

September 2020



## From Pastor John...

You know how this feels right?

About that time when you think you have things figured out, you have a routine, and you just "know" that you can handle whatever it is that is coming your way.

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Of course that's the time when everything changes. I'm writing this about the time that I'm also packing to go on vacation for a week. Emily and I are taking some time to go camping, and it'll be nice to spend time outdoors. I hadn't realized, though, how much I would have to get done before we go. This isn't me asking for any sort of pity or anything like that, but it's a recognition of what we all go through when we change.

Because things look so different from the way that they did when I was last gone, it is taking longer to get ready. In addition, we're sending out an new home based/virtual Sunday School program for our kids. All of these are good things, but they aren't what we're used to. When things are different, they take us a while before we get a feel for how it all goes together.

I'm saying all of this, because right now I think we're all feeling a little bit of this. Nothing is completely where we think it should be, and it feels off. It's why August felt like it was such a long month.

This Newsletter is coming out on Labor Day, so I want you to do something. I want you to take some time, either today, or this week, to rest. When you can find it, let yourself find a settling place in the middle of all the craziness.

If you need it, and we all probably do, do some Centering Prayer, or join us on our Facebook Page on Tuesday's at 4pm. The point isn't to take a nap (although that helps) but to find a stable place in the midst of all the craziness that is going on.

In the creation story in Genesis 1, we're told that God rested on the seventh day (Sabbath Day). For us, that's the example that we need, so that we can know its okay to stop and find that stable place again.

Take some time this week to do that, and know that the rest of the world will still be out here, it will still be crazy, (and you probably will be too), but we'll be better able to handle it.

I'll see you back in church once I find my way out of a tent and a state park.

Peace,  
Pastor John

Remember you can forward newsletter on to folks that might be interested and they can [subscribe](#) to our email list to stay up-to-date on things.

## Monthly Calendar

### ***Mondays***

7am-7:30am Scripture Reading on KDWD 99.1

### ***Tuesdays***

4pm Centering Prayer Live on our [Facebook Page](#)

### ***Fridays***

7am-7:30am Scripture Reading on KDWD 99.1

### ***Sundays***

Online Worship on [our website](#) (click on the link for Sunday's date)

9am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

### **Other Church Events**

9/7 Labor Day

9/7 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

9/9 - 1:30pm: Orpha Circle, 2:30pm: Serve Team Meeting

9/13 - 6pm: Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Ripley Park

9/20 - After 10:30 service: Going Away Reception for the Bonds

9/21 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

9/6-9/18: Pastor John Vacation

9/17-9/29: Beth Vacation (I will be in the office 9/14-9/16)

### **Community Calendars**

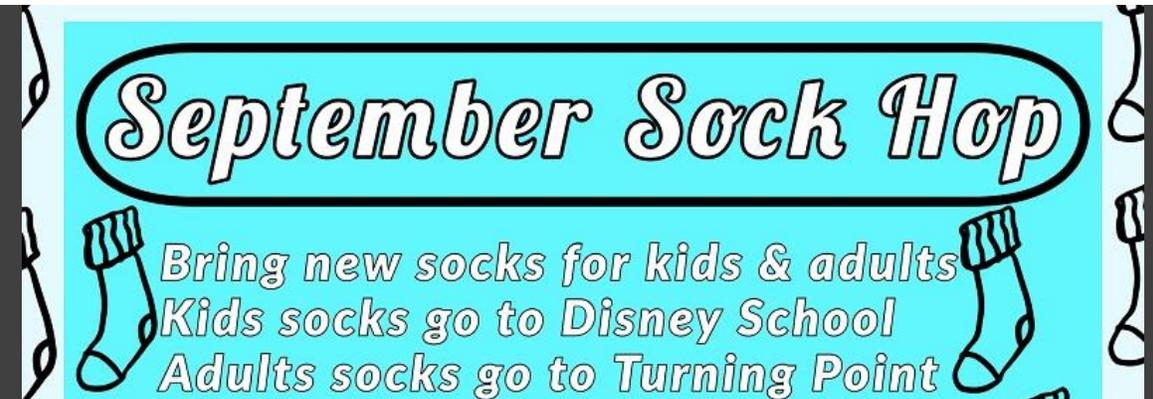
Marceline [School Calendar](#)

My Country 99.1 [Community Calendar](#)

### **Office Hours**

Beth: Wed-Fri, 8am-1pm

Pastor John: Monday all day, others by appointment (or stop in)

A graphic for a 'September Sock Hop' event. The title 'September Sock Hop' is written in a large, white, cursive font inside a black-outlined oval on a light blue background. Below the title, the text 'Bring new socks for kids & adults' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'Kids socks go to Disney School' and 'Adults socks go to Turning Point' are written in the same font. The graphic is decorated with line drawings of socks on the left and right sides.

**September Sock Hop**

Bring new socks for kids & adults  
Kids socks go to Disney School  
Adults socks go to Turning Point

Through the month of September we're collecting socks for school kids and for the folks who come through Turning Point in Columbia. You can donate kid sized socks, or adult sized socks. All will help. A donation of socks literally helps someone to go a long way. Put them in the box in the back of the Sanctuary, or contact Pastor John for another drop-off time.

## Birthdays

4 - Brad Cavanah  
4 - Ed McLachlan  
4 - Holly Bennett  
7 - Julie Tarpenting  
10 - Josh Shoemaker  
11- Brad Mosier  
13 - Natalie Dyas  
13 - Adam Lake  
14 - James Arnold  
16 - Susie Smith-Patten  
17 - Rich Bond  
18 - Kerry Lowrey

20 - Nora Vandeloecht  
21 - Tess Sheerman  
23 - Andrea Vandeloecht  
25 - Brandon Wellman  
25 - Stephanie Cordray  
27 - Cindy Lindbloom  
28 - Haven Lofstrom  
28 - carol Klingsmith  
30 - Jacee Brooks

## Anniversaries

10 - Cory & Shaunna Stallo  
19 - Brad & Pam Engelhard  
27 - David & Holly Bennett



Every year at Christmas, our Christmas Eve offering goes to support our partner church in Mozambique. The Missouri Conference has had a long standing relationship with the Methodists in Mozambique. You can follow the link to the Mozambique initiative to find out more of what our Confernece is doing to support ministry across the world.

[Mozambique Initiative](#)

## Prayer List

### *Ongoing Concerns*

Covid-19 Emergency, Youth, Young Adults, newcomers, Victims of Violence, Lynn Bishop, Rollie Smith, Marlene Graves, Stacie Ervie, Waverly Dixon, Sarah Cavanah (married to Brad), Bobby & Rita Peterson, Joan Sportsman, Bob & Pat Magee, Ronny Christmas, Michael Pauley, Marcia Vandeford, Phil Hamilton, Shane Cavanah, Dan Brooks, Sandy Hoskins, Wayne Heins, Ruth Farris, Linda Korte, Mary Saylor, Tom Hoover, Lynn Fellmann, Mark & Linda Ewigman, C.A. Lain, Steve Yates, Thomas Wellman  
Economy, Families, Nation Leaders

### ***Pioneer***

Mabel Worley, John Haynes, Jim Payden

### ***Bristol Manor***

Annie George, Shirley Coram

### ***Lenior Woods***

Ed McLachlan

### ***Military Service***

Patric Munson, Nick Cain, LTC John Casey Welch, Tyler Nanneman, Jeffrey Tucker, Kelly Tucker, Brett Wellman, Brandon Wellman, Heath Floray, Steve Graves, Michael Pyrtle, William Leukenotte, Kerry Lowrey

## **Parting Shot**

We only have one picture for this newsletter, but its one that I really like. In it are a bunch of the things that are going out to our kids for Sunday School. They're getting a dvd with lessons, a cd with songs to sing, family activity books, prizes, and there a few more things in there. You can read more about this by clicking on [Kids Sunday School](#)

