



## September Calendar

**\*Note Changes**

				1 12:00 Ladies Fellowship 6:00 NK Land Conservancy	2	3
4 8:00 & 10:00 Communion 9:00 Choir 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Summer Church School	5 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 NK Photo Guild	6 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 AA	7 5:00 Scouts 7:00 Trustees	8 12:00 Ladies Fellowship <b>7:00 Finance*</b>	9	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Girl Scout Registration
11 8:00 Communion 9:15 Adult SS 10:00 Worship 10:15 Summer Church School <b>Ministry Fair &amp; Sunday School Registration</b> <b>UMW Bake Sale</b>	12 6:45 Scouts 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Study	13 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bells 6:00 Sunday School Teachers 7:00 Choir 7:00 AA	14 5:00 Scouts <b>7:00 AdMin*</b>	15 12:00 Ladies Fellowship 6:30 Scouts	16 7:00 Scouts  <b>Newsletter Deadline- All events for October</b>	17 9:30 UMW 5:00 Church Game Night - Adults
18 <b>Christian Education Sunday</b> 8:00 Communion 9:15 Adult SS 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	19 6:45 Scouts 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Study 7:00 NK Photo Guild	20 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 AA	21 4:45 Scouts 5:00 Scouts <b>7:00 SPRC*</b>	22 12:00 Ladies Fellowship	23	24 7:30 Angel Food Distribution
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# Grace Notes

*Pastor Lori*

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1

God is the owner, and we are called to be the managers of this beautiful planet; we are responsible and accountable to God for what we do with all that has been entrusted to us. As we acknowledge our identity and purpose as care-takers of our environment, we begin to view our personal and collective participation in stewardship as active and involved, instead of as a passive caretaker role. As we are involved we discover those areas we are passionate about, are willing to commit to on a deeper level, and we find ourselves being transformed by God's grace. Our mission statement reminds us that we are called "to make disciples for the transformation of the world."

September is an exciting month as we return to school, make transitions in our lives, and begin new adventures. Our new adventure begins on September 4th with what has been called in the United Methodist Church Homecoming Month. On Labor Day weekend we will celebrate communion together and then on September 11<sup>th</sup> we will remember those who died on 9/11/01. Our Music Director, Paul Mancini, Sr., has been working on a special video for the beginning of worship. We will end our service by gathering around our Peace Pole. There will be a special invitation for members of the congregation to stay for our Ministry Fair and to receive a special gift that everyone may have the opportunity to go and plant bulbs for peace. And for those who feel ambitious we will have bulbs to plant to naturalize. It is one way we can celebrate the Season of Creation.

Our September lectionary focuses on our care (or stewardship) of the earth – the forests, land, sea, and air. We are calling these four weeks the Season of Creation. September marks a transition in our Christian Education program as we will begin a new curriculum, one coordinated with the lectionary for the whole church. "Seasons of the Spirit Encore" is designed to provide families a common ground on which to begin a discussion of the scriptures, their experience in worship, and provide life-long learning. The curriculum is online, with additional resources available online for teachers and helpers. The curriculum is for every level of the Sunday School and Adult classes. [For those who may follow the Common Revised Lectionary available online, please note, there are variances in September.] We look forward to the coordination between worship and our education program!

Our Fourth graders will receive their bibles on Bible Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Our new Church School year officially begins this day with new teachers, new curriculum, and new opportunities.

The last Sunday of the month, the 25<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Weaver will be meeting with the clergy and laity of the district at the Open Table of Christ in Providence. We will hear more about "A Call to Action."

Bob Mason is preparing to lead the Short-term Discipleship Studies on the Gospel of John. For anyone who has ever read John, you recognize the difference in the style of writing and how it varies from the synoptic gospels. This is an opportunity to dig deeper.

We have exciting challenges before us as we continue in ministry and mission. We do not cease to do the good we can, in large and small ways, but persevere in Christ's mission and as God's stewards!

## **September Lectionary - The Season of Creation**

*(Please note that during the month of September we will be observing the Season of Creation. The scripture listed here varies from the standard lectionary and UM resources.)*

### **September 4 - Communion Sunday**

Texts: Genesis 2: 4b-22; Psalm 139: 13-16; John 3: 1-16; Acts 17: 22-28

Sermon: The Forests

### **September 11 - Remembering 9/11/01**

Texts: Genesis 3: 14-19, 4: 8-16; Psalm 139: 7-13; Matthew 12: 38-40; Romans 5: 12-17

Sermon: The Land

### **September 18 - Bible Sunday**

Texts: Joel 1: 8-10,17,20; Psalm 18: 6-19; Matthew 3: 13-4:2; Romans 8: 18-27

Sermon: The Wilderness

### **September 25**

Texts: Genesis 8: 20-22; 9:12-17; Psalm 104: 27-33; Matthew 28: 1-10; Revelation 22: 1-5

Sermon: The Rivers

***Bishop's Day on District**  
September 25 3-5PM  
Open Table of Christ  
Providence*

***Our Charge Conference**  
is scheduled for Sunday  
afternoon November  
13<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6 PM,  
with SPRC meeting  
between 3-4PM.*

### **Sunday School Update**

Don't miss our all-ages Sunday School Kick-off on September 18th! Come and meet your teachers and classmates and have some fun as we get ready for another year of learning about the amazing ways God works in our lives! Regular Sunday School sessions will begin on September 18th, with classes for all ages. Sunday School will be held every Sunday, including Communion Sundays. Please contact Lisa Bowe at 294-1425 or [lb2ebtoo@verizon.net](mailto:lb2ebtoo@verizon.net) with any questions.

### **Shepherding Group - A Prayer Ministry**

Each Sunday spoken prayers are gathered in our worship service. Yellow prayer slips are available in the pews for written joys/concerns. These can be placed in the offering plate. Shepherds receive a list these prayers and are committed to praying for them daily. Each Monday a prayer circle forms in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:00 pm to pray. Sometimes cards are signed to be sent in response to requests. You are welcome to join. If you are interested, see Paula Martasian, ([paulaj.martasian@gmail.com](mailto:paulaj.martasian@gmail.com) ; 885-3773) or just come!

**GRIEF ✚ DIVORCE ✚ FINANCIAL STRESS ✚ RELOCATION ✚ CANCER  
JOB LOSS ✚ HOSPITALIZATION ✚ CHRONIC ILLNESS ✚ LONLINESS ✚**

**Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2**

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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY**

**Stephen's Ministries:**

A proven system for training and organizing people in the congregation  
to provide quality Christian care to those experiencing tough times.

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**

**9AM – 1PM**

At Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill Street  
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The workshop is divided into three sessions:

**SESSION 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief**

Experience a sample of Stephen Minister training  
Develop grief ministry skills you can use right away

**SESSION 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry**

Learn about this life-changing ministry  
Discover how to bring Stephen Ministry to your congregation

**SESSION 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way**

Gain insights on integrating faith into everyday caring and relating  
Understand the Christ-centered nature of Stephen Ministry

\$15.00 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from one congregation

Each participant will receive two folders of materials; every congregation receives a  
DVD with videos to build support for beginning a Stephen Ministry.

Please indicate your interest to Pastor Lori so we may register as a group.

## Harvest Craft Fair - October 1<sup>st</sup> – Just One Month Away!

### ***Pie Baking coming up***

We're grateful to Ruth Sperry who's volunteered to coordinate pie baking this year. Last year the pies were a great addition to the Harvest Fair - served for dessert at lunchtime and sold at the bake sale, they were fun to make, too. If you like to bake, please watch the bulletin for information about a pie-baking event.

### ***Still Seeking Crafters to exhibit***

Please help us to reach crafters who might like to exhibit this year. If you visit any local craft fairs, please pick up some crafters' business cards and send their contact info to Vivian Flade ASAP so she can follow up. Interested in a table for yourself or a friend? Contact Vivian at [vaflade@cox.net](mailto:vaflade@cox.net) or 884-2391.

### ***Church Craft and Regift table, Silent Auction***

The committee is ready to start collecting donations for the silent auction and re-gift table. If you have something special (services, gift baskets, or other unique items) for the silent auction, or have other items to donate, please contact Charlene Price at [charlenejprice@verizon.net](mailto:charlenejprice@verizon.net).

We're looking forward to seeing all the crafts and re-gifts you've been saving up for the Harvest Fair. If you've been meaning to start a project, now is the time!

### ***Fun and Fellowship on October 1st***

Invite your friends and families to visit us on October 1st from 9 to 2. The Harvest Fair is a day of fun and fellowship. Lunch will be served, coordinated by Warren Halstead, and there will be plenty of shopping to do, at our craft vendor's booths, the church bake sale, and church craft and re-gift table.

We'll also need volunteers for setup, cleanup, to cook and serve lunch, and help staff the church tables.

If you have other ideas for the Harvest Fair or can volunteer to help, please talk with any member of the committee: Christine Stevens [cstevens92@cox.net](mailto:cstevens92@cox.net) (Chairperson), Vivian Flade (Crafters), Warren Halstead (Lunch), or Charlene Price (Church Craft & Regift tables, & Silent Auction).

We're looking forward to a successful and fun day.



### **Fish Fry**

Come one, come all to our annual Fish Fry!  
Great food, good fellowship and an opportunity to support the NK Food Pantry.  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

See Jay Hickey for more details and tickets.

## **United Methodist Women**

Monthly meetings will resume on Saturday September 17 @ 9:30. With the start of the Fall, please remember to bring in an item for the food pantry....preferably a women's personal product or toiletry as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

# **The Second Annual All Women's Retreat**

**SPONSORED BY  
THE NORTH KINGSTOWN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
is presently in the planning phase.**

**The topic this year:**

## **Making Peace with Mother Earth**



**Location: CAMP ALDERSGATE IN SCITUATE, RI**

**This is a weekend retreat.**

**Friday evening, October 21 – 2:00PM Sunday, October 23**

**Participants: Women only 18 years and older**

**Cost per participant: \$150.00 for the weekend**

**The cost is based on 20 participants. The price could change depending on the number of participants. This includes program and materials, room and board, snacks, and an endless pot of coffee...**

### **Information you should know:**

- **Bring sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, pillow, personal items**
- **Showers are available (bring your own towel, facecloth, etc.)**
- **Dining hall is a walk on a dirt road by the lake, but if needed a car can be used to transport you.**
- **You might have a room mate**
- **Indoor, community bathrooms are quite comfortable and private**
- **More information will be passed on as we get closer to the date**
- **Consider early registration – the location has a capacity of 55 people**
- **A deposit of \$75.00 by August 20 will hold your spot**
- **Call Nina Dunne 789-3228 or Diana Warburton 294-9060 with questions or concerns**

## Notes from the Console

D.S.    D.C.  

It has often occurred to me that unless you have had some musical training that the language of music may be as foreign to many of you as eastern Cyrillic writing. When we sing from the UMC hymnal, it is relatively easy to figure out that if we have finished singing verse 2 of a five verse hymn, we generally go back to the beginning and sing verse 3 and so on to verses 4 and 5.

In the “Faith We Sing” (2000 series) and the new “Worship and Song” (3000 series), there are many selections which incorporate the musical “shorthand” that you see at the beginning of this article. All of those symbols are an effort by musicians to save time, paper, and repetitious writing. They have been in use for centuries and were they in use in our every day reading they would be easily recognizable.

Hopefully what you see here will better help you as a novice musician, who sings only on Sunday mornings, understand a few basic symbols. Most of the symbols are instructing you to go somewhere else in the music. Many of the songs which appear in the hymnals take on classic forms: A B A (first, second, and fourth sections are the same, three is different. -- or A B A B -- first and third are the same, second and fourth are the same. A B C D – all sections are different from the preceding ones. Hymns with multiple verses by their very nature repeat simply from beginning to end. Some of the newer songs we sing take on a different approach in length and repetition and because publishers and composers are trying to save time and space, they have incorporated some of the tried and true shorthand directions in order to make things simpler☺ .....for the performer.

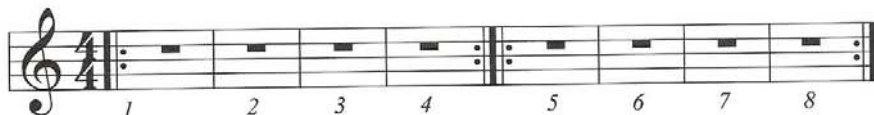
The next four lines of music have been outlined the way they often appear in our new praise and worship choral collections. I have tried to make the explanations as concise and simple. If you follow the numbered measures as indicated, you may develop a better comprehension of the repetitive nature of some music. The examples here are shortened to a few measures for easier understanding. Larger choral and instrumental compositions often number in the hundreds of measures, and repetition had to be done on hand written scores. Repeat sections now often include cutting and pasting shortcuts.

# Coda | | D.S. D.C.

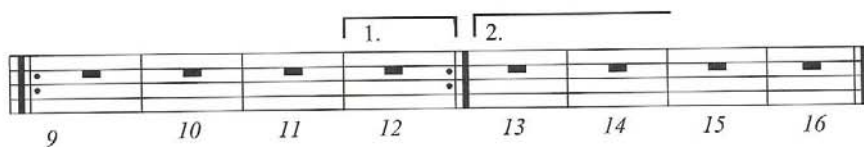
One measure = the space between the vertical lines.

Repeat signs ||:----:|| the measures between the repeat signs must be sung or played again.

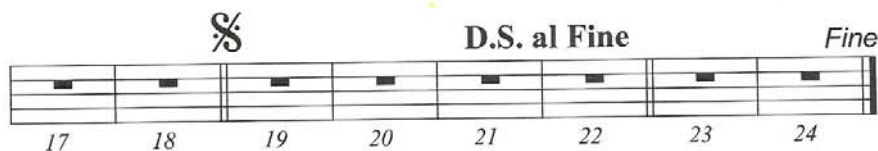
1 2 3 etc. indicate measure numbers in the following examples.




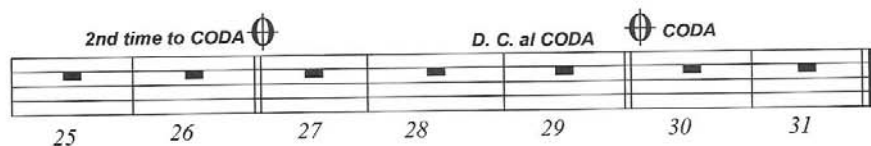
^^You are being instructed to sing (play) ^^  
measures 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 on to 5 6 7 8 5 6 7 8



In this example because endings may be a little different, where first and second endings apply, you are being instructed to sing (play) measures 9 10 11 12 9 10 11 (skip 12) 13 14 15 16



D.S. al Fine = *da segno al fine* = or repeat from the sign  to the end. Hence you are instructed to follow this sequence of measures: 17 18 19 20 21 22 (back to) 19 20 21 22 23 24 (**Fine**)



D.C. al Coda = *da capo al coda* = or repeat from the beginning (capo) then skip to the coda (special ending) where indicated: now your instructions are: 25 26 27 28 29 (back to) 25 26 (skip to) 30 31

All of the above directions were developed to save time, paper, space, and redundancy, which by itself is an oxymoron, because all of the instructions are to get the musician to repeat something in performance.

## Excerpt from a Letter from Dorcas Kamanda and S.E.E.D.

"Our sincere thanks to you and others for your generous gifts.

Exciting things continue to happen at the clinic. The clinic recently received the "Best Clinic in Koinadugu District" award. That speaks volumes for the work that is being done daily to address the healthcare needs of the people in that region. None of that would be possible without the assistance that you provide. In addition, we have now hired an on-site Administrative Manager who is helping to organize and perform the many administrative needs of the Clinic as well as providing more structure and accountability for the various community development projects including Women Against Poverty, the Adult Literacy program, Scholarships of Hope, Micro Loans and the Agricultural and Animal Husbandry projects. Our goal continues to be that these projects provide a source of income to the community and directly to the sustainability of the NarSarah Clinic.

We want you to know that we see God at work in Kabala, the Koinadugu District of Sierra Leone. Because of you and others, peoples' lives are being affected in positive ways, and they are beginning to see hope for the future. In addition, the right foundation is being built to help with sustainability."

Ways to continue our help of this community include buying goods from the Boutique Cabinet in the narthex and checking out the goods at the Harvest Fair. In an email I also received information about some medical supplies that are needed, and I pass these along especially to those of you in the medical fields. This is a detailed list of items needed to meet the final requirements of NarSarah's new association with Blue Star.

### EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY NARSARAH CLINIC TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF BLUE STAR

Oxygen cylinder Size D, (more than half full)

Pocket Mask with Oxygen Port (with oxygen tubing attached.)

Scanner (Ultra Sound machine)

Suction Machine (probably needs to be portable or be able to operate independently of a hospital or clinic system)

Vacuum

Incubator

The above items are the most important for meeting the requirements but the beds will be needed very soon due to increased patient load and number of births, visits, etc.

Hospital beds, 6 needed, preferable mechanical as opposed to electrical, if mechanical are still available. (Electrical o.k. if that is all we can get.)

If you have access to any of these items, please speak with Pastor Lori, Lisa Dallas or Ruth Sperry.

In addition an ambulance was acquired by a high school student, and it has been shipped to Sierra Leone. To hear the Colorado NPR interview with him follow this link: Go to [www.cpr.org](http://www.cpr.org) and in the search box type in "ambulance for Africa".

### September Anniversaries

- 5 Robert and Debra Lindberg
- 6 Steven and Michelle Cihat
- 15 Paul and Lynn Plotkin
- 17 Gerald and Lillian Williamson
- 23 Tim and Susan Siekiera
- 28 Paul and Cathy Morrison
- 29 Scott and Susan Peters
- 30 Chris and Rene Hartman

### September Birthdays

- 1 Ian Nannig  
Robert Hostetler
- 2 Lisa Dallas
- 5 Charles Hostetler
- 6 Elizabeth Bailey  
Joshua Koziol
- 8 Lynn Plotkin
- 11 Susan Fisher  
Haley Brown
- 14 Lucas DiSilvestro
- 15 Miriah Reynolds  
Scott Peters
- 18 Greg Seekell
- 19 Jay Hickey
- 21 Amanda Mello
- 23 Tanner Dunning
- 25 Bob Mason
- 26 Kyla Alberg
- 28 Betty Karopczyc  
Alan Brown, Jr.
- 29 Joseph DiPalma  
Reagan Bell  
Karen Siegemund

### September Angel Food Ministry

On-site orders are due by 2:00PM on 9/16.  
Online orders are due by 11:59PM on 9/18  
Distribution will be 7:30AM – 9:00AM on 9/24.

## Thank You from UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 7/20/11 for \$40.00 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of the United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that **100 percent** of your contribution will go to Silk Road English Centers, Advance #14572A. Your gift of \$40.00 is to provide Teaching English to women, men and people with disabilities as part of an empowerment process in Afganistan.

## United Methodist Elder Care Charity Golf Classic 2011

Our Challenge to You . . .

Help Us Raise \$40K for 40 Years of Service!

Register to play golf at the exclusive Wannamoisett Country Club. Our event is scheduled for September 26, 2011 with an 8:30AM Shotgun start. Come join us for a day of adventure and fun!

Register now for a once in a lifetime experience!

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Registering golfers now!

**FROM WHERE I SIT ..... by Rev. F. Richard Garland**

**A LESSON IN HUMILITY**

The plan was simple: on Monday we would drive down to Mt. St. Helens and hike over to Harry's Ridge for spectacular views of Spirit Lake and the crater of the shattered mountain; then on Tuesday drive over to Mount Rainier and hike up to just below the snowfield for a view of the Nisqually Glacier. Instead of the views what we got was a lesson in humility.

We were able to hike at Mt. St. Helens, but our destination and what is left of the summit was shrouded with clouds. At Mount Rainier the trail we had planned to hike was covered with twelve feet of snow, left over from the 900 inches of the previous winter's snowfall. It was the middle of July. We were reminded that one meets a mountain on the mountain's terms. Sometimes one has to adapt.

One of my favorite films is "Dr. Zhivago." With its beautiful music, the stunning photography, and a powerful story, this film has become a classic. Set during the years of the Bolshevik revolution, it is the story of dislocation, accommodation and passion. In one scene Zhivago returns after a long absence to his spacious and gracious home. Shocked to find dozens of strangers living there and his family confined to a single room, he begins to complain to the people now in charge of the quarters. An officer, his half-brother, stops him with three simple, stern words. "Zhivago, adapt yourself!"

There are times and seasons in life when this counsel is the only wisdom that applies. We saw that when our encounter with the mountains didn't go as we had planned. There it is easy to get into trouble if one is not willing to adjust. Plans have to change, schedules have to become flexible, attitudes have to adapt. The problem is to know when to adapt and how to adapt and what to maintain.

We saw that ten years ago when, on a beautiful September Tuesday morning, four airplanes were seized, and terror changed the world at our own doorstep. Instinctively we knew that this was not of God - that this was not God's way, but, in the face of bewilderment, loss, grief, anger, thoughts of retaliation, we were being forced to adapt to a new and unwelcome reality.

It is easy to grow comfortable with familiar patterns, to make our plans, and expect that all will go as we have planned. From time to time life intrudes, and we are called to adapt ourselves. To say that God causes these intrusions is not helpful. But God can help us to respond to them. Our response is most helpful and faithful when we move beyond the question of "Why?" to a discernment of "What now?" That requires a measure of humility - a readiness in every circumstance of life to be led by God into a new way of life and a capacity to be reconciled to life as it now is. In either case the result is a sense of purpose and peace that recognizes that the Love of God never leaves us in a place where the grace of God cannot uphold us. In every season of faith God's Word of challenge and invitation is, "Adapt yourself!"

Hill Street Blues, the critically acclaimed drama always closed with the trademark line "Let's be careful out there." It was an admonition to be mindful that we live in a world that doesn't always go the way we expect it to go - that sometimes adapting ourselves to the world we encounter is the best response we can make, and the most faithful.

If we believe that God is in charge of the future, and I do; if we believe that Jesus is our most faithful companion, teacher and guide, and I do; if we believe that the Holy Spirit inspires us and empowers us, and I do; then we have all we need to face each day with a sense of faith, hope, and love.

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