

THE CURRENT WEEKLY

September 7 - 13, 2025

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

In my sermon last Sunday, I took some big risks to be transparent about my giving in the hopes that it might help others make some prayerful decisions about their own giving. We're still trying to live into that beautiful depiction of the Church we see in Acts 2. If you did not hear the sermon on Sunday, I encourage you to go listen to the livestream as you prepare to fill out your pledge card and bring it to turn into the offering on Sunday. [Here is the link.](#)



And then we'll celebrate! Whatever our gifts are – of any size - we give them freely and joyfully for God's purposes here at Smithville First Christian Church. That's reason enough for a party! Bring your pledge card with you on Sunday (we'll have extras here in case you forget). Stay with us for the hot dog lunch and ice cream social after worship.

I'm excited to see what God might do next here at SFCC!

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Meet Pastor Laura

Pastor Laura has a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who didn't get to meet with her in the spring. Find a time that works for you, or let her know a better time for you to meet.

Let's Meet!

Your Pastor is still getting to know her congregation.

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Pastor Laura

You

announcements & EVENTS

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Emergency Board Meeting: Wed., Sept. 10th

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Women Together Outing:

Sat., Sept. 13

Our next Women Together outing is a time travel tour to the fabulous Nicol House, built in the 1960s, and featured in the New York Times in 2013. We'll leave the church at **9 am on Saturday, Sept. 13**, get a private tour of the house from the owner (Cheryl Parks Hill's brother) and then get lunch at a nearby restaurant. Don't miss this

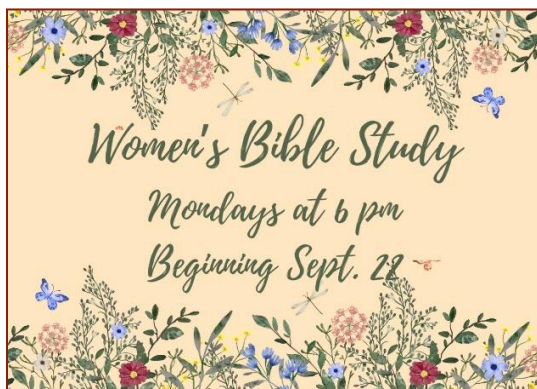
groovy adventure!

Ice Cream Social: Sun., Sept. 14

Join us this **Sunday, September 14th** following the Worship Service. We'll celebrate our Commitment Sunday with some sundaes! After worship, we'll serve hot dogs and have a sundae bar with all the toppings.



Women's Bible Study: September 22



A new Women's Bible Study begins **on Monday nights at 6 pm** (whenever there isn't a Board Meeting). Sheila Gerling and Jonica Merritt will be hosting. We will be reading together "Trustworthy" by Lysa Terkeurs. The book and CD are based on 1 & 2 Kings (available to purchase online). Our first meeting is **Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm**. Jonica is cooking for us! Italian meatballs and dessert. The group meets through Nov. 10, then starts again in 2026.



All Ages Worship: September 28

Sunday, September 28th is All Ages Worship! Children will stay in worship and participate in this special service designed for all ages.

Northland NetWORKS for Good: Oct. 3 - 4

A new community organizing group is forming called Northland Networks for Good. Anyone interested may attend their free training event on Oct. 3 & 4 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118.

- Friday, Oct. 3: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Oct. 4: 8:30-11:30 am, Brunch and Training

Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop led by Paul Turner, Regional Supervisor with the South and West Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and former Lead Organizer of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Paul helps communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to launch a grassroots movement rooted in justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



Women Together Autumn Craft Day

Sunday, Oct. 5th
After worship
11:45 - 2 pm

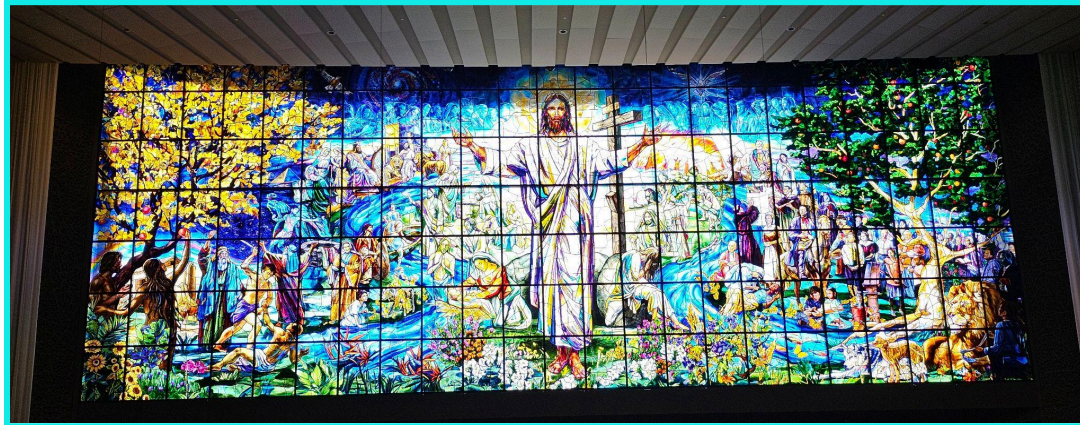
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Church of the Resurrection Tour

Our first tour of the sanctuary at Church of the Resurrection was such a big hit that we've scheduled another one! The tour will be **Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 pm** at the Leawood Campus of Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224. Don't miss this opportunity to see a sanctuary and stained glass window that were built to be a destination hundreds of years from now. We can carpool from church at 1 pm, and we'll return around 4 pm. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



The Tall Oaks Gala

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks. <https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Hungry for some time chatting with friends? Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! We are thankful to Linda M for picking up the donuts each week and bringing some Sunday sweetness. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

September Food Pantry



September Wish List

- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Rice and Pasta Sides

Donations can be dropped off at the church:
Mon. - Fri. from 9 AM - 12 PM
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Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

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Watch Last Sunday's Service

Watch the September 7 Service:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15XDKAEzpk/>

Click here for website--> [ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



PRAISE & PRAYER
requests

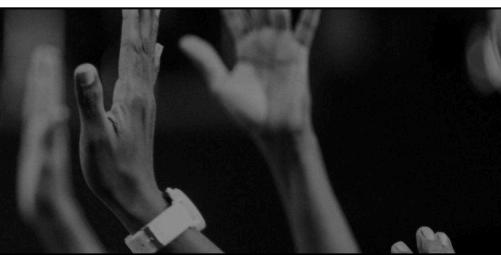
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We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box! And please submit any prayer or praises through the Prayer Request Form. If you'd like prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by Wednesday before. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly and prayed for. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community!

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:19-20 NIV

Worship Service

Volunteers



Worship Service Schedule for September 14, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy

Elder: Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader: John Merritt

Greeters: Barbara Arnold & Bob Arnold

Prep: Suzanne Becker

Prep & Serve: Larson Viebrock & Jack
Massie

Serve & Clean-up: Scott Schoonover &
Barbara Millard

Cash Counter: Greg Atkins

Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby

Nursery: Janice Roberts

Laptop: John Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for September 21, 2025

Pulpit: Johnny Viebrock

Elder: Angie Viebrock

Lay Leader: Gerry Carson

Greeters: Mary Gordon & Kyla Kays

Prep & Serve: Sandra Matthews & John
Matthews

Serve & Clean-up: Diane Soetaert & Earl
Soetaert

Help Clean-up: Marcia Hayes

Cash Counter: Phil French

Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays

Nursery: Linda Neer

Laptop: Tom Massie

*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.



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