

A Daily Devotional for September 25th

from the Upper Room- **A Beautiful Picture**

by Doug Wingert (Arizona, USA)

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)



1 Corinthians 12:12-20

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn't one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts but one body.

I recently visited my older brother who lives far from me. He and his family welcomed me with food and fun. While sitting at his dining room table, I noticed a very large jigsaw puzzle that my brother had glued together, framed, and hung on the wall. When I looked closely, each piece was unique, yet each piece was needed to complete the picture.

I think my church congregation is a lot like that jigsaw puzzle. I look around my church and see people of all different sizes, shapes, and colors. They each have various gifts and skills, and when we come together to worship, it is beautiful. No one is more important than someone else. It is the uniqueness of the people in the congregation that makes the complete picture pleasing to God.

In John 13: 34, Jesus Says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Just as my brother needed glue to hold the puzzle pieces together, it is God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for each other that holds us together.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for bringing us together to worship. Teach us to love as you love. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." Luke 11: 2-4, NIV



All three of our churches are operating under a ONE- BOARD model (S.A.L.T.). But that doesn't mean that the board members do all the work. The boards do establish the vision and make policy and decisions but the work to be done is done by teams. Team leaders do not have to be a board member - they can be anyone from the congregation. Your team may meet anywhere - at the church, a restaurant, or people's homes. Time & place are up to the team members. Your team may meet without the pastor being present at the meeting - However the pastor is very interested in what teams are doing and would appreciate a phone call or email. If your team wants to clean up around the church buildings and it doesn't require funding - go for it but let the pastor & board members know what you are doing. If your team wants to do a mission and it will require funding from the church - then please contact the pastor first and then a board member. Board meetings are open and anyone may attend -especially if you want to present an idea or ask for funding. If you are unsure - ask the pastor or a board member.

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We are collecting offerings & tithes at the beginning of worship in color coded #6 envelopes: Chapel - Blue, Park - Gold, & Perry - Green. In order to give everyone credit on their giving statements (including loose cash), all donations need to be given to the church that you are a member. Please check-in at the beginning of worship with the ushers & greeters to pick up a bulletin, and place your donation into the correct church basket. We won't be passing the baskets during the worship service. The ushers will bring the offering up to the altar for it to be blessed.

Chapel

Park

Perry

6 colored envelopes are large enough to place your giving envelop inside. Please write your name on the outside and if you have a number - include it as well. If you are giving cash and don't need credit on your giving statement - mark "Loose Cash" on the envelope in the correct color for the church you want to donate the loose cash. Any loose money in the baskets will go to the church we are worshipping at that week.

Thanks!


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Seeking commUNITY... Finding Family

{Connecting and Re-connecting ALL people to God through Jesus Christ}

"To Invite, Support, and Share Faith as Christians"

Weekly Schedule 09/27/2026

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 am Worship Service at Perry UMC

10:00 Worship Message: - "Fear NOT!!!" - Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Mike Whipple

Counters: Annette Verga, Jim Riha, Wayne Palm, & Richard Vickery

Monday, Sept. 28th

9:30 Women's Bible Study at Perry UMC

7:00 Bible Study @ Don & Judy Barlett's Home

Tuesday, Sept. 29th

Chapel - 6:30 Hallelujah Handbells Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Perry - 7:00 Scout Troop 71. Chapel- 7:00 Scout Troop 55

Wednesday, Sept. 30th

Perry- 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Perry Family Diner

Perry- 3:00 Prayer Time: Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Chapel - 6:30 Faith & Faithful Bible Study

Thursday, Oct. 1st

Chapel- 2:00 2 O'clock Prayer Session in the Study upstairs

Perry- 4:00 Praise Team Practice at Perry.

Perry- 6:00-7:30 Open Mic Nites - at Perry's Old Chapel

Saturday, Oct. 3rd

Chapel (All are invited) - 9:00 Men's & Women's fellowship breakfast at Madison Family Restaurant.

Park- 10:30-12 noon Bread Room Ministry in Wesley Hall

Sunday, October 4th

10:00 Worship at Chapel UMC in the sanctuary

Worship Message: Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Bill Jaques

11:15 following the worship service there will be a financial meeting in the sanctuary.

Calendar 2026 Reminders

10am worship time

09/27/2026 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Perry UMC

10/04/2026 - World Communion Sunday - Chapel UMC

11:15 - "Give Generously" A financial Teaching Session will follow our worship service. This is not a sales meeting.

10/11/2026 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

10/18/2026 - 21 Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

10/25/2026 - Reformation Sunday - Chapel UMC

11/01/2026 - All Saints Sunday - Chapel UMC

11/08/2026 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

11/15//2026 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost - Chapel UMC

11/22/2026 - Christ the King Sunday - Chapel UMC

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26, 2026.

11/29/2026 - First Sunday of Advent

12/06/2026 - Second Sunday of Advent

12/13/2026 - Third Sunday of Advent

12/20/2026 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/24/2026 - Christmas Eve

12/25/2026 - Christmas Day

12/27/2026 - First Sunday after Christmas

Church Office hours are changing

Mon- 10am to 4pm @Perry, Tues & Wed- 10am to 5pm @Chapel,

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Thurs: 11-1p @Park- 2-4p @ Chapel, 4-6pm @ Perry. Friday is a floating day.

(These are Larry's hours not the pastor's office hours)



Noisy Change Challenge Collection

The Third quarter of 2026 we will be collecting for Madison & Perry Schools Angel Funds on 09/27/2026-at Perry UMC. The Angel Fund of Madison Schools helps with Food Scarcity and school Lunches. We are connecting this mission outreach to the Vision mission at Perry Schools- Perry Power Packs. Please see below and know that you may help us with donations of food items on the list & noisy change!

Thank you for your generosity.

Perry & Madison School Learning Service Packs Mission



Apples 16#, Oranges 14#, 92 servings of Oatmeal, 40 servings of Mac and Cheese, 81 servings of Granola Bars, 36 servings of Pretzels.

Way to go Church! The bins were a little fuller this week! Thank you for all the donation! Collection bins will be at both Chapel & Perry UMC. Next collection date is Wednesday, Sept. 30th before 2pm. Please ask Judy Uehlinger or Annette Verga (440-313-8892) about this important mission.

This announcement is for all three churches. All are invited to contribute to the Perry Center. Any paper products brought to Chapel on October 4th will be transported to the Perry Center.

Thanks for your generosity!



Remember our ongoing commitment to collect paper products for The Perry Center continues on every Communion Sunday. Our donations have been dwindling the last few months. Please bring in donations of paper products and we will be sure that they are delivered to The Perry Center. Thank you for your generosity! The next day to collect paper products for The Perry center is October 4, 2026.

Free Last Saturday Lunch Dates

Park United Methodist

31 Park Street

In Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Soup and
Sandwich
Lunch



Dates are - September 26, 2026

October 31, 2026

November 21, 2026

December 19, 2026

AN OPEN CONVERSATION FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Give Generously. Live Securely.

Support the church, stay in your home, care for family — and use the tax rules well.

WHEN

October 4, 2026

Immediately after Service- 11 AM

WHERE

Chapel UMC

Chapel Rd., at Hubbard, Madison

COST

FREE

No product pitch

BRING

A spouse, a question

Curiosity is enough

You already give. This evening is about giving in a way that lasts.

Most of us are trying to do six things at once: not outlive our money, stay in the house, handle healthcare, take the IRA withdrawals the IRS now requires, do right by the church, and still leave something for children and grandchildren. Doing all of that legally — without starving the household or the mission — is more than an offering-envelope decision.

What we will cover in about an hour

- 1 How much is “enough” so generosity does not become anxiety — the 4% guideline, income flooring, and a real plan for in-home help.
- 2 A giving number you choose. Not a lecture on tithing. What 2% or 5% looks like, and what a church budget actually needs per pledging unit.
- 3 The Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD): send IRA money straight to a charity or church, avoid the tax on that withdrawal, and satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Age 70½ up.
- 4 Gifts that do not touch the family budget — appreciated stock, donor-advised funds, unused life insurance, and (for some) home equity.
- 5 Leaving the church in your will is good. Naming the church on an IRA beneficiary form is often better. Why, in plain English.
- 6 How to aim tax-heavy assets at ministry and tax-light assets at the kids, so family and church are not competing.

This is a teaching hour, not a sales meeting.

No one will be asked for an account number, a signature, or a pledge card. Come listen. Take what is useful. If a private conversation would help later, that door will be open.

Who should come

- **Anyone about 60+** associated with a church, and also owns an IRA, 401(k), home, or life insurance policy.
- **Couples who disagree about “how much is enough?”** and adult children helping parents with RMDs or papers.
- **Anyone who has said,** “We would give more if it didn’t feel like we were taking it from the kids.”

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“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:7



OPEN MIC NITES

at the Old Chapel

**Bring your instrument & your voice for food
& refreshments followed by fun.**

We supply food, drink, drum kit, sound system, electric keyboard, & amplifiers.

You bring acoustic or electric guitar, violin, flute, tambourine, anything- or play ours.

"Acoustic", folk, & Christian sheet music will be supplied jam & bring your own favorite or original songs.

Any age or skill is welcome!!

Thursday Evenings

6:00

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