

# the Messenger



September 18, 2022  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Optional  
Indoors

In accordance with the CDC guidelines, MASKS are now **OPTIONAL**.

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## Sunday, September 18 at 10:00am

Rally Day marks the beginning of the 2022 – 2023 Christian Education year. Children, parents and teachers will meet in Fellowship Hall for welcome and introductions, music and prayer, teacher meet-and-greet, and classroom visits. New students are welcome.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit the **Signup Hub** to register your child for Sunday School. Copies of the registration forms will be available at Rally Day.

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks (briefcases, lunch bags, handbags, etc.) to worship on **September 18**. You will receive a special blessing and a token to remind you of God's love throughout the school year.



With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the ordination and installation of **PASTOR Brandi Hebert** on **Saturday, September 17**.

As part of that service, she wears, for the first time, a pastor's stole, signifying her work and life in service to God and his people.

Pastor Dan presented this red stole to Brandi last week as a gift from the congregation.



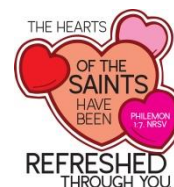
The resource table in the Commons is back. On loan resources for September pertain to the topic of *faith and mental health*. Some of the resources contain personal narratives of persons suffering from various mental illnesses. Other resources promote care and promotion of mental health from the perspective of faith. **Welcome!**



## Bible Book of the Month Study • Philemon

Monday, September 26 • 7:00pm on ZOOM

The Bible book-of-the-month is back after a summer break. Each month, participants read through at their own pace, with the help of [Pastor Dan's Reader Guide](#), then meet for discussion **on ZOOM**. For September we will read the New Testament book of **Philemon**. **All are welcome.**



## NEW! Adult Faith and Life Class "Texts of Terror"

Sundays at 10:00am • September 25 – October 23 • Fellowship Hall

There are some scary passages in the Bible that pose distinct challenges for our interpretation of scripture. We'll look at a different passage each week; exploring its biblical context as well as its use and misuse as a lens into modern-day issues. Pastor Dan will lead the discussions.



Our worship music ensembles have resumed and are looking for new members.

- **Rejoice!** rehearses Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings.
- **Bell Choir** rehearses Wednesdays.
- **Adult Vocal Choir** rehearses Wednesdays.



**Questions?** Contact **Bill Lafty** or **Cheri Tigh**.



## The Café at God's Love is OPEN beginning Sunday, September 18!

The cafe will open each Sunday morning for fellowship time between worship services. Watch for a signup sheet to serve as a barista or to bring baked goodies. **Questions?** Contact **Kathy MacDonald**.

Scripture Readings  
September 25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Warnings to the wealthy

1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Richness of God's justice

Luke 16:19-31  
Lazarus and the wealthy man



### Youth Spirituality Program

Sessions continue

September 18 – November 13

5:00pm – 6:30pm in the Commons

**FREE** and open to the public. **Rolling register remains OPEN** throughout the program. [Register HERE](#).



### All-Hands-Harvest Day

A rain-shortened harvest took place on September 11. Thank you to those that volunteered to dig up and package our root vegetable harvest: **109lbs** of potatoes, **39lbs** of onions and **16lbs** of carrots were delivered to the *ERA* and *Redeemer Lutheran Church* food pantries. *Rolling Harvest Food Rescue* harvested an additional **175lbs** of produce on Thursday!



Do you know of an organization that would benefit from one of the God's Love monthly collections? Do you feel called to organize such a collection?

The Service Ministry Team is welcoming **NEW MEMBERS**. The team will meet in October to plan the 2023 collections. For more information or to join the team, contact **Sandy Anthony** or the church office.



### Grapevine of Friends

(open to all looking for connection and fellowship)

**Tuesday, October 18 • 11:30am**  
Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 13 • 2:00pm**  
Cookies and Coffee

**RSVP to Amy Carr** or church office.



### September: Christmas-at-Sea

Our collection for September benefits [Seafarers International House](#) in support of their Christmas-at-Sea project. Many Seafarers spend long months at sea, often away from home and loved ones. This project provides satchels of gifts delivered to ships by port chaplains. All seafarers on the ship receive the same gift regardless of faith or nationality.



Pick up a satchel in the **Lobby of Love** and fill with **each** of the following:

- Three Pairs of Socks—thermal or athletic
- One T-Shirt (size M-L-XL)\*
- One Sweatshirt—hooded or unhooded (size M-L-XL)\*
- One can of nuts, large bar of chocolate, or health snack bar
- A Holiday or Christmas card from YOU! (blank cards in the **Lobby of Love**)
- One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please)

\*Please be sure the size of the t-shirt and the sweatshirt are the same.

Place your filled satchel in the **Lobby of Love** by the end of September. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

### BONUS Christmas Joy:

Pick up a bunch of blank Christmas cards near the Seafarers display in the lobby. Fill them out and return them in the basket provided and they will be delivered by *Adopt-a-Platoon* to deployed soldiers this holiday season.

### HOPE Laundry Ministry

Each Tuesday evening our volunteers go to *Express Laundry Center* in Bristol to meet those in need of laundry services.

There are volunteer opportunities open. Use [THIS LINK](#) or visit the **Signup Hub**. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.



### HOPE • September and October

To help those experiencing homelessness, [CLICK HERE](#) for **September**; [CLICK HERE](#) for **October**, or visit the **Signup Hub**. Place donations in the **Lobby of Love**.

**Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.



### CAN2 Workday • Saturday, September 17 • 1:00pm – 4:00pm following Pastor Brandi's ordination reception



**Stop by to add your handprint** to the mural and check out the progress inside the container. Our latest thank you goes to *Clifton Homes* for arranging a donation of cabinets, and to *Home Depot* in Fairless Hills for the discounted interior paint. Our goal is to complete the medical clinic build by the end of October. **You CAN2 help make this happen!**

[SIGNUP HERE](#) for a work crew or visit the **Signup Hub**. No experience is needed. All tools and instruction are provided. Follow our progress at [GodsLoveNewtown.org/CAN2](#).

**Together we CAN2 make a difference!**



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