NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

THE BRIDGE

Six-Week Sermon Series

QUESTIONS GOD ASKS

Throughout September and for two weeks into October, we will look at six questions God asks. There are many more, and even some more familiar. Yet, I have chosen six that speak to me, and I hope you will enjoy the series.

Week one--**Genesis 3:8-15**--" Where Are You?" A familiar story of God seeking Adam and Eve in the Garden.

Week two--**Exodus 14:10-31**--" Why Are You Crying Out To Me?" The story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.

Week three--**1 Kings 19:1-15a**--" What Are You Doing Here?" Just a small part of the story of Elijah.

Week four--**Job 38-1-11**--" Who Is This That Darkens Counsel By Words Without Knowledge?" Those who participated in the Bible Study here about the book of Job will hear familiar words and thoughts.

Week five--**Isaiah 6:1-11**--" Whom Shall I Send? Who Will Go For Us?" Isaiah receives his commission as a prophet of God.

Week six--**Jonah 3:10-4:11**--" Is It Right For You To Be Angry?" Jonah pouts because he didn't get his way. Yet, God did.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.

How Do The Scripture Speak To You?

It has taken me many years and much curiosity to realize that the stories and history of the Bible are just as relevant today as they were to the people it describes.

I have said lately, probably too many times, that "this is my favorite story of the Bible." It is true. Although the people seem to be from a very distant past, we struggle with some of the same questions, problems, and chaos they faced in their time.

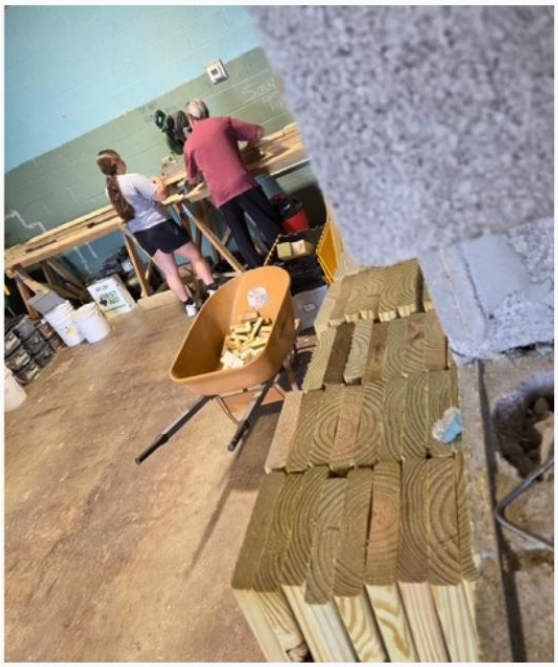
Questioning God's decisions and wanting answers? Read all of the Book of Job. What would you suggest to someone who is questioning God?

Do you feel like you have been running away from God? Read the Book of Jonah. What might you suggest?

Do you feel as though you might be hiding from God? Read the story of Elijah in 1st and 2nd Kings. Where would you turn?

As humans, we want answers to our questions. The people of the Bible did as well. Today we have a great deal more science that has answered some questions, but have they been answered? Sometimes we just have to trust that God is sovereign over all that is seen and unseen. We as Christians have to know that even though we don't have all the answers, and may never have them, God does. God has a plan and will use us and all of creation to implement it.

Keep asking, keep praying, keep reading your Bibles, and keep the faith.



"...faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

To Pastor Jim & Ohltown Church Family:
Thank you so much for all my beautiful birthday cards and for keeping me in your prayers.
God Bless You!
Love, Patty Hayne

Thank you to the QUILTERS for the new glass panel in our lighted sign out front.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE!! *Adria*

Dear Ohltown Family,
Calvin & I want to thank you very much for the beautiful flowers that you sent to us. They brought so much happiness to us. The last couple of months have been a little rough, but time after time you have lifted our spirits. We miss all of you so very much.
Love, Calvin & Pam

The office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday – September 6	Jr/Youth Leaders	Following Worship
Thursday – September 10	Playground Committee	6:00 PM
Monday – September 14	Ad Council	6:30 PM

Last Sunday for Donuts is **September 6**

Ohltown UMC is hosting our local UMC SPRC Consultations -Tuesday, Sept. 15

Pastor Jim's consultation – 1:30 PM
OUMC SPRC consultation – 7:30 PM

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

September 21 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: Youth Sunday School – Sandi Rich/Becky Eckels
Junior Church – Cathy Mellott/Cindy Renner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: Youth Sunday School – Sandi Rich/Laurie Spatholt
Junior Church – Robin Baldwin/Chris Sigley

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin Tuesday, September 22nd led by Brian Brennan. For all those interested, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office.

Upcoming Events

October 3 – Direction Home at noon
October 10 – Chili Sale – first one of the season
October 18 – Laity Sunday
October 25 – Congregation "Thank You" brunch

RALLY DAY

Saturday, September 12 ◊ 3pm – 6pm

Celebrating the restart of our academic classes
Adult Bible Study
Youth Sunday School
Junior Church

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt

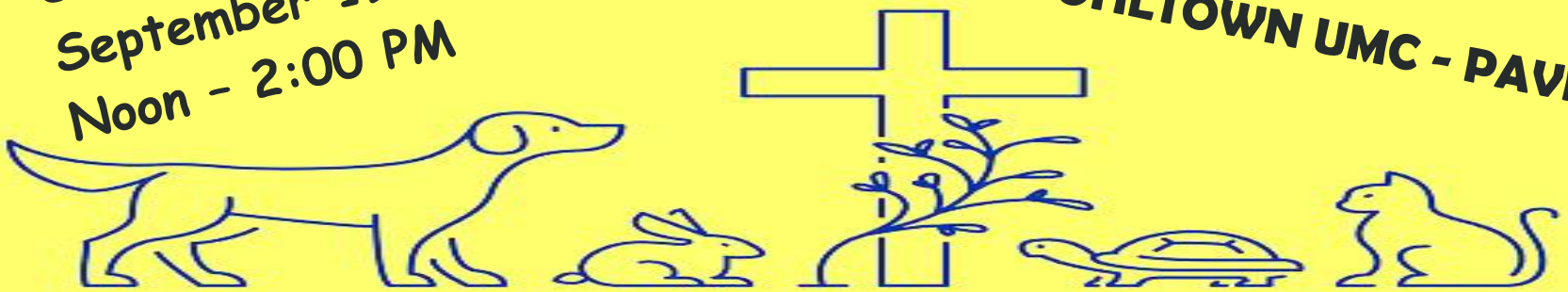
No "singing voice" is required to participate in karaoke with our DJ

Bring your appetite
Food & Beverage will be provided

MISSIONS for SEPTEMBER

Saturday
September 19
Noon - 2:00 PM

OHLTOWN UMC - PAVILION



BLESSING OF THE PETS

free lunch for you

free goodies for your pets

all pets must be safely restrained

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 August	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30 AM Donuts	7 *LABOR DAY* Office is Closed	8	9	10 Anyone interested in the Playground – we will meet at 6:00 PM	11	12 RALLY DAY PICNIC 3pm - 6pm
13 Worship Service 9:30 AM	14 Ad Council 6:30 PM	15 UMC SPRC CONSULTS 1:30pm-8:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Blessing of the Pets Noon – 2 PM
20 Worship Service 9:30 AM Jr/Youth Sunday School resumes	21 UWF 6:30 PM	22 Adult Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 Worship Service 9:30 AM	28	29	30	1 October	2	3

September Birthday's

2 David Eggleston
3 Sarah Hahn; Barb Loitwood
5 Tyler Cluse
8 Merri McCracken
9 Mary Jane Gehring
10 Sharon Day
12 Ladan Swain
13 Chris Sigley
20 Brian Brennan & Chrystal Shofroth
23 Tony Cebriak
26 Russ Hake
30 Sandi Rich

September Anniversaries

8 Don & Janet Hood
26 Earl & Robin Bowers
27 Garth & Christy Sheldon

September Liturgists

6 Karen Kozicki
13 Ron Fleet
20 Hannah Baird
27 Cheryl Emrich

September Greeters

6 Ron Fleet/Margie Waldern
13 Pat Baird/Sheryl Baringer
20 Linda Williams/Diane Wylam
27 Linda Paulsey/Rhonda Harris

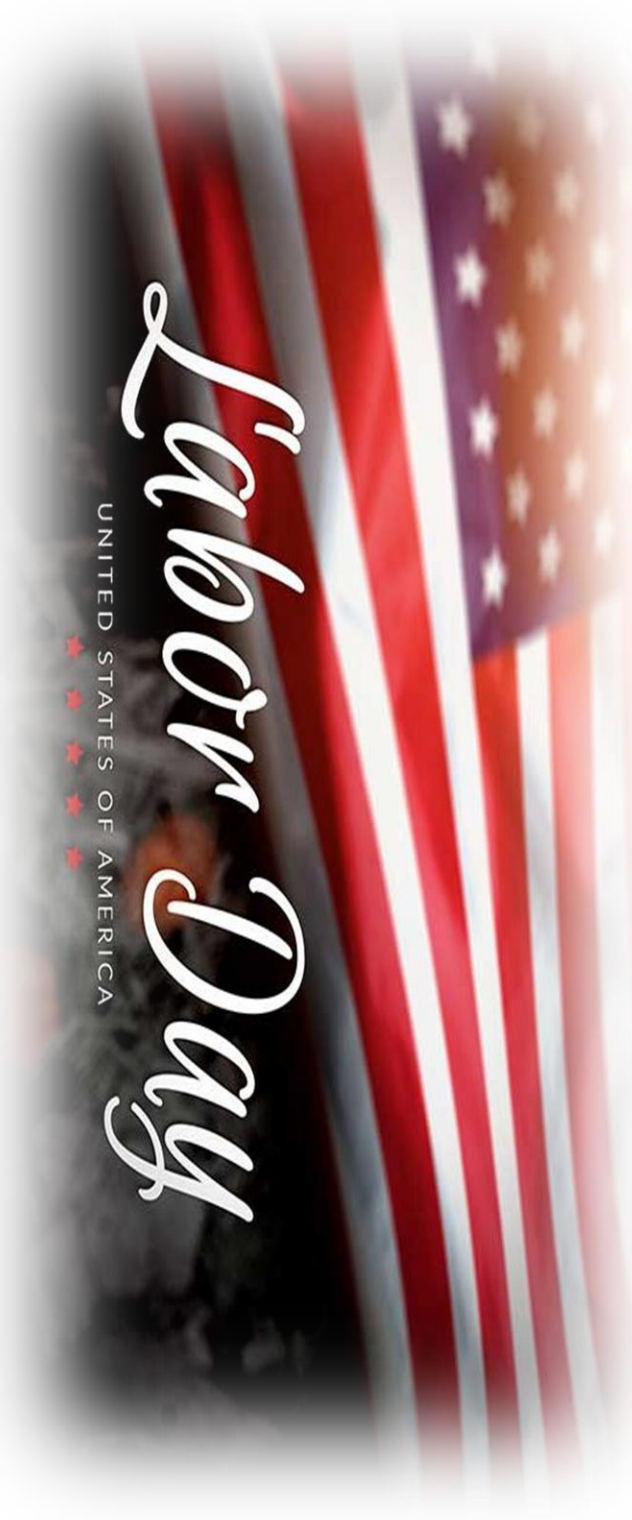
September Junior Church Leaders

20 Cathy Mellott/Cindy Renner
27 Robin Baldwin/Chris Sigley

September Youth Sunday School Leaders

20 Sandi Rich/Becky Eckels
27 Sandi Rich/Laurie Spatholt

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
July 19	62	$1265
July 26	67	$1987
August 2	51	$2308
August 9	63	$2717



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