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THE CORNERSTONE

OCTOBER 2026



Pastor Heidi Grueser

OCTOBER MEETINGS

- Oct. 2 - Friday 10AM
CARING/SHARING MEETING
- Oct. 5 - Monday 10AM
LADIES CIRCLE Meeting
- Oct. 7 - Wednesday 1PM
MISSIONS MEETING
- Oct. 8 - Thursday 6:30PM
TRUSTEE MEETING
- Oct. 11 - Sunday 11AM
DEACONS MEETING
- Oct. 15 - Thursday
COUNCIL MEETING
- Oct. 31 - Saturday 9:00AM
MEN'S GROUP MEETING

*Meetings are where
decisions are made.
If you are on a board or
committee it's your
responsibility
to attend meetings.*



♥ HEIDI'S HEART

WOW, can it really be September? YES! But, allow me to reflect on the most precious moment of my life (besides the adoption of my children).

August...

I want to thank you from the tips of my toes to the top of my head. I am full of gratitude towards you, my family and my God. On August 16th at 3:00 P.M. I made a vow to God and to you to give my heart and life to serve & honor our Holy Father and you. As the Ecumenical Clergy laid their strong hands upon my shoulders I felt the weight. As they prayed collectively my whole soul flew to the throne room of heaven where I too bowed. I am not sure I can find the words to describe that moment...but one word I can use is...Holy. When I opened my eyes, I was looking directly towards your eyes and heart. I felt, saw and heard the seal of Heaven stamped upon us. I will give you my all, just as I give our Father my all in service, love, prayer and loyalty.

Thank you for all of your hard work preparing meals and desserts, cleaning, decorating (all Lady Circles & the Men's Fellowship). Thank you also for the music (Beverly & Jim Pacheco & my dearest friend, Lori D'Orio) photography (Hope Creighton), and to Carolyn who worked tirelessly beside me orchestrating the Installation service. Life lived together is truly awe inspiring. I am beyond honored and feel privileged to now become united with you as a "we."

All my Love,
Pastor Heidi

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❤️ **MORE FROM HEIDI**



HALLOWEEN CANDY

We will be collecting Halloween Candy for Oct. 31st.

The Board of Ed will be manning a table in front of church for the neighborhood ghosts, goblins and princesses to enjoy.

Please bring in your full-zed candy bar donations before Oct. 25th.

From 11 to ?? it's fun to share a birthday with someone special. Koral Grueser and Jeff Creighton, both born on the same date...September 20th.

I personally share a birthday with Earnest Hemmingway! July 21st....now that's special.

Who do you share a birth date with?



Deacon in training?

A big shout-out to young Jack Hobden. He was very willing and able to be a fill-in Deacon on Sunday the 20th. I see a very helpful deacon in our future. Thank you Jack!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS



This Prayer List is designed to inspire you to keep these cherished individuals in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week. If you would like to add someone to this list, please seek their permission before proceeding. (We understand that this may not always be feasible.) If your loved one has experienced the healing grace of God, kindly inform us so we can remove them from the prayer list.

Heavenly Father, in Your boundless compassion, we ask that You bring healing and recovery to those mentioned. Please touch them with Your healing hand and restore their strength. Alleviate their pain and mend what is broken. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. In Jesus' Name, we pray for...

Karen Carpenter Family
Connie Heath
Muriel Knutson
Nola Studley
Janette Small
Margaret Damewood
Sandra Gammon
Carole Starr

Romeo Jackson by Melody S.
Ann & Peter Gribbin by Melody S.
Lorraine Strout by Walter K.
Becky Tipp by Carole S.
Baby Anthony (Field)
Joani Mitchell by Hope C.
Stuart Mank
George Creighton

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS — ANNIVERSARIES

4 Karen Carpenter
5 Valerie Miller
7 Regina Gamage
10 Gayle White
10 Tammy Hagin
11 Louise Cornforth
14 Janice Overlock
20 Koral Grueser
20 Jeff Creighton
29 Richard Maxcy

15 - Zach & Monique Hobden

**If your special day
is not listed, please
contact the office.**

FILL THE BARREL

September Suggested Donations:

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Canned veggies
Canned/dry pet food



**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY FOOD PANTRY
ALSO ACCEPTS MONETARY DONATIONS.
OUR BARREL HAS BEEN EMPTY LATELY;
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION.**

IMPORTANT DATES AND HAPPENINGS

- Oct. 4 - Sunday - 9:15-9:45am Adult Bible Study before Service
"Why we believe what we believe"
- Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - 11am Bible Study - "What Happens Next?"
- Oct. 15 - 6:00pm - Church Council meeting
- Oct. 25 - 11:30am - Second info. meeting - May 2027 Israel trip
- Oct. 31 - Halloween



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is TDSTELECOM.COM/TDS-EMAIL-FAQ.HTML**

If you need any assistance with this email transition, contact the office.



Phishing is serious... don't get hooked!

Thank you 

On September 27, Tia Anderson from Midcoast Habitat for Humanity visited our church and shared a mission moment. Thanks to the generous donations from our congregation, SCCW can continue supporting missions like this. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Midcoast Habitat for Humanity (Excerpt taken from Facebook)

A heartfelt thank you to the Second Congregational Church of Warren, and the Missions Group, for their generous \$1,000 donation to Midcoast Habitat this past Sunday!

We are so grateful for neighbors and community partners who believe in the importance of safe, affordable housing. Gifts like this help us continue building homes, making critical repairs, and creating greater stability for families across Knox County.

Thank you, Second Congregational Church of Warren, for helping us build a stronger community, one home at a time. - Tia Anderson



There was a full house the second week of Bible Study “What Happens Next”. Twenty one curiosity seekers were in attendance, all willing to learn.

Our biblical scholar, Pastor Heidi, is giving us the back story, diving deep into our roots of when and where “we” all began.

You are encouraged to attend this study on Tuesdays at 11:00am following the weekly coffee chat.

ISRAEL TRIP - MAY 3 - 12, 2027

For those interested in learning about the Israel trip, we will be meeting several times to be educated on what to expect on this memorable trip.

Trip informational meetings will be on Sundays @ 11:30am on the dates listed to the right.

Reminders and announcements will be sent out. All are welcome.



- October 25, 2026
- November 29, 2026
- December 20, 2026
- January 24, 2027
- February 28, 2027
- March 28, 2027
- April 4, 2027
- April 25, 2027

Let's have some Fall fun and....

Seek Ye Members

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JANICE
TOM
PAUL
KATHY
DIANA
SHARON
HOPE
PAT
SUSIE
VALERIE
JEFF
ALBERT
IRENE
JEN
SUSAN
FREDA
JOE
CAROLYN
SAM
STERLING
CINDY
HEIDI
SANDRA
KORAL

We have so many members I had to create two puzzles...hope I didn't leave anyone out !

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B	E	M	I	L	Y	I	Z	G	I	M	R	M	I
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NIVA- JEAN
DEAGAN
EMILY
RAYMOND
ERIC
GUNNER
MARK
JASON
PATTY
GAYLE
MONIQUE
WALTER
ZOE
MARTY
MURIAL
GUS
PAUL
FAUSTINA
JACK
BARBARA
ZACH
BECKY
CONNIE
WESTON

BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



Bottle Redemption benefits the
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE
Returnable bin is in the downstairs
Fellowship room. We thank you
kindly for your donations.

To Volunteer at the
Children's Clothing Exchange, contact
CCE Director - Susan Lombardo
207-701-7622

Don't forget....

To conserve energy, if you turn the
heat UP in any rooms be sure to
turn it back DOWN to 58deg.

Reminder...

For safety reasons, on Sunday morning
all church doors, upstairs and downstairs
are locked at 10:15am. If you arrive after
that time, you will not be able to get in.



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FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Current office hours are:
Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Newsletters are sent out via mail and email once a
month, typically on or around the first of the month.

Submissions for the newsletter must be received ON or
BEFORE the 28th of each month.

If you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you,
please reach out to the office. Printed copies are
available upon request.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you are a member of any board or committee, you
automatically become part of the church council, and
your attendance at the bi-monthly church council
meetings is expected and highly encouraged.

Sunday Hospitality

First Sunday - Men's Group

Second Sunday - Ladies Circle

Third Sunday - The Congregation

Fourth Sunday - Caring and Sharing Sisters

Fifth Sunday (if applicable) - The Congregation



ALL SEATED YOGA and EXERCISE

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - 8:30 to 9:00-am

Stretch, strength and flexibility. All welcome!

Free Video Class



DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	MISSIONS
08.02.26	49	\$2353.00	\$363.00
08.09.26	44	660.00	37.00
08.16.26	70	1102.00	53.00
08.23.26	43	1008.00	145.00
08.30.26	48	952.00	23.00

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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 1:00pm Missions	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 10am Caring Sharing Mtg	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 10am Service Communion Music: Barbara Bibro	<u>7</u> LABOR DAY	<u>8</u> 9-11am Table Talk	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 9-11am CCE 4:00pm Trustee Mtg	<u>11</u> Patriot Day Honoring 9/11 victims	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 10am Service Grandparents Day Deacon Mtg 11:15am Music: Barbara Bibro	<u>14</u> 10:am Ladies Circle Mtg	<u>15</u> 9-11am Table Talk	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 9-11am CCE	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 10am Service Israel info mtg 11:30 Music: Lizzie	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 9-11am Table Talk 11am Bible Study "What Happens Next"	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 9-11am CCE	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Men's Group Mtg
<u>27</u> 10am Service Music: Christine Tofani	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 9-11am Table Talk 11am Bible Study "What Happens Next"	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> OCTOBER 9-11am CCE	<u>2</u> 10am Caring Sharing Mtg	<u>3</u> AA Hall rental 9-2pm
LITURGIST	DEACONS	TRUSTEES	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY		
09/06 Aleta Mank	09/06 Karen/Carolyn	09/06 Sandra Overlock	09/06 Cindy/Jeremy	09/06 Men's Group		
09/13 Gayle White	09/13 Paul / Susan	09/13 Marcia Cifaldo	09/13 Melody/Aleta	09/13 Ladies Circle		
09/20 Cindy Bland	09/20 Zach / Karen	09/20 Sterling Robinson	09/20 Joe/Marcia	09/20 Congregation		
09/27 Melody Sainio	09/27 Carolyn / Ann	09/27 Jeff Creighton	09/27 The Kids	09/27 Caring/Sharing		

NOTE: Above duties subject to change. Church Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-1p
TUES. EVE. AA Group Meet THUR. EVE. Scouts Meet

Video Gentle Chair Yoga & Exercise
Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:00am