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Sunday Morning

Adult Education begins at 9 a.m.
Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.
In-person worship begins at 10 a.m.
Online worship begins at 10:15 on our
FB page.
Youth Education begins at 10:20 a.m.

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Christ in Me

by Pastor Leslie

"Christ with me,
Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit
down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me."

This is the final stanza In St. Patrick's prayer for protection. To read the full prayer go to:<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/St-Patricks-Breastplate.pdf>

In Galatians 1:16, the apostle Paul reflects on his experience on the road to Damascus, where he wrote, "God revealed his Son in me." Our faith is both something we recognize internally as well as externally. In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul wrote, "Examine yourselves to make sure you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you acknowledge that Jesus Christ is really in you? If not, you have failed the test" .

Our faith begins with the acknowledgement that we are first and foremost beloved children of God. Our encounter with God sparks something that perhaps had been lying dormant in our lives. In Jeremiah God promises "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts" (Jeremiah 31:31–33). Just think about that, God's law to create communities that seek the welfare of the most vulnerable, who practice mercy and devotion to God is already written on our hearts. On the road to Damascus, the apostle Paul's mind and spirit opened to the way of Jesus, and he did a full 180 and went from being a persecutor of the faith to a champion of Christianity.

Together we create the body of Christ. A living, breathing, interdependent body, that is to recognize the presence of God in everyone.

This takes prayer, dedication, and support from one another. Bryan Stevenson shares, "I believe it's necessary to recognize that we all need mercy, we all need justice, and perhaps—we all need some measure of unmerited grace." I would edit his words to take out the word "perhaps". I think "we all need some measure of unmerited grace." Full stop.

*Happy
Birthday!*

10-3 Brad Willson
10-7 Kenneth Beebe
10-15 Jeanette Bohnenkamp
10-15 Dean Kratzer
10-28 Alexis Beebe



*Happy
Anniversary!*

10-13 Ricky & Donna Block
10-13 Daniel & Diana Wilson

August 2026 Budget

\$7,060.30 Offerings received from August

\$770.00 Rent

\$32.83 Other Income

\$8,266.04 Expenses

-\$402.91 deficit for the month



UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPT
21**

Monday

End of Month Meal @ 5:00 pm

**SEPT
23**

Wednesday

Breakfast Fellowship @ Fort Colony @ 8:30 am
Roxy's Pantry @ 4:00 pm

**SEPT
26**

Saturday

Better Together at Indian Lake @ 8:00 am

**SEPT
27**

Sunday

Adult Ed @ 9:00 am
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Youth Education @ 10:20 a.m.

**SEPT
30**

Wednesday

Breakfast Fellowship at Carlito's @ 8:30 am

**OCT
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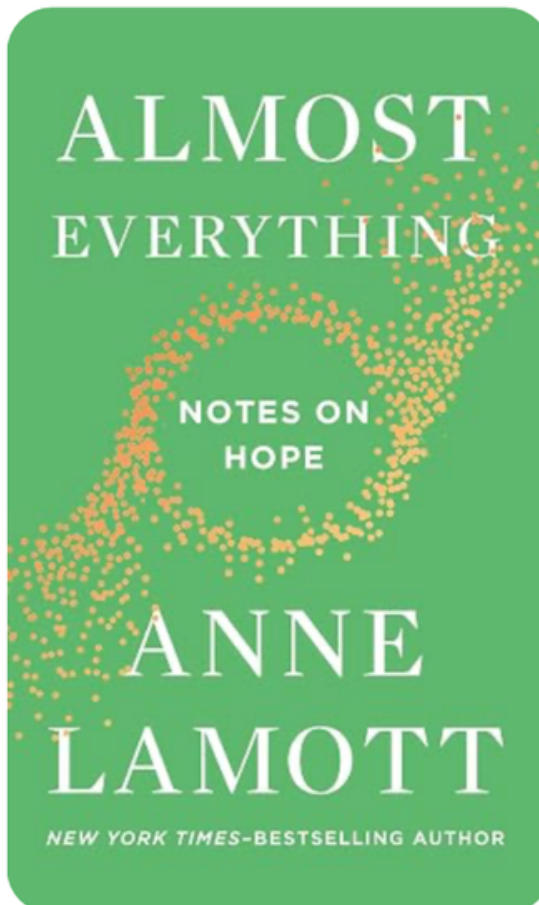
Sunday

Adult Ed @ 9:00 am
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Youth Education @ 10:20 a.m.
PAW volunteers @ 1:00 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 7** **Wednesday**
Breakfast Fellowship at 8:30 a.m. @ the Cottage Cafe
- OCT 10** **Saturday**
Ronald McDonald House dinner
- OCT 11** **Sunday**
Adult Education @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Youth Education @ 10:20 a.m.
- OCT 14** **Wednesday**
Breakfast Fellowship at 8:30 a.m. @ Fort Colony
- OCT 18** **Sunday**
Adult Education @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Youth Education @ 10:20 a.m.



Next Adult Study

Starting on September 20th
at 9 a.m.

Purchase a copy of the book and have the Prelude and chapter 1 read before our first session.

In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom that are buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined. Divided into short chapters that explore life's essential truths, *Almost Everything* pinpoints these moments of insight as it shines an encouraging light forward.

Candid and caring, insightful and sometimes hilarious, *Almost Everything* is the book we need and that only Anne Lamott can write.

Sunday Scriptures

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost-

October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Phillipians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Liturgist-

Elder-Sue Bowman

Deacon-

Organist-Virginia Watson

Greeter -Sue Bowman

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost-

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99, Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9, 10-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Liturgist-Vicki Lair

Elder-Vicki Lair

Deacon-Mike Hayes

Organist-Virginia Watson

Greeter -Mike Hayes

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost-

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9,

Psalms 23

Phillipians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Liturgist-Jana Hubbs

Elder-Jana Hubbs

Deacon-

Organist-Bonnie Neyens

Greeter -Jan Richers

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost -

October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-36

Liturgist-Ken Steeples

Elder-Ken Steeples

Deacon-

Organist-Bonnie Neyens

Greeter -



BETTER TOGETHER

Join us for fellowship and fun in the outdoors on Saturday, September 26th at Indian Lake. We will meet at 608 10th Street at 8 .m. before heading out. Bring a picnic lunch and canoes or kayaks (if you have them).

Register at the church

**Option to camp the night
before!**



Prayer Concerns



Current Concerns

Joe & Alice Bowen
Sherri Enke
Kay Gasperi
Teresa Gilbert
Kelly Herrick
Judy Holder
Jennifer Beebe Jones
F & F of Chuck Kempker
F & F of Derek Phillips
Gerry Pohlpetter
Jessi Pohlpetter
Cheryl Prange
Pam Reuther
Darrell Richers
Liam Schulte
Deb Shoup
Gerry St. Claire
Nightly Stewart
F & F of Nancy Wagner
Mary

Long Term Concerns

Juanita Anderson
Jan Bindewald
Mark Bowman
Tracy Chamness
Aleen & Marie Egbert
Beverly Oge
Earnest Rouse
Sharon Strunk

Members of the Military
Those facing food insecurity

Names in Current Concerns will be removed after a month and **names in Long Term Concerns will be removed after a year** unless the office is notified and asked to keep the individual on for a longer period of time.



