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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

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

The new school season has started and that means change. Starting Sunday, September 6, 2026 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 13th and thank God for giving us these very special family members. We will hold a Fellowship Hour following worship.



"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.

Rest for the Soul



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to

wear us down.

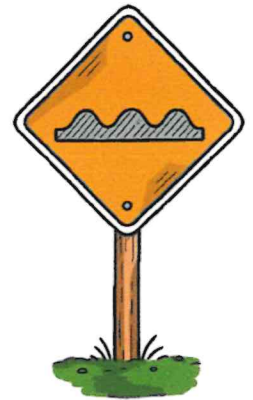
Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

When the Road Gets Rough

It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, "Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles," he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.



Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Notice He doesn't say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.



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.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ..." Matthew 25:35.

On July 12th we held an impromptu food drive for Loaves & Fishes led by Elaine VanGeyten. Elaine had heard on her vegetable delivery that the shelves in Loaves & Fishes had never been so empty and they were struggling to keep up with the needs of others.

An email was sent out to everyone and as always, you sprang into action donating 217lbs of food to support the mission of L&F.

A letter of thanks from Kay Caruso is next to this article. Well done everyone!

7/17/2026

As a volunteer at Loaves & Fishes food pantry, I would like to thank Holmes Presbyterian Church for your very generous donation of 217 pounds of food. This is helping to restock the empty shelves so we can continue to help those in need.

May God bless each of you -

Kay Caruso

Community Garden

Once again this year, despite periods of intense heat, the vegetable garden at Holmes Church flourished under the direction of Elaine VanGeyten. The vegetable plants produced many pounds of produce which was donated to Loaves & Fishes and also to our neighbors. Elaine not only gave our neighbors plants but also vegetables on our church campus this summer. Many grateful people came and a friend from last year who was inspired to start her own garden came to help Elaine plant in our beds.



Thank you to Elaine VanGeyten and all the volunteers who made this outreach such a success.



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 4th 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 choose a Sunday near the start of the school year and join churches and people worldwide as they unite

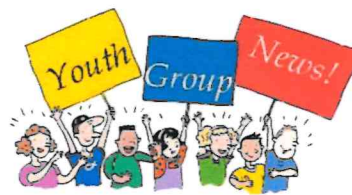


to pray for students, teachers and schools.

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.

If you would like to pray weekly with a Moms in Prayer group, go to momsinprayer.org to register.



Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September 20th, at 6:00 pm. All youth from 6th to 12th

grades are welcome! We hope to see you soon!

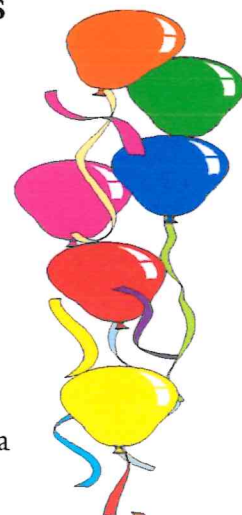
September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

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| 8 | Sarah O'Donnell |
| 13 | Charlotte Merker |
| 18 | Autumn Boyd |
| 22 | Elaine VanGeyten |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| 15 | Gene & Barbara Zimmerma |
| 21 | Bill & Beth Carpenter |



Thank you to all the people who generously donated to our community blessing box this summer. It was emptied as quickly as we could fill it. With children not receiving school lunches and parents trying to meet the daily and school supply needs, the blessing box was a great source of stability in our community.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir practices will resume on Tuesday, September 22nd 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!



Here is a small sampling of events to enjoy in Delco in September. Many more can be found through individual websites.

1) Media Arts Council: Twilight Music Series (September 12)

Free monthly outdoor concert series on Media's Community Center Lawn, featuring diverse live music from May through September. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly evening. Monroe Street, Between 3rd & 4th Streets, Media, PA 19063

2) Inn at Villanova: Arts in the Garden (September 12)

Arts in the Garden returns to The Inn at Villanova for an afternoon celebrating the region's creative community. Explore works by local and regional artists, enjoy live painting, music and food, and connect directly with artists in the beautiful garden setting. The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m., rain or shine. 601 County Line Road Radnor, PA 19087

3) Linvilla Orchards Arts & Crafts Festival (September 12 & 13)

This annual event features live musical performances and an opportunity to shop for that unique find by browsing a variety of handmade wood crafts, jewelry, photography, candles and more! Bring the family for a fun-filled day that everyone will enjoy. 137 W. Knowlton Road, Media, PA 19063

4) Edgmont Township's 5th Annual Community Day (September 13)

Celebrate community, connection, and family fun at Edgmont Township Community Day, a hometown event bringing neighbors and visitors together at Arasapha Farms. Enjoy food trucks, local vendors, live entertainment, free activities, crafts, demonstrations, and more. 1835 Middletown Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

5) Historic Chadds Ford Days (September 19)

Join the Chadds Ford Historical Society for a historical journey back to September 11th, 1777, when the British army engaged Washington's troops at Chads' Ford. Two timed skirmishes and a firing demo will take place each day. Additionally, reenactors, demonstrators and other historians will be on site. Live music, food, and beverages will be available. 1736 Creek Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

6) Newlin Grist Mill Fall Festival (September 19)

History, Archaeology & Fun! The Fall Festival offers historic skills demos, archaeological activities, hayrides, hands-on fun for all ages, a Colonial Market, local beer and wine, community booths, and food vendors! 219 South Cheyney Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

7) Upper Providence Township Community Day (September 19)

Celebrate community at Upper Providence Township's 4th Annual Community Day at Rose Tree Park! Enjoy an afternoon filled with food, local businesses, craft vendors, community organizations, family activities, and more. 1671 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063

8) A Taste of Greece: St. George Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival (September 24 – 27)

Transport yourself to Greece without leaving Delco! Enjoy authentic Greek cuisine, traditional music, lively dancing, and family-friendly fun throughout this beloved annual festival. From savory favorites to sweet pastries, experience the flavors, hospitality, and culture of Greece. 30 E. Forge Road, Media, PA 19063

9) Second Annual Delco Downhill Derby (September 26)

Get ready for the Second Annual Delco Downhill Derby, aka The Triple D, in Media! Watch creative kinetic sculptures race down N. Edgmont Street from noon to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, with the top winner earning a place in Delco history. Edgmont Street, Media, PA 19063

Reminder of Upcoming events at HPC

October 18th-Family Pumpkin Carving Night

October 23rd-Trunk or Treat/Pumpkin Carving Contest Community Night (raindate 10/24)

Thanksgiving Food Drive-October 25th-November 15th

November 1st-Daylight Savings (Fall Back)-All Saints Day

November 22nd-Youth Sunday (With all the Children/Youth in the Church) & Friendsgiving

November 25th-Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 28th-Hanging of the Greens

November 29th-First Sunday of Advent/Communion

Deacons Adopt a Family/Organization-November 29th-December 13th

December 6th-Christmas Cabaret

December 13th-Mission Sunday/Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

December 20th-Music Worship/Christmas Tea

December 24th 7PM-Christmas Eve Family/Communion Service

December 27th-Infomal 10:00am Worship/Fellowship Hour

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January 3rd-Communion



On September 2, heaven rejoiced and our tears flowed as a wonderful Saint of this church, Chris Morrison went home to be with the Lord and her beloved husband Jim. Everyone has a story about how Chris's kindness, generosity and service to others has touched them. She was a great role model for the younger generations showing us how to love and serve humbly. And, like all great role models, she was a brick in our foundation of faith. As we continue to walk with Jesus and serve him, we will fondly remember the lessons she taught us by her quiet actions and can honor her by making our little part of this world a kinder place to live. As a church family we offer out sincere and heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her family as they grieve this difficult loss.

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