

Prayer List:

Please pray for our prayer partner church and their Pastor
Dios Viviente Aldea Pueblo Nuevo, San Juan Ostuncalco
Pastor Martin de Leon Juarez

Georgie, Kelly, Pastor Bonnie & Rick, Clifford & Karen Hatch, Mary Hamilton, Jonathan Koepp, Ron & Louise Beals, Rob Fronsman & family, Bev, Portia, Pat (Mary S. friend), Jonathan (Donna's nephew), Marianne (Jeans' sister), Paul & Joan, Doug & Nancy Machler, Victoria (Jenn's Dau), Lois Leab, Connie (Helen's friend), Janice Walthers (Donna's sister), Helen's family members, Arlene, Skip Densing, Vinnie (Arlene's nephew), Corie Litchko (Teresa's friend), Pomfret Cong. Church, CT, Mary H's sister-in-law, Joan, Chris Garrison's mother JoAnn, Debra's father, Marianne, Victoria, Helen's nephew's new baby adoption

Calendar of Events:

- Food Pantry - each Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- SFC Choir Practice - off for the summer
- Search Committee Meeting - TBD
- Worship Committee Meeting - 9/8/26 @ 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)
- Sonshiner's Breakfast Meeting - 9/20/26 @ 8:00 a.m. (Pierce Hall)
- General Committee - 9/22/26 @ 7:00 p.m. (in person)
- Community Breakfast - 10/4/26 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Italian Dinner - 10/17/26 - details to follow
- Election Day Luncheon - 11/3/26 - details to follow

Financial Stewardship:

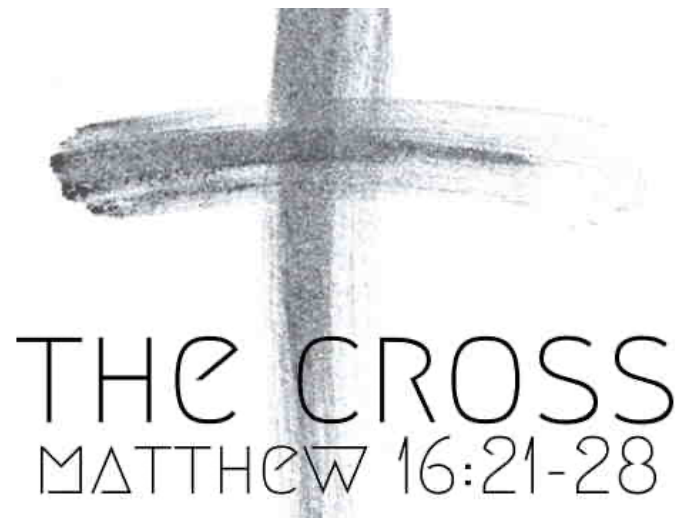
Weekly \$1,076.75 is needed to meet our budget.

General Offering: 8/23/26 - \$350.00

- Front Door Fund - \$10.00

Apportionment:	Presbyterian	\$1,242.00	Methodist	\$5,496.00
Individual Apportionments Due:		\$46.00		\$134.00
Donations Received:		\$518.00		\$1,572.00

Thank you all for your continued generosity!!



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Sunday, August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

BELL CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

How Deep the Father's Love

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We sing aloud a song of thanksgiving

All: and recount all of God's wonderful deeds.

* HYMN #560 (P)

Help Us Accept Each Other

* PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

Lamb of God, your burden is easy.

Good shepherd, your way is righteous.

Give us the resolve to follow wherever you lead,

knowing the hills and valleys ahead,

the places of great suffering

and deep hope along the way.

May we live our lives worthy

of the calling you have given us,

in the strong and gentle name of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Response #380 (P) vs 1 There's Within My Heart a Melody

YOUNG PEOPLE IN WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

Can I Get an Amen ?

By Arlene & Jenn

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Making the Hard Choice

HYMN #453 (P)

More Love to Thee, O Christ

PASTORAL PRAYERS:

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GIFTS

* Response #95 (P)

Praise God . . .

* HYMN #2242 (B)

Walk with Me

Please be seated

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sending Forth & Blessing

Response - #3183 (G)

vs 1

As We Go

POSTLUDE

There Is Joy in the Lord

* Please stand if you are able . . . thank you

Code for Hymnals:

(P) - Methodist Hymnal (Purple) (B) - In Faith We Sing (Black)

(G) - Worship & Song (Green) (PH) - Presbyterian Hymnal

Guest Pastor - Rev. Kathi Jones

Pianist - Jennifer Caswell

Please join us for our Coffee Hour after the service