



# The Grapevine



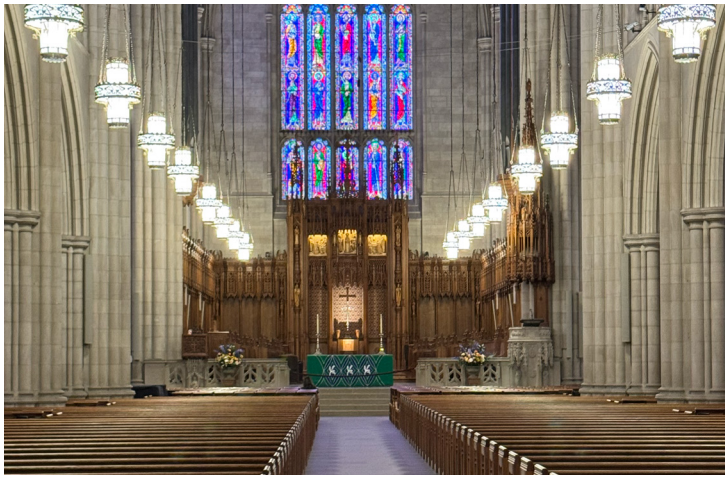
## *Greetings from Duke University!*

### **Reverend Edward Dunn**

The latter half of August has been a rich and invigorating time of study, classwork, and the reminder of just how hard learning can be. It has also been an acknowledgement that learning is achieved when we are in community with others. My doctoral cohort includes men and women from various parts of the country, a student who recently moved to the U.S. from Korea and another who is from Bolivia. The faculty at Duke is made up of scholars from across the globe, and some of the most skilled and brilliant minds assembled.







The final day of our classes included a convocation worship service in Duke Chapel, formally beginning the new school year. Communion was shared with students in both a residential and like me, hybrid programs. The community of worshipers included persons from different programs.

To be in community is to share with others. In Acts 2:42-47 describes how the first believers shared with one another – in worship, in meals and fellowship, and in in care for one another. That idea underlies the work of our Project Regeneration team of leaders. They continue to be in conversation about how we can be community with one another, and how we are called to keep communion with the community around us.

I invite you to join in the discussions of our entire church family about how to live in and as a community of faith in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Edward

## *United Beach Picnic Photos*

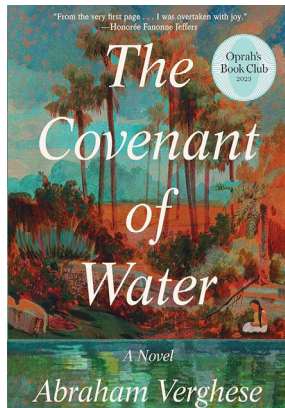
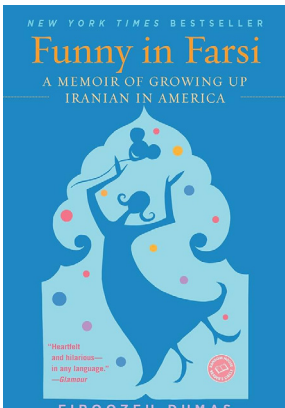




# September Session Highlights

- Inasmuch as the Fall 2024 Presbytery Meeting, scheduled to be held at United, was cancelled due to the storm, Session agreed to host the Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting, which will be Thursday, February 19, 2026.
- Concurred with Rev. Dunn's request that he be away during August 20-29 to begin his DMin study at Duke University, and during August 30-September 7 for vacation.
- Endorsed a donation from Outreach of \$240 to West Manatee Fire & Rescue to provide fire prevention books to children.
- Endorsed using church volunteers to staff the Church Office during the Summer three hours a day from 9 am to 12 noon on Tuesday thru Thursday (three days) each week.
- Approved attendance by Kramer at this year's Stewardship Kaleidoscope Program held by the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Approved the Outreach offerings for September to Bible Mission USA and October to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Approved scheduling its future monthly Stated Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month (from the third Mondays).
- Approved purchase of a new ice machine for the kitchen at a cost of \$445 from budgeted funds, replacing the machine which had been inoperable since last Spring.
- As part of an effort to clean up the interior Courtyard area, approved an agreement to remove trees and dead shrubs at a cost of \$2,400.

## United Book Club



**SEPT 8 | 1 - 2:30PM OCT 13 | 1 - 2:30PM**

Join in any second Monday at 1pm in the Media Center & Zoom for fun conversation.

### 2025 READING LIST

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

## Men's Group



### MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. Share your story. Enjoy fellowship.

### **MEETINGS START AT 8:30A**

**SEPT 4** - Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

**SEPT 18** - Fellowship & a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Ron Dickerson  
[rondickersonupc@gmail.com](mailto:rondickersonupc@gmail.com)

# September Outreach Update & Opportunities

Summer is coming to an end, and we begin our season of outreach in earnest.

## **July and August Outreach Activities:**

- The Dreyer Trust continues to disburse money through the Christian Care Alliance for those in need of medical, living and food security emergencies. The amount disbursed through the end of July is \$25,357.00.
- Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank by placing your non-perishable food items in the barrels in the Narthex throughout the summer.
- Outreach Offering to the Food Bank through July totaled \$605, including the \$240 proceeds from the Ice Cream Social held on July 20th after church.
- Thank you for your donations of clinic supplies for Palma Sola Elementary School.
- A donation of \$500 was made from the Outreach budget to Mision Peniel for backpacks for the school year.
- Our Blessing Box has been replenished many times over the summer for those in need in our community.
- A “Make Your Own Sundae” event was held after church on July 20th and enjoyed by many.
- Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve at Our Daily Bread on Fridays throughout the summer.
- The Beach Picnic on July 29th was enjoyed by approximately 18 people. The weather cooperated and the group also walked on the beach afterwards and some stayed for sunset. Folks have faithfully made our quota of 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Our Daily Bread each Sunday following worship.
- A trivia/ice cream social was held at Brookdale Palma Sola on August 12th as part of our Older Adult Ministry.

## **September Outreach Opportunities:**

- It's stock up September! Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for September will be collecting jelly and sandwich sized zip lock bags to use in our Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Ministry. Any variety of jarred or squeeze jelly will do, and it will help us in our goal of making 100 PBJ sandwiches each week to share with the clients of Our Daily Bread. Drop your jelly and bags in the bins in the Narthex or bring them to the church office.
- Our Pen Pal letter exchange will begin in September. We will let you know when you can sign up to be a pen pal for one or more of the second graders at Palma Sola Elementary School.
- Bring in your “already read, gently used” books to share with the clients of Turning Points. The successful Book Ministry supply is refreshed and enjoyed every week and greatly appreciated.

# September Outreach Opportunities & Offering

- A Fire Safety Program is being planned with the Manatee Fire Department on October 4th. Save the date and stay tuned for the details.
- One of our favorite food security events, “Rise Against Hunger”, is scheduled for Saturday October 11th. We have an ambitious goal and will need 90 volunteers. Please plan to attend this very enjoyable event. Ask your family, neighbors and friends to join us in making and packing meals for those in another country who are in need.

## Ongoing Opportunities:

- Servers for Our Daily Bread on Fridays are always needed. Contact Dorothy Simes if you would like to volunteer.
- We continue to collect non-perishable food items in the cart in the Narthex to donate to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. They are always in need of shelf stable items to stock the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- Please keep in mind our Blessing Box by the east parking lot. The Blessing Box serves as a mini food pantry for our local neighborhood, and you are welcome to add to it or take from it as needed.
- Contributions of loose change, soft money, and checks for FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) are always welcome. To donate, use the envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church office with “FELT” in the memo line.
- Join your church family in Fellowship Hall after worship each week to make PB & J sandwiches to share with the clients of Our Daily Bread. Thank you to all who have been bringing in supplies, making sandwiches, and helping SPREAD the love of Christ to your neighbors in need!

## September Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for September will go to **Bible Mission USA**. Founded by Dr. Paul Eckel, this ministry is dedicated to spreading God’s Word by providing free Bibles and religious materials to all who are in need. We include these free Bibles at the library we maintain at Turning Points, and Bible Mission USA provides these books to UPC at no charge.

**You may donate to Bible Mission USA:**

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with “Bible Mission USA” in the memo line, or
- or contribute through online giving



# Summer Fun at United







Life Safety Tips for Seniors

# WEST MANATEE FIRE TO HOST FIRE SAFETY AT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Learn & Play: Trivia, Fall Prevention, Fire  
Extinguisher Training and More



**Saturday**

October 4<sup>th</sup>  
2025



10:00am – 12pm

Come join us for a Fun Filled Life safety training seminar specifically designed to increase all of our awareness and always creating a safe and healthy environment.

## Contact Us:



941-761-1555



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# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

**SEPT 2** Sonia Wegner  
**SEPT 5** Tiffany Chinwuba  
**SEPT 6** Dennis & Vicki Schooley  
**SEPT 12** Mary Anne Paulsen  
**SEPT 14** Roger & Lynne Smith

**SEPT 16** Jason Onugha  
**SEPT 24** Ron & Gail Dickerson  
**SEPT 25** Shirley Schexnayder  
**SEPT 26** Chris Wolf  
**SEPT 30** Tim Pedon



**FELLOWSHIP  
& WORSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

## ***Announcements:***

- Sunday fellowship will start on September 14th. Look for the sign-up sheet. Meanwhile, enjoy some treats in the narthex.
- Ministry Sunday will be September 14th join us in Fellowship Hall after the service.
- Choir and Bells will start practicing on the first Wednesday of September, 3rd.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY**

## **BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6P IN THE SANCTUARY**



## **PRAYER GROUP**

**2nd & 4th Tuesday 11a | Room 14**

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# September

## 2025

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	1 <i>LABOR DAY</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2	3	4 <b>MEN'S GROUP</b> <b>8:30a   Poppi's</b>	5 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	6
7 <b>Grandparents Day</b> Worship Service w/ Communion 10a   Fellowship	8 <i>Book Club / 1p</i>	9 <b>PRAYER</b> <b>GROUP   11a</b> <i>Outreach / 3p</i> <b>Deacon's Mtg -</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	10	11 <b>FINANCE - 3:30P</b> <i>Renewal - 6p</i>	12 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	13
14 <b>MINISTRY FAIR</b> Worship Service	15	16 <b>UPC SESSION</b> <b>  1p</b>	17	18 <b>MEN'S GROUP</b> <b>8:30a</b>	19 Our Daily Bread 9:30a <b>GRAPEVINE INPUTS</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	20
21 <b>Present Word 8:45a</b> Worship Service 10a   Fellowship	22	23 <b>PRAYER</b> <b>GROUP   11a</b>	24	25	26 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	27
28 <b>Present Word 8:45a</b> Worship Service 10a   Fellowship	29	30				

**Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday | 9am - 4pm**

View the online church Calendar for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at Online Worship.