

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 7th
Holly Daze Workshop,
Susanna Wesley Room, 9 am
(see details below)

Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)
Sunday School for Children Starts, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall

Sunday, September 8th
Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>
(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent
worship services, as well)

Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)
Community Carnival, 11:30 am
(See details below)

Wednesday, September 11th
LIFT – Ladies Bible Study, 6 pm, Youth Chapel

Sunday, September 15th
Adult Sunday School Starts, 9 am, Susanna Wesley
Room

Saturday, September 21st
Quilt Show, 10 am – 4 pm, Sanctuary

*****Handicap Parking for this Sunday,**
September 8th***

Due to set-up for the carnival, we will be blocking off the 5 handicap parking spaces in front of the garage/grassy area and moving them to the closest spots in the main parking lot. These new spots will be marked with orange cones and a

handicap parking sign. We will have 2 parking attendants in orange vests available that day to direct you to the new spaces as well and to help you into the building as needed.

Welcome to fall

Fall has arrived and with it all the wonderful things of fall!

- School buses and children with backpacks – drive carefully
- Ripening pumpkins and apples – pick up some for the Holly Daze Bazaar, Family Fall Festival, and yourself
- Falling leaves, corn mazes, newly released wines – have fun
- Surges of viruses like Covid, Flu, RSV, Pneumonia, and common cold are making their rounds – protect yourself

Protect yourself from others. Protect others from you.

- Don't touch your face or food with your fingers, and wash your hands often.
- Wear a mask if you might have been exposed, or if someone around you shows any symptoms.
- If you have symptoms, test before you go anywhere.
- Stay home if you don't feel well—you might be saving someone's life.
- Renew your vaccines.
- Let us know if you test positive for Covid and may have exposed your church family.

Have compassion for one another and for yourself.

Something to ponder: Did God create viruses? What benefits do they offer? Are we obligated to help them survive? Do you think God will mind if we wipe them out?

Too much brain work! I'll try my first pumpkin-spice latte instead. Is there any pumpkin in it?

Peace,
Pastor Shirley

9/8
Come to the Table
"Table of Hospitality"

Scripture:
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 24-25

Holly Daze Workshop

The Holly Daze Bazaar is only six weeks away on **Saturday, October 19th**. We need your help with the following: Our apple pie team would like some donated apples – most varieties work, but they need to be cooking apples. Other future needs: pumpkins and succulents for pumpkin centerpieces, and late garden produce, such as winter squash, potatoes, and sometimes tomatoes, and apples for the farm store. The bake shop will also be requesting donated baked goods closer to the time of the bazaar. Thank you so much for the support you give this fund-raising endeavor for United Women of Faith (formerly UMW.)

Community Carnival

September 8th is Homecoming Sunday, and the Children and Youth Programs are throwing a community carnival! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us **from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on September 8th**. Food will be provided.

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed
10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.

Quilt Show

Beautiful history will be on display in our church sanctuary on **September 21st from 10 am to 4 pm.** The colors are fantastic, (even the “elderly quilts”.) You can try to “pick” your favorite, but it will be very difficult! These family treasures show love, craftsmanship, and imagination. Come share the talents of our past.

Sanitizers Work Best When Used

Recently the Facilities Team noticed our standing Hand Sanitizing Dispensers were not working. After investigation and a thorough cleaning, they are now repaired and working properly, however we do need your help to keep them that way! There has been another spike in Covid recently, and there are also other bugs that can harm those with compromised immune systems. Our hands easily pick up germs from every surface we touch. Please protect yourself and others by using these dispensers each time you pass one. This will also keep them free-flowing and prevent clogs. A little dab will do, and better safe than sorry. Thanks for your help.

ALERT!

Impersonation Attempts

This week, we've seen an increase in sophisticated impersonation and social engineering attempts. Be prepared to defend against these bad actors by staying informed and vigilant.

Overview

- Attack Methods: Emails, phone calls, and text messages are being used to attempt access to online accounts and sensitive information.
- Deceptive Techniques: Bad actors use Caller ID spoofing and voice generation to create a false sense of safety and familiarity.

Key Points

- No Personal Info Requests: We will never contact you by phone, email, or text to ask for personal information like your account number, verification codes, or online banking username.

Security Reminders

- Email Security
 - Verify the sender's email address by hovering over the name.
 - Avoid opening suspicious links or attachments.
 - Be wary of emails creating urgency or using scare tactics.
 - Phone Call Security
 - Do not trust caller ID; it can be spoofed.
 - If asked for sensitive information or if something doesn't seem quite right, hang up and call the trusted number for your banker or branch.
 - Text Message Security
 - Your bank will NEVER ask for personal information via text.
 - Do not click links from unknown senders.
 - Verify the sender before taking any action and delete suspicious messages.

Build Trust with Us

- Get to know your bank and our team better by visiting the branch. Familiarize yourself with our branch staff and get to know your banker. Building a personal relationship with us can help you better recognize legitimate communications and be more secure.

By recognizing these signs and staying vigilant, you can protect yourself and your family from potential scams and ensure your financial security.

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For safety tips on fraud prevention, visit: <https://cfbhfg.com/security-and-fraud-prevention/>

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