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The Visitor September 2024

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Tuesday - Friday
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Greetings St. Paul UCC—



I was sitting in the doctor’s waiting room while Denise was at an appointment one time when I came across something in the “Reader’s Digest” that caught my eye. It was the phrase ‘940 Saturdays’.

The piece said that on average, there are 940 Saturdays between when a child is born and when they turn 18. The question asked was how do you—as a parent—spend those 940 Saturdays?

This got me thinking about Sundays. There must be just 940 Sundays to reach kids and teach them the basics of the Christian faith. This is not only important to their own salvation, but is critical to the continuation of our church. After all, they are this church’s future.

So we may need to take the time to make church a priority. Otherwise, how can we expect our children to make church a priority later in their life.

My mom brought my brother and I to church every Sunday until I was in my early teens. It was a priority with her, and she taught me that church was important. Of course, I soon got a job and probably didn’t set foot inside a church very often between the ages of 16 and 21.

But I did come back. And when I did, God changed my life. I never wanted to be a minister. It was not what I planned on. But God had other plans. Luckily, my mom had spent a good portion of those 940 Sundays preparing me for the day when God would call me.

You may only have 940 Sundays. How will you spend the one coming up?

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Dan



Pastor Dan is
in his office from
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
Tuesday thru Friday,
but is sometimes gone for appointments and
local meetings.

You can always reach him on his cell phone at
319-470-6581.

Podcasts of Pastor Dan’s Sermons



Podcasts of Pastor Dan’s
sermons are available
for free download at

danmoore.podomatic.com

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting
July 16, 2024

Call to Order: Pastor Dan called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Members present: Jaime Ross, Katrina Nixon, Mike Frazier, Dana Bush, Ava Little, Mandy Ross, Craig Hunziker, and Pastor Dan Moore.

Previous minutes: Craig Hunziker approved as corrected. Ava Little seconded.

Financial Report:

June 2024 Income \$11,059.42 from offering and \$14,440.44 in expenses. Ava made the motion to approve the financials and Mike Frazier seconded.

Old Business:

VBS - going good and moving along. Anticipating 150 family members with kids total.

New Business:

1. Cemetery Board - Harold and Marvis Trump would like to go off the board and we have another church member that would be willing to serve on the board. To be announced at a later date.
2. Church Camp - We have thirteen youth attending camp along with Cristian and Emily. They will share their experiences of mission and outreach with the church after returning from camp. The camp was covered by donations, camper deposits and the missions fund. The consistory considers this a mission and outreach experience. Mandy Ross approved the motion and Mike Frazier seconded the motion.
3. New Farm Manager - Kit Holst would like to meet with the board to introduce himself at a future meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Dan

Parsonage - The dishwasher quit but is still under warranty. Andy's Appliance will be out to look at soon.

Looking forward

Next consistory meeting August 18 and communion date is set for August 11.

Closing prayer

Submitted by,
Dana Bush, Consistory Secretary

August 15th, 2024 Christian Education Minutes UNAPPROVED

Present: Keri Kearns-MS teacher, Children's choir director, Chrissy Plenge- Secretary (via phone), Ava Little - Treasurer/Consistory member, Dan Moore - Pastor, Alcia Sturm- nursery teacher, Melissa Bevans, Jenny Ross, Nolene Jame- PreK-1 teacher.
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Keri Kearns.

Secretary Minutes from 5/4/2024

Read by all members, motion to approve by Nolene, seconded by Ava, minutes accepted.

Treasurer Report

Read by all members, motion to approve by Nolene, seconded by Alicia, report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Worship Bags - Jessica update

Jessica not present. Discussion about sticks. Those present discussed that they observe most children NOT using the sticks appropriately. The consensus is that the sticks be removed. Additionally, there were concerns about the strings and that they also be removed. Also discussed trading out Easter items. All other parts in the bags are fantastic and much appreciated! Suggested add was coloring pages vs. plain paper.

VBS Report- Keri Kearns

SCUBA VBS was 7/27 - 8/1, with performance during worship on 8/4. Keri reported an average attendance of 40-45 children each evening. Feedback from those present was VBS went really smoothly and it was a success. The family style meal went great, most kids had at least one family member attend with only 1-2 kids being dropped off alone. Jenny Ross reported food went great and there is leftover hot dogs, buns and taco meat. Snacks were not needed because everyone got plenty to eat. Keri reported she saved approximately \$150 on curriculum and supplies by working with Argyle Methodist and she has ideas to save more money next year. T-shirts were again our biggest expense coming in \$648, with only 6 shirts extra and every attendee, helper getting a shirt. Only had 3 no shows (didn't attend any night). \$512 was collected at VBS and will be donated to the The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri for Buddy Packs.

Youth Group

13 youth attended and report it was a fantastic experience - 7/22-7/26. The only cost to participants was the \$50 deposit for their spot. The rest was covered by fundraiser (lunch for donation prepared on church workday 6/9) and consistory covered the rest of the cost. The attendees discussed their experience at the church service on 7/28. It was requested that the youth do a short write up about camp and a thank you for church newsletter Keri Kearns will facilitate, work with Cristian to obtain.

Youth group will resume meeting 8/28/24 time will be 5:30 or 6-8pm per Cristian.

Bible Dedication/4th Grade

Two students Kamden Rodgers and Lexi Sturm will receive their Bibles on 9/8 during worship. Chrissy will wrap and Pastor will do the dedication. Bibles dropped off at Industrial Opportunities 8/1 for engraving but their machine was down. Chrissy will follow up with Indust. Opp. to check on progress. Pastor will do an inscription before wrapping per usual. Follow up 8/16: Machine still down, promised they will be done next week.

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Backpack Blessing

Will be 8/18/24 during service. Pastor will send out all text to remind students and staff to bring backpacks to worship this Sunday.. Pastor still has plenty of tags.

NEW BUSINESS:

VBS 2025

Dates 7/27-7/31, theme "Northern Lights". Keri already has ideas to save more money which include purchasing curriculum as soon as she gets budget January 1. Also discussed was letting congregation know as soon as possible and often when VBS is in hopes that vacations will work around it. Discussed was in past someone had created magnets with date on it. Will look into and see if we can also do this.

Youth Group Planning for next year

Cristian is absent and we are unsure what needs are if any. Ava shared he has hardly asked for any reimbursement of the \$1k CE budgeted towards youth group.

Music Needs/Wants for 24/25 year

Cristian, Emily absent so unsure what needs are: item tabled.

Nursery during service

Emily discussed this at May meeting, she was going to further develop over summer. Item tabled.

Sunday School Classes needs/wants - increase attendance:

Chrissy discussed concerns that with just 4th grade having two students and 5th grade having one, again it may not be feasible to teach with Safe sanctuary standards and to the comfort of the one maybe two sometimes kids who would attend most, sometimes. This prompted discussion of shifting/ shuffling classes to cover the eb and flow of various size grade groups. It was expressed that Wanda had wanted to retire from teaching. Proposed is Nolene covering PreK-1st and Jan, Chrissy cover 2-5. Ava will follow up with Wanda, Chrissy will follow up with Jan. UPDATE: Wanda has decided to retire (appropriate celebration of her years of service to follow) and Jan was agreeable to working with Chrissy covering grades 2-5. Chrissy and Jan will make current curriculum purchased for her room work.

Other NEW Business:

Coffee Bar

Melissa Bevans, working with Cristian and Keri has started a coffee bar in the brotherhood room. Discussed a time frame for the coffee and it was decided on 9:15-10:15 a.m. There will be coffee, lotus drinks and snack items available. Donations accepted will go towards church camp. Keri will have MS/HS students there to help make drinks. The idea is to increase fellowship within our church. The coffee bar will start 8/18. Nolene is baking something special and will advertise the coffee bar on Facebook. Items for the Coffee bar have been donated.

Calendar

Discussed posting a six month calendar at church so members can better plan attendance and have notice for church events. This will be displayed near the brotherhood room. Chrissy will buy the calendar and will work on placement.

Church Picnic

The church picnic has seen declining attendance over the past several years, despite various efforts to entice members to attend. The menu has been changed, the location, different dates, VBS performance, games, water games. All present were in favor of giving it their all to

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make it exciting and attractive again. Jenny shared there is left over taco meat, chips, hotdogs and buns from VBS that can be used. Nolene volunteered to make sign up sheets for needed items and post at the back of church. We will follow up with members if we do not have enough food signed up. Keri will talk to Cristian about music. Melissa suggested to Keri that any kids there could sing the VBS song again. Pastor was in favor. Keri will call the park and book the large pavilion at O-Mak-O-Hak for 9/8, 9-2pm. Pastor will encourage members to bring yard games, sign up. UPDATE: Keri was able to reserve the park. We will move forward with plans. [Facebook/Instagram](#)

Chrissy discussed, encouraged CE about posting on Facebook more about what we are doing in our church. Also discussed was linking our Facebook account to Instagram. Nolene volunteered to do that. Instagram generally has a younger following, again trying to be more inclusive and reach more people about our church's great work.

Annual Calendar/duties

Chrissy created a rough calendar about annual church events by month. Activities are listed such as confirmation, father/son banquet, Mothers Day, etc and the various groups support these celebrations in our church, what is done and who does it. List is still a work in progress.

NEXT MEETING:

9/4/2024 at 5:15pm Adult Sunday School room or Chrissy's room. Mostly to confirm Picnic details.

Citing no further business to discuss, Nolene made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Ava, motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Christian Ed - 2024 "Save The Date"

Youth Group Resumes	Wednesday, August 28
Next CE Meeting	Wednesday, September 4, 5:15 p.m.
Promotion Sunday	Sunday, September 8
Church Picnic	Sunday, September 8
Sunday School Resumes	Sunday, September 15, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Choir Resumes	Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m.
2025 VBS	July 27 - July 31, 2025

Newsletter Information Reminder

If you have items that need to be in the newsletter, they will need to be in the office by the **20th** or as close to that date as possible.

They can be called in (660-727-3611), emailed (stpaulucckahoka@gmail.com)⁶ or mailed (323 N. Washington, Kahoka, MO 63445)



September 1 Audrey Herrs
 September 1 Austin Greer
 September 1 Larry Little
 September 1 Tristen Pitford
 September 2 Carrie Hamner
 September 3 Nathaniel Lapsley
 September 4 Mick Wood
 September 6 Adalynn Denham
 September 6 Carson Hunziker
 September 6 Jacob Mohr
 September 6 Claudia Weese
 September 7 Marcia Ayers
 September 8 Alexis Fincher
 September 8 Gary Hunziker
 September 8 Brody Davis
 September 8 Noah Creech
 September 9 David Harper
 September 9 Augustis Hamilton
 September 10 Linda LaFrenz
 September 10 Courtney Buford
 September 11 Cydney Blum
 September 11 Danielle Meinhardt
 September 11 Nancy Marshall
 September 11 Natt Lapsley
 September 11 Tessa Meinhardt
 September 12 Cody Nance
 September 13 Gary Trump
 September 13 Jamie Ross
 September 13 Mary Ann Plenge
 September 15 Thadd Lapsley
 September 16 Eric Rodgers
 September 16 Kay Biggerstaff
 September 16 Tristan Harper
 September 17 Brayen James
 September 17 Calem Lipper
 September 18 Matthew Manton
 September 19 Bryan Ankeney
 September 19 Jason Acklie
 September 20 Sadie Davis
 September 20 Brianne Uhlmeyer
 September 21 Ashley Rung
 September 21 Davin Acklie
 September 21 Delbert Harper
 September 21 Hal Plenge
 September 22 Jerry Denham
 September 22 Kamden Rodgers

September 23 Tanner Elam
 September 24 Ashton McCuiston
 September 24 Tyler Biggerstaff
 September 26 Hannah Arnold
 September 26 Sean Gray
 September 27 Abby Plenge
 September 27 Kollyns Ball
 September 28 Christina Nevels
 September 29 Matthew Meinhardt
 September 30 Carole Weese
 September 30 Annalee Clark



September 1, 2001 Justin & Danelle Brunk
 September 3, 2022 Sam & Raelynn Kelley
 September 4, 1987 Mike & Lorie Schantz
 September 5, 1998 Jason & Davin Acklie
 September 5, 1998 Pat & Kellie Carmichael
 September 5, 2004 Eric & Kristina Rodgers
 September 6, 1985 Russ & Jan Martin
 September 7, 1985 Jeff & Karen Arnold
 September 9, 1995 Scott & Christa Gregory
 September 11, 1982 Larry & Wanda Little
 September 12, 1992 John & Melissa Bevans
 September 17, 2005 Trenton & Amber Hunziker
 September 18, 1999 Troy & Carrie Hamner
 September 24, 1994 Craig & Jane Hunziker
 September 28, 2002 Robert & Melissa Schutte
 September 28, 1996 Matt & Stephene Kirchner
 September 29, 1979 Kevin & Rhonda Buford



September 2024

Acolytes

Sept 1 Youth of our Church
 Sept 8 Youth of our Church
 Sept 15 Youth of our Church
 Sept 22 Youth of our Church
 Sept 29 Youth of our Church

Liturgist

Pastor Daniel J. Moore

Ushers/Greeters

Sept 1 Kevin & Mandy Ross
 Sept 8 Clint Hunziker & Family
 Sept 15 Jamie Perry & Family
 Sept 22 Jamie & Jenny Ross
 Sept 29 Consistory Members

Altar Flowers

Sept 1 Open
 Sept 8 Open
 Sept 15 Open
 Sept 22 Open
 Sept 29 Open

Opening/Closing for September:

Sound Board:

Sue Scott

Bible Study



We will be finishing up our Thursday morning study of Mark this month. The next book we will study has not yet been determined.

September 5 - Lesson 9 (Mark 9:14-29)
 September 12 - Lesson 10 (Mark 10:17-31)
 September 19 - Lesson 11 (Mark 12:28-34)
 September 26 - Lesson 12 (Mark 14:3-9)

Sermon Texts

These texts are what Pastor Day currently plans to preach on. They are subject to change.

September 1 - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
 September 8 - Mark 7:24-37
 September 15 - Mark 8:27-38
 September 22 - Mark 9:30-37
 September 29 - Mark 9:38-50

Children's Choir



Children's Choir begins September 15th, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. This is for ages Kindergarten through 6th grade. Please contact Keri Kearns if you have any questions - (660) 341-5278.



Food Pantry Sunday

The next Food Pantry Sunday is September 10

Items suggested for our church for the month of September include:

box potatoes, juice, small peanut butter jars, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, hamburger helper, gelatin dessert, instant pudding, tuna, toilet paper, liquid laundry soap, cereal, and canned soups

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Clark County Food Pantry.

**Helping Hands/
 Feeding America Food Distribution**
 Nanci Holmes 660-727-2000
 Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2024 Schedule

September 12, October 10,
 November 14, December 12

Clark County Food Pantry
 Jeannie Ray 319-795-1223
 Monday and Thursday 8
 Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Prayer List

August 25: David Denham, Tabitha Kirchner, Rick Sturm, Dan Chenowith, Howard Toops, For rain

August 18:

August 11: Delbert Harper, Larry Mohr, Steven Zick, Charlene Gregory, Joyce Meinhardt, Burgess Family, Pat Anderson (Denise's mom, on her trip home to Florida)

August 4: Thanksgiving for VBS Team, Family of Walter Acklie, Kathy Heinze, Preston Burgess, Family of Connor Burgess, H L Plenge

July 28: Family of Judy Douglas, Family of Ronda McWilliams, Our VBS

Military Prayer List:

Devin Fowler, Jason Brotherton, Devin Brotherton, Lane Dochterman, Nathan Marshall, Michael Scott, Jr., Ben Barnes, Ajay Miller and many others serving our country.
Our Disabled Veterans and Veterans of War.

Continuous Prayer List:

Sandra Frazier, Jessica Pitford, Toby Washburn, Kinslee Larue Coulter, Kim McAfee, Pastor Marie Paterik, Ken Harvey, Hal Plenge, Rodney Gares, Lori Hamner, Laura Gray, Shelbi Slater,

Please let the office know if there are names to be added or can be removed from the prayer list. We are trying to keep the prayer list updated as best as we can



Promotion Sunday

The fourth graders will receive their Bibles **Sunday, September 8** during worship. Please join us for this special Sunday.



St. Paul UCC Outdoor Family Picnic!

Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 am.

O-Mak-O-Hak Park

hot dogs, buns, walking tacos, and beverages, and table service will be provided.

All are welcome to bring a side dish to share.

Sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary

Plan to attend and have a fun time!!!

Pastor's Thoughts...

Worship & picnic in the park - September 8th will be a great day as we have outdoor worship at Omakohak Park at 10:30 a.m. We will be presenting Bibles that day to our 4th graders and after worship have a picnic and a time of fellowship. Signup sheets are in the back of the sanctuary for desserts and salads.

Sunday School starts - Sunday school will start up on September 15th. Be sure and spread the word that we have classes for kids in preschool up to high school. We also have two adult classes, so there's something for everyone!

Advent Baptisms - The four Sundays before Christmas are called Advent in the church. That is a wonderful time (But not the only time!) to perform baptisms. If you would like to have your child baptized anytime soon, call the church office at (660)727-3611 to set a date, or speak to Pastor Dan.

Christian Ed Meeting - There will be a CE meeting on Wednesday, September 4 at 5:15 p.m. to make final plans for the September 8th church picnic and worship.

World Communion Sunday - World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 6th.

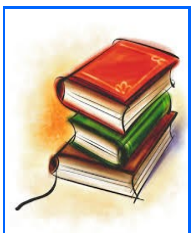
VBS Collection - The final total of the VBS collection for the Clark County Buddy Packs was \$527.41. Thanks to all the kids who brought their pennies!

Youth Group - The youth group (for middle school to high school kids) will be starting again on August 28th. It will be meeting at the church on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thank you! - Once again, I want to thank everyone who helped bring off our 2024 Vacation Bible School! It was an amazing success. Next year's VBS is already in the planning stages. VBS dates in 2025 are tentatively planned for July 27 - July 31.

Peace & Joy! Pastor Dan

Endowment Committee



The Endowment Committee is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Book Grant. Please be sure to submit a small letter to how the book grant will help you in your college studies, and your fall schedule. All college students, except those that have received it twice, are eligible for the grant.

Deadline for applications is October 31, 2024.
Please turn your applications in at the church office. Thank you!!

BACKPACK Ministry

The Backpack Ministry has received some amazing donations this summer that we are able to easily fill bags for foster children (15 over the last couple of months) as well as many bags of clothing and hygiene items for our schools. We could not be this successful without the help of all of you! THANK YOU for your amazing donations—both items and monetarily. We are in need of helpers to do some small organizing and learn how to fill bags when needed. If you would like to help, please contact Keri Kearns at (660) 341-5278.



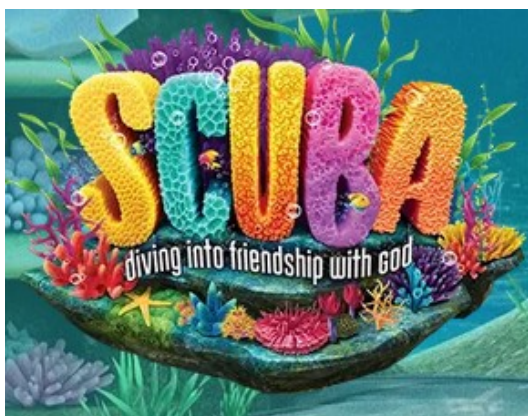
Fellowship Coffee Bar

St. Paul is pleased to announce our new Fellowship Coffee Bar! Every Sunday morning our teen baristas will be serving coffee, lotus drinks, flavored sodas, juices and yummy breakfast items in the Brotherhood Room located at the back of the sanctuary. We will start serving at 9:15 a.m. until the start of church service at 10:30 a.m. During this time, we encourage everyone to grab a drink and enjoy fellowship with each other in the Fellowship Room or in any of our Sunday School classes from Older Adult to Nursery and every age in between!! All freewill donations will go towards the youth summer camp fund.

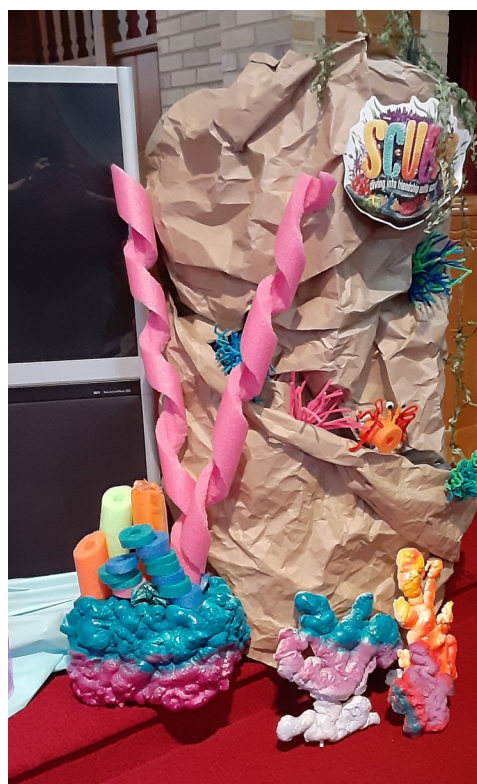


VBS 2024

The Whole Group!!



The Scene



Storytime



The Music!!



The Food



Inside Fun!!



Outside Fun!!



VBS - The Finale!!



Pie In The Face!!

Youth Camp 2024



St. Paul UCC Youth Ministry

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL UCC
YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

Our students had a great time at church camp in July. We had 13 students attend camp as well as Emily and I. This week long camp was a formative time for our students that challenged and encouraged their faith journey. We are looking forward to attending next year.

We want to thank everyone that prayed for our trip and our time at camp. We also want to thank everyone that contributed financially to offset the cost for students. Our students raised some of the funds and also paid their \$50 deposit, but the remaining balance was covered by donations from the congregation. Thank you so much for investing in the lives of the students at St. Paul.

We are getting ready to start weekly youth group again. We are shifting back to Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm. We are still in need of some adult volunteers to come and be a part of our gatherings each week. If you have any interest in volunteering with our students just let me know and I would be more than happy to connect with you.

- Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Cristian if you have any questions via email (cristianreyes.2014@gmail.com) or call/text (913-283-0306).

- IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 28 - First youth group of the year from 6-7:30pm.**

Activities for


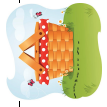
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Each Sunday

Children's Choir Practice: 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Bar: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	 Office Closed	Pastor Dan Out of Office	Christian Ed Meeting 5:15 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Promotion Sunday Church Picnic Omakohak Park 10:30 a.m.	Office Closed		Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Helping Hands Food Distribution 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Consistory Meeting 8:30 a.m. Children's Choir Practice Resumes Sunday School Resumes.	Office Closed	CCMA Meeting	Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Mule Festival Sept. 19-21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Office Closed		Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		Old Settlers Day
29	30					
	Office Closed					
16						