the daily routines! What a blessing that our students are ready for their pre-school experience away from parents for a few hours, and thus far we have had no tears to dry! Playground time is a favorite part of each day, and we are thankful that the weather has been so favorable to enjoy outdoor play on these early fall days. What a nice way to start a new school year together!

Our theme in October will build upon September's Camping Adventure, with a study of animals who live in woodland settings. We will learn some new vocabulary to describe those who are *diurnal*, *nocturnal*, or even *crepuscular* – meaning they are active at twilight, sunrise or sunset, like the deer we see at these times! Other animals who will capture our attention will include raccoons, bears, opossums, and foxes. One day, we will bring our flashlights and go on a bear hunt around the church to see what we can find!

The children are already excited to tell us their fun and creative costume plans for our **Pumpkin Party Day** at the end of the month. Once again, we look forward to welcoming the Wee Folk

families for our parade of friendly characters and then return to our classroom to play games, carve a jack-o-lantern, and share some party snacks.

We continue to be thankful for the opportunities that come with sharing our Wee Folk days with our students and their families. Special thanks to Pastor Tim for welcoming the children to his office recently to give them a peek into his role at church, as well as his hobby of making balloon creations. We look forward to more special times ahead that we will share together for Bible stories and balloons, too!

Have you checked out our new Wee Folk presence on Facebook? In an effort to make Wee Folk more visible to the community, Indian Creek's Leadership Team has initiated this on our behalf. Administrative Assistant, Courtney, has done a great job capturing our classroom and our students busy at work! Go take a look, follow and share our page with others!

Wishing you all the blessings of this beautiful season!



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