

THE **CARILLON**



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

- Sept 7 Luke 14:25-33
 "Disciplined Decisions"
- Sept 14 Luke 5:1-10
 "Lostness Leading to Completeness"
- Sept 21 Aubrey preaching
- Sept 28 Pastor Julie's installation

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SEPTEMBER 2025

- 10 Deacons meeting
- 13 Basket Raffle 12-3pm
- 14 Rally Day and Potluck Picnic
- 16 5:00 pm Claridon Community Helps dinner
- 17 6:30 pm Cabinet meeting
- 22 7:00 pm Trustees meeting
- 28 Pastor Julie's installation and luncheon

Each Sunday: Worship 10:00 am

Each Wednesday: Choir Practice 5:30 pm
Bell Choir 6:30 pm

Each Thursday: Bible Study 6:30 pm

Hello Church!

I am happy to report this summer has been both a joy and a delight to serve alongside of you in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. I enjoyed the Community feed we participated in with the Strawberry Festival as the Geauga County Band played. It was enjoyable meeting some of our local residents. We also wrapped up the book study round of study in the mid of August on "The Life God Blesses" by Gordon McDonald. We will reconvene with the study "Friendship of Women" by Joan Chittister. All are welcome to begin this delightful study around the topic of friendship through the platform of 12 women in the Bible. This study begins September 10th and will convene for 12-13 weeks tbd. The book can be secured through Amazon if you'd like: <https://www.amazon.com/Friendship-Women-Hidden-Tradition-Bible/dp/1933346027> or any other distributor you'd like to purchase from.

Upcoming this month will be the Sunday School kick off. The blessings of the backpacks will happen on the 14th with the kickoff. It is such a blessing to have this ministry in formation for service and formation of those coming up in today's world. We are honored to offer support and love for the nurturing of the children and those who are helping teach them in such times that we live in. May we all support and encourage one another in ways of participation for the ever evolving and building up of this program. We are blessed to have the leadership that we do.

September 28th is Installation Sunday.

October 5th is World Communion Sunday. On this special Communion Sunday, we will celebrate this day with Breads of the World Presentation. Please come and be a part of this wonderful service that day!

I look forward to going and growing in Christ with you all this month and beyond! May the peace of Christ fill and hold our hearts together in God's neverending love now and always. Thank you for serving so lovingly and acceptingly alongside of me. I appreciate you all and pray for our unity and love each day.

Blessings to you all!

In God's love,

Julie :)



PRAYER LIST

Doris Wilson
Bree Ellis Banks
Julie Webb Hunt
Joyce Vargo
Dale Baptie
Rick Juhasz
Connie & Wayne Streble
Kelly Wagner
Ed Ward
Joe Berninger
Lee McCurry
Tim Engelman
Scott Pricer
Sandra Trotten

Polly Cole
August Speziale
Norm Zepp
Sharon Hunter
Beth Christian Sharp
Kevin Playman
Denny Bihary
Thomas Woods
Rheta Crowley
Gary Branstein
Jeffery Przybysz
Dee Hayman Armes
Ben Armstrong
Esther Miller

BASKET RAFFLE

On Saturday September 13 is the Basket Raffle (formerly known as the Chinese Auction). Claridon Community Helps sponsors this and if we help, we share in the profits. This is one of our church's important money makers. So we need your help! Set-up is Friday at noon. The actual auction is held 12pm- 3pm on Saturday. Come and buy tickets, there are always great baskets, the people watching is great too. Please put a basket together, based on your favorite hobby, lottery tickets, gift cards, fall theme, Christmas! If we all made one basket think how many that would mean!

Also, we will be holding a bake sale, and we are known for our bakers. If you are not a baker, come and buy bakery and tickets! Please bake your fall specialties. Please have goods wrapped and ready for sale. Last but not least stay for clean-up! Please find some way to contribute to this event, thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We're excited to start Sunday School this month with Rally Day on Sunday, September 14th. Please mark your calendars & plan to have your kids join us! They can bring their school backpacks for the *Blessing of the Backpacks* in church and then they will come downstairs for our kick off to Sunday School, which will be a time to have some fun together & get oriented to Sunday School for the fall.

We aim to have Sunday School every week and will be working through the *Year Long Bible Journey*. The first Sunday of the month we will meet as a combined group for some songs and games. The other Sundays of the month we will be in separate classes (1st grade & younger, 2nd grade & older) for more age related learning.

If you are willing to be a classroom volunteer, please let us (Jaime Peck or Samantha Dye) know. We would love to have more adults in the church develop relationships with our incredible group of children!

POTLUCK PICNIC

There will be a potluck picnic lunch after worship on Sunday, September 14.

MISSIONS

Thank you for the wonderful response to our syrup collection for the Burton Food Pantry. We collected a grand total of 37 bottles! We will be collecting mustard during the month of September.

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring Red Tulip Project/Monarch Meadows for the month of September. As some of the funding from the state has been cut, the need is even greater than in the past.

Red Tulip Project, a non-profit organization in Geauga County, provides housing and support for women in recovery from addiction, and "Monarch Meadows" is the name of their Level 2-S recovery home which offers a safe and supportive environment for these women to develop life skills and transition to independent living.

We will be collecting the following items:

\$15 Giant Eagle/Get Go gift cards
Hand Towels and Washcloths
Twin Bed Sheet Sets - white
Laundry Pods
Ground Coffee

Any contributions you are able to make will be very appreciated.

Thank you again for your continued support.

MUSIC

Bell choir will resume Wednesday September 3rd at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
We are in need of more ringers if you would like to join the fun group of musicians. The ability to read music is not required.

PASTORAL RELATIONS

If you have a comment or concern and are not sure how to approach the pastor about it please contact a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee
Laura Christian, Jill Kellogg, or Buzz Owens.

Wednesday Bible Study Group

We have selected The Friendship of Women – The Hidden Tradition of the Bible by Joan Chittister as our next book to read and discuss. We will begin on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 going through the Introduction and from there we will discuss one chapter (a single woman) each week. The chapters are short but seem to have a lot of important points to discuss. We will be meeting each Wednesday at 2:00 and our discussions usually last about an hour and a half. We hope you can join us as we learn more about these women mentioned in the Scriptures. Any questions please ask Pastor Julie, or Pam.

TRUSTEES

Judi's summer lunch program has ended for this year. Judi has finished the clean-up. They served over 18,000 lunches this summer!

The front doors for the church are in progress. The oven hood cleaning completed. The elevator state inspection done and passed.