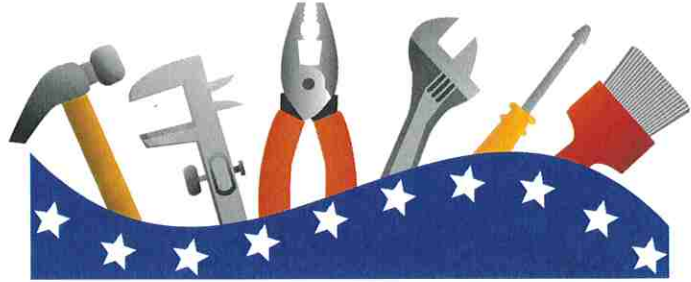


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# LAMPLIGHTER

# SEPTEMBER 2024



LET'S CELEBRATE THE LABOR THAT BUILT UP  
THIS GREAT LAND. FROM FIELD TO FIELD, DUSK  
TO DUSK, THEY BUILT IT HAND IN HAND.



*Happy Labor Day!*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR



2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	<b>2</b>  LABOR DAY Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 9:00 AM  FALL FESTIVAL	<b>6</b> FALL FESTIVAL	<b>7</b> FALL FESTIVAL  Parade 12:30 PM Ministers participating
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Kids Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting  Church Reserved for RY Reunion	<b>9</b> EBW 6:00 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ministerium Meeting 1:00 PM	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 9:00 AM  PGR Boundary Training 10AM-3PM  Cub Scouts 6:30 PM  Session Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service  Dave & Daphne Concert 3-5pm  Lunch served from 1-2:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 9:00 AM  Cub Scouts 6:30 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service  Church reserved for a Baby Shower  	<b>23</b> Brandi will be out of the office thru the 27th	<b>24</b> PEO 6:00 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 9:00 AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Joint Service with Yates City here 11:30 AM Worship Cmmtt Mtg  Coffee Hour	<b>30</b>					

**September Elder**

Marty Tarter

**Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer**

September 1st ..... Calie Stalter  
 September 8th ..... Ron Cox/Mike Shissler  
 September 15th ..... Marty Tarter  
 September 22nd ..... Brandy Stevens  
 September 29th ..... Julie Barrett/Calie Stalter



1st: Bob Shoop	15th: Diane Criswell
3rd: Ron Cox Sam Kepple	16th: Jake Roberts
7th: Isabel Conklin	21st: Sharon Worley
12th: Mackenzie Paige	23rd: Ed Cosby Abigail Colgan
13th: Dan Kepple	29th: Allie Hotz
14th: Dianne Morton	30th: Cassidy Coulter Fran Meyers



5th: Nick & Sarah (Shoop) Conklin  
 7th: Ron & Peggy Cox  
 8th: Scott & Beth (Barrett) Schlueter  
 15th: Greg & Denise Hotz  
 18th: Alex & Holly (Meyers) Noto  
 24th: Steve & Diane Winslow  
 Tim & Brandi Teel



Thursday morning Bible Study & Prayer Group  
 Thursday's @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



**Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School meets  
 Sunday Mornings @ 9:00am  
 Everyone is Welcome!

**Children's Sunday School**



Children's Sunday School  
 for ages 4 - 7 will meet  
 on the 2nd OR 3rd Sunday  
 every month @ 9:30am  
 (check calendar or bulletin)



Elmwood Fall Festival  
 September 5th - 7th  
 Enjoy Food, Fun  
 & Fellowship

Church News & Events

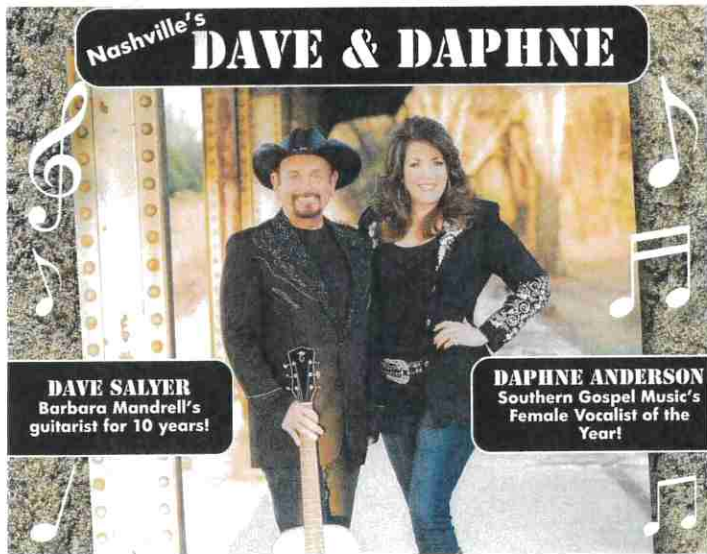
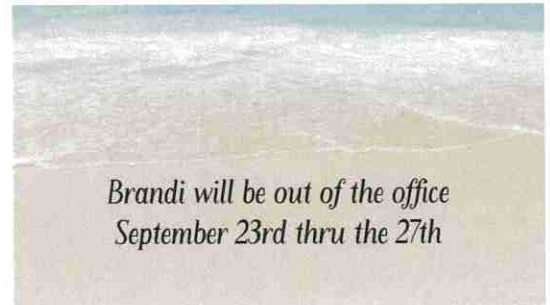
Deacon's  
MEETING

September 8th  
following worship



SESSION meeting

September 12th  
@ 6:30pm



**DATE** September 15, 2024—Live from Nashville, TN  
Country Gospel Music—"God's Country and More"

**TIME** 3:00-5:00pm

**LOCATION** Elmwood Presbyterian Church  
201 W. Evergreen St, Elmwood, IL

**TICKETS** Free Will Offering: Proceeds divided among:  
Elmwood Fire Dept, Elmwood Ministerial Alliance,  
Elmwood American Legion, Midwest Food Bank,  
BYE Ambulance Service

Food served from 1:00-2:30pm.

Limited Seating: Call or text Gene with attendance numbers  
at (309) 264-4294

Let us  
WORSHIP  
Together

Sunday, September 29th

5th Sunday Fellowship  
& Joint Worship Service w/ Yates City  
at the First Presbyterian Church  
@ 10:30am

Come Join Us!



Worship Committee Meeting  
September 29th  
following Worship

Those that know what my family and I have been through these last three years know what this picture means to us. I am living proof in the power of prayer and God's healing Grace. Although, I will never be the same, at least I have an opportunity to try and fly again. I cannot thank you enough for all the prayers, support, and encouragement.



ZION  
Penn Ridge  
LUTHERAN CHURCH • TRIVOLI, ILL. •  
SMITHVILLE ROAD  
SEPT 14-15 2024  
1849-2024

Dear Fellow Believers,

All of us at Zion Penn Ridge Lutheran Church are so excited to be celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. We would like to extend an invitation to everyone at your church to come and celebrate God's work with us at 18015 W Smithville Rd. Trivoli, IL 61569.

Open House-Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00-4:00

We are having food and drink catered by Raber Packing Company, photo and memorabilia from the past 175 years, old fashion yard games and a craft of making a corn doll for the kids and kids at heart. We will have hymn singing on the hour with a short message or speakers recalling memories from former times in the church.

Special 175 Church Service- Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00

Family Movie Night-Sunday- September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00

We are very excited for this milestone of our church and we hope you will be able to attend and help us celebrate this praise to our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Mark Schoenhals

Pastor Jay Johnson

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!!  
175 YEARS  
OF PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH  
SEPT 14-15, 2024



# FROM THE PASTOR

September 2024

*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

Hello Dear Friends,

As we welcome the month of September (can you believe it?!) we see the slight changes in the trees and grass and landscape. The dog-days of August are coming to a close and there's a promise of Fall in the air. Students and teachers have returned to their classrooms and our regular social groups have begun meeting once again!

So, what about you? Let's fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. Maybe we spend too much time and mental energy thinking about trivial things—surface matters that have no value spiritually. The sense of sight is a wondrous gift from God, but it can become a source of bondage if misused. We have mirrors that show our reflection—sometimes magnified—and we see all our flaws but guess what! God doesn't see our flaws! God knows that we aren't perfect and he doesn't want us to be overly focused on improving our appearance. The same can be true of your home or family. This can distract us from the deep, personal relationship God wants to have with us.

Sunday worship is the perfect time to focus on Jesus Christ. Yes, we clean ourselves up and try to present our best foot forward, but God is just happy that we are present. Because when we're present we can fix our eyes on what is unseen—that which is eternal. Let us gather together each Lord's Day in order to praise, worship, learn, pray and sing about God's love and acceptance of us—just as we are.

Blessings,

Pastor Marla Bauler

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL  
Session Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on May 9, 2024. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Julie Barrett at 6:32 p.m.

Elders present: 2024 – Julie Barrett and Calie Stalter  
2025 – Anita Asbell  
2026 – Ron Cox, Brandy Stevens and Marty Tarter

constituting a quorum. Absent was Ron Cox and Steve Winslow. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 12, 2023 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Julie Barret – Pentecost.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Deacons Report dated April 14, 2024 was reviewed .

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for April 2024 was reviewed. Approved.

### **Report of the Clerk**

The minutes from the April 11, 2024 were reviewed & approved.

With heartfelt regret, a motion was made to remove the following members from our church rolls: Robrt Wolschlag, Charlene Wolschlag and Judy Cosby. Seconded. Approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Marla shared a printed report which listed her monthly ministry activities.

Communion was served to 18 members of the congregation on May 5, 2024 by Rev. Laura Reason as Pastor Marla was out of town.

### **Committee Reports**

**Personnel:** Chair – Ron Cox

No report.

**Finance:** Chair – Marty Tarter

No report.

**Worship/Membership/Christian Ed:** Co-Chairs – Calie Stalter & Anita Asbell

Worship: Committee met on April 28, 2024. Discussed Mother's Day ideas.

Membership: Calie reviewed the rolls and will be contacting members who no longer attend.

Christian Ed: Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting:

Beginning Balance as of 4/1/2024 = \$4,627.70.

Deposits of \$247; \$160; \$140; \$160

Spent \$120 (Candle Hutch – 40 candles for S.S. Project)

Ending Balance = \$5,214.70 as of 4/30/24.

**Missions:** Chair – Marty Tarter

No report given as they will be having the next meeting in June.

**Marketing and Evangelism:** Chair – Brandy Stevens

No report.

**Building and Grounds:** Chair – Steve Winslow; Asst. – Julie Barrett

Bob Tannock, Elmwood Fire Chief has offered to come and do Fire and Weather training.

Also, the assistant Fire Chief will be contacted as he is certified for CPR and using the defibrillator.

**New Business**

One of our members has expressed an opinion about our Sunday ritual of Passing of the Peace and the session members discussed it. We will be praying on this.

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:35 p.m.

The next session meeting is August 8, 2024 with Devotions and Elder Training by Ron Cox.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Anita W. Asbell, Clerk of Session (bdt)

Moderator,

Rev. Marla Bauler