



SEPTEMBER 2024  
Monthly Newsletter

# One Voice

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## Back to School, back to pumpkin spice, back to an ordered time.

I love autumn, fall, Indian summer; that season that ends the great heat of the summer, helps us get ready for cooler weather, possibly gives us lots of color. So in honor of the season that starts on the 15<sup>th</sup>, I am sharing one of my favorite poems by Emily Dickinson with you. This poem says a lot about our brains; how ready it is to learn, to be filled, and to accept new information.

Sometimes I think we feel like we are done learning, grown up, ready to share our information with the world. But this isn't the case. God has given us an unending ability to absorb information. Let us therefore act like youngsters getting ready for school. Let us look forward to the opportunity to receive more lessons, and let's be excited that God has made us able to continue to learn even until our last day.

The Brain—is wider than the Sky—  
For—put them side by side—  
The one the other will contain  
With ease—and You—beside—

The Brain is deeper than the sea—  
For—hold them—Blue to Blue—  
The one the other will absorb—  
As Sponges—Buckets—do—

The Brain is just the weight of God—  
For—Heft them—Pound for Pound—  
And they will differ—if they do—  
As Syllable from Sound—  
Emily Dickinson, c. 1862

Let's Talk About It,  
*Leigh*

# September

2024

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MON-THURS. 8:30-2PM**  
**PH#: 315-548-2772      email: unitedchurch@ottcmail.com**  
**Pastor: Rev. Dr. H. Leigh Holder**  
**Office hrs for Pastor Leigh: Mon & Tues: 9-12 & Fri: 1-6**  
**pastorunitedchurch@ottcmail.com**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship @ 10 am B.L.A.S.T 11:15-12:00 YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-12) 12:00-2:00	2 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	6	7
8 Worship @ 11 am	9 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30	10	11 Leadership Meeting 6:00 Pastor's Day Off	12 Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	13	14
15 Worship @ 11 am YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-12) 12:00-2:00	16	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	20	21
22 Worship @ 11 am	23	24	25 Pastor on vacation	26 Pastor on vacation Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	27 Pastor on vacation	28 Pastor on vacation
29 Worship @ 11 am ADULT Bible Study @ 10 am Pastor on vacation	30 Pastor on vacation	<p>Are you ready to get back to reading? Pastor Leigh will be leading a book study on "The Shack" Monday or Tuesday evenings starting mid-September. Please text her if you are interested in looking into this book. (315) 577-2554</p>				



And Blessing of the Back Packs  
 Is September 8<sup>th</sup>  
 There will be a "Sundae Bar" &  
 Coffee Hour Following  
 Worship Service

Drive Thru- FREE MEAL



September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30-6:00 Or until gone



Meets every  
 Tuesday @ 5:15



Learning to Crochet Group  
 Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
 6:30-8:00  
 ALL are welcome!

Crochet Group Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Thursday from 2-3:30

Whiskey & Wisdom  
 On September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at 'Smokin Tails.'  
 Come share some higher thoughts with us



At the Apple Shed September 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship  
 Bring your lunch, pick some apples and tour the farm. Bring a recipe  
 to share!

**MANY THANKS!**

TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN VBS. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE UCP GROUP FUNDRAISER AT THE SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL AND TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE PIE BOOTH.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BETSY BOURNE FOR COORDINATING IT AND TO THE HEMMINGER FAMILY WHO MAKE THE PIES EACH YEAR!

THE YOUTH GROUP WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEIR UCP FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING THEIR KINGDOM BOUND EXPERIENCE!

SINCERELY, CHERIA, ALEJANDRO, EARL, EGAN, EDDIE & RITA

**"Go Green Redemption Center"**  
on Rt 96 in Clifton Springs

(next to the Dollar General) is accepting cans and bottles for the United Church of Phelps. Just take your cans/bottles in and tell them they are for The United Church of Phelps. They will count them and write the amount in the book, then quarterly, Betsy Bourne will go get the money and deposit it in The United Church of Phelps.

Hours are:

Monday & Thursday-Closed

Tuesday-10-5 Wed.: 10-5 Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 10-4 Sunday:10-4

*The Service Team continues to need your help in supplying the needs for the Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes The Following Items Are Needed:*

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE:**

- PULL-UPS SIZES 4 & 5
- TOWELS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- TISSUES

Thanks so much for your contributions!

***Peq Carlson***

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

We have permission from OTTC to park in the parking lot across the street during Sunday worship. PLEASE DO NOT park in front of the garage. If you are able to do the walk, please do so, and allow those to park closer to the church that are not able to.

THANK YOU!



**United Church of Phelps**  
**- ucp' is the name of our**  
**Facebook page**

**Want to Volunteer?**

BLAST teacher or substitute

Adult class substitute

Have an idea for a new class you would like to lead?

Have an idea or want to lead a youth group lesson, fun activity or service project?

Contact: Rita Caraballo

Missy Arnold

Dianne Rockefeller

**On-Going Mission Projects We Support:**

- Pennies from Heaven
- Food Pantry donation
- Blessing Box



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*"The United Church of Phelps reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service and share their faith"*

## **Let's Celebrate!**

### **September Birthdays:**

9/2-Carl Carlson

9/7-Ron Green

9/8-Betsy Bourne, Tammy Young, Mary Moyer

9/13- David Hemminger, Egan Motzer

### **Anniversaries:**

9/7- Mel & Marge Norsen

9/8-Dave & Lisa Smolinski

9/12- Jim & Donna Crouse

9/14- Patty & Gordon Campbell

9/17-Missy & Trevor Arnold

9/24- Linda & Len Kataskas

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### **Holiday Bazaar News:**

We will be including a "Silent Auction" with the Holiday Bazaar again this year. Donations can be given to Pastor Leigh. They will be safely kept in her office until the set up for the Bazaar

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### **Biblical Storytelling**

starts again in September. We need **MEN** to join our group! We perform once a month during service. Please contact Donna Crouse if interested at [croused585@gmail.com](mailto:croused585@gmail.com)

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### **Children's Annual Christmas Presentation**

Volunteers are needed to run the Children's presentation in December. You would choose the program, run rehearsals, get costumes together and be in contact with parents/guardians.

Contact Rita Caraballo if you are willing.

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Would you like to join Choir? If you have an interest please reach out to our Choir director-Ryan

## *Scripture Readings for September*

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**S. of Sol. 2:8-13 and 45:1-2, 6-9**

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Ps.125**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prov. 1:20-33 and Ps.19**

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prov. 31:10-31 and Ps. 1**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Ps.124**

## VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER - Worship Time 11:00 starting 9/8/2024

Date	Greeter – Ramp	Greeter – Front	Ushers (2)	Lay Reader	Acolyte
9/1/24 – 10:00	Marge Norsen	Gloria Orsini	Marge & Gloria		
Rally Sunday 9/8/24	Sheila Hemminger	Dave Smolinski	Sheila & Dave	Linda Kataskas	Koda & Cheria Caraballo
9/15/24	Jane Pedersen	Shelly Bengtson	Jane & Shelly	Christina Albrecht	Eric Brown & Harper Young
9/22/24	Pat Hemminger	Hope Albrecht	Linda K & Hope	Peg Carlson	Genevieve Brown & Stella Lead
9/29/24	Peg C & Janet D	Betty Green	Peg C & Betty	Frank Van Nostrand	Evelyn & Charlotte Estes

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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