

## THE REFORMER

# “A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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## AUGUST WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sunday, August 1: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside (John 6:24-35). Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### **Sunday, August 8: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh (John 6:41-51), and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day.

### **Sunday, August 15: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jesus again identifies himself as the Bread of Life (John 6:51-58). He makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church’s celebration of the Eucharist.

### **Sunday, August 22: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Many are offended and return to their old lives when Jesus claims that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood (John 6:56-69). Peter, however, asks the most important question: “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Students are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing before the start of school.

### **Sunday, August 29: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jesus challenges traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure (Mark 7:1-23). The observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for Helen Rauscher will be held at Reformation on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**, at 2:00 p.m.

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

The Council will meet at 7:00 via Zoom. Donna White will lead devotions

### **MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, AUGUST 12**

We will be preparing and distributing meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please contact Dianne Gwaltney if you can provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** are now being recruited. If you would be willing to serve in either of these important ministries (beginning in September), please contact Pastor Craig.

### **THANK YOU**

- ▶ to all who helped with the Mobile Café on July 8
- ▶ to Leslie Gwaltney and Kenneth Warren for spraying the weeds in the parking lot
- ▶ from the families of Helen Rauscher and Mary Wike for the prayers, cards, calls and other acts of kindness shown to them during their time of loss.



**PRAYER CONCERNS** : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Richard Puett, Richard Byrd, Carmen Cline, Louise Watts, Rick Manning, Norman Parkhurst, Tony Gaines, Claudette Icenhour, and Pastor Lewis Murdock..

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Parker Austin Hoenig
- 3 Jim Moore
- 3 David Ridenhour
- 4 Curtis Carter
- 5 Devon Wagoner Foxx
- 7 Jeff Fox
- 8 Brandy Honeycutt
- 9 Leighton Bingham
- 10 Elinor Miller
- 10 Alexandra White
- 11 Donald Mitchell
- 13 Jared King
- 14 Paula Price
- 17 Sierra Cole
- 21 Faith Price

- 1 Joanne Chase & Curtis Carter
- 7 Susan & Craig Sigmon
- 17 Kathy & Ron Roseman
- 26 Donna & Jerry White



	Aug 1		Aug 8		Aug 15		Aug 22		Aug 29
FLOWERS			Allen Fox		Marion Elmer		Shirley Childers		Kathy Roseman
ACOLYTE	Peyton Price		Eden Patterson		Tristan Moore		Jayden Robinette		Peyton Price
LAY READERS	Sherry Hart		Becky Gaines		Jan Austin		Donna White		Dianne Gwaltney

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## **GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND/CURRENT FUND**

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***In memory of Stephanie Elaine Schultz***

Virgil Schultz

***In memory of Herman Shook***

Dana Beach

***In memory of Colleen Hammer***

Tony & Becky Gaines