

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

The newsletter of  
Community United Methodist Church

**Pastor's Pen** 

August 2023

## All In the Family

For the last several weeks we've found ourselves in a sermon series out of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome. I'll admit it wasn't planned that way, it just sort of took on a life of its own as I followed the lectionary and ventured deeper into what Paul was trying to convey to a church that was experiencing doubts and a crisis of faith. The selected readings each week have woven, in my opinion, a story of where we were in our former sinful life to where we are now that we've been redeemed, and where we are eventually going when our time on earth is done. It's a story of faith, struggle, and perseverance. A story with a happy ending where we all live happily ever after, one big happy family.

On Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, I preached a sermon entitled: The Family Business referencing what the Apostle tells his readers about being adopted into the family of God as brothers and sisters and coheirs with Jesus Christ in the final inheritance. He says that if we are going to be a part of the family we will have to expect to suffer as Christ suffered for us. Now, I don't think he was talking about actually being physically crucified, although some early Christians were, but that we will face opposition and resistance in what we do in

Jesus' name. The question being: Are we up to the task, will we be the somebodies who do something in Jesus' name?

That got me thinking about a family business that I was familiar with in my past. In the early 1970s before I migrated to Texas to go to school, I worked on a family owned and operated golf course outside of Syracuse, New York. It was a large family, and everyone had their job to do. Mr. Forward, the father and grandfather, couldn't get around very well but his job was to hook one of the gang mowers to his Chevrolet Blazer and mow the fairways, all eighteen of them. Al, one of the son-in-laws, was the greenskeeper working hard to keep the greens in perfect condition. Mrs. Forward, the matriarch, kept the books. She was sweet but did not suffer fools. Norma and Caroline, the daughters, cooked, cleaned, and worked in the kitchen, and the teenaged children handled the menial tasks such as busing tables and waiting on restaurant customers. I was the bartender. Running a golf course is a very competitive business especially when large corporations got into the golfing game, especially in upstate New York where you could only golf in late Spring, Summer, and early Fall, weather permitting. Everything has to mesh just right to run a successful and profitable golf course and so many things can go wrong. Equipment breaks down, the special grass is susceptible to diseases, you can have both too much rain and not

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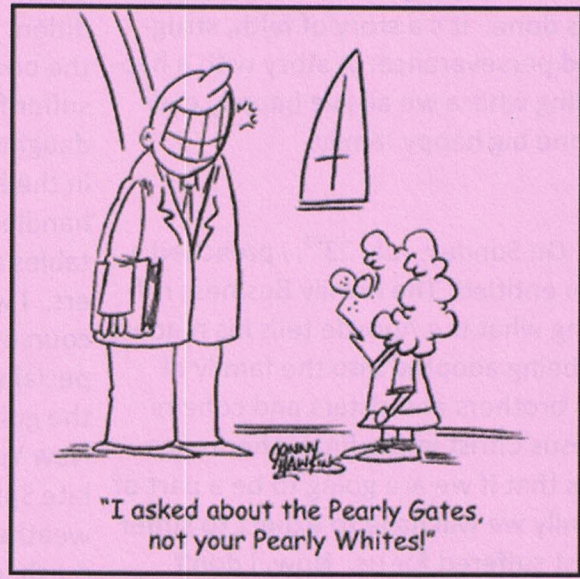
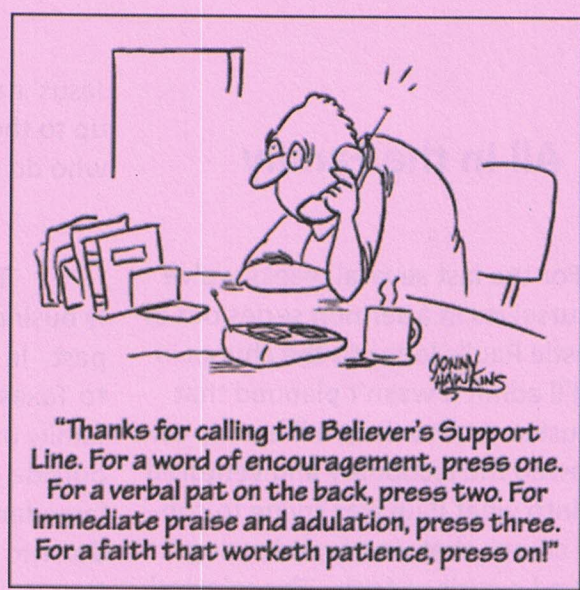
And like today, Paul realized that the Roman Christians of his day were being pulled in many directions and having a hard time keeping it together. He was concerned that their Christianity was slipping down on their list of priorities, what was important to them, and their families now took precedence. How could he keep them engaged and focused on the Father's business? Now to be fair, it is difficult balancing work, a family, and God along with everything else that is going on in your life. Remember, the Apostle Paul was a bachelor and had a very special calling that he placed above all else. Nonetheless, he was genuinely concerned about faith and devotion to Christ taking a back seat to everything else and maybe even being put out on the side of the road.

And here we are, 2,000 or so years later still trying to figure out how to stay engaged and focused, how to keep Jesus in the car as we journey down life's highway. One could easily point out that we have many more things to distract us than the early Roman Christians had, and that is true, but God remains the one true constant. And that, I believe, is what the Apostle is talking about at the end of chapter eight when he says: *We know that God works all things together for the good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.* What this passage tells me is that God does love us, and it will all work out in the end if we just do our best to handle the tasks assigned us in the family business. God knows life is hard and challenging at best and that we have other obligations like supporting ourselves and our families. He just wants to make sure we have our priorities straight. To reinforce this the Apostle asks: *Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* He then answers his question stating: *I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord; not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.* As strong a statement you can make on the power and limitless depth of God's love.

And that's how it is in the family of God. Unlike the squabbles that we have had within our own families that have caused division and estrangement, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

No matter what happens, no matter how bad it may get, if you keep it all within the family of God, you can get through it, we can get through it, and be the adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ as God always intended

What can you do, what can we do to keep it all in the family?

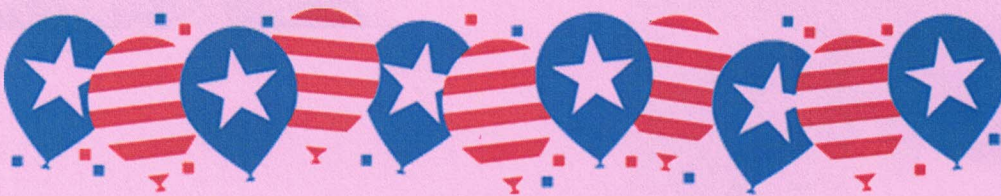




Orchid beauty!



Marcy Wootan made a 4th of July bouquet in honor Of our nations 247th birthday!

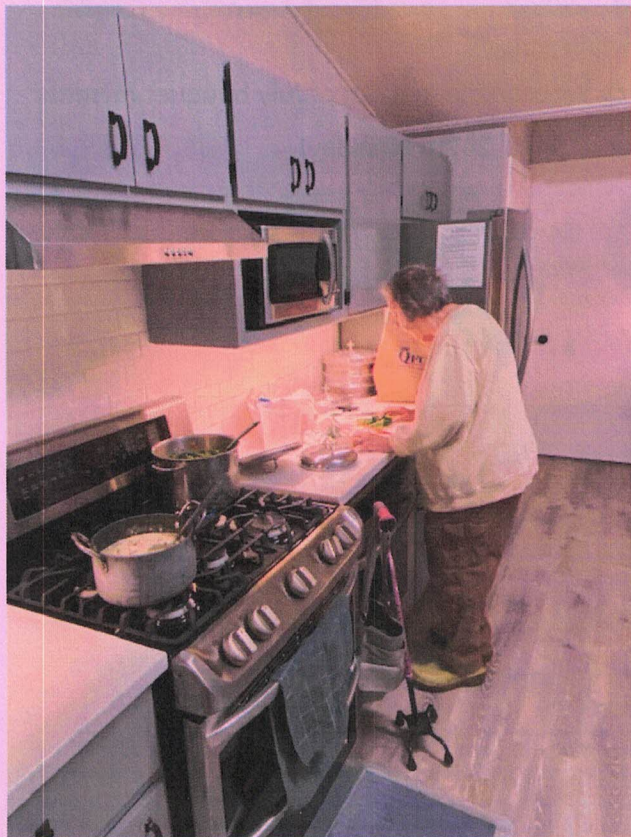


Flowers from Siochains garden. Made A lovely altar bouquet



### Clothes Closet News:

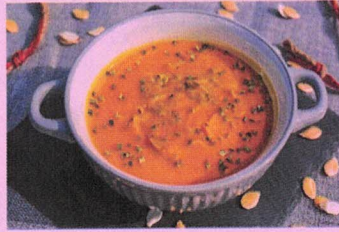
The CUMC general store is now collecting your Rx prescription bottles to refill with shampoo and conditioner, to hand out to those in need. Please de-label and rinse them out. They can be left in the Food Room of the store. Thank you!



You don't have to be young to help serve or make soup for our community.

Pat Broughton at 90 not only served but made a fantastic bean & ham soup to share at the Saviors Soup in June.

**Please consider signing up**



## Soups On!

### Saturday Soup Kitchen: Savior's Soup

**\*\*New to the Soup Kitchen\*\***

Hard Boiled eggs—people love them and take them to go and eat later. We need volunteers to provide a dozen hard boiled eggs each week. Please sign up using the signup sheet in the Narthex.

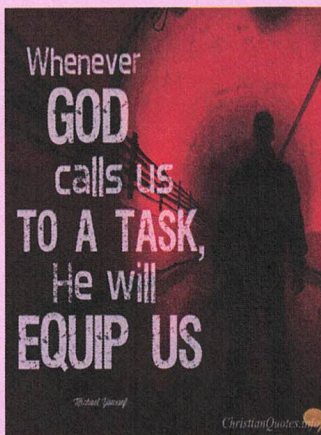
Fresh fruit—they also love fresh fruit to take with them that is easy to carry and easy to eat, such as bananas and tangerines.

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*Sign up for fun, fellowship, and soup!*

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Each week it takes two people to handle the soup kitchen:



One person is needed to prepare the soup, set up the sanctuary, serve our guests, and clean up afterwards. A double batch usually does it especially if you use an extender like pasta or rice. Don't let the cost of buying ingredients slow you down, there are funds available to reimburse the costs of ingredients if requested.

We also need an extra set of hands to help with set-up, clean up and interacting or fellowshiping with our guests.

There is always plenty of bread and corn muffins, so you only need to provide a double batch of soup—maybe more, come in and set up, serve, and clean up when done.

We are finding that some people need gluten free and vegetarian options. You can coordinate with Lodema to help meet this need.

We have also discovered that hard boiled eggs are a BIG hit--especially to go--and they love fresh fruit such as bananas and tangerines. We need volunteers to make a dozen hard boiled eggs and

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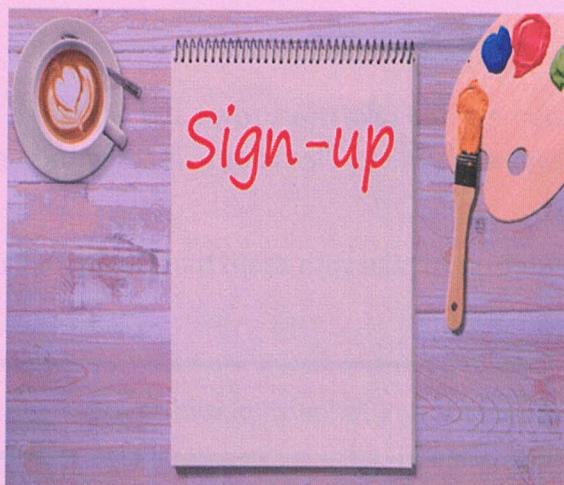
provide fresh fruit for each week.

The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (this may change) and we serve about 15-30 people, including some to go.

*Our guests love the fellow ship with each other and us!*

## It is easy and fun!

If you would like to help after they leave in September, come by any Saturday and we can provide you with the low-down of what it takes to do the set-up and clean up. It isn't difficult and it is rewarding and fun!



How to get involved:

Stop by any Saturday to get familiarized.

Talk to Lodema, Ray, or Lori on Sunday.

Use the calendar located in the kitchen to sign up.

Call Pastor Scott or the Church office at 360 385-1579.

Call Lodema or Ray at 661-289-0176.

Call Lori Oberlander at 360 620-0809.

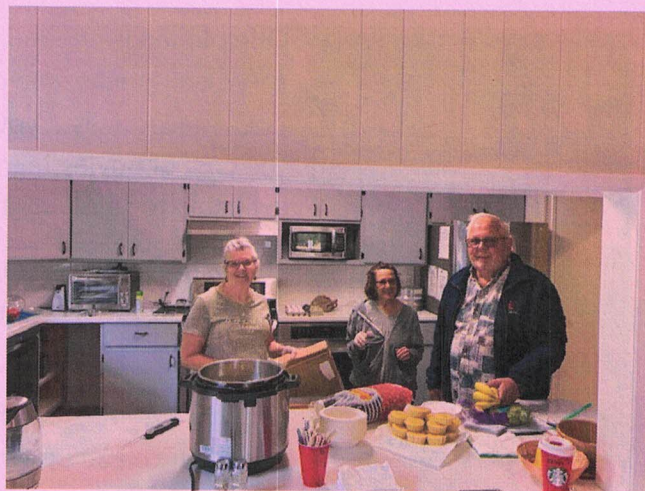
Make a dozen hard boiled eggs.

Provide fresh fruit.

Prepare a double batch of soup.

Setup and clean up.

Come and participate in fellowship.




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*We look forward to seeing you at lunch, also known as Savior's Soup!*

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## Discover Someone's Hidden Gifts

Engage anyone: friends, family and even strangers on a deeper level by helping them find their hidden gifts by asking a few simple questions.

Gifts of the head: Ask them about something that they know about? For example, if you notice something, you can ask them about it or ask them what they like to read. Have they read any cool articles or books? If they ever thought about teaching something, what would it be?

If you're nervous to ask about them, you can tell them about an article that you read or something that piqued your interest on the news or a program that you watched on television. Before you know it, you will have connected beyond a basic polite greeting.

Gifts of the hands: You can also ask them about something that they like to do in their free time. Ask them what they are good at making such as hobbies, interests, etc. When they tell you, affirm them by acknowledging their wonderful gifts and be curious about learning more about their skills and talents. You will be off and running in no time. Don't be afraid to share something that you like to make or do.

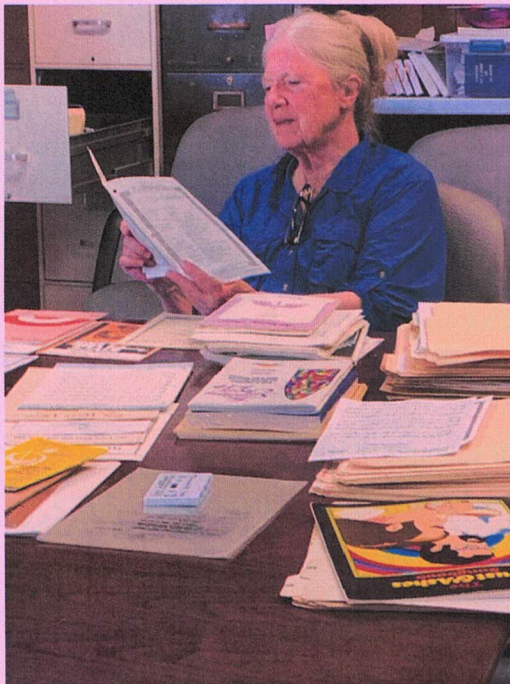
Gifts of the heart: Another thing you can use as a conversation starter is to ask them about something they care about so much that it moves them to action, what makes them happy or brings them joy.

These are all great ways to not only start learning about each other, we connect, and discover each other's hidden gifts.

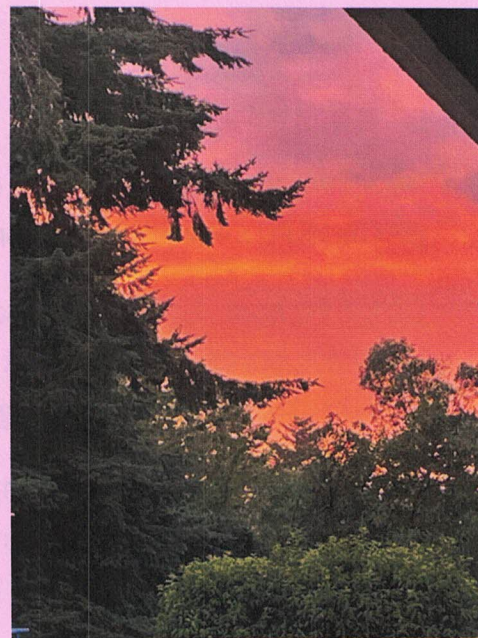
Now go and find someone's hidden gifts—it is fun!



Who Is My Neighbor?



Sheila checking out the archived music. There is so much!



Beautiful sunset. Photo by Scott



Mens breakfast fun!

Join them every 4th Saturday at the church. 8am for fellowship!

Pictured Ted Ross, Patrick VanCamp & (recently deceased) Jim Broughton





We are planning to put on a Community Summer Celebration for the church, our neighbors and friends. CUMC will be supplying hotdogs, hamburgers, and buns, and you bring a dish to share: beans, salads, soft drinks, deserts or any of your favorite dishes are welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Who: our neighbors, you, and anyone else who wants to join us

Where: The barbeque will be outside, and the celebration will be inside

When: Saturday, August 26, 2023 (time to be determined)

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Please RSVP so we have an idea of how many hotdogs and hamburgers we need!

(See sign up sheet in Narthex).





### Treasurer Needed

After many years of faithful service, Larry Jensen's term as Treasurer is ending at the end of this year. Thank you for your service! You have done a terrific job and will be missed in this position. We look forward to seeing where God is leading you to serve in the future.

CUMC is looking for a Treasurer as it is a vital role in the church. If you understand balance sheets and profit and loss statements and if God calling you to serve by helping to ensure good stewardship of our church funds, the Treasurer is a good fit for you!

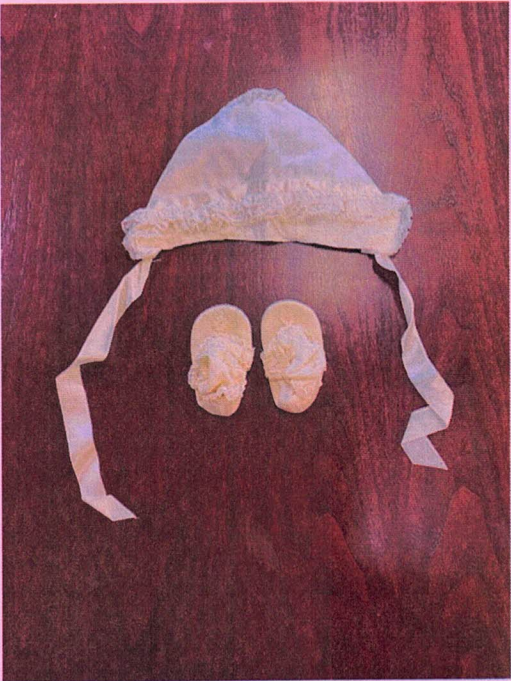
The job has become easier in the last year because we now have a professional doing the day-to-day bookkeeping.

The Treasure serves to oversee the financial status church and presents reports to the Ad Council Board. There are other duties involved too. If you are interested and would like to review the full job description, please ask Pastor Scott, Larry, or Lori for a copy. We can be reached after church or by calling the church office at 360 385-1579.





Anyone recognize this sweet christening gown with cap and booties?  
Contact the office if you do!



Some random photos taken at the office of a sweet deer finding rest at our church and a beautiful cloud photo by Scott



Local

MISSION  
of the  
MONTH

CUMC supports three local organizations: Bayside, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$500 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. CUMC also donates \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Any donations from church members that are designated to UMCOR are included each month.

2023



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER

2023 JUNE YEAR TO DATE 6/30/2023

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$82,256.32</b>
Pledges & Identifiable Donors	\$58,032.82
Other Income	\$20,223.50
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$78,158.21</b>
Apportionments	\$7,807.20
Local Program Ministry	\$2,776.83
Operating Expenses	\$33,530.56
Personnel Expenses	\$34,043.62
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$10,098.11</b>

## Community United Methodist Church Financial Secretary's Report May 2023

### Summary of all donations by category between May 1 and May 31, 2023

Category	Amount	# Donations	# Donors
Benevolence	\$100.00	1	1
General Store	\$300.00	1	1
Missions	\$100.00	1	1
Non-Pledge Gifts	\$120.00	3	3
Pledges	\$11,520.00	32	18
Quilcene Sr. Table	\$100.00	1	1
Tri Area Food Bank	\$200.00	1	1

Totals: \$12,440.00 40

Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 25

### Summary of all donations by category between January 1 and May 31, 2023

Category	Amount	# Donations	# Donors
Bayside Housing	\$200.00	1	1
Benevolence	\$200.00	2	1
Cards	\$10.00	1	1
Clothes Closet	\$155.00	4	2
ECHHO	\$400.00	2	1
General Store	\$700.00	2	2
In kind Donation	\$55.80	1	1
Methodist Men	\$51.00	1	1
Missions	\$3,000.00	6	3
Non-Pledge Gifts	\$1,560.00	21	9
Pastor's Fund	\$50.00	1	1
Pizza 4 Clean-up Day	\$50.00	1	1
Pledges	\$48,508.82	170	32
Quilcene Sr. Table	\$945.50	9	3
Soup Kitchen	\$100.00	1	1
Tri Area Food Bank	\$200.00	1	1
UMCOR	\$700.00	5	5

Totals: \$56,886.12 229

Total Distinct Donors across all Categories: 49



For **2023**, there were 24 pledges turned in for a total of \$91,320

# AUGUST ,2023

 <b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue 1</b>	<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Thu 3</b>	<b>Fri 4</b>	 <b>Sat 5</b>
<p>6 10:00am Wor-ship 11:15am Fellow-ship</p>	<p>7 Alzheimer Support Group 10:30-noon In classroom</p>	<p>8 Designated Drivers 4:30p</p>	<p>9 Admin Council 6:30pm (Zoom)</p>	<p>10 Good Neighbor Experiment. Zoom 7-8pmm 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p</p>
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<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Designated Drivers 4:30pm</p>	<p>31</p>			
						

August 2023

**BIRTHDAYS**

2: David Hermanson  
 12: Marcy Wootan  
 18 Bev Rothenberg  
 19: Pat Chase  
 25: Teresa Rosekrans  
 31: Jim Dodd

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

6: Marcy Wootan  
 13: Billie Fitch  
 20: Liz Hazen  
 27:

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

**COUNTERS**

6: Lori & Kathi  
 13: Debbie & Connie  
 20: Marsha & Diane  
 27: Lynn & Betty

**GREETERS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**LITURGISTS**

6: John Sweet  
 13: Billie Fitch  
 20: Liz Hazen  
 27: Laurie Engelbeck

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**USHERS**

**OUR PRAYERS**

- \* For the homeless, the hungry and the unemployed.
- \* For Peace on Earth!
- \* For wisdom for our leaders.
- \* For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.
- \* For Healing and provisions for those who are suffering with COVID-19.
- \* For protection of the medical front-line workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19 and variants.



**July LECTIONARY READINGS**

August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Gen32:22-31	Gen 37:1-4,12-28	Gen 45:1-15	Exod 1:8-2:10
Ps 17:1-7	Ps 105:1-6,16-22	Ps 133	Ps 124
Rom 9:1-5	Rom 10:5-15	Rom 11:1-2a,29-32	Rom 12:1-8
Matt 14:13-21	Matt 14:22-23	Matt 15:9-10-20)21-28	Matt 16:13-20

**Being the Somebodies Who Do Something In Jesus' Name**

Aug 9, 2023 Upper Room

## In Community

When I was younger, I had this notion that I had to do everything by myself. I believe that asking for help would give glory to others that belonged only to God. However, as I have gotten older, I have realized that God created me and put me in the midst of people—family, friends, and community—because I need people. I have learned that accepting help is a way of acknowledging that I can't do it all by myself. I need God and the help of others around me. Over the years, I have seen God come into my life as a friend's warm hug. God has met my needs through people I did not expect, sometimes even comforting me through the kindness of a stranger; God works in mysterious ways.

In today's scripture reading Judah asked his brother Simeon for help in the battle against the Canaanites. As they fought side by side, God gave them the victory. God often reaches out to us through family and through community. It's OK to ask for help even as we give help to those around us. **When we do, we participate in God's miracles!**

**Read Judges 1:1-10**



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8:00am- 2pm, Wednesday/Thurs

8-12 Friday

Web Site: [www.HadlockChurch.com](http://www.HadlockChurch.com)

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

**Sunday School: 10:15 am**

**Fellowship Time: 11:15 am**

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10 am - 6 pm, Tuesday