

NEWSLETTER –August 2025

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As the summer continues on, a new school year and ministry program year may be about to begin. This time of the year is a time of newness. What might God be cultivating new? Paul writes, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV). Consider this month a "Choose Your Own Adventure" of sorts. Fill in the blank, "Cultivating New _____." New experiences might include: the new ministry and program year; a new school year; a time for new ideas; a time for experimentation and permission to try new things; and even perhaps the beginning of the harvest season.

Questions for Reflection:

- What might God be cultivating new in you? For you? With you?
- What might God be cultivating new in your congregation? For your congregation? With your congregation?
- What might God be cultivating new in your larger community? For your larger community? With your larger community?
- What new things will you try?

Prayer of the Day

God of creation, you bring something out of nothing; you bring life from death. Too often we are too comfortable with the old to try the new. Cast out our doubts and fears. Give us courage to experiment, trusting that you will show us the way and guide our endeavors through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Reading(s) Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Revelation 21:1-6

Other Theme Considerations and Potential Connections:

- “Cultivating New _____” is fairly self-explanatory. But what sort of new things might you imagine or wonder about? What kind of list of new possibilities might you come up with?
- The August calendar includes for many the beginning of the harvest season, a new school year; and the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. What might God be inviting you to be a part of that is new related to these observances and experiences?

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Mock interview is on hold while the tech person at the hospital recovers from unexpected surgery.

Community Meal at Memorial Methodist

We are continuing the tradition of providing salads by 4 PM on the third Thursday of each month for the Community Meal held weekly at Memorial Methodist Church.

OSL – Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. - STA – Please connect with Linda Thieben.

<p>STA – Thursday, August 21, 2025 OSL - Thursday, September 18, 2025</p>

SUNDAY SERVICES IN August:

OSL: Sunday, August 3 -10:15, Worship

Sunday, August 10 - 10:15, Worship

Sunday, August 17 – 10:15, Worship & Holy Communion, Rev, Mary
Hendricks

Sunday, August 24 - 12 Noon, Worship & Holy Communion, Rev. Thalia
Woodworth

Sunday, August 31 -10:15, Worship

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