



Welcome, September!

A new month of
worship, fellowship, and faith.

EXPERIENCE SUNDAY *With Us*

9:30 AM

Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM

Worship Service

12:00 PM

Coffee & Fellowship

All are welcome.

As summer begins to turn toward fall, we give thanks for the many blessings of this season.

We invite you to join us as we gather together in worship, grow in faith, and extend God's love in our community.

There is a place for you here—come as you are.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLDWATER
STATED MEETING OF SESSION THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

Present: Jan Breckinridge, Bruce Gregory, Julie Lewis, Carol Ludlow and Beth Montgomery.

Guests: Lori Hershberger, Mike Ryan

Moderator: Rev. Steve Kaszar.

Clerk of Session: Pete Metters

Rev. Kaszar opened the Meeting at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer.

DEACON'S REPORT: No report.

AGENDA: The Agenda was approved on a motion by Beth Montgomery, supported by Jan Breckinridge.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Minutes of the June 16, 2026 Session Meeting were approved with corrections on a motion by Beth Montgomery, supported by Julie Lewis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	6/30/2026	YTD
Memorial Interest Earned	\$ 173.14	\$ 1,008.36
Vantage Pointe Money Market	\$ 0.03	\$ 12.27
Vantage Pointe Mutual Fund	\$ 67.53	\$ 26,075.92
Brinker Capital	\$ (484.77)	\$ 14,384.05
Total Investment Accounts Income/(Loss)	\$ (244.07)	\$ 41,480.60
Checking Balance SMBT	\$ 27,675.18	
Minus Designated Funds	\$ (7,265.44)	
Equals General Fund Balance	\$ 20,409.74	
Amortized Annual Gift Balance	\$ (11,000.00)	
Current Amount	\$ 9,409.74	

The Treasurer's Report was gratefully received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds.

Bruce Gregory reported that when the fence around the Church was power washed a few weeks ago, overspray killed some tomato plants on a neighbor's property. The power washing company took care of it. Bruce said six bushes around the Church were trimmed and a tree next to the office was removed.

Christian Education. Adult Sunday School and Book Club meeting are going well.

Fellowship. The Fellowship Committee will have an ice cream social in August.

OLD BUSINESS

Steeple Project. Jessica Flores sent out bid packages to contractors. She would like to schedule a walk through on July 30 or 31. Paul Hershberger noted that Jessica defined three restoration phases, but is most

concerned about Phase 1. He said we did not have significant donations at the Strawberry Festival. The next fundraising steps are a letter to the Congregation appealing for support, and contacting service clubs and potential corporate donors for support. Paul will talk to Clemens about donating. He will draft an appeal letter to the Congregation for discussion at the August Session Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Survey. Lori Hershberger presented the draft survey, which Session discussed and suggested changes. Jan Breckinridge made a motion, supported by Carol Ludlow, to approve the revised survey. The motion passed. The surveys will be handed out following the Service on Sunday July 19 with a request to turn them in at the Service on August 2. The survey and a cover letter will be mailed to Congregation members who don't attend the July 19 Service. Julie Lewis made a motion, supported by Jan Breckinridge, to approve mailing the survey. The motion passed.

Rev. Kaszar said the First Presbyterian Church of Marshall ("FPCM") is interested in discussing a Yoke arrangement. Julie Lewis will contact the FPCM to discuss a joint meeting of the Sessions of the Churches.

Parking Lot Use Review. Bruce Gregory reported the disabled motorhome parked in the Church parking lot was towed. No unauthorized parking signs have been posted around the parking lot. The semi is still in the parking lot and its owner is concerned about being towed. Paul Hershberger suggested prohibiting unauthorized cars, but allowing the semi to stay.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Carol Ludlow made a motion, supported by Beth Montgomery, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Rev. Kaszar closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with a prayer.



September Service & Schedule

Worship leaders, volunteers, and important dates.

WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	GUEST PASTOR	LITURGIST
9/6	Nancy Weatherwax	Lorie Hershberger
9/13	Nancy Weatherwax	Volunteer needed
9/20	Viktoria Berlik (Communion)	Lorie Hershberger
9/27	Gene Cobb	Pete Metters

DEACONS IN CHARGE

September Deacon in Charge

Evin Earl

October Deacon in Charge

Jackie Werkman

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Sept 17 @ 6pm

COUNTERS

September Counters

Dennis Farmwell, Pete Metters & Carol Ludlow

October Counters

Bob Stewart, Beth Montgomery &
Jan Breckinridge

COMMUNION



Communion will be
Oct 20th.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/19	Cheryl Kidle
9/19	Andrew Kish
9/20	Rita Snyder
9/21	Joe Eichorn





September Announcements

Important updates, classes, meetings, and reminders

WORSHIP LOCATION CHANGE

Worship will move upstairs beginning Sunday, September 13.

FALL ADULT BIBLE LESSONS

New series: 'The Soul of a Nation'

Featuring texts from Joshua, Judges, and Samuel

- **Unit I:** From Nomadic Tribes to Settled People
- **Unit II:** Lacking Leadership and a Moral Compass
- **Unit III:** Samuel — Prophet, Priest, Judge, and King-Maker

Starts Sunday, September 6 at 9:30 AM in the library

Runs through November 29

All are welcome!

CHURCH WORK DAY

Monday, September 7 — 10 AM to Noon

What a great way to spend Labor Day.

Need more information? Contact Paul Hershberger.

CIRCLE REMINDERS

Deborah Circle (Monday)

- Meeting time has permanently changed to 10:30 AM
- Next meeting: Monday, September 14 at 10:30 AM

Sarah Circle

- Tuesday, September 8 at 3 PM



Thank You to Our Volunteers & Donors

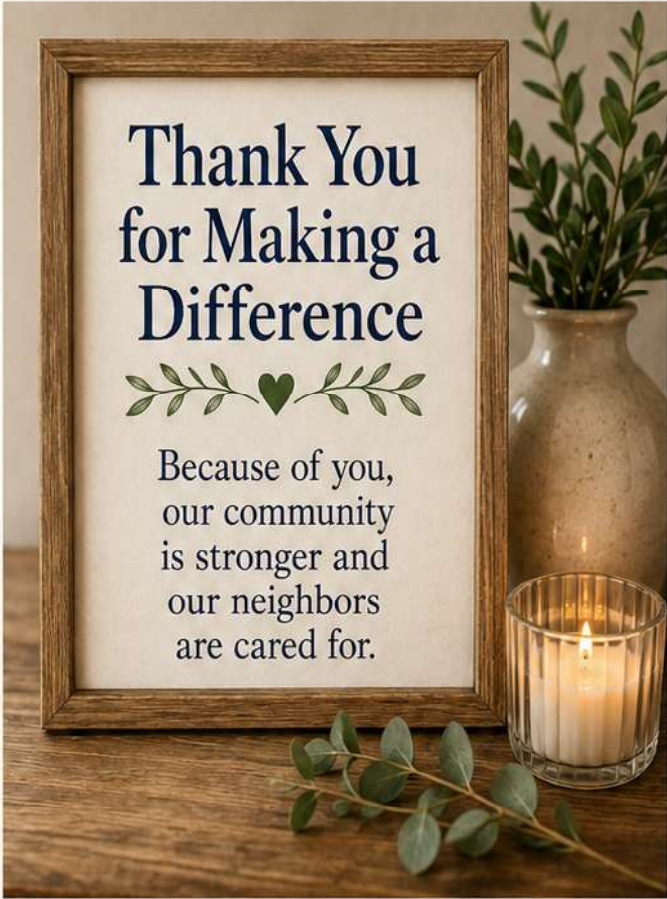
Serving our neighbors with compassion, generosity, and love

Our church outreach ministries are made possible by you—our faithful volunteers and generous donors. Together, we share Christ's love by meeting practical needs and bringing hope to our neighbors. Thank you for giving your time, talents, resources, and prayers to serve our community.

Ways You Serve and Give

- Diaper Pantry volunteers
- Clinic volunteers
- Food Pantry donations
- Women's Shelter donations
- Genesis support
- Family Promise meal providers

Every donation is appreciated and truly makes a difference in the lives of others. Your kindness and generosity help us extend Christ's love into our community in meaningful ways.



Thank You
for Making a
Difference

Because of you,
our community
is stronger and
our neighbors
are cared for.

Current Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry can always use donations of cereal of all kinds, peanut butter, and jelly.



Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors.





DOILY Pumpkin

- NO GLUE -

SIMPLE • TIMELESS • HANDMADE

by Just That Perfect Piece ♥

1

LAYER

Lay the doily down (right side down). Place a slightly smaller piece of muslin or other solid fabric on top, then add Poly-fill in the center.



2

GATHER

Gather the muslin and doily up together, keeping the doily on the outside and letting the lacy edges ruffle up beautifully.



3

FINISH

Pull tightly. Insert a small wooden stick or cinnamon stick for the stem, and decorate with raffia, a flower, leaf, or any embellishment you love.



SUPPLIES

- Doily (larger size works best)
- Muslin or other solid fabric (liner)
- Poly-fill stuffing
- Wooden stick or cinnamon stick (stem)
- Raffia or twine
- Faux flower or leaves (optional)
- Scissors



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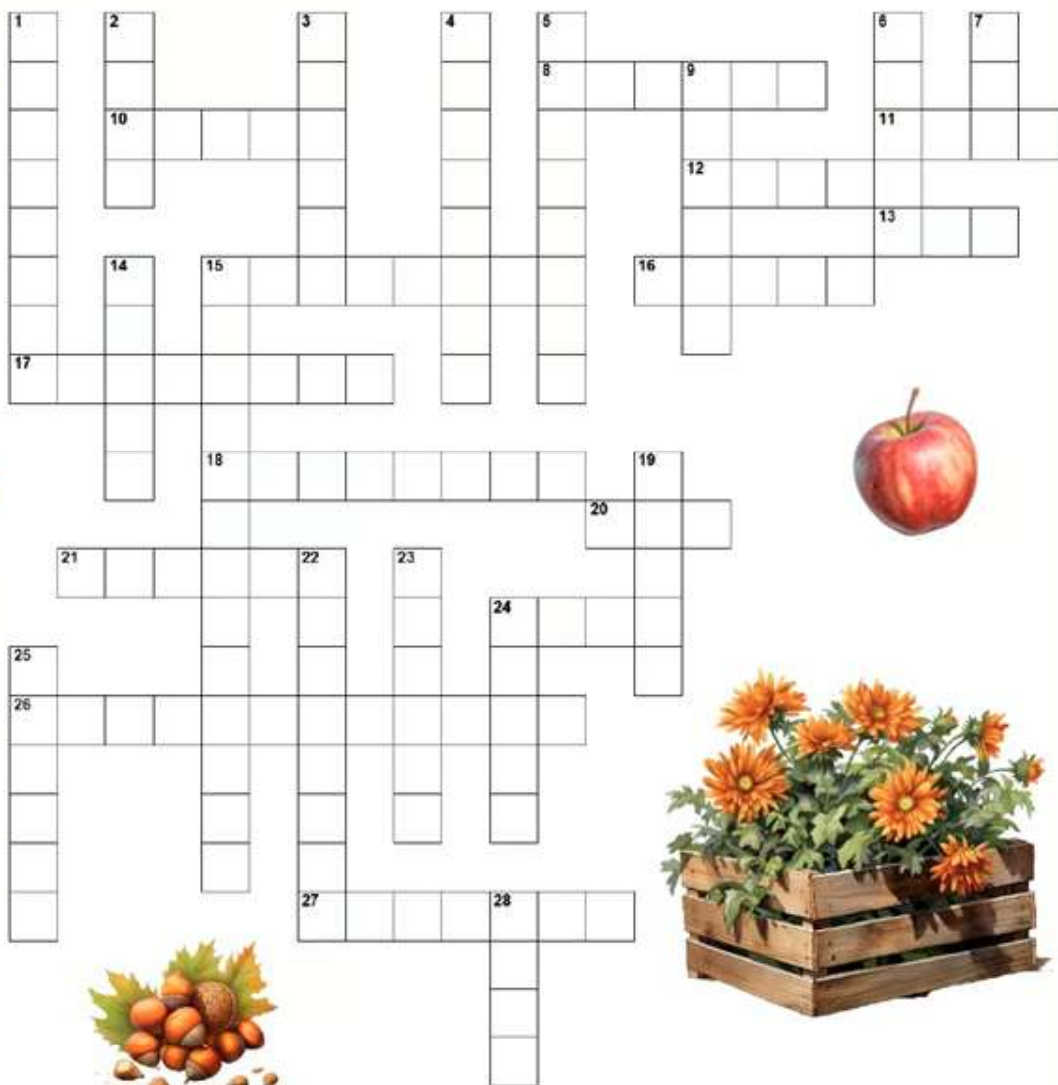
FOLLOW FOR MORE DIY
IDEAS & TUTORIALS!



#DOILYCRAFT #PUMPKINDIY #NOGLUECRAFT #FALLCRAFTS #HANDMADEFALLDECOR
#VINTAGESTYLE #JUSTTHATPERFECTPIECE #THRIFTEDANDTIMELESS

September

Crossword



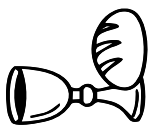
Across

8. Traditional school break
10. Type of flower that blooms in September
11. Piece of furniture where students sit
12. Fruit often associated with fall
13. One of the primary color of autumn leaves
15. Traditional fall activity involving walking through fields of tall plants
16. Type of nut often found in desserts
17. Holiday to honor the workforce
18. Birthstone for September
20. Type of tree known for its acorns
21. Sport played on a court with a net
24. Material used for making warm clothing
26. Traditional September activity involving picking ripe fruit
27. Type of insect commonly seen in September

Down

1. Popular sport that begins in September
2. Type of bird that migrates in September
3. Food often cooked on a grill
4. Symbol of back-to-school season
5. Type of snack often enjoyed during school
6. Traditional beverage made from apples
7. Type of school transportation
9. Tool used to remove pencil marks
14. Bird known for its distinctive red breast
15. Fall flower often found in gardens
19. Tree that often changes color in September
22. Animal that gathers nuts for winter
23. Type of clothing worn in cooler weather
24. Type of weather often seen in fall
25. Activity of gathering fallen leaves
28. Structure on a farm used to store harvested crops

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 World day of prayer for the care of creation	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON	CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM		 5
FALL ADULT BIBLE LESSONS START 9:30 am in the library 6	 7	SARAH CIRCLE 3 PM 8	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON 9	CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM 10		12
WORSHIP MOVES UPSTAIRS 13	DEBORAH CIRCLE 10:30 AM 14	15	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON 16	CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM SESSION 6 PM 17	18	 19
 COMMUNION 20	 21	22	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON 23	CLINIC & D.P. 4 PM-6 PM 24	25	26
27	 FAMILY PROMISE MEALS 28	29	BOOK GROUP 10:30 - NOON 30			