



HOLMES HERALD

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Please join us on

Sunday mornings for...

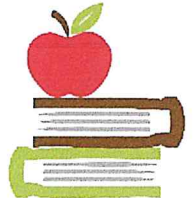
Adult Forum: 9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Traditional worship service: 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER

2025



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

The new school season has started and that means change. Starting Sunday, September 7, 2024 our worship will return to the 10:30 a.m. meeting time. Please make a note of this important time change.



We celebrate the role Grandparents play in our lives on September 7th and thank God for giving us these very special family members.



"Grand" parents Day

Newsletter information



Every effort is made to report complete information on all church activities. This newsletter and all future newsletters will contain the material received by the newsletter deadline. If the group or activity you are looking for is not listed, please contact the person leading that group/activity. Additionally, this is everyone's newsletter. If you have information about our church/community life you would like to share, please submit it by the monthly deadline.



The Holmes Session hopes you were able to have a restful and relaxing summer. We are thankful that Holmes Church was able to hold a very successful Vacation Bible School (mind you in the the worst heat wave we had all summer!). Many thanks to Dyan White for heading the VBS program and to all the helpers who made it run so smoothly. We are also grateful that Suzi Waldie was able to hold another successful Kids Stuff program at our church. Many thanks are in order for the Over the Hill Gang that continued to meet during the summer (in the oppressive summer heat) to continue to make improvements to our church and church grounds. You are all so appreciated. (Take a look at the ceiling tile project in the Morrison Hall! What a difference!). Finally, a huge thank you to the Sewing Circle, particularly Jane Cottrell and Charlotte Merker for collecting all the school supplies for Grands Stepping Up. Holmes Church certainly was busy this summer!

We have some exciting events coming this Fall and Winter. Here is a tentative schedule of events:

*Sept. 20th or Sept 27th-Fall Flower Sale /Bake Sale(Once we hear when flowers will be available from the vendor)

*Sept. 21st-Fellowship Hour

*Oct. 5th-World Wide Communion

*Oct. 12th- Fellowship Hour

*Oct. 19th-Family Pumpkin Carving

*Oct. 24th-Trunk or Treat

*Oct. 26th-VanDyken's Visit & Deacon's Fall Tea

*Nov. 2nd- All Saint's Day Worship

*Nov. 15th-Festival of Giving

*Nov 23rd-Friendsgiving

*Nov. 26th-Thanksgiving Eve Worship

*Nov. 29th-Hanging of the Greens

*Dec. 14th-Mission Worship Service

*Dec. 21st-Music Worship

*Dec 24th-Christmas Eve Worship

We hope you make note and save the dates of these important church events and worship services.
Holmes Session



WE CHOOSE KINDNESS & SERVICE

Like a droplet of water dropped in a pond, which causes a ripple effect, your actions have consequences not limited to these walls. You may never know the impact of your kind actions, the spirits you have lifted, or the kind gestures your actions have inspired. All of you are truly a beacon of light and hope. Below is a recap of what we accomplished in our "slow" summer months.



A Thank you from Dr. Moody of the James R. Ludlow Elementary School

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the friends and

members of the Holmes Presbyterian Church and the Holmes Sewing Circle for not only thinking of Mrs. Kalbach's 2nd grade class, but also the many other students in various grades at the James R. Ludlow Elementary School. Your generous and kind donations of school supplies ensured that needy students had the proper supplies to start off the 2025/2026 school year properly. I can't thank you enough for your support of our faculty and students.

Most sincerely,
Dr. Khary Moody

School Supply Collection



Thank you for supporting the Sewing Circle's annual School Supply Drive. Your generous donations were given to those in

need at Grands Stepping Up and the Ludlow School.

Grands Stepping Up and the Ludlow School were grateful when we delivered the supplies. We were very proud to represent Holmes Presbyterian Church and our congregation. Again thank you - You are truly appreciated.

Charlotte and Jane
Co-Chairs



Community Garden

Once again this year, the garden at Holmes Church has flourished under the direction of Elaine VanGeyten and her helpers.

The vegetable plants produced many pounds of produce which was donated to Loaves & Fishes and this year to help our neighbors Elaine/Helen scheduled vegetable plant & vegetable giveaways on the church campus this summer. They met many grateful people and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the community. Thank you to Elaine VanGeyten and all the volunteers who weeded, watered and harvested the vegetables to be given away.



Everyday we are given the opportunity to grow spiritually if we choose to take it. We have the option to pray, study God's Word, and of course attend worship on Sundays. On Sunday, October 5th we will have the opportunity to grow spiritually and nourish our souls as we observe World Communion Sunday. Please take advantage of this privilege and join your church family along with millions of other Christians at the Lord's Table.

Please join churches and people worldwide as they unite to pray for students, teachers and schools.



Please pray that:

- Christian students, teachers, and staff stand firm in their faith at school and in their homes. May they impact their campus for Christ this school year and witness revival and spiritual awakening. May God strengthen Christians serving in our schools so they will not be anxious, but filled with peace, trusting God and encouraging others.
- Whether students are taking classes in person or online, may they honor those around them, be diligent in their schoolwork, and stay connected with encouraging peers.
- May there be unity and high moral standards among teachers, administration, school board, and support staff. May all decisions be based on sound wisdom and discernment.
- May God's hand of protection be upon the students, school, and staff and may any plans for evil be quickly thwarted. Pray that all will come to a saving knowledge of Christ and understand their identity in Him.



Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September 14th, at 6:00 pm. All youth from 6th to 12th grades are welcome! We hope to see you soon!

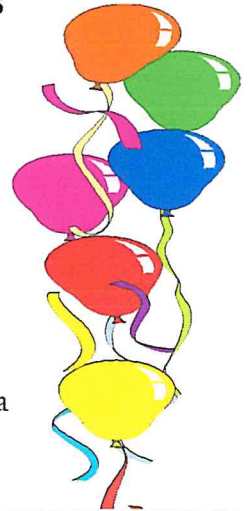
September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

8	Sarah O'Donnell
13	Charlotte Merker
22	Elaine VanGeyten
30	Jean Porteous

Happy Anniversary to:

15	Gene & Barbara Zimmerma
21	Bill & Beth Carpenter



Debbie Oliver is requesting prayers for our four Compassion Kids:

Marcos age 17 Location: Brazil

Natoli age 19 Location: Ethiopia

Hurgen age 19 Location: Haiti

Josias age 19 Location: Burkina Faso

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir practices will resume on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to make a joyful noise to the Lord and raise your voice in song during our worship services, please feel free to join us!



Updates from Suzi

KIDS STUFF '25: What a wonderful camp we had this year. Our finale performance was called "LOOKING UP" and included songs and monologues focusing on kindness, hope, friendship and fun. Of course we also included two "kindness projects", complete with discussions centered around how we can use our talents and other gifts for good. One strong point made was that the real value of theater arts and performing is not self oriented or fame and fortune, but rather is found in what is shared or given. Theater arts can spread joy, bring comfort, and offer support and encouragement. The final showcase proved to be a perfect example of this lesson. Although we had a small audience, there were plenty of smiles and songs being hummed as everyone left afterwards. It was my 36th Summer of KIDS STUFF and definitely one of my favorites!

CREW 143 for young people in 2nd thru 6th grades will start back on Wed. September 24th . We meet from 4-5:30PM. All members must be signed in and out by an adult. Any questions, contact me via email : suziwaldie3@gmail.com

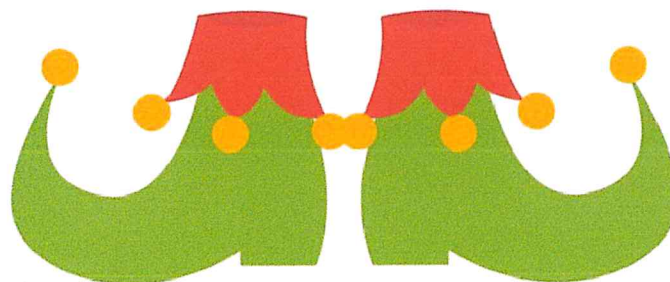
Our Womans Adventure Club (a temporary name) has met three times since June. After a tiny break during August, we will be scheduling our September meet up shortly. Be sure to watch the church bulletin or our web site for the date and time. All are invited. We do not meet the same day or time in hopes that we can find a time that works for anyone interested, even if not every meeting.

SHOES , a story for families

Friday, September 5, 2025 and Saturday, September 6, 2025
7:30PM.

Looking for something a little different to do ? Whether you are celebrating the end of Summer or the start of the new school year, here is something quite unique that is perfect for all ages! This "world premier", with an original score and choreography, combines a little fairytale magic with some faith, hope and love.

Adults: \$10.00, Children : \$7.00 CASH ONLY, PLEASE



The Sounds of Worship

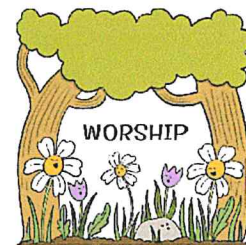
Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.



Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

Lifelong learners

"If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia," wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. "A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration."

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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