

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

Greeter: Korey Hofer
Music Leader: Karol Hofer
Piano: Marla Gilbert
Organist: Mary Ann Gross
Scripture Reading: Robert Hofer
Ushers: Doug, Stuart W., Todd
Fellowship Time: Stuart J. Curry
Flowers: Flower Committee

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Skyla Dowden
Music Leader: Rick Walter
Piano: Marla Gilbert
Organist: Mary Ann Gross
Scripture Reading: Doug Gilbert
Ushers: Cameron, JoJae, Korey
Fellowship Time: Dwight & June Pullman
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
7:30 PM

Patricia Curry Birthday
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