

The Messenger

September 2026

Darlington United Methodist Church

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Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Vision: By being a visible sign of restoration and hope in this community

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

A Shepherd's Sharing:

Grace and Peace: Did You Know?

While on vacation last month, I read a statement "Many Christians go through life on a speed boat. Going from point A to point B without remembering a single thing about the journey as they cross the water." My paraphrase... (author unknown) I reflected on that statement and found some truth in it for my life, and maybe you can too.

In particular, how many times do we find ourselves skipping across things in God's Word that we just look right past, because we are rushing to get to the other side?

Maybe it was because I was on vacation when I read that statement, that I paid more attention to it. Vacations allow us to slow down and rest. It means we don't have to slide right into "the next thing on the to do list". Mine was a much-needed break and one that allowed me to visit a new church as well. At the beginning of the service, the pastor shared a greeting that most Christians are familiar with. You can find it in Eph. 1:2... **Paul said, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."**

I have read the Bible enough to know that in every letter Paul writes, he has some form of greeting with a variation of "grace and peace" (which combines the standard Greek greeting, charis - grace, with the standard Hebrew greeting, shalom - peace.)

We know that the Bible was predominantly written in Greek and Hebrew. In Paul's day, Jews and Gentiles weren't the best at getting along. Truth is, most of Paul's writings seemed geared towards writing to factious churches where Jew/Gentile infighting was tearing at the fabric of congregations. So, there was a good reason he started each letter out with Grace and Peace.

The grace and peace statement was reminder for everyone that Jesus' saving work was done for ALL. That God's love was for everyone who has ever lived as 1 Timothy 2:4 says "[God our Savior] wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth."

Look around our society...look around at your own life...is it overflowing with grace and peace? Or is infighting tearing apart the fabric of your family, community, government, or church?

The pastor of the church I attended on vacation preached on how important unity is for the church of Jesus Christ...and the world. Even though things seem so divisive, we can hold onto the truth that Paul reminds us so frequently in his writings...GRACE AND TRUTH. God sent his only Son into the world to save us from our lost condition...and we are forgiven by the blood of Jesus...whether Jew or Gentile, white or black, Democrat or Republican, healthy or sick...God has forgiven all! It is with faith in Jesus Christ that we can let go of worry.

Grace is God's disposition of kindness and favor toward the world. The grace brings peace: peace with God, peace with other believers, and a broader peace throughout creation. My prayer is that we all slow down and carry a quiet heart, living in the light of God's grace and enveloped in His peace!

~Pastor David

September 2026 Scripture Reading

September 6, 2026, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Exodus 12:1-14



Sermon: God's Instructions = God's Protection

September 13th, 2026, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon: An Outstretched Arm

September 20, 2026, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon: Can You See

September 27, 2026, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon: Water From a Rock

Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time - 10:00 a.m.

God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time - to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 1:9



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and anniversaries to all our members and friends who have birthdays or anniversaries this month. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

May God lead you and guide you always.
Long life is in your right hand;
in your left hand are riches and honor.
Proverbs 3:16

Dates to Remember

Labor Day
National Grandparents Day
Colfax Hickory Comm. Dinner, 6 p.
Newsletter Items Due
Relay for Life, Noon to 5 p.
Fall Equinox
Basement Reserved, 12 p. – 5 p.
SPRT/Ad Council, 5 p./6p.
Basement Reserved, 1p
Reports due for Charge Conference
Charge Conference, 10 a.

September 7
September 13
September 17
September 18
September 19
September 22
September 27
October 14
October 18
October 24
November 7



First Name Holidays

National David Day	September 8
National Miles Day	September 16
National Hannah Day	September 21
National Brittney Day	September 21
National Kristin Day	September 21
National Steve Day	September 24
National John Day	September 25
National Chris Day	September 28



Silly Dates to Remember

World Letter Writing Day	September 1
Bison-ten Yell Day	September 2
Skyscraper Day	September 3
National Macadamia Nut Day	September 4
Telephone Tuesday	September 8
International Sudoku Day	September 9
Swap Ideas Day	September 10
Make Your Bed Day	September 11
National Coloring Day	September 14
National Double Cheeseburger Day	September 15
World Play-Doh Day	September 16
National Apple Dumpling Day	September 17
National Rice Krispie Treat Day	September 18
Miniature Golf Day	September 21
National White Chocolate Day	September 22
Checkers Day	September 23
Punctuation Day	September 24
National Quesadilla Day	September 25
Good Neighbor Day	September 28
National Mocha Day	September 29
Chewing Gum Day	September 30



Announcements for the Bulletin

Please contact Dustin Gardner at 317-220-7667 or dustin.gardner95@gmail.com by Wednesday, if you need any announcement included in the bulletin on the following Sunday morning.

What's Coming Up . . .

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study



Ladies Bible Study:

We continue to study the Book of Revelation and are finding some amazing treasures as John continues to write. Several new gals have joined us and we welcome all!

Hope to see you Wednesday mornings in the church basement at 9 a.m. The coffee will be brewing as we gather to read the Word and learn from each other. Teaching will last for an hour with fellowship to follow if you want to stay.

Come and join the fun! If you have any questions, contact me.

Hope to see you soon!

Diana Binford

In Memory Plaque Announcement



We are pleased to announce that our church will be creating an **In Memory Plaque** to honor and remember our beloved past church members who have gone before us. This plaque will serve as a lasting tribute to their faith, service, love, and dedication to our church family.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered on the plaque, please submit their name to Denise Maxwell (denisekmaxwell@gmail.com) or share with me at church.)

May this memorial be a meaningful reminder of the lives, love, and faithful witness of those who helped shape our church community.

Blessings,
SPRT Committee

Prayer Room



We are excited to announce the opening of our new cozy little prayer room. The new prayer room is located through the door on the right side of the sanctuary. This special space is available for anyone seeking a quiet place for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

If you would like someone to pray with you feel free to reach out to Pastor Dave or one of your church family members.

We will have prayer request cards located in our prayer room. Feel free to fill out and place in the collection plate or leave in a basket located by the cards. Share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with. Our church is a praying church, and we want to ensure everyone has prayer support.

Have a blessed summer.

Blessings from your Pastor Parish Committee

2026 Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held on
**November 7th at 10 a.m. at the Trinity
UMC, 314 N. 6th Street, Lafayette, IN.**

If you have a part in filling out reports, please talk with Pastor David. Our report is due on **October 24th.**

Colfax Hickory Community Dinner 2026 Schedule

As you plan for the upcoming year, we would love it if you would consider taking time to join us for sweet fellowship and good food once a month at The Gathering Place in Colfax Indiana. As always, we appreciate any free will donations that people contribute to help us with the cost of the food.

This year, we would like to see if there would be any businesses willing to become a corporate sponsor for a meal for one month. We will gladly advertise your company name on each table with any generous gift to the ministry.

The following dates are when we are scheduled to gather together at 6 p. m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except for December)

September 17th **October 15th** **November 19th** **December 3rd**

The kind and loving people of Colfax United Methodist Church invite everyone to come and eat. Our goal is simply to build relationships with our neighbors and spread the love of Jesus.

Together we can make a difference!

Pastor David Bushfield



Montgomery County's Relay for Life

I am proud to be participating in Montgomery County's Relay for Life, an event that brings our community together to honor survivors, remember loved ones we've lost, and

raise funds for the American Cancer Society's life-saving work. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, September 19th, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at the **Crawfordsville Moose Lodge**. Opening Ceremony will be at 12 p.m. A Luminaria Ceremony will commence at 4 p.m. followed by a Survivor/Caregiver Meal that will be served at 4:30 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction and entertainment throughout the day.

I would truly be grateful if you could support my efforts with a donation. Your generosity will help bring us closer to a world without cancer. You can make a secure donation online at

relayforlife.org/montgomerycountyin, please search for my name or you can mail a check, made out to the American Cancer Society and mail it to me.

Thank you for standing with me in this fight against cancer. Together we can make a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Cheryl Greene

*Relay For Life: there is no finish line until
there is a cure!*

MY CHILD...
TRUST ME.

I HAVE
EVERYTHING
UNDER
CONTROL.

Jesus

Pastor Dave's Office Hours and Reachability

Church...Please know I am here for you. ALL OF YOU! I have had people say things to me like, "with three churches, I don't want to interrupt you...or I don't want to bother you." While I appreciate the sentiment and care you all have for me, it is important that you know that I am available to you as your pastor.

I want to be there for you when you need me.

EMAIL ME AT: dave.bushfield@inumc.org

CALL OR TEXT ME AT: 765-426-6271

STOP AND VISIT ME AT:

MONDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Rossville United Methodist Church
TUESDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Colfax United Methodist Church
WEDNESDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Darlington United Methodist Church
THURSDAYS	WORK FROM HOME OR VISITATIONS	
FRIDAYS	DAY OFF	
SATURDAYS	MY SABBOTH DAY	
SUNDAYS	Darlington 9 a, Colfax 10:30 a, Rossville 12:00 p	

There may be times when I am unavailable, if that happens, please leave me a message and I will get back with you. Caring for your spiritual needs and concerns is part of what we do as pastors. It is my honor to be your pastor and help care for you!

(On Friday or Saturday, if there is a ministry need, please contact the Staff Parish Chairperson for any ministry needs for your prospective churches. I will not take calls on these days in order to maintain my spiritual and physical health...thank you for understanding.)

SPRT CHAIRPERSONS:

Darlington UMC:	Denise Maxwell	765-918-5227
Colfax UMC:	Tammy Greiger	317-989-8599
Rossville UMC:	Gary Hathaway	765-564-0102

Bison-ten Yell Day – September 2nd General Thaddeus 'The Shout' Sterling (Imaginary)

General Thaddeus 'The Shout' Sterling is the whimsical, imaginary figure whose bicentennial is playfully celebrated on Bison-ten Yell Day. While purely fictional, he embodies the spirit of the 'person who invented verbal signaling to yell at soldiers during war,' a key element of the holiday's quirky origin. His legend serves as a humorous tribute to the power of the human voice in commanding attention and conveying messages, particularly in historical military contexts, and the clever wordplay that birthed this unique observance.

Practice saying 'Bison-ten Yell' repeatedly to hear the 'bicentennial' sound-alike, then share your discovery with friends. You could also try to learn some historical military signals.

Play word games like Scrabble or Boggle, crossword puzzles, word searches, or anything with a word play.

Eat Buffalo Wings! And have a great Bison-ten Yell Day!



Church Business

Nine members of Ad Council were present at 6 p.m. for the August 5th meeting when the Chairwoman asked Pastor David to open with prayer. The minutes were approved as sent electronically.

John Budd came to speak with the Council about our Website.

It was decided to paint the pastor's office and copy room, replace the valances on the windows, and replace the ceiling light.

The Memory Plaque is moving along well and once it is engraved, it will be hung in the church.

Pastor David will be on vacation from August 10th to August 22nd. He has secured a guest speaker for August 16th.

The Financial Report was given.

The new basement door will be installed soon. Haley's Lock and Key will paint the door before it is installed.

107 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were delivered to the Food Pantry in Crawfordsville. Help buying the food for the Backpacks may be needed in the future.

With no other new business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 14 at 6 p.m.**

One item was missed regarding a mission and was brought to the attention of the Ad Council chair by Pastor David. A motion to give to make a donation to the Gideons International was brought before the Committee via email. It was approved with a majority vote.

SPRT/Ad Council Upcoming Dates for 2026

October 14

December 9

Financial Report

January – June 2026 (YTD)

Thank *you* for your blessed giving. Jesus is our shepherd and together we will become a strong body. Take time to reflect on what he endured for our salvation.

Nancy Weliever, Treasurer

God is good – All the time.

All the time – God is good.

***I love them that love me; and those
that seek me early shall find me.***

Proverbs 8:17

God, help us to read and obey your Word,
asking guidance of the Holy Spirit for our lives.

Amen



Cleansing Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains:

Lose all their guilty stains,

Lose all their guilty stains;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away:

Wash all my sins away,

Wash all my sins away;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its pow'r,

Till all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved, to sin no more:

Be saved, to sin no more,

Be saved, to sin no more;

Till all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream

Thy flowing wounds supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die:

And shall be till I die,

And shall be till I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue

Lies silent in the grave,

Then in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:

I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,

I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;

Then in a nobler, sweeter song

I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Author – William Cowper, 1731–1800

Music – American Melody

Tune Name – “Cleansing Fountain”

Scripture Reference – Zechariah 13:1

***“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far
off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” – Ephesians 2:13***

Happy Labor Day!

Labor Day, Labor Day,

Stop The Work & Play Today.

Rest, Relax, & Go Outside;

Jump, Run, Catch Some Rays.

Unwind, Be Present, Do “New” Today,

Smile, Laugh, Have Fun This Day.

All About Hope



From Esther

The God of Beginnings and Endings

Dear sisters and brothers in Darlington,

With the arrival of September, we stand at a threshold. Summer is slowly ending, and a new half-year of congregational life is beginning. Children and young people are returning to school; many are resuming their daily routines with renewed energy after the summer break, while nature shows us that the time of harvest has come.

Beginnings and endings are part of life. They remind us that our lives are in God's hands. He is the God who begins new things, who accompanies us on our journey, and who brings to completion what he has begun.

The risen Christ says: **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."** (Revelation 22:13)

For John Wesley, this certainty was the foundation of the Christian life. Everything begins with God's grace. Long before we seek God, He is already seeking us. Wesley called this prevenient grace—God's loving work that precedes every human being. No one is outside of His love; no one is too far away to be found by God.

When we respond to this love, a new life begins. Yet the journey of faith does not end with our conversion. It is a lifelong journey of sanctification. God transforms our hearts day by day so that we may become more like Christ. Wesley spoke of a faith that shapes not only Sundays but every day of our lives.

That is why Wesley repeatedly asked his preachers and the members of the Methodist classes not first: "What do you believe?", but rather: "How is your soul?"

This question remains relevant today.

- How is our soul at the beginning of this new church semester?
- Are we growing in love for God?
- Are we learning to see our fellow human beings through the eyes of Christ?
- Are we allowing ourselves to be transformed by God's Spirit?

Harvest Time invites us to reflect on these questions.

Paul writes: **"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."** (Galatians 6:9)

Every loving encounter, every prayer, every visit, every meal we share with one another, every hour of volunteer service, and every kind word is a seed of the Kingdom of God.

It is not we who make these seeds grow. God grants the growth.

This was one of Wesley's deepest convictions. That is why he always combined personal piety with practical action. He was convinced: "There is no holiness apart from social holiness."

By this he meant that our faith can never be merely a private matter. Anyone who has experienced God's love will pass it on. Being a Christian is expressed through mercy, hospitality, justice, and compassion.

That is why, as a congregation, we may ask ourselves: What seeds do we want to sow this fall?

Perhaps it is time for a conversation of reconciliation.

Perhaps someone is waiting for a visit.

Perhaps a neighbor needs practical help.

Perhaps someone is searching for hope and will find it through an invitation to our worship service.

Perhaps God is beginning something great through just a small gesture.

Jesus reminds us: **"The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground ... and the seed sprouts and grows—he himself does not know how."** (Mark 4:26–27)

How liberating! We are not responsible for the outcome. We are faithful sowers. God alone brings forth the fruit.

That is precisely why we can enter this new half-year of the church year full of hope. Perhaps we will not see every fruit of our labor. Some seeds do not sprout until years later. Others are carried on by people we will never meet.

Yet God's promise remains. **"Those who sow with tears will reap with joy."** (Psalm 126:5)

In the end, September reminds us that every ending is also a new beginning. This year's harvest already holds the seeds for the coming year. In the same way, God is preparing something new in our lives as well.

Let us therefore step boldly into this fall—rooted in God's grace, sustained by His love, and ready to sow seeds of faith, hope, and love.

May our church be a place where people encounter Christ. A place where hearts are transformed.

A place where God's grace becomes visible.

And may a prayer by John Wesley accompany us as we do so: "Do in me and through me whatever pleases You. Let me be used or set aside, honored or despised. Let me have everything or possess nothing. Freely and with all my heart, I surrender everything to Your good pleasure and Your will."

With this trust, we step together into September—for the God who sows the good seed will also bring the harvest to completion.

Your sister in Christ,

~Esther

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

At the end of the school year, a kindergarten teacher was receiving gifts from her pupils. The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it overhead, and said, "I bet I know what it is: some flowers."

"How did you know?" the boy asked

"Just a wild guess," she answered.

Next the teacher accepted a gift from the sweet-shop owner's daughter, held it overhead, shook it, and said, "I'll bet this is a box of candy."

"How did you know?" the girl asked.

"Oh, just a wild guess," the teacher answered.

The next gift was from the son of the liquor-store owner. The teacher held the package overhead, but it was leaking. She touched a drop with her finger and then touched it to her tongue. "Is it wine?" she asked with a smile. "No-o-o-o-o-o," the boy replied with even greater excitement.

The teacher took one more taste before declaring, "I give up. What is it?"

With great glee the little boy shouted, "It's a puppy!"

Taken from **Daily Splashes of Joy**, June 2, by Barbara Johnson

***They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.***

Isaiah 2:4

Today, God, I ponder past battles when world conflict took the lives of millions of men, women, and children. Even now lives are being lost because of war. I try to make room for peace in my heart, for I am one of your squabbling children. May lion-with-lamb peace sprout first within me and then overflow onto others, inspired by the love you've sent into this world.

Amen.

Peace is not the absence of conflict,
but the handling of conflict without loss of balance.

Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro, **Heal Your Soul, Heal the World**

Taken from **My Personal Daily Prayer Book**, September 7.

Missions

We have several opportunities for you to get involved. Each opportunity is a wonderful way to reach out to the community around us. **But please, don't feel that you must be involved in every project that is offered.** Pick what you are passionate about and give whatever support you can. Thanks for your help.



Backpack Program

And the packing has begun. We will pack the backpacks for the weekend every **Thursday at 3 p.m.** We are packing for **45 students** each week, so supplies will dwindle quickly.

We have sufficient funds for shopping for anyone wishing to help, so please contact Lynn Cox. Drinks and cereal deplete rapidly, since we send out milk and juice each week. Cereal in individually plastic bags are also given out at that rate each week also.

This is the list of items that are put in the backpacks. Each week the bags are packed with a mix of these items. A jar of peanut butter and a bag of crackers are sent each week. All items are individual servings.

Cereal (plastic bags)	Pop tarts	Oatmeal
Saltines	Peanut butter	Vienna sausage
Fruit cups	Fruit chews	Pudding cups
Individual veggies in plastic cups		Granola bars
Juice pockets	Mac and cheese	Chef boy Ardee
Beef jerky sticks	Applesauce cups	Milk (shelf stable)

A big thank you to John and Marsha Wells for all their help over that past few years. They have felt the need to step back from this project. They were good shoppers and will be missed. Thank you to everyone else who has helped with this project. It is greatly appreciated.

Project: Be a Fisherman

On the table in the front entrance we have placed some material that anyone can pick up. There are pamphlets, Daily Bread devotionals and crosses. These are materials you can hand out as you have an opportunity.

Denise Maxwell





PB&J Mission

The PB&J Mission is going well. Mark and Lynn Cox delivered 107 pounds of Peanut Butter and Jelly to the Food Pantry in July. Thanks to everyone who donates to this worthwhile mission.



Take a Bible/Give a Bible Box

"Take a Bible/Give a Bible Box" located on the east side of the church, established by Diana & David Binford and Gary Cox.

Purpose: The box is available for people to both donate and/or take Bibles and Spiritual books.

Donation Guidelines:

Accepted Items: Gently used Bibles and spiritual books are accepted.

Preparation: Donated items should be placed individually in plastic bags to protect them from the weather.

Availability: Anyone who needs a Bible or a spiritual book is welcome to take one.

The Kid's Closet

The Kids Closet is a ministry based in Montgomery County, IN. Jennifer Pruett started this in Crawfordsville a few years ago. I am happy to be able to be a part of this worthwhile mission.

Our Mission is to provide gently used and sometimes new clothing to all children in Montgomery County who have a need.

The ages range from newborn to 18. Families fill out a google form to request clothes. Our goal is to provide the children with 10 outfits including socks and underwear to have plenty to wash and wear throughout the week. There is no charge for the clothing. Families learn of this by word of mouth, but our hope is for us to get the schools to help us learn of families that need some help. We give weather appropriate clothing, including shorts, jackets, school clothes, etc.

The Kid's closet is open now, and we take clothes from preemie to 14/16. We have had some requests for up to size 20, though. Right now, we're doing a sock drive, if anyone would like to donate new socks. We're always accepting donations be it clothing or monetary. If you look on Amazon, you can also find a wish list for The Kid's Closet.

Thanks for your help.

Darsey Gardner

Guatemalan Project

Here is the latest news!!

We have learned from our Guatemala contacts, that they have received a new EKG machine this year. Glenn reports that this is such a blessing because it keeps people from having to drive long distances when they need this test.

He also said to tell everyone that they are making a huge difference for the folks in that community.

So, if you have any questions about Guatemala, I will connect you with Glenn. He is so excited about the work being done there.

Let's keep doing all that we can to support our friends in need!

Diana L. Binford
765-918-0356



Doing all the good we can together...
Glenn Howell

National Safe Haven Alliance

Kroger Community Rewards



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

Whether you're a customer or an organization, get started today!

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.



Please remember the following members and friends of our church family in your daily prayers. If you need to add or delete any name from this list, please contact Diana Binford or Marsha Wells.

Thank you for your continued prayer.

Praises: So many prayers answer!

Christ the Lord is Risen!

God's grace for traveling mercies

Gideon Ministry

Guest speakers

Successful surgeries

State Fair – fun and educational

Other prayer needs:

A need for volunteers to help with Nursery

Children in backpack ministry – needs met

Community, State, Nation, World and all the leaders

– May they make God-led decisions

Darlington UMC, Colfax UMC, Christ UMC, Rossville UMC and UMC at large, East Naples UMC, Congregational Church, and East Christian Church

Farmers

Kid's Closet

Those who have been injured and lost everything in a house fire

Those who have lost everything in storms

Our college kids

Our Guatemalan children/Our Guatemalan Project

Those in foster care and all the challenges they face

Victims in Haiti, Iran, Israel, Maui, Nigeria, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, and Venezuela

Victims of dust storms, floods, and tornadoes, wild fires

Victims of hate crimes and discrimination

Victims of Indiana floods

Victims of the Texas Floods

Those in treatment or suffering with cancer

Those with other health needs

Those Serving in the military:

All those being deployed and all our military, home or overseas

Our Shut-In List

Our Shut-Ins who need their days brightened with visits, mail, calls, and including them in your daily prayers.



Dear Father, We lift up all those who are facing illness or other adversities in their bodies and minds today.

We ask that you bring comfort, peace, and healing.

Surround them with your love and touch their bodies with your healing hands. Amen

God Finds Us Usable

Isn't it amazing to think that the God of the Universe finds us usable. He's given us specific gifts and abilities for reaching out to others. He could have chosen a thousand other ways to reach the unsaved, but the Lord picked us! Thank you for your service to our church.

Liturgist

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Diana Binford

Dan Maxwell

Lynn Cox

Dan Hampton

Diana Binford

Mary Lou Weliever

Dan Maxwell

Dan Hampton

Scripture Reader

September 6

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September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

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October 25

Tracy McHenry

Cheryl Greene

Pam Crull

Kim Warren

Kathy Hampton

Steve Greene

Lynn Robison

Tracy McHenry

Nursery

*If you can't be in Nursery,
please call someone on the list to trade.
Thank you.*

September 6

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Cheryl Greene

Tracy McHenry

Jaysee Shaw

Lynn Cox

Darsey Gardner

Cheryl Greene

Tracy McHenry

Diana Binford

Fellowship

September 6

September 13

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

October 18

October 25

Mary Lou Weliever

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Dan and Kathy Hampton

David and Jeanette Shelton

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*“Oh, that I might
have my request,
that God would grant
what I hope for.”
Job 6:8*