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Greetings in Christ! It is the beginning of June which

## Church Newsletter, September

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



Greetings in Christ!

I pray that the month of September is off to a good start for all of you. What do we think of in September? Well, besides somehow becoming the beginning of Pumpkin Spice Season, it's the time kids are back in school and when we also celebrate Labor Day.

I wanted to talk about Labor Day for a moment. It was made official on June 28, 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. It has a very interesting history of how it came about and I recommend reading about it. Honoring the American worker and giving them a day of rest, reminds me of something Jesus said in Matthew chapter 11.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Like the harsh demand early Industrial Revolution Business had for their workers, the Israelites had so many laws and demands upon them. To break these would mean certain punishments, banishment, or even death. When Jesus said this, he was excusing these harsh demands upon the people, and I believe he was also excusing the harsh demands we put upon ourselves.

In our lives, there seems to be a demand for us to be perfect in so many ways. We can feel a certain amount of guilt because of some things we did or didn't do. We feel we don't live up to the world's standard of how to be a good Christian. We feel the weight of the society's judgement. But Jesus said, Come to me all you who are weary...and I will give you rest. He didn't say, Come to me so I can whip you into shape as to what a good Christian is supposed to look like.

So on Labor Day this year, or any day of rest, let us remember that we don't have to be perfect. We can rest in the fact that Jesus came and saved us, and we reflect on his teachings. We take on the yoke of the Lord, which is light, and do the best that we can. You may remember the quote, “Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly.” May it be so will all of you!

Peace and blessings always!

Pastor Brian

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## **FALL KICK OFF!**

Please join us (and invite your neighbors, kids, and grandkids!!!) for a fall kick off event on Wednesday, September 21 from 6-8pm. We will have hot dogs and drinks. You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share! We will blow up the jumping castle and have yard games and board games and chalk. We hope to see you there!



## **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH CELEBRATION**

The fall kick-off meeting for United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) will meet September 12 with a potluck at 6:00 pm. The leadership team is excited to give all women of the church an overview of our service projects and spiritual growth opportunities. Please plan to attend for good food and fellowship with this group of devoted women.

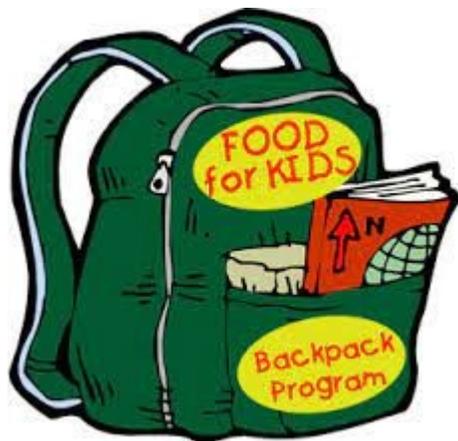
There is also an opportunity to meet and celebrate other units of UWF at the Annual Heritage District Celebration held at Adrian UMC on Oct. 1. More details will be announced about registration and a car pool. Stay tuned.

## **CHOIR IS COMING BACK!**

Choir practice resumes September 11 at 8:30AM. Hope to see familiar faces and some new ones!

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would ever like to notify the prayer chain of a need, please call Linda Hartley at (517) 270-2121 or email her at [lkhartley68@gmail.com](mailto:lkhartley68@gmail.com) and she will pass on the information.



## **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

BPB are in touch with our four school districts, and they're passing out applications to all eligible students. The first food order has been placed and when it arrives we'll be asking for volunteers to help with unloading and storage. The first packing will be October 4th at 9:30am with distribution on the 7th. We're looking forward to being God's ambassadors for another year. We're so grateful for all the volunteers who step up and give so generously of their time and energy

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