

# New Song Notes

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## Empathy

Recently the word has sparked emotional differences of opinions.

**Author Joe Rigney presents the idea that empathy is a sin.** For him, empathy brings a person down into the pit with the person suffering. For Rigney, empathy contributes to a person compromising their values.

Jack Shitama (podcast speaker on non anxious leadership) summarizes this point of view in this way:

Rigney argues that an overemphasis on empathy has made evangelical Christians more susceptible to the arguments of progressives, which has caused them to stray from the truth. To make his point, Rigney distinguishes between what he calls sentimental empathy and compassion. He defines sentimental empathy as emotional identification that suspends moral judgment and can lead to moral confusion by prioritizing feelings over truth. In contrast, Rigney calls for compassion that includes sympathy for others without compromising one's morals or values.

Shitama goes on to take a greater look at empathy by looking at our current understanding of empathy which is broken into two categories: affective empathy and cognitive empathy. Affective empathy is the ability to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Cognitive empathy is the ability to understand another's perspective that is different from your own.

Affective empathy has two types of responses: empathic concern and personal distress. Empathic concern is the ability to respond with compassion and care. Personal distress is a feeling of discomfort and anxiety in response to another's suffering. Guess which one might be a problem.

When we get overly distressed about someone's condition, we have a tendency to try to make quick fixes to relieve our own anxiety about the other person's pain or position. When this happens, people can easily over function. We end up harming others by doing for them instead of teaching, coaching or even just being present for them in their pain. I believe this is a little bit of where Rigney was heading.



Here are my thoughts. If you find yourself changed by hearing someone's life story or pain and struggle, that is not a sin. It is mercy. It is compassion. It is having your heart strangely warmed. The best course of action as we find ourselves changed is to try and understand our feelings, and the other person (cognitive empathy.) Then we need to understand our role in the situation. Do I need to be a cheerleader? Do I need to communicate

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this situation to another person who can bring change? How can I empower the person experiencing pain and suffering to make positive changes in their lives? Is there systemic change that needs to happen (through law making or legal intervention?) These are places to start when we empathize with someone going through a hard time.

Alan Bean from the Baptist News contributes a more theological look at empathy: "Empathy isn't an emotion, it's an orientation." A person will never be able to "feel" what another feels. So, that is not what empathy is.

Instead, "empathy says, 'You matter.' ... If we follow Jesus, even our enemies must matter to us because they matter to God. You may not understand me, and I may not understand you, but we are wonderfully tangled in an interdependent web. We need one another. We love one another. We value one another."

If you want to know more about the war on empathy, or the thoughts of different people on the subject, check out the article that this last thought came from: (<https://baptistnews.com/article/heres-whos-behind-the-war-on-empathy/>) or Jack Shitama's podcast, which always has a written transcript: <https://thenonanxiousleader.com/podcast-episode-327-my-take-on-joe-rigneys-war-on-empathy>)

Let love be genuine; ... love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ... Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. -Romans 12: 9-15

Pastor Misty Howick

Farmers Market  
at New Song  
Saturdays  
3 pm - 7 pm  
Parking Lot  
by Events4All



## OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00am	Adult Sunday School, Music Rehearsals
10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship
10:30am	Worship, Sunday School for elementary children, youth and preschool (start in Worship)
11:45am	Handbells (all), Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sundays)

1st Sunday of each month - Communion is served and Sunday School youth and elementary children stay in Worship. Preschool Sunday School is available every Sunday.



Health/Wellness/  
Safety

*“Psalms 91:11-12 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways: they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

### **Adventure: an exciting or very unusual experience (Dictionary .com)**

It was a ridiculously hot and humid day in August when Bandit and I started our adventure. I threw the stuff we were taking in the trunk of my vehicle. I would transfer stuff to the travel trailer when we reached a cooler spot. We were headed to Minnesota for my class reunion, also to deliver a set of dishes to a deceased friend's niece who lives near Minneapolis. The dishes had been her great-grandmother Nana's, as I called her. I also wanted to visit a friend who moved to the Minneapolis area to be closer to his children.

Adventure #1- occurred just outside of Holbrook, Az. I looked to my left and saw a big semi-truck inches from my review mirror. He corrected, passed me, and drove onto the shoulder of the road. This erratic driving continued until the turn off towards Holbrook. I also noticed another big rig pulled over to the right lane and followed him. I hope that he intervened.

Adventure #2, day 2-Occurred in New Mexico near to Tucumcari. I wanted to travel on “54” to Guymon Oklahoma and spend my 2<sup>nd</sup> night there. GPS had a different plan. I was directed to turn on a county road and travel ? miles. I turned as directed and within a few feet I knew I didn't want that road-after a short drive on black top curve there was just gravel surrounded by fields. I tried to back up a few times, without success. I was scared and lost (I need lessons on backing up). I decided to continue on the gravel road. No traffic, lot of ruts and bumps. I did come to a yard of some sort and was able to make a U-turn and return to the black top. Somehow, I made it to Guymon-stayed for two nights at a clean, grassy camp site and watched two beautiful sunsets.

Adventure #3-somewhere in the rural Nebraska farmlands. A huge tractor was driving in front of me-no traffic. He pulled over a bit onto the shoulder and signaled to me that it was OK to pass. I pulled out and as I did a big black fast, moving SUV, decided he was going to pass me. There we were three vehicles on a two-lane highway with a car coming towards us. Fortunately, the SUV was going extremely fast, and we were safe.

Adventure #4-occurred on the way out of the campground heading for I-25 south. The coupler became dislodged from the ball. The coupler had attached to the ball with a clamping sound the and the “lock” went into place. WOW! That was easy. But my gut said it was not secure. I did not listen to my gut and pulled out of my spot. I got a half block, still in the park, and the coupler became dislodged with a giant clang!! By the time I got out of my car to check things out, there were 4-5 men who came to check what was going on. They lifted the travel trailer & securely replaced the coupler over the ball, checked to ensure the electrical system was working-it wasn't. 2-3 guys stayed with me to check out the system. One even went to a store to buy a new plug and installed it. About 2 hours later they could not figure out what was causing the system not to work. One guy called a garage he had used in the past and got the garage to check out my car & trailer that afternoon. Another guy got his truck and followed me to the garage and gave the mechanic a report of what had been done. The garage had my car fixed by 6PM. The garage gave me a loaner car and allowed me to park the car/trailer on their lot overnight. Can you believe it?

After putting 4700 miles on my car, Bandit & I are safely home. No long trips for a while.

Several years ago a Board Member for my place of employment was riding in the car with me. She told me she could see Angels surrounding me. I have often thought of that conversation. What do you think? Was I blessed with Angels surrounding me on the trip?

May all of your adventures be filled with love, laughter and with angels surrounding you.

juanita howard



## Animals 4 God



**Animals 4 God** would like to know how many of you have chosen the names you call your pets? Of all the dogs Scott and I have parented, we have only chosen their names twice. And we have parented a lot of dogs! Granted, we could have renamed our dogs once we adopted them, but we always felt our dogs were already familiar with their names, and we didn't want to cause them additional stress by making them learn a new name.

"Canines who know their name will be more attentive. They will learn commands and recall, helping them understand what is expected of them. This leads to better and stronger bonds between dogs and their owners" (O'Connell, Liz). There are many (thousands) of names we can call our pets, and *TrustedHousesitters*, based on 100,000 pet names, issued a list of the most-popular pet names in the United States for 2025.

In the number one (1) spot for both cats and dogs is **Luna**. The next four (4) spots are **Bella, Lucy, Charlie, and Daisy**. This was the same order in 2024, also.

Here are the five (5) most popular pets names, according to the American Kennel Club:

Male	Female
1. Max	1. Luna
2. Cooper	2. Bella
3. Charlie	3. Daisy
4. Teddy	4. Lucy
5. Bear	5. Bailey

In contrast are the names pet parents used in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. There was a book written then that listed 1,000 common pet names. Some of these names were – **Garlic, Mustard, Bryan, Dreadful, and Synful**. I can't imagine the reason these names were chosen.

In an article in *Psychology Today* (2011, May 23), called *What Not to Name a Dog*", it was said that we should seriously consider our pets personality when choosing a name. There are some universal rules drawing from common sense we should use when choosing a name for our pet.

For instance, if you choose the name "**Dog**" for your pet, it is as if that pet is extremely ordinary. Other names that are used are **Puppy, Mongrel, and Little Dog**. These names do not serve as a "strong start to the dog-human relationship. These canines are individuals, like humans, with different personalities, looks and behaviors, who deserve unique names" (O'Connell, Liz). AKC

O'Connell, Liz (2025, August 20). *Most-Popular Dog Names in the US Revealed*, Retrieved September 1, 2025 from <https://www.newsweek.com/most-popular-dog-names-us-2025-2115730>



### CAN YOU HELP?

We are passionate about bringing the healing effect of dogs' unconditional love into the lives of people in the community, especially those who are home-bound or in a medical facility.

Becoming a therapy dog team involves a bit of work beforehand, but the effort is well worth it.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Dog & Handler team for therapy work, please contact us at: [Animals4God@gmail.com](mailto:Animals4God@gmail.com).

### Interested in becoming a part of our ministry?

You don't have to own a pet or be a member of New Song to join.

You just need to have a desire to serve God by planning and participating in activities which enrich the lives of others by sharing our pets. We also strive to do God's will as He challenges us to care for all the animals of the Earth by hosting educational activities with guest speakers and organizing collection events to donate to area shelters. We meet at the church on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. We also host the Reading Program on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm when school is in session.





## Care and Nurture Ministries



### Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Spiritual Gifts come to us when the Holy Spirit works in our lives. Each of us has them, yet many do not know what gifts they have, and gifts can change over time.

On October 18, from 9 am - 1 pm, a Spiritual Gifts Workshop is being offered. This workshop is designed to learn about the different spiritual gifts, discern what your spiritual gifts are, and learn how spiritual gifts can be used within the church. This is to help you realize where you are gifted. God created you for a purpose, each of us has unique gifts, and that is the beauty of God's Church.

Learn where you can choose to serve in this, your church, according to your Spiritual Gifts. You will be surprised how your journey with Jesus will continue to mature, and your spiritual connection to our triune God and to each other will grow.

Are you curious? Is the Holy Spirit nudging you? Please sign up at the information station or by letting Kathy Norris know you are interested, so there will be enough books available for everyone to participate.

Beverages, breakfast snacks and a light lunch will be available.



### PRAYER REQUESTS ON OUR NEW SONG WEBSITE!

You can send a prayer request electronically and it will go straight to our Pastoral Assistant, 24/7, and no one else. Go to our website at [newsongsurprise.org](http://newsongsurprise.org). Scroll down to the box that says "Request A Prayer." Fill out the form and hit the "Submit" button. That's all! Give it a try!

### Greeters Needed

New Song has always been known for being a friendly church. We want to make our first impression really count! We need Greeters to welcome people as they approach the double doors to the Sanctuary. Don't worry, you can come inside if the weather is not good for standing outside.

We would prefer to have two Greeters each Sunday, and there are openings for most Sundays.

If you feel a call to serve in this ministry, please sign up on the sheet in the information racks by the Sound Booth, or by contacting Kathy Norris at [kathynorris1@cox.net](mailto:kathynorris1@cox.net) If you do not feel a call to this ministry, please pray that more people will step forward to help.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a caregiver? Would you like the opportunity to share with others who are also caregivers? If so, join us at the Caregiver Support Group! We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10:30 am at Starbucks on Grand and Reems in Surprise. Look for Pam McNeal Laue and Sabine Kruse (who will be wearing their name tags) and introduce yourself when you arrive. If you have questions, please contact Pam or Sabine.



**Prayer Force meets Mondays at 10:15 am to pray for the needs of individuals and the church.**



## Missions and Outreach



In September we sent your donated monies to help the followings charities \$500 New Leaf;\$500 UMOM;\$500 Spencer's Place; \$500 Habitat for Humanity Glendale; and \$300 Thrive of AZ and all DUE to the generous folks at New Song. Thank you.

We again will be saving toilet paper rolls for the HEMP Legacy Foundation. A basket for the rolls will be by the hallway door. These are filled with treats, wrapped and given out to people.

Please look for the sign-up sheets to volunteer time at St Mary's Food Bank. If you don't want to donate time, you can donate food for St. Mary's or water bottles for A New Leaf on the first or second Sundays.

The Missions committee works with the donations you make through the "Thank You" envelopes in the pews. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our priority is to choose ministries in Surprise and the surrounding areas.

### EVE'S COOKERS

The Cooker's were excited to get back and put together 47 casseroles for Eve's Place in September.

Our Brownie Angels baked 54 dozen brownies that we took down in Sept. We would love to have YOU join us in this 20+ yr old Ministry that helps with abused persons. Our Brownie Angels bake at home providing dozen of brownies each month.

If you like to bake, please consider baking brownies for Eve's Place. If you are interested in helping please let Ann know.

We appreciate all financial help too. Put Eve's cookers in memo Questions call Ann Haggerty

September	
Brownies	54 doz.
Casseroles	47



### Did you know...

Food insecurity can happen to anyone. In the St. Mary's Food Bank Newsletter, a couple who are native Arizonans were highlighted. They ran a dairy farm together, and are now living on a fixed income with health issues, limited Social Security and financial uncertainty. At the end of the article, the wife stated, "*If something happens to [my husband], I'm not sure I could make it on my own. But right now, this support is keeping us afloat.*"

To all who donate time and food help.

*Thank you.*

### KNIT WITS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Knit Wits meet on the **first Thursday** of the month, **October 2**, from 1 - 3 pm to create prayer shawls for our community.

The more shawls we make, the more we can donate.

Remember: If you don't know how, *We will teach you!*

Please consider joining us! We would love to see you!

For more information or if you'd like to get started sooner, contact Deanna Leon.



### NEEDLERS

If you are a quilter, we'd like you to join us. If you have sewn but not quilted, check us out.

We make bags (similar to pillowcases) to wrap the quilts. We have fabric, some simple patterns and batting you can use. We all work on our quilts at home and bring them to our monthly meetings to be blessed. The quilts are then given to people in need.



Needlers meet at 10:00 am on the **third Saturday of the month** from October through June. They meet at Diane McQuery's home. If you have questions, call Sheryl Messenger at 847-846-6307.

We would love to have you join us! Happy Quilting!



# Children's Ministries

Did you know that on Sunday, October 26, New Song is hosting a Fall Festival that includes Trunk or Treating? This is a community event, and it will take a lot to get ready.

There are many ways you can help.

1. Pray for the success of this event. We need God's help and guidance to be successful.
2. Provide some goodies. We would like to have candy, of course, and also small toys, stress relievers and fidgets to give out. We are collecting these October 19-26.
3. Volunteer to provide a decorated trunk. Bring your vehicle and decorate it. Last year we saw a gumball machine, a giant spider, a laboratory and other fun things. You can be as creative as you want, or as simple as you want. You can also bring chairs so you can sit.
4. Consider creating a game booth where kids can play. The games are up to you, or we can brainstorm what might be fun.
5. Volunteer to be on the committee planning the event. Many hands make light work, and new people bring fresh ideas.
6. Consider decorating a golf cart and join a golf cart parade. Encourage friends to do the same.
7. Invite children and youth in your life to the event, and encourage friends in the neighborhood to bring their children or grandchildren, too.

We are sure our festival will be boo-tiful with your support!

## YOUTH MINISTRIES



The youth would like to again thank all who supported us on It's Their Mission this year. Our Shareholder Report is on the board in the hallway for anyone who would like to read the full report. Some highlights are that our team this year consisted of 25 youth and 15 adults. The cost of the entire trip was \$10,592.25, which averages to \$264.81 per person, which includes a \$500 donation to Border Church.

Our work-related expenses were unusually low due to the Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN) providing most of our supplies, while we provided the labor.

The youth are excited to be included in church events, such as Trunk or Treat,. We are in the planning stages to host a game booth. Are you willing to do the same? Or would you be willing to invite children and youth you know to participate? Bring your golf cart and join a parade? Come out with us on October 26 and have some fun!



Fall Festival  
Trunk or Treat  
Sunday, October 26  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.





# Adult Education

There are several opportunities at New Song for adults to learn more about our faith:

- ♦ Adult Sunday School meets Sundays at 9 am. The themes of the fall quarter are Struggle, Perseverance, and Hope.
- ♦ Women's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am. The book being used is ***Unexplainable Jesus***.
- ♦ Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets Fridays at 8 am at Fellowship Square in the Catalina Room.

## United Women of Faith



The **Annual Desert Southwest Conference Celebration of United Women in Faith** will be held on **October 25, 2025**, from **8:30 a.m.** to **3 p.m.** at Willowbrook United Methodist Church, 19390 North 99th Avenue, Sun City, Arizona. The guest speaker will be **Shannon Priddy**, Executive for Financial Interpretation and Mission Giving from the New York office. The theme is *'You are like a spring of water.'* The day will include worship, a business meeting, Shannon's message, fellowship with crafts, an art sermon, and communion. Come be inspired, share in community, and take renewed enthusiasm back to your units.

This year's in-kind offering during the conference will focus on **water and hydration support**. We are asking attendees to bring **bottled water** and **water additives** (Crystal Light, Gatorade packets). These donations will support local shelters, outreach ministries, and community partners who provide for individuals and families in need, especially during the hot Arizona months.

Please register for the conference by **October 15, 2025**, at the following link: [United Women in Faith Annual Celebration Registration](#)

It's also time to start planning for our **Christmas Tea**! We are looking for volunteers to help with planning, baking, crafting centerpieces, set-up, and table hostesses. If you're interested, please see **PJ Colebrook** or **Sally Hamill**.





# New Song Music Ministries



When you are singing in church, keep in mind these directions for singing  
from John Wesley's *Select Hymns*, 1761

VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually...

- ◆ Celebration Choir practices Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. All are welcome!  
Rich Messenger directing.
- ◆ Handbells practice Sundays from 11:45 - 12:30 pm. Rich Messenger directing
- ◆ Praise Team practices Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Alex Lunardi directing.



## Annual Church Conference October 5 at 3:30 p.m.



Come join us as we celebrate what we accomplished in the past year.  
Hear what we have planned for the next year.  
Meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Melissa Rynders.



**Come celebrate  
Ken Quinn's 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday on  
Monday, October 20!  
Join us for dinner,  
beverages and fun.  
RSVP to Connie by  
October 10 to get  
details of times and  
place.**

## *In Gratitude*

Thanks to the Knit Wits for always providing me with Prayer Pockets! This is one of my favorite gifts to give to people in my support groups, like Grief Support, for my visits to the homebound, and hospital visits. I gave them to the attendees of yesterday's monthly Faith Community Connections meeting I attended and they were well received! I share this gift often and at other opportunities as a reminder of our gift of prayer to those who need this comfort! What a blessing the Knit Wits are to tirelessly provide this beautiful symbol of the power of Prayer!

-Chaplain Kathy Norris



# Announcements

## JOB OPENINGS AT NEW SONG UMC

New Song is currently looking for a person to fill one position.

Please help us pray that the right person will step forward and apply to be our:

**Music Director** - We are looking for someone who has a good ear and knowledge in techniques to take our musicians to the next level of sound and professionalism. Preferably, the person has three years experience directing adult music teams and choirs, exposure to various worship forms and styles, and great organization, communication and interpersonal skills.

## FOREVER FRIENDS

Forever Friends will meet at noon on **Thursday, October 9.**

Bring a salad for a salad potluck as well as your own beverage and table setting.

Games after lunch. Bring a favorite game if you like.

Questions: contact Myrna Bishop.

## USHERS ARE NEEDED!

New Song has always been known for being a friendly church. We want to make our first impression really count. Are you friendly? Helpful? Are you willing to be an usher?

Contact Sue Wilson to usher at [1957suewilson@gmail.com](mailto:1957suewilson@gmail.com) or in person.

It is a pretty easy job and you get to talk to people while you work!

## COLORING GROUP

The Meet, Greet and Color Group will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3 pm at New Song. Everyone is invited! This is a great opportunity to meet and greet new people.

Call Janet Rummel with any questions.

## CARD MAKING MINISTRY

The Dabblers make cards for our Card Ministry and for sale. They make the cards at their homes on their schedule. For more information, contact Carolyn Garbacz at 623.975.1615.

## BOOK BUDDIES

We will be discussing *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts on **Monday, October 27** at 1:00 pm at church.

We'd love it if you would join us!

Nov 24 *This Must Be the Place* by Maggie O'Farrell

Dec 15 *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

Jan 26 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

## Looking for a Stephen Minister?

**Look for a person wearing the blue name badge before or after each service or call the office.**



## OUR VISION ...

*is to become a great church that builds the kingdom of God by making disciples of Jesus Christ and by making a difference in the world.*

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

We offer many different ways to serve while having fellowship with other New Song members and friends:

Animals 4 God, Book Buddies, Care & Nurture, Caregiver Support, Celebration Choir, Children's Ministry, Dabblers, Dinners for 8, Eve's Cookers, Forever Friends, Handbells, Hospitality Team, Knit Wits, Ladies Hand and Foot cards, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Missions, Needlers, New Member Classes, Praise Team, Prayer Force, Preschool Ministry, Reach Team, Stephen Ministries, Sunday School (for children, youth and adults), UWF (Women United in Faith), Women's Bible Study, Youth Ministry and more.

Check the calendar each month for schedule information and additional opportunities.

### REMINDER

The office email address is  
**newsong.surpriseaz@gmail.com.**  
The office phone number is **623-584-9418.**  
If you send something to church or have your offering sent by your bank, please use this address:  
**New Song United Methodist Church**  
**16303 West Bell Road, Door #5**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**

### ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BLAST?

If you are not receiving the weekly Blast, first check your spam mail folder. If you cannot find it there, then sign the Blast Sign-up Sheet at the Information Center. Once you have been added, you should receive the weekly Blast on Thursdays and the monthly newsletter on the last Friday of the month. If you have any questions, contact the office at [newsong.surpriseaz@gmail.com](mailto:newsong.surpriseaz@gmail.com) or 623-584-9418.

### LOST YOUR NAME BADGE/ NEVER HAD ONE?

Get a new name tag or badge by signing up on the list at the Information Center. Name badges will be posted on the Information Center once we receive them. The cost is \$8.50. You can put a check in the offering basket. Put **Name Tag** in the memo line. Or pay at the church office.

### PRAY FOR IN OCTOBER

New Song UMC, Surprise, AZ  
Prescott UMC, Prescott, AZ  
Prescott Valley UMC, Prescott Valley, AZ



### MINISTERS OF NEW SONG

**The ministers of New Song  
are its members.**

**The staff members who assist them are:**

***Pastor: Rev. Misty Howick***

***Pastoral Assistant: Chaplain Kathy Norris***

***Interim Directors of Music:***

***Richard Messenger & Alex Lunardi***

***Interim Sunday School***

***Leader: Rhonda Easa***

***Interim Office Manager: Joanne Cox Croft***

***Treasurer: Amy Tarleton***

***Financial Secretary: Scott South***

***Accompanist: Alex Lunardi***

***Media Manager: Jesus Cazarez***

**2024** 10/08 Lorraine Axtell  
 10/17 Randy Wolff  
 10/27 Dean DeWall  
 11/15 Patricia Seabert  
 12/08 Mark Campbell  
 12/14 Jay Harris  
 12/30 Eleanor Auseth

**2025** 01/01 Larry Wiggs  
 01/10 Jean Jack  
 01/31 Marlene Shirley  
 02/04 Guenther Kruse  
 02/10 Richard Kosier  
 03/03 Charles DeWall  
 03/05 Tom Olsen  
 03/08 Barbara Shumate

## IN LOVING MEMORY



03/11 S. Joan Johnson  
 04/28 Vivian Claussen  
 05/03 Dr. Millard Kimery  
 05/05 Elizabeth Flores  
 06/13 Walter Hopkins  
 06/18 Ione Bartells  
 06/27 Gary Kelley  
 07/08 Terry Locke  
 07/09 LeRoy Messenger  
 07/16 Jerome K. Johnson  
 08/08 Phyllis Russell  
 08/15 Aileah Carlson  
 08/17 Shane Hill  
 09/01 Beth Brashers



## OUR MILITARY

**A1C Morgan Aillsieger, ANG**  
**TSgt Daryl Gladstein, ANG**  
**Spec Matthew Farris, US Army**  
**SSgt Kathryn Jones, USAF**  
**WO1 Wesley Meadows, US Army**  
**LCDR Brent Pavel, US Navy**

**E-5 Nicholas Rinker, US Navy**  
**TSgt Malika Sengsavath, ANG**  
**SSgt Kyler Sengsavath, Air Force**  
**Cpl Trayton Stewart, Marines**  
**E-3 Echo Smith, US Navy**

**Let us always bear in mind that  
 freedom is not free.**



10/01 Derek Carter  
 10/02 Mitchell Czech  
 10/05 Lou Ann Kosier  
 10/05 Alex Richardson  
 10/07 Stuart Leon  
 10/09 Felisiya Macwan  
 10/11 Eileen Johnson  
 10/12 Carter Hoffman  
 10/13 Carol Hanes  
 10/16 Lynn Miller

10/17 Jacob Petrie  
 10/18 Wong Soon  
 10/19 Maury Malaise  
 10/20 Ken Quinn  
 10/20 Mary Ann  
 Broomhall  
 10/20 Margaret Rinker  
 10/21 Gene Hartis  
 10/22 Marlyn Holdsworth

10/22 Cindy Conwell  
 10/22 Barry Kiel Jr.  
 10/24 Mona Hemp  
 10/25 Blanca Mason  
 10/28 Kim Knight  
 10/28 Paris Colebrook  
 10/29 Jeri Raasch  
 10/30 Laurie Conrad  
 10/31 Vivian Glore



10/01 Donn & Louise Bishop  
 10/03 Rick & Janice Slater  
 10/08 Tom & Donna Masterson





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Blue = Offsite Activities			1 9 & 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Praise	2 10 am Staff Mtg 1pm Knit Wits 4 pm Trustees	3 8am Men's B'fast & Bible Study 10:30 am Hospitality	4 3 pm Farmer's Market
5 Communion Sunday 9am Adult SS 10:30am Worship, Communion, PreK Sunday School 11:45 Handbells 3:30 pm Church Conf	6 9 am UWF Leaders 10:15am Prayer Force 6 pm Boy Scouts	7 Volunteer Day at St. Mary's	8 9 & 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	9 10 am Children's Min 12pm Forever Friends	10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8am Men's B'fast and Bible Study 1pm - Ladies Hand & Foot	11 9 am Worship 10 am UWF Large Group 3 pm Farmer's Market
12 9am Adult SS 10:30am Worship, Kids, Youth, PreK Sunday School 11:45 am Youth Handbell, New Member Class	13 10:15am Prayer Force 10:30am Care Giver Support 6 pm Boy Scouts	14 1 pm Staff Mtg 5:30 pm A4G Meeting 6 pm A4G Rdg	15 9 & 10:30am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Missions 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Praise	16 10 am Stephen Ministry	17 8am Men's B'fast and Bible Study	18 8 am Eve's Cookers 9 am Spiritual Gifts Workshop 10 am - Needlers 3 pm Farmer's Market
19 9am Adult SS 10:30am Worship, Kids, Youth, PreK Sunday School 11:45 Handbells	20 10:15am Prayer Force	21 Volunteer Day at St. Mary's 1pm Staff Mtg 4 pm Finance	22 9 & 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	23 1 pm Coloring Group	24 8am Men's B'fast and Bible Study	25 3 pm Farmer's Market
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