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A note from Pastor Chip



Fall is a season of transition every year, exchanging the languid days of summer with the hustle and bustle of back-to-school and back-to-work, returning to some semblance of normal. We see it in our daily lives and we see it in nature. The sun stops scorching and starts fading earlier each day, gently reminding us to slow our busy pace. The leaves slowly, then suddenly, changing until we are surrounded by their glorious transformation.

We are entering a season of transitions at Wilbraham United Church. We have already moved from our summer schedule back to **10:00 A.M worship**. Beginning on September 11, the **bell and voice choirs**, who *begin rehearsing on September 8* at 7:00 P.M., will be back in full swing and full voice. **Church school** will be in session, thanks to the efforts of all our teachers and the members of our Discipleship Commission. We hope to provide **nursery care** as well. Friendship and fellowship will be on offer at coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, after a summer of relaxed fellowship in the air-conditioned Zeckhausen Room. It is always a wonder and a miracle to see the returning faces and welcome the new.

As with every year, we wait with hopeful anticipation for what new things God has in store for us at Wilbraham United Church. God has plenty in store for each of us, and for the congregation as a whole, and as we walk together, I must also prepare to let go and be released. As you are all probably aware by now, our shared journey into God's promised future is coming to an end in the middle of October. The transition is under way, and Church Council is ready to lead and be led by the Holy Spirit. There are great things ahead.

We always stand at the precipice of the future, in every moment. Sometimes we are more or less anxious and uncertain, but God is always present, always offering strength, courage and wisdom, always inviting us into peace and love, always embracing us and encouraging us. God is with us, and with you, and will continue to guide our feet, even when we part ways. In spirit, and in the love that has bound us, you will remain always in my heart, in my prayers and in my hopes.

And in the meantime, we are still busy building community and extending love and hospitality as Wilbraham United Church. We are still one body, with many members, sharing one Spirit, with many gifts. It continues to be a joy and a blessing to walk with you, to worship with you, to welcome with you, to be the church with you. So, let's keep our faith, share our hopes, and live our dreams for God and one another. And let's go boldly into the future God is calling Wilbraham United to create.

Blessings,

Church School Calendar 2022

DATE	TOPIC	SCRIPTURE
Week 1 * 9.11.22	Pentecost The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin	Luke 15:1-10
Week 2 * 9.18.22	Pentecost Two Masters	Luke 16:1-13
Week 3 * 9.25.22	Pentecost The Parable of the Rich	Man Luke 16:19-31
Week 4 * 10.2.22	Pentecost A Seed of Faith	Luke 17:5-10
Week 5 * 10.9.22	Pentecost Ten Men Healed	Luke 17:11-19
Week 6 * 10.16.22	Pentecost Jacob Wrestles	Genesis 32:22-31
Week 7 * 10.23.22	Pentecost The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14
Week 8 * 10.30.22	Pentecost Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
Week 9 * 11.6.22	Pentecost The Sadducees' Question	Luke 20:27-38
Week 10* 11.13.22	Pentecost God's Love Is Forever	Luke 21:5-19
Week 11 * 11.20.22	Reign of Christ the King The Day Jesus Died	Luke 23:33-43
Week 1 * 11.27.22	Advent 1 God Will Bring Peace	Isaiah 2:1-5
Week 2* 12.4.22	Advent 2 God's Peaceful World	Isaiah 11:1-10
Week 3* 12.11.22	Advent 3 John the Baptist	Matthew 11:2-11
Week 4 * 12.18.22	Advent 4 Angels Visit	Matthew 1:18-25
Bonus Lesson * 12.25.22	Christmas Day Jesus Is Born	Luke 2:1-20
Week 5 * 1.1.22	Christmas 1 Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23
Week 6 * 1.8.23	Baptism of Our Lord Jesus'	Matthew 3:13-17

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Recognizing the 'Man with the Funny Hat'



Times photographer David Miles was celebrated by the youths at the United Church's bible camp earlier this month. They compiled dozens of drawings to express their gratitude. (Photos courtesy of Shelly Capen)

By Dalton Zbierski Editor dzbierski@turley.com

WILBRAHAM - For 22 years, Times' photographer David Miles has maintained a regular presence at social and school events in Wilbraham, earning a stellar reputation for his work and the funny hats he always wears.

As Miles, 89, addresses health issues, he hasn't appeared as frequently in 2022, but a group of local children recently extended their gratitude and let him know his impact has not been forgotten.

The United Church's Vacation Bible Camp celebrated Miles earlier this month. Campers and volunteers recognized Miles' contributions by gifting him a 55-page booklet of drawings, depicting the photographer with his funny hats.

"He's an icon in the community," Shelly Capen, a United Church member, said of Miles. "Whether it's a food drive at our church or school events, he makes it his own personal duty to get to everything that he can and report on it so that everyone knows what's going on in the community. That's how people get in the paper."

Miles was at home several weeks ago when Capen, and several of her children, visited his residence to drop off the booklet.



The 'Man With the Funny Hats' was recently recognized by the United Church for his outstanding work.

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MILES from page 1

He was blown away by the generosity of those at the camp he traditionally photographs.

"I was really thrown for a loop because I wasn't expecting anyone to come at that given time. It made my heart tremble with gladness that people in the neighborhood appreciate the work that I've done for the paper over the years," Miles said.

One component of the United Church's annual summer bible camp is a service project that participants must complete. An aspect of the project focuses on acts of kindness that positively affect the residents of Wilbraham.

"This year, our theme was 'Make Waves' so we focused on small ripples of kindness to make big waves," Capen said.

During the camp, participants welcomed members of the fire department, police department and Department of Public Works to thank them for their service. Capen said the group wanted to focus on a single person also, and Miles was an easy selection.

"A lot of the kids know him as the 'Man With the Funny Hat.' We just want-

ed to do a little thank you binder for him," Capen said. "He's at every event, especially more in the past. He somehow knows everything that's going on, whether it's in the schools or at small events in the community."

Capen said that Miles has taught the youths that simple actions such as taking photographs can make a big difference in the lives of others. She said the kids greatly enjoyed drawing specific hats that they remembered him wearing.

"To see somebody do that and do it for so many years and being recognized almost like a local celebrity; he has that signature hat, whatever it might be that day. I think it's nice for them to see somebody who does that and realize he's doing it as a service for the community," Capen said.

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Miles recently returned home from the hospital and hopes to resume his work with the Times when he is fully recuperated. When asked for a quote, Miles deflected credit, thanked the group and praised the church.

"The United Church has given these kids opportunities to be together and socialize and do different programs. It's great for the children," Miles said.

Thank You

8-19-22 To the Parishioners of Wilbraham United Church,

follow colleagues and the students of Siberty Elementary school in Springfield, & would like to thank you for your generous donation of achool supplies for our use!

There is a district back-to-achood

larbeque coming up soon, and we are grateful to have some supplies available to give to our students. we will also set aside supplies for needy students that we observe during the first days of the new school year. Sike any children, our students are so excited to receive new supplies and after express their appreciation with big smiles and "Thank-you!" your Kindness is —)

much appreciated and we are truly grateful!

Sincerely, Maribeth Tessicini Teacher Siberty Elem. Ichaol Spfld, Ma



Wilbraham United Church: AED (Automatic External Defibrillator Training)

WUC Will be offering a training session on the **AED** (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine on **Saturday**, **September 24th** from 10 to approximately 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. This is a life saving device that we want to be able to use in an emergency. Michael Roberge from Roberge EMS Training Associates and the American Heart Association will be our trainer. The training will include CPR training for adults, children and infants. All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are especially encouraging anyone serving as an usher or greeter to sign up for the training. Please contact Linda Bregianes at 413-478-7350 or email: LBrigenes@charter.net if you have questions our want to sign up.



Greetings from the Music Room!

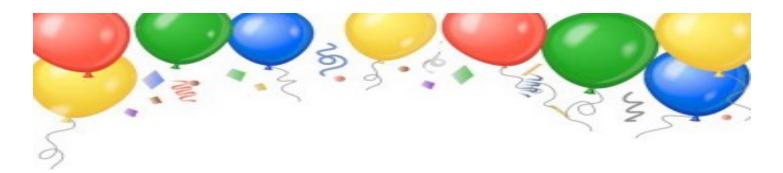
Many things begin in September, including the regrouping of our choirs to prepare music for weekly services here at WUC. Our first rehearsals will be on Thursday evening, September 8: Bell Choir at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and Chancel Choir at 7:45pm in the Music Room. We'll be ready to play and sing on September 11, certainly a meaningful date on the calendar.

It would be nice to hear instrumentalists involved occasionally, joining the piano, to accompany the Chancel Choir. If you or someone you know might be interested in doing that, please let me know. This is a great way to add new color to the sounds.

I look forward to seeing you. If you're new to WUC or have been out of choir (s) for a while, we would all love the chance to welcome you. We do a variety of anthems, most of which have rhythms and texts that carry messages for today. Music, just as word, brings content that can speak to the listener. That's the ministry we attempt to achieve by learning the notes and finding ways to give them life.

Enjoy autumn and all the beauty it brings.

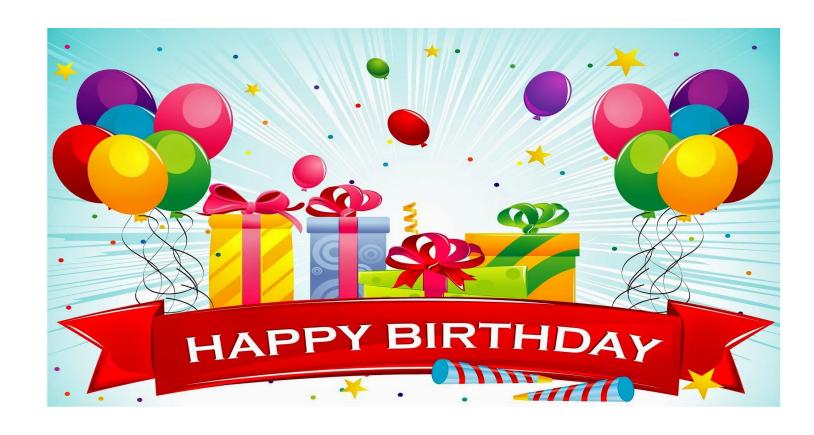
Welcome and Blessings! Bobbie

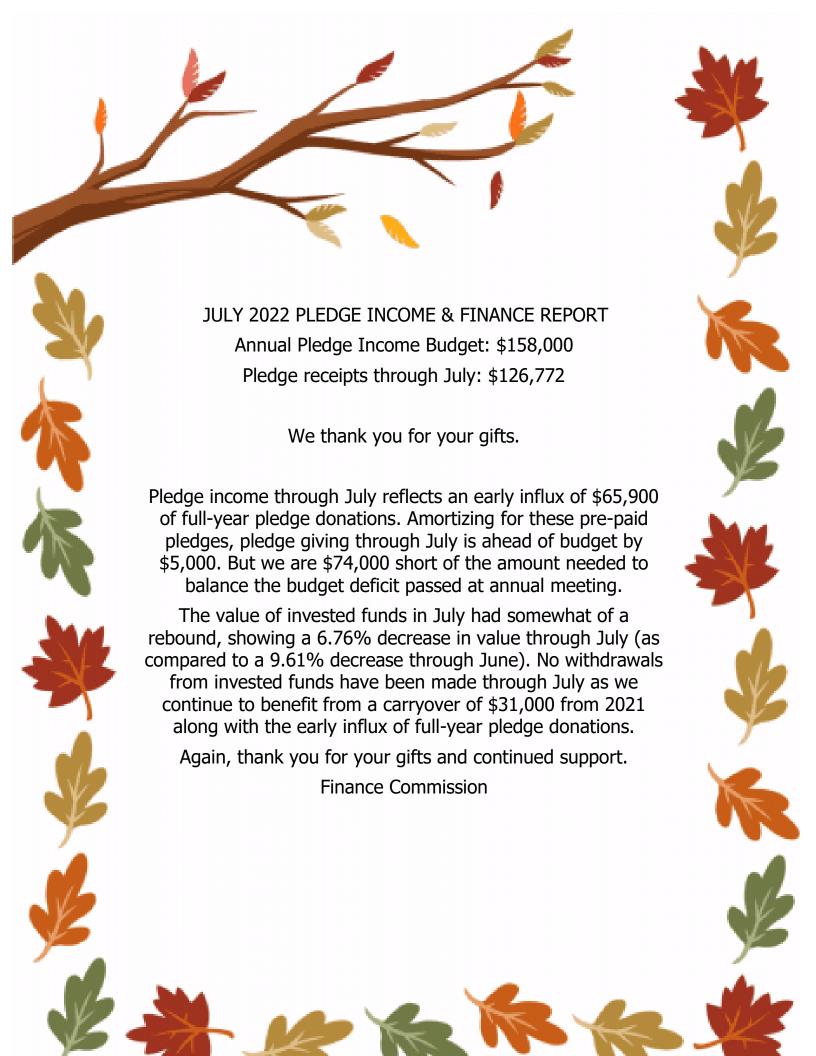


Kathie Birkhaeuser September 9th

Bob Law September 19th

Bill McCollough September 19th





The Piecemakers are continuing to meet on Mondays, September 12th and 19th, 10 to noon. New members are always welcome. Just come to a meeting or contact Nancy at ncpeck10@gmail.com.





Loaves and Fishes - September 15th

We have begun preparing meals the Sunday before the third Thursday when casseroles are delivered. Preparing meals on Sunday will make it all much easier. Thank you Pastor Chip for this idea!

Currently, meals are still being heated in Springfield and sent home in containers. Larry and Ed have been loading and delivering the casseroles on the third Thursday of the month.

Food must be ready (including cookies) before 9am. Right now Cookies are still needed and can be dropped off anytime. Eventually we hope that cakes will return.

Interested volunteers should speak to Sandy Harris or Edna Colcord. We are looking for volunteers to learn the process to we can eventually do three months at a time. So far it is working out well. We hear only raves about the church's wonderful meal.

Looking for ways to help?



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Help Wanted

Sunday Flower Delivery: Volunteers are needed who are willing to deliver Sunday flowers during regular Sundays when the donations are designated for someone who might be happy to receive a bouquet. (Please see Edna Colcord for more information).

Loaves and Fishes is looking for volunteers to help with food preparation. (Please see Edna Colcord or Sandy Harris) for more information.

In-person and Livestream worship help needed!

No experience necessary! Please contact Kim Ryan, Marty Lyman, or Deb Trimble.





Preparations for Homecoming and Welcoming Fall! Greeters! Ushers! Liturgists!

We appreciate our Sunday service volunteers and are asking for others to join our teams!

We need helpers as greeters, ushers and liturgists.

For anyone who has been a volunteer in the past or anyone who is interested in getting involved, please continue reading!

USHERS!

We will be reinstating Head Ushers and resuming some other pre-COVID responsibilities in September.

There will be a brief meeting for ALL past and new ushers on August 28th after the church service to touch base.

For all who are interested in continuing as a greeter, usher or liturgist or those who are looking to jump in, please reach out to Kim Ryan at: ModeratorWUC@Gmail.com

OR

(413) 519-6335

to confirm your interest and with any questions!

2022-23 COFFEE HOUR TEAMS & SCHEDULE



TEAM 1. Edna Colcord, Sean and Nicholas Kennedy TEAM 2. Marge Trimble, Patti Colkos

TEAM 3. Nancy Peck, Genny Keddy, Suzanne Zeckhausen, Candy Dearborn and Gail Lima

TEAM 4. Sherrie & Ralph Ridgeway
TEAM 5. Sandy Harris, Steve Mattocks
TEAM 6. Pam Byers, Capen Family

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

SEPT 4.	TEAM 1
SEPT 11	TEAM 2
SEPT 18	TEAM 3
SEPT 25	TEAM 4
OCT 2	TEAM 1
OCT 9	TEAM 5
OCT 16	TEAM 6
OCT 23	TEAM 2
OCT 30	TEAM 3

Please note the following:

It is hoped more teams will form or enlarge

The underlined name is team contact and they will be responsible for reminders

1. Cream and set up materials will be available including drinks for children. Help with coffee machine is available. Team is expected to set up, make coffee, and bring snacks for adults and children. Fare does not have to be fancy. It is nice to include items for those with diabetes or allergies.

2. Questions may be directed to Edna Colcord (413 596-6666) or Sandy Harris

2022 ACTS GIANT MUM SALE

Wilbraham United will again be participating in the Action Centered Tutoring Service (ACTS) annual fall fundraising event with the sale of beautiful mums. Despite the fact that we are all paying inflated prices at the gas pump, the grocery store and for our utilities, we are holding the line on our pricing. Our prices are unchanged from last year.

ACTS is beginning their 37th year of providing free after school tutoring services to Springfield's elementary school children. Last school year, ACTS operated four (4) sites throughout the year. We are planning to re-open seven (7) of our tutoring sites beginning in late September. We will be following all the safety protocols as required by the Springfield Public Schools and health officials.

Orders will be taken at church on Sunday September4th and 11th. Orders also can be mailed to the church should you be unable to attend services. Order forms can be obtained by phoning the church office. Completed forms along with your payment should be sent to the attention of Andrea Stephenson. Please be sure to include your telephone number and email address in case Andrea needs to contact you regarding your order. Andrea must receive your completed form by Monday, September 12th.

Mums will be available for pick-up in the church parking lot after 10am on Saturday, September 17th and on Sunday, September 19th after the service. (Please coordinate your pick-up plans with Andrea.)



Annual Mum Sale

to benefit ACTS (Action Centered Tutoring Services)





Please make checks payable to "ACTS"

\$4 each or 3/\$10	8" Pot	
\$10 each or 2/\$18 \$15 each or 2/\$25	10" Pot	
\$15 each or 2/\$25	12" Pot	
\$20 each	14" Pot	

Colors: tricolor (only 10" pot), purple, yellow, bronze and red. Please note first and second choices.

Name:

Phone/email:

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Gift cards continue to be on sale on Sundays after worship in the Narthax. Along with Big Y and Stop and Shop, we offer Amazon, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunkin Donuts and Barnes and Nobles. Most of us will be shopping at Lowes and Home Depot for our gardening needs this spring. Think ahead, and pick up a gift card this Sunday for a Birthday, a Wedding or any occasion.

All cards you buy, help to support our church. An average of 8% is returned to us. If you have a favorite restaurant or store you frequent, stop by the gift card table and we can order it for you.

Home Depot \$25-\$100 Lowes \$25

Barnes & Noble \$25

Stop & Shop: \$25-\$100

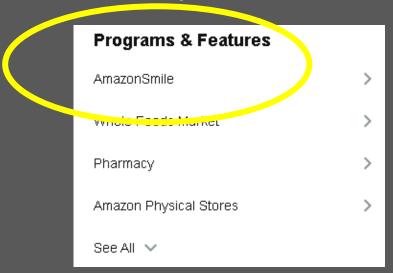
Big Y: \$50-\$100

Amazon: \$25 and \$100

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- 2. From here you can select "Amazon Smile" and then your charity of choice.



3. Just be sure that you are using Amazon Smile when making your future purchases.



Daily Lectionary Scripture References - September 2022 (Year C)

Thurs., Sept. 1

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Jeremiah 15:10-21 Philippians 2:25-30

Fri., Sept. 2

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Jeremiah 16:14-17:4 Colossians 4:7-17

Sat., Sept. 3

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Jeremiah 17:14-27 Matthew 10:34-42

Sun., Sept. 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

Mon., Sept. 5

Psalm 2 Jeremiah 18:12-23 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tues., Sept. 6

Psalm 2 Jeremiah 19:1-15 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wed., Sept. 7

Psalm 2 Jeremiah 20:1-18 Luke 18:18-30

Thurs., Sept. 8

Psalm 14 Jeremiah 13:20-27 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Fri., Sept. 9

Psalm 14 Jeremiah 4:1-10 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Sat., Sept. 10

Psalm 14 Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31 John 10:11-21 Sun., Sept. 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

Mon., Sept. 12

Psalm 94 Jeremiah 5:1-17 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tues., Sept. 13

Psalm 94 Jeremiah 5:18-31 2 Peter 3:8-13

Wed., Sept. 14

Psalm 79:1-9 Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thurs., Sept. 15

Psalm 79:1-9 Jeremiah 12:14-13:11 Romans 3:1-8

Fri., Sept. 16

Psalm 79:1-9 Jeremiah 8:1-13 Romans 8:31-39

Sat., Sept. 17

Psalm 74 Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11 Mark 12:41-44

Sun., Sept. 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

Mon., Sept. 19

Psalm 106:40-48 Jeremiah 9:12-26 Acts 4:1-12

Tues., Sept. 20 Psalm 106:40-48

Jeremiah 10:1-16 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 **Wed., Sept. 21**Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:17-25
Luke 20:45-21:4

Thurs., Sept. 22

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 23:9-22 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Fri., Sept. 23

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 23:23-32 Ephesians 2:1-10

Sat., Sept. 24

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 24:1-10 Luke 9:43b-48

Sun., Sept. 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Mon., Sept. 26

Psalm 119:49-56 Jeremiah 32:16-35 Revelation 3:14-22

Tues., Sept. 27

Psalm 119:49-56 Jeremiah 32:36-44 James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 28

Psalm 119:49-56 Jeremiah 33:1-13 Matthew 19:16-22

Thurs., Sept. 29

Lamentations 3:19-26 Jeremiah 52:1-11 Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Sept. 30

Lamentations 3:19-26 Jeremiah 52:12-30 Revelation 2:12-29

Wilbraham United Church

September 2022

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