

# *The Grapevine*

## *September 2024*

### September Events



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HAPPY  
*Labor Day*

Labor Day  
Monday, September 2



Baseball Game  
Friday, September 6



Game Afternoon  
Saturday, September 14



Apple Picking  
Sunday, September 15

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## *Psalms 15*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right

and speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends

nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised

but who honor those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

I really can't believe that I had to type "September" at the top of my page as I sat down to write this newsletter. I know it is quite cliché to say, but the summer really seemed to fly by! We had much going on at the church from the 200th Celebration, Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, and likely by the time you read this it will be after the Labor Day weekend and all of the Peachfest activities that includes. It really did seem to fly by.

But as I paused and looked back at the summer, I also found so much to be thankful for. Those aforementioned events to be sure, but so many other opportunities to be in community and fellowship with one another and with the community around us. I have been grateful for the faithfulness I have seen from so many. Thank you all for continuing to shine the light of Christ into the darkness of the world around us. Your commitment to serving the Lord is an inspiration to me and encourages me even when it feels like the days are flying by at warp speed.

As we move into the Fall season and many of us find ourselves returning to routines and more regular schedules. I do hope that we can all make it a priority to continue to pursue our relationship with Jesus. Make it a part of your schedule to attend worship. Make intentional time in prayer a part of it. Look for new opportunities to serve. Look to join a group or ministry, or even start a new one. Listen for where God is calling you and how you can respond to that call.

It is easy to let the days, weeks, months, and years fly by. It is easy to list the reasons we are too busy to do anything more. It is easy to make the claim that we are doing 'enough'. My challenge to all of us is how can we stretch our faith a little further. As a part of our membership vows of the United Methodist church we promise to faithfully participate in the church's ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. May we take time in the month ahead to consider what that participation looks like in our own lives and how we can faithfully live as disciples on God's holy hill.

Blessings,  
Pastor Devin

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Bonanni, Linda Knight, & Becky Laseke  
 8<sup>th</sup> Pam Couture and Jenny Teller  
 15<sup>th</sup> Gayle Beitel and Sandy Edwards  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Linda Eastman and Becky Laseke  
 29<sup>th</sup> Shara and Jim Lindsay



## GREETERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nita Glover  
 9<sup>th</sup> Guy and Julie Jones-Lau  
 15<sup>th</sup> Linda Eastman  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Gayle Beitel  
 29<sup>h</sup> Judy Howard



Thank you for volunteering to greet.  
 If you are unable to greet on your scheduled date, please arrange for a substitute.

## USHERS SCHEDULE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Doug and Vicky Posey  
 4<sup>th</sup> Craig and Judy Engwall  
 11<sup>th</sup> Phil and Louchrisa Schwan  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Brian, Andrew and Audrey Rosso  
 29<sup>th</sup> Kathy Smith and Janet Bauer



## VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
College Ministry	TBD	
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Gayle Beitel	248-981-3653
Nursery	TBD	
Sound Board	Dave Beskin	586-872-3797
Ushers	Craig Engwall	586-504-6655
Communion	Janet Bauer	586-752-6166

## SOUND BOARD

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Beskin  
 9<sup>th</sup> Mischele Makhoulouf  
 15<sup>th</sup> Laurie Bennett  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Everett Smith  
 29<sup>th</sup> Lamb Family



## Weekly Meetings

Communion Sunday	First Sunday of each month		
Worship On-Line or In-Person	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Fellowship Time	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Meeting	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Youth Room
Hooks & Needles	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	
His Table Community Meal	Tuesday	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	

## COMMUNION STEWARDS



**September 1**

Janet Bauer  
 Kathy Smith

## RUMC September 2024 Calendar

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Communion Sunday	
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labor Day	
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group His Table Community Meal	1:00 p.m. 5:15 pm
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop Choir practice	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Baseball Game at Jimmy John's Field	6:00 p.m.
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Rally Day Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group His Table Community Meal	1:00 p.m. 5:15 pm
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group Choir practice	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thur	12 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Game Day	3:00 p.m.
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Picking	12:30 p.m.
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group His Table Community Meal	1:00 p.m. 5:15 pm
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop Choir practice	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thur	19 <sup>th</sup>	United Methodist Men's Group	7:00 p.m.
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group His Table Community Meal	1:00 p.m. 5:15 pm
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop Choir practice	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

### Youth Group

Our first meeting of the school year will be on September 8th @ 2pm at the church. All students in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us and remember friends are always welcome as well. More information as well as our 'working schedule' are available on the Youth website at: <https://www.romeoumc.com/youth-group-mobile/>

## Operation Christmas Child and Back to School!



There are many great deals on back-to-school items that are perfect for the OCC Shoeboxes. Pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, blunt scissors, water bottles, post it notes, individually wrapped bars of soap, small hair brushes/combs, and more.

A box is in the foyer if you would like to donate some supplies. Thank you for your support.



Let's all try to remember to wear our name tags. We have new members and attendees and want them to get to know us as we welcome them.

If you need a new tag, please see Becky Laseke.

## UMM Group Invite You to Season Playoff Game #2 at Jimmy John's Field!

September 6, first pitch at 6:30 pm



Tickets are \$12.00 each (check or cash preferred), please get your money to Larry Back by September 1. Sign up is in church lobby outside Fellowship Hall. Larry will have tickets to distribute at the ticket booth area at 6:00 p.m. on game day. UMM Group will cover the cost for the kids under age 12.

Stay after the game for the Fireworks Spectacular Show



The Historical Committee is selling 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ornaments similar to the one from the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (the attached picture is for reference).

Please fill out the attached form to order your ornament and return it to Becky Laseke or Marilyn Welser.

**Deadline is October 15, 2024**

### ORDER FORM FOR 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please place my order for \_\_\_\_\_ 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ornaments @ \$12.00 each.

Paid – cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_





### Have a garden or some greenery in your yard?

This time of year God graces us with many colorful flora and greenery. If you have some in your yard, and would you like to share them, we would enjoy seeing them as altar bouquets. Sign up on the altar flower sheet and indicate "bringing mine".

Call the office if you have questions about the details.

Thank you



## September Birthdays

6 <sup>th</sup>	Carol A. Urban
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sharron Yenglin
12 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Goolsby
14 <sup>h</sup>	Richard Johnson
	Gary Corbin
	Alexander Reid
15 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Grant
17 <sup>th</sup>	Guy Jones-Lau
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Lamb
21 <sup>st</sup>	Kathy Callow
24 <sup>th</sup>	Everett Smith

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### Labor Day Food Booth



More helping hands are appreciated to make the food booth a success. Please contact Bob Stoner to see where you can make a difference.

### September Needs:

Pasta Sides	Rice Sides
Canned Baked Beans	Sloppy Joe Sauce
Vegetable Soup	Egg Noodles
Taco Kits	Diced Tomatoes
Coffee	
Paper Towels	Shampoo



Just a friendly reminder that we can only accept foods that haven't expired and they must have the expiration date printed on them (otherwise they have to be discarded).

Please no glass bottles or jars.

Standard size products are preferred.



## Turning Point



One of the missions of that United Women in Faith support is Turning Point, a shelter for women and children who are facing domestic violence or abuse. Recently, the shelter's needs have increased dramatically.

UWF is asking our church family to help us in meeting these needs. In the coming months, we will be asking for a needed item that the shelter has requested. Please consider joining us in supporting this very important mission.

More information will follow each month. Please read the RUMC weekly emails and The Grapevine for further details.

### September Turning Point Need

30 Gallon Trash Bags are this month's needed item. If you would like to help, please place your contribution in the Turning Point bin across from the office.

Thank You for your support.

#### Game Afternoon

Saturday, September 14

3:00 - 5:00



Join us for a time of game or card playing. We'll have some games to play (or bring a favorite of yours), or just sit around and enjoy each other's company.

Bring a snack if you would like to.

### CRAFTERS NEEDED



Christmas Craft Show and Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 23

9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Space \$30.

For further info call Becky 586/337-1361.

**Save the Date**  
**Apple Picking at**  
**Westview**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**Watch for more details**

**Please sign up**



The American Red Cross urgently requests your blood donation to ensure essential medical treatments aren't delayed.

RUMC will hold a blood drive on Monday, September 16, 2024, from 10 to 4 in fellowship hall. Registration is available online. Walk-ins will be accepted.



## ***Christmas Tea***

*The United Women in Faith are in the planning stages of the Advent Tea. If you are interested in assisting with the tea or have any ideas which you would like to share, please reach out to any UWF board member: Becky Laseke, Linda Knight, Anna Bonanni, Diane Hodgins, Joyce Benham, or Marilyn Welser.*





## HOPE Against Trafficking

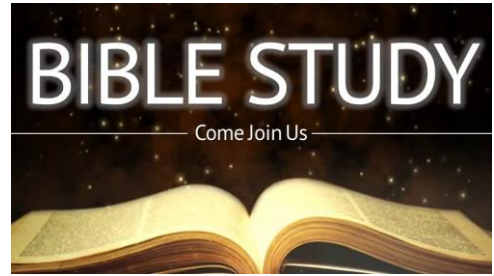
This important organization will be presenting a program at the United Women in Faith general meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 11 o'clock.

The UWF board is asking our church family and friends to help support HOPE by donating any of the items on their needs list which is posted on the UWF board near the kitchen or listed below. Items may be brought to the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting or placed in the designated container across from the office.

Please join us for the presentation. A salad luncheon will be offered.

### Needs List

Toilet paper	Lysol Spray/Wipes
Pads / tampons	Trash bags.
Hypoallergenic detergent	Shower caddy
Softener	Shower shoes
Dryer sheets	Shower caps
Face moisturizer	Shoes
Sunscreen	Deodorant
Socks	Q-tips
Lip balm	Cotton balls
A&E ointment	Lotion
Nail clippers	Toothpaste
Razors	Panty liners
Hair ties	Isopropyl alcohol
Hand soap	Band-Aids
Toilet cleaner	Bedsheets. Twin size
Gloves	Twin size coverlets
Dawn Dish Soap	



Tuesday, Sept 10, at 9:30, a Bible study of the Book of Revelation will be starting at Stoney Creek Church at 26 Mile and Jewell. It meets weekly through early May and is free to all women. It has free childcare for infants-4 or 5. Check it out online at BSFInternational. It will be an exciting and eye opening study.



September 8 is Rally Day! If you lead a group, committee, or a job in the church, and would like a table for volunteers to sign up, please contact Beth Sova.



**October 6**

**All creatures are welcome and feel free to bring your human**

## Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 7/31/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$187,540
Expenses	<u>\$204,190</u>
Surplus	<b>(\$16,650)</b>

2024 Apportionments as of 7/31/24: **\$6,620**

### Romeo UMC needs your Financial Support!

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The RUMC tagline has long been “Looking up, Reaching Out, Caring Within”. Those three simple phrases embody the Spirit that lives in our church so well. We look up to God and offer our worship and praise. We reach out to our community and beyond through service and mission. We care within through our prayers and support of one another. However, caring within also has to consider the needs we have within our church and its budget. That is what the Operating fund of the Church is used for. The tithes and offerings given weekly go to the operating fund and cover the day-to-day operations and bills of the church. The Finance Committee meets monthly and keeps an eye on the income and expenses. If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Devin or Tom Callow, Finance Chair.

Thank you for your continued support of RUMC.



## TENATIVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2024



September 14, Saturday 3:00-5:00  
Game Day

September, 15  
Apple Picking

October 5, Saturday 5:00-7:00  
Hayride and bonfire

October 19, Saturday 3:00-5:00  
Game Day

November 10, Sunday 3:00-5:00  
Square Dance followed by meal

November 16, Saturday 3:00-5:00  
Game Day

December  
Secret Santas  
Living Nativity

December 14, Saturday 3:00-5:00  
Game Day

Wednesday, December 25  
Community Christmas Dinner

December 31, Tuesday, 7:00-9:00  
New Year's Eve Game Night

Watch for more details to come



## Labor Day Parade Float

RUMC is being honored as the highlighted Business of the Year in this year's parade. Thank you for your support as we continue to be celebrated for 200 years!

Volunteers to decorate the float, ride on the float or walk in the parade are needed and more than welcome. Make it a family affair! When is the last time you had the chance to walk in a major parade?! Sign up at the kiosk.

## Parade Walkers-Riders Invited

We will meet at the church at 1 o'clock to walk down to the corner of Gates and Main where we will get lined up for the 1:30 start.



## Romeo UMC Family of Prayer

September 2024

### For Our Church Family:

Vi Abercrombie  
Don Adkin  
Bob Bachholzky  
Elaine Roberson  
Jean Corah

Jim Lindsay  
Sue Coker  
Larry and Annette Perrin –  
Covid  
Stephanie Perrin - Covid

Sue Rhoads-Sidote  
Ted Simpson  
Beth Theisen  
Ed and Carol Verhaeghe  
Tina Weeks

### For Our Extended Family and Friends

Stephanie Perrin's Aunt Linda whose body is declining and her cousin Tanya for peace and comfort.

Kay Nicholson's nephew, Brett, is responding well to treatment for depression and alcoholism, prayers he will stay on this path

Elaine Parr's sister-in-law's brother, Henry Shoot

Jaclyn, sister of Diandra Khoury, entered rehab and working on sobriety

Helen Koss's niece, Kristy Skaggs

Steve Domke's friend, Rick Kirsch

**For answered prayer updates (remove), or to add a new prayer request,  
please send an email to [office@romeoumc.com](mailto:office@romeoumc.com).**