



### **Signs from God**

Have you ever had days where you wondered what to do next, because everything seems to be falling apart? I have, especially through all of the recent transitions that we have been through.

There are so many times that we struggle with decisions, and question whether we have made the right choices. I've had some of those times, especially when things get challenging and seem to be overwhelming. When I reach those points, I realize that I have forgotten to take my everyday happenings to God and place them at His feet from the very beginning. I get so caught up in the moments at times, and I think that I can handle whatever comes. I forget that by taking every situation to God, as it comes, that things go smoother. God then has control right away and smooths everything out as the day proceeds.

Through our recent transitions I became so overwhelmed that I decided to just walk outside and get away from everything. This happened more than once! In those times I called out to God to help me see the positives in our decisions, so that I knew that they were the right ones.

The first night of our move I walked outside, and the picture above is what greeted me. This was a beautiful affirmation for me that we were right where we belonged, and we would enjoy many more of these sunsets to come. God sends us signs of affirmation in ways that sometimes only we understand. Watch for those signs that God sends to you as you take things to the Lord for answers and for peace.

*"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus."*

*~ Philippians 4:6-7 CEB*

Blessings,  
Pastor Ruthie Trigg



Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Church Rummage Sale - proceeds will benefit the Rittman Community Food Pantry. Please help where you can with donations, setting up items, and helping the days of the sale. All sales by donation

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 - 5:00pm - **Trunk or Treat** in church parking lot.

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm - Our **Charge Conference** at our church.



### October

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Bob Hopton    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Marilyn Hofacre  |
| Butch McMillian                 |                                    |
| Anne Salyer                     |                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Becky King    | 7 <sup>th</sup> - Jim Baker        |
| Audrianna McClain               |                                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> - Lisa Winchell | 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sherri Lance    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> - Ron Yoss     | 21 <sup>st</sup> - Scott Rosenberg |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Anita Vohar  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Lydia Stahl     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> - AJ Baillis   |                                    |



### October

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> - Don & Anita Vohar | 19 <sup>th</sup> - Ron & Cindy Yoss |
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Happy belated birthday to Paula Burkholder on 9/5



## **Joys**



The engagement of Scott Turnbow & Kristi Wise  
Brenda C. - recovery from COVID  
Duane H. & Michelle B. - both recovered from pneumonia  
Irene H., Pam H., Megan B. & Scott R. - successful surgeries

## **Concerns**

### **Health**

Irene H. - rehab at Smithville-Western Care Center  
Megan B. - recovery from surgery  
Raedell, Bruce L's cousin, recovery of leg injury  
Chris B. (& Steve) - back pain      Anita (& Don V.) - nerve damage in leg  
Lovell, Bruce L's sister - cancer      Pastor Joyce Williams (& Jack) - cancer  
Butch & Nancy Mc.      Keifers' cousins' baby, William Walter  
Dick & Dorothy G.      Harry & Nancy B.      Pauline R.      Rae S.  
Annibale & Mohr families, Mary Lynn  
Pat M., & Debbie (Friends of Pam H.)  
Mary W's daughter's future father in law, Donald - stroke & broken pelvis.  
Mary W's cousin, Marilyn - in hospital with COVID

### **Surgery**

Pam H. - surgery Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Nina (Pam H's sister-in-law Susan's mother) - comfort & peace  
Afghanistan situation      Storms & Wildfires

## **Our sympathy to the family & friends of:**

Marion Bauman  
Almeda Bigler, Mel & Sharon Chipps' sister-in-law  
Niles Blough  
Marvin Frase  
Ron Leatherman

## Mary's Meanderings - October 2021

As I write this, the past week was Yom Kippur in the Jewish Faith, specifically September 15 and 16. It is the highest of holy days in the Hebrew calendar and involves fasting, prayer and atonement. I was watching the 700 Club, and it was suggested that we as Christians might want to say the Al Chet prayer as well. So I looked it up and thought it was worth sharing with all of you.

The *Al Chet* (All Sins) prayer is a liturgical confession of sins: said ten times during the course of the Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) services, and recited during the afternoon prayers on the day before Yom Kippur, just before sunset on Yom Kippur eve, and twice during each of the following services: the evening service of Yom Kippur eve, the morning service, and the afternoon service of Yom Kippur day. Three times in the reciting of the confession we find these words: **For all these, God of pardon, pardon us, forgive us, atone for us.**

If you are not familiar with this prayer, it would be helpful for you to read through it. Perhaps some of what the sages of Israel called upon the Jewish people to repent for will strike a chord in your heart, and God will use this to give you an idea of what to confess before Him during this season that will bring about renewal in your heart and soul. You might try reading through this lengthy prayer with your spouse, a child, or a good friend. At the end of the prayer, you might pray and assure one another of God's forgiveness through the Messiah Jesus. *(A small portion of the Al Chet (All Sins) prayer follows: Read it slowly and with heart!)* For the sin which we have committed before You under duress or willingly.

And for the sin which we have committed before You by hard-heartedness.

For the sin which we have committed before You inadvertently.

And for the sin which we have committed before You with an utterance of the lips.

For the sin which we have committed before You with immorality.

And for the sin which we have committed before You openly or secretly.

For the sin which we have committed before You with knowledge and with deceit.

And for the sin which we have committed before You through speech.

For the sin which we have committed before You by deceiving a fellowman.

And for the sin which we have committed before You by improper thoughts.

For the sin which we have committed before You by a gathering of lewdness.

And for the sin which we have committed before You by verbal [insincere] confession.

For the sin which we have committed before You by disrespect for parents and teachers.

And for the sin which we have committed before You intentionally or unintentionally.

The following is the webpage link, if you want to look up the whole prayer of confession.

<https://www.chosenpeople.com/site/confessing-our-sins/>

This is an adaptation from the webpage article. You might further consider the following guidelines from that page to help you during a season of renewal to confess sin, leading to spiritual renewal for believers, and perhaps salvation for those who have not yet accepted Christ. \* Confession should be personal. \* Confession should be as specific as possible. Confession should be forthright and honest. \* Confession should lead to a change of heart and behavior. \* Confession, though personal, can also be offered by a group (a congregation, family, friends, etc.) and should lead to forgiveness of one another. \* Confession should be based upon the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah who died in our place so that God would accept us as blameless in Him. \* Confession should lead to forgiving oneself.

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

\* "The Text of Al Chet," Chabad.org, accessed September 4, 2020,

[https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template\\_cdo/aid/6577/jewish/Text-of-Al-Chet.htm](https://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/6577/jewish/Text-of-Al-Chet.htm).



## ***Fireside Chat***



Dear Friends,

When Becky called me yesterday and asked me if I could have my finance report for you folks on her desk by morning, my response was, "But I just wrote one. Is it time for the next one already?" Well it seems it is because time is flying by. When we met to do the budget we found that we needed to check on some figures with outside sources to see if the price of their contracts would be going up after the first of the year. After the person in charge of that part of our program contacts the person who can give us this information we will finish filling in the blanks and we will have the final budget to vote on at charge conference. So we are getting there. (Maybe for next month I should tally from the committee how many times they heard, "Please hold and the next available representative will be with you soon.")

If you have been in church and have checked the bulletin each week you may have noticed the report of the amount of apportionments still to be paid is going down and that is a good thing because it means we will have the money on hand to pay them and I won't be like Paul or one of the other apostles begging for gifts at the end of the year to send to Jerusalem, I mean North Canton, and we can start off the new year fresh.

Praise God from whom ALL BLESSINGS flow.

Peace my brothers and sisters,

Martha Baillis, Finance Chairperson

## **Trustee's Corner**



Items since last month:

Sanctuary organ inspected/serviced - \$275

Installed new bulb in North parking lot center pole.

Herb (Dawn & Heather's dad) pulled the weeds around social hall & A/C vines.

TNT exterminating treated bees at SW corner of parsonage - \$150.

Had boilers inspected by FM Global – repairs are needed.

# Women's Bible Study



There is always room for more! Join us for a great chance to learn more about God's Word and a wonderful time of fellowship!

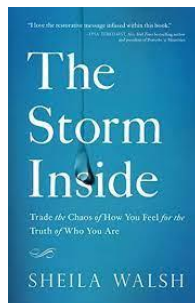
We meet on Thursdays with a choice of:  
10:00am in person led by Pastor Ruthie,  
or 6:30pm led by Sara Ullman and Betty Winchell.  
Contact Pastor Ruthie or Betty, if you need books.

Here are the studies that are happening now and in the future:



**Chasing Vines: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life**  
by Beth Moore

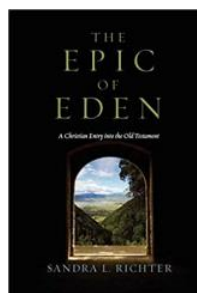
Currently - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (6 sessions)



**The Storm Inside:**

**Trade the Chaos of How You Feel for the Truth of Who You Are**  
By Sheila Walsh

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> (8 sessions)



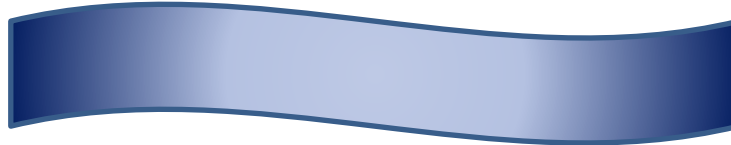
**The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament**

By Sandra L. Richter

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup> (12 sessions)

Consider joining the Women's Bible Study group.  
It is a great opportunity to grow in your spiritual  
walk with the Lord, plus the fellowship.

Choir practice has been postponed per Betty Winchell until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### *October, November, December*

October, November, December-  
three holiday months to remember.  
For this is the season, when food is the reason,  
I went to the gym in September.

*In October*, kids dress up and play.  
If they eat lots of sweets it's okay.  
But on Trick or Treat night, I turn off my porch light,  
cause I ate all the candy that day.

*November* brings turkey and dressing.  
Pumpkin pies and cakes are the blessing.  
If dinner's at my place, I will sure stuff my face  
with leftovers all week, I'm guessing.

*In December* there's honey baked hams,  
fancy cookies & marshmallow yams.  
When the guest are all gone, I can wake up at dawn  
eating gifts of sweet jellies & jams.

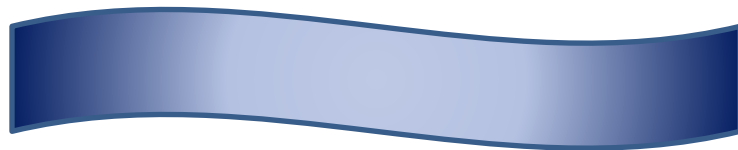
If when all these food days have ended,  
my budget's not overextended, I'll go back to the gym,  
with a plan to get slim, and get my ripped trousers all mended.

*~Diane "Dee" Bowlin*





Thank you to everyone who continues to support the funding & volunteering for the food pantry. Our September Food Pantry, which was our first one with the Community Dinner & Worship in over a year went well. We had 20 families (3 new), 59 people and 26 sets of bags given out. If you hear of anyone needing food, please have them call the church office to come pick up a food supply during office hours, or they can contact Pastor Ruthie to set up a different time to pick up. ***Our next Food Pantry will be Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: 3:30pm - Worship, 4-5:30pm - Food Pantry/Community Dinner. Sign-up sheet for Community Dinner will be available on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.***



♥ Welcome to  
Preschool!

The preschool program has started off with a bang! We started the program with 10 children enrolled and before the end of the first day, we had another family call to enroll their child in our program. Our Open House with the parents was very successful and we had a wonderful Meet and Greet with the children and their families. Our first week was filled with smiles, songs, friendships being made, and wonderful books being read. We read I can talk with God by Debby Anderson during snack time both days before the children went home and had conversations about how we could talk to God when we're not at school. The children also received their first Bible verse, Psalm 100:3.

Mrs. Tyler has been doing a fabulous job with the children! She is very loving, yet firm when needed, and her love for the Lord is present in everything she does. Her interactions with the children make them feel important and valued because she takes the time to listen to what they have to say. She is also developing a very nice rapport with each of the families

The month of October, the children will be getting their pictures taken, having a special visit from Rittman's Fire and EMS (they will be bringing a truck and ambulance for the children to see), and we will also be having a fall celebration. We will also begin our fall fundraiser, selling gift cards.