



# Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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September is a month of transitions. We go from summer to fall and we begin to see the splendor of the autumn colors. For the church it is also a time to evaluate, plan, and set goals for the coming year as we prepare for our annual church charge conference. Even though the conference is not until December 12, now is the time to start getting ready, as we look at all we have accomplished over the past year and begin to look ahead to the future.

For the church to succeed, each of us need to use the gifts and talents God has blessed us with. By working together, we can (with God's help), accomplish a lot. There are many opportunities to serve, they include but are not limited to: worship planning, congregational care, missions and outreach development, helping with Christian education, children ministries, strategic planning, and administrative leadership which includes the trustee and finance committees. Please take the time to prayerfully discern where God might be guiding you to serve.

Sometimes we feel unworthy to be used by God or do God's work. However, I am reminded of the story of a mother who frantically rushed down to the drug store to get her sick daughter her medicine. It was beginning to rain, but she thought she would just "run in and out" to get what she needed. When she came back to her car, she noticed she had locked her keys inside. She ran back to get help from the employees but none of them seemed to know what to do and finally gave her a clothes hanger and said, "good luck!"

The mother ran back to her car, frantically trying to get the door open. The more she tried, the harder it rained. Out of desperation, soaked to the skin in the pouring rain, she cried out "Lord, I need your help and I need you right now!" Suddenly, an old pickup pulled right next to her. She looked up and saw a big burly man approaching her. Normally she would have gone out of her way to avoid such a man, but without thinking she pleaded with him to help her.

Within a minute or two, this man successfully unlocked her car. Out of joy, she gave this man a huge hug, and said, "you're such a nice man." The man pushed her away and said, "no, ma'am, I am not! You see, I have just escaped from prison, and I steal cars for a living!" Without any hesitation, this woman looked up toward heaven and said, "Thanks, God, for sending a professional!!!"

This story reminds us that each of us are professionals at something and can use the gifts God has given us in unique ways. It also demonstrates the power of prayer and that sometimes we need to look beyond our own preconceived notions to experience God's blessings. It is my hope and prayer that in the month ahead we will find ways to work together to hear and respond to where God is leading.

*Pastor John*

## ACTIVITIES

### BEULAH LAND QUARTET



Where: *FIFE LAKE UNITED METHODIST*

When: *SEPT. 12, 2021*

Time: *6:00 P.M.*

*LOVE OFFERING*

September's Noisy Offering is supporting The Crop Walk

This community-wide event is sponsored by [Church World Service](#) and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. See Carol Hockin for more information.



Potluck is back!!!

Starting October 10th, see the sign up sheet in the Narthex to help organize.

Thank you!



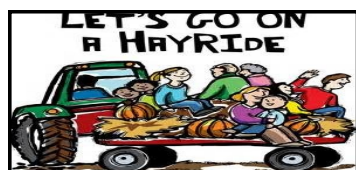
### Church Hayride!

September 12th after church

At Walter's Farm

Hamburgers/hotdogs provided

Bring a dish to pass and a chair/friend!



### Save the Dates:

October 2 ~ Acme  
Fall Festival @  
Flint Fields

October 2 ~  
Halloween Party @  
Whitewater  
Township Park

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with VBS! The kids had a great time!



## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

2nd Stephen Donkers, Jr.  
12th Clint Drummond  
13th Tom Bloxsom  
14th Brad Ochs  
17th Dirk Renzema  
21st Chelsea Lloyd  
27th Kim Kuncaitis  
28th Sara Ochs



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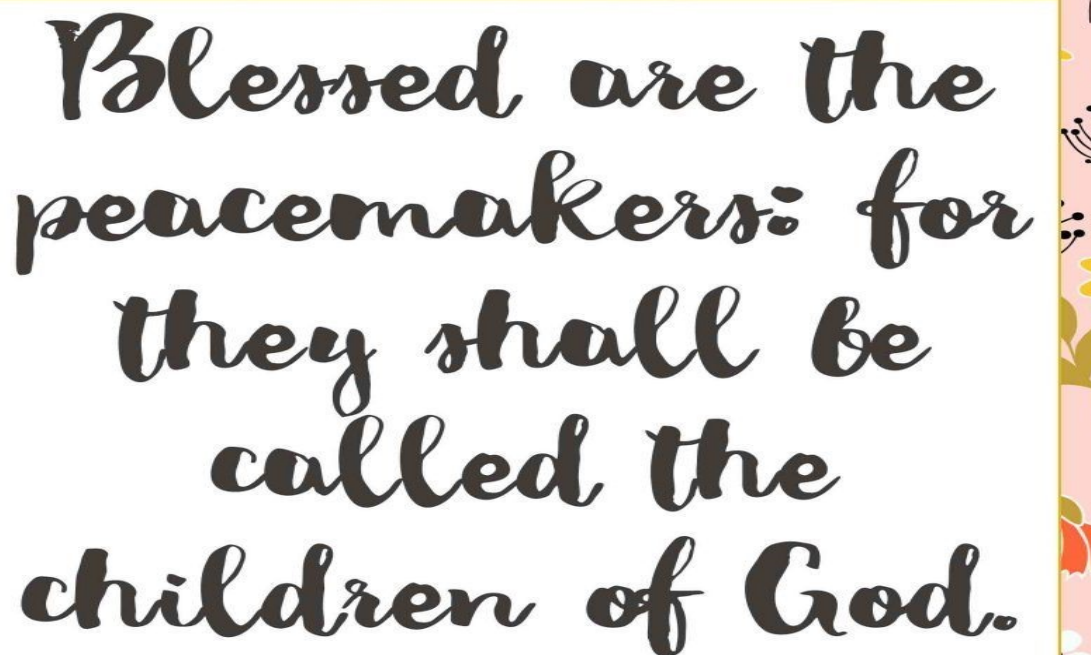
5 10:15 Worship Communion	6 Labor Day!	7	8 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	9	10	11
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12 10:15 Worship HAYRIDE!! Beulah Land Quartet 6pm@ Fife Lake UMC	13 Unified Parish prayer event @ Crossroads Farm @7pm	14	15	16	17	18
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19 10:15 Worship	20 AD Council Meeting 6pm @ WUMC	21	22 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	23	24	25
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26 10:15 Worship	27 UNIFIED Parish SPRC meeting 6:30pm @WUMC	28	29	30		
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AA SCHEDULE  
Monday, 7:00pm  
Saturday, Men Only 10am  
Saturday, Everyone, 7pm



Blessed are the  
peacemakers: for  
they shall be  
called the  
children of God.

Matthew 5:9

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