

# Sunday September 7, 2025

Prayer Time 9:15 Am  
Sunday School 9:30 Am  
Fellowship Time 10:15 Am  
Worship Service 10:45 Am

Prelude	Mary Ann Gross
Welcome	Pastor Stuart J. Curry
*Worship In Song	<i>Stepping In The Light</i> WH 467
Prayer	Pastor Stuart J. Curry
Giving Of Our Gifts	Mary Ann Gross
Children's Moment	Pastor Stuart J. Curry
*Worship In Song	<i>God Will Take Care Of You</i> WH 96
*Scripture Reading	<i>Galatians 5:16-26</i> Robert Hofer
*Spotlight Hymn	<i>Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above</i> WH 49
Sermon	Pastor Stuart J. Curry <i>Pearls of Wisdom: Peace in the Pause</i>
*Worship In Song	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> WH 89
	Communion
Benediction	Pastor Stuart J. Curry

\*stand if comfortable

SERVING THIS WEEK	SERVING NEXT WEEK
Greeter: Korey Hofer	Greeter: Skyla Dowden
Music Leader: Karol Hofer	Music Leader: Rick Walter
Piano: Marla Gilbert	Piano: Marla Gilbert
Organist: Mary Ann Gross	Organist: Mary Ann Gross
Scripture Reading: Robert Hofer	Scripture Reading: Doug Gilbert
Ushers: Doug, Stuart W, Todd	Ushers: Cameron, JoJae, Korey
Fellowship Time: Stuart J. Curry	Fellowship Time: Dwight & June Pullman
Flowers: Flower Committee	Flowers: Flower Committee
	Special Music: Stuart W. Curry

Stewardship Information - August 31, 2025  
Sunday School 18, Worship Service 40, Givings - \$1,363



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**Our Mission**  
To worship and proclaim Christ.  
To edify, encourage, and minister to all people

## THIS WEEK'S JOY

Joy #1:



Joy #2:

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Mark your calendars! As we prepare for this important day, we give thanks for another year of God's faithfulness in our community. If you haven't yet submitted your report, please email it to Pastor Stuart as soon as possible. Let's continue to serve faithfully and move forward in unity and hope!

## GRANDPARENTS DAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Join us as we honor and celebrate grandparents! Bring your family and stay for a BBQ afterward. Please bring a dessert to share and RSVP to Pastor Stuart J.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY-THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



Annual Business Meeting --- 1:00 P.M.  
Monthly Meeting Follows Immediately  
Devotional and Prayer- Belva  
Hostess- Gretta  
No Bible Study, we are assembling Operation  
Christmas Child Boxes.  
Our Goal is 50 boxes. If you'd like to contribute,  
donations for shoeboxes can be given to June  
or Alice.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Tuesday, September 9

All Day Patricia Curry Birthday  
7:30 PM Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, September 10

7:00 PM MBY

### Thursday, September 11

7:00 PM Council Meeting

### Friday, September 12

All Day Kylee Pollman

## PRAYER REQUEST

Pray For: Unity and guidance as we prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Pray For: Those facing hardship, loneliness, or loss.

Pray For: Opportunities to share Christ's love.

Church Leadership Of The Week: Christian Education

Sunday School Class Of The Week: Adult

School Of The Week: Emery

Birthdays To Celebrate: Patricia Curry - September 9  
Kylee Pollman - September 12

## SPOTLIGHT HYMN: SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

At the close of the seventeenth century, much of Europe's Reformation zeal had waned, and the church had become formal and lifeless. In Frankfurt, Germany, Lutheran pastor Philip J. Spencer sought to revive faith through preaching, repentance, and personal devotion. Inspired by this revival, Johann J. Schütz, a prominent lawyer, helped organize prayer meetings and Bible studies, and in 1675 wrote "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above."

Schütz's hymn celebrates God's greatness while emphasizing His nearness and care. Its verses praise God for creation, salvation, mercy, and guidance, reminding us that "the Lord is never far away." Each stanza concludes with the refrain: "To God all praise and glory!"

Nearly 200 years later, Frances E. Cox translated the hymn into English (1864). The tune, *Mit Freuden Zart* ("with tender joy"), originates from the Bohemian Brethren Hymn Book of 1566. Though it is not frequently sung today, its stately, uplifting melody continues to bring joy and inspiration to congregations.

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." – Psalm 40:3