

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, August 20, 2026

THIS SUNDAY

We will gather for worship at 9:30 am. Rev. Larry Bell, a retired American Baptist Minister from Auburn will be visiting to lead the service. Kathleen Dentes will share a children's moment this week. Cindy Stout is Deacon of the day. If you are unable to attend in person, join us online! You can find the link to our livestream on our website or Facebook page as well as by finding us on Youtube.

After worship the PREP team will gather to pack family bags and continue preparations for the event on Saturday the 29th. There are ways for everyone to lend a hand if you have time to stick around after worship Sunday to help us in getting ready for PREP.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday – Faith Formation Committee meets at 6:30 pm

Wednesday - Music on the Green, Dock Holiday

Sunday – Worship at 9:30 am, led by Rev. Gary McCaslin

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

It was announced this past Sunday that after conducting in person interviews, the Pastoral Search Committee has selected a candidate to be our next Senior Pastor. There are still steps to take in this process. We will be holding a candidate weekend September 12-13. That Saturday night we will hold a dinner as an opportunity for our congregation to meet the candidate. That Sunday morning will be Rally Day! We will gather for breakfast and all the other fun Rally Day things at 9:30 am. We will worship at 10:30 am and our candidate will preach. After the service we will have a meeting of the First Religious Society so the members of our congregation can vote on accepting this candidate as our next pastor.

Due to the confidential aspects of the search and call process, no details regarding the candidate can be shared until they are here for the candidate weekend. If you have questions about this process, feel free to speak with any member of the search committee.

FAITH FORMATION

The 2026-2027 Faith Formation year is just around the corner! There are dates to mark on your calendar and ways you can get involved as we prepare for the year ahead!

COMMITTEE MEETING- The Faith Formation Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM. We will reflect on church camp and discuss plans for Rally Day and the upcoming Faith Formation year. This will be a hybrid meeting. Those wishing to gather in person will meet in the boardroom and those who need to can join virtually. A link will be sent out at the beginning of the week. Please let Kathleen know if you are unable to attend.

RALLY DAY- September 13th is turning into quite the big day! Make a note, this will be the Sunday we resume worship at 10:30 am. You'll still want to be here at 9:30 am though because our youth will be preparing a delicious breakfast for everyone! Youth are asked to

come at 8:30 am to start getting breakfast ready. If you are willing to assist the youth in making breakfast, please reach out to Stef.

NURSERY- There is now a sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers on the table by the garden doors. Having our nursery staffed and available every Sunday goes a long way to helping families feel welcome in our church. Consider giving of your time just one Sunday every couple of months so that the youngest members of our church family have a safe place to play and that parents are able to experience worship. Reach out to Kathleen if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP/SUNDAY SCHOOL- We are in need of people willing to support Stef and Kathleen on Sunday mornings as teachers and assistants in our faith formation classes for kids and youth. Joining on just one Sunday every month or two can go a long way. If we want to continue being able to offer opportunities for children and youth, additional hands are needed. Start a conversation with Stef or Kathleen. All it takes is a “I hear you need help with Faith Formation classes...” and they will work with you to find a way of supporting these programs that you are comfortable with and fits your schedule.

PRAYERS

As you pray, please consider...

Gwen Hayne who is at Misty Glen recovering from back surgery

Teri Pelton who is recovering from surgery

Those in our congregation going through personal struggles

The PREP team as they prepare to serve 350 children with supplies to help start their new year off right and help families in need