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GLAD TIDINGS FOR AUGUST 23, 2026

Welcome! Enjoy coffee fellowship in the parish hall after worship, hosted by the Deacons. The congregation is invited to bring refreshments to share. Large print hymnals are available on the bulletin table. Ask an usher or me if you need our **family comfort room**, with baby changing table and rocking chair. Restrooms are located outside the parish hall doors.

Today, I continue my *Amazing Children of the Bible* message series with “**Josiah.**” Next Sunday, we will baptize **Karina James Sabella**, child of Nikki and Mark.

Our Book Group is reading ***One Summer in Savannah*** by Terah Shelton Harris and ***Theo of Golden*** by Allen Levi to be discussed on Sept. 16 and Nov. 18 at the manse. All are welcome!

Sunday School begins on **September 13 on Rally Day** with family worship in the Sanctuary at **10 a.m.** Rally Day will include a commissioning of the teachers and staff and a “**Blessing of the Backpacks.**” Children are urged to **bring their backpacks** to church for this special blessing.

Session has approved the hire of **Jonathan Bliss** in a new staff position. He will be serving as our **Part Time Live Stream Video Producer**, helping us to reach beyond the walls of the church with our worship service. The position is made possible by an Enduring Witness grant from the Presbytery. Jon is father of Scarlett, husband of Liz, and son-in-law of Tom Sartain.

Kathy Seymour invites us to buy school supplies for children in need. Here is the list:

- Box of 12 colored pencils
- 2 pocket folders
- Glue sticks
- Blunt, rounded tip scissors
- 30 cm / 12-inch rulers
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Large erasers
- Unsharpened pencils with eraser
- Box of 24 crayons
- Pencil pouch

God bless us with joy and peace!

Pastor Karen



Please pray for...



- Terrell Eichacker, recovering from surgery
- Bill Brenner, Lisa Hubbs' father, suffering with Parkinson's



Happy Birthday!



August 22 - Laurie Wallace

August 23 - Lisa Hubbs

August 26 - Danielle Nocito

August 31 - Joanna Furco



Recent Messages from the Pastor's Blog



Solomon

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/08/18/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-solomon/>

August 16, 2026

David

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/26/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-david/>

July 26, 2026

Samuel

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/19/samuel/>

July 19, 2026

Miriam

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/13/miriam/>

July 12, 2026