

## WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025



**From Woody:** .I discussed a little recent history on Sunday featuring Mohammed Ali and Howard Cosell. History can teach us lessons, both in our walk of faith and in our role as citizens. The President has recently attacked the Smithsonian Museum for "focusing too much on how bad slavery was." I think history should be taught as accurately as possible and certainly slavery was very bad and its effects remain with us today. We should rightly celebrate the ending of slavery and the courageous people of all faiths and colors who took to the streets in the 1950's and '60's to put an end to segregation. The effects of both of these sins are long-term and history cannot be taught truthfully without that realization.

Perhaps the President wants to emphasize the positive as we prepare to celebrate the 250th birthday of our country next year. We should emphasize our progress but don't do so by avoiding the truth, good and bad, of the past. We have made progress but there is still work to be done. Frederick Buechner expresses his thoughts with these words:

*Nothing in American history is more tragic surely than the relationship of the black and white races. Masters and slaves both were dehumanized. The Jim Crow laws carried the process on for decades beyond the Emancipation. The Ku Klux Klan and its like keep going forever. Politically, economically, socially, and humanly, blacks continue to be the underdog. Despite all the efforts of both races to rectify the situation and heal the wounds. Despite all the progress that has been made, it is still as hard for any black to look at any white without a feeling of resentment as it is for any white to look at any black without a feeling of guilt*

I think Mr. Buechner's words are as true today as they were when he wrote them years ago, but we need to keep working on it. God wants us to study our history and to continue to learn from it. We can't learn about the way forward without the learning from the past that still impacts us, both as individuals and as a nation. Germany cannot move forward by ignoring the Holocaust and we cannot move forward by ignoring slavery and segregation. God wants us to understand our past so we can come together to make a better future.

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

September 7	Communion
September 14	Our Celebration of Pets
September 21	The beginning of the Sunday School Year
September 28	The Blessing of the Dresses for Girls Around the World. Kristi Citak will be sending them off to be distributed to girls all over the world.



**Protest Rally:** Anyone wishing to join in the ICE Protest in Manchester on **Tuesday, September 2** can meet in the Town Hall parking lot between 8 and 8:10am to car pool to Manchester.



**Celebration of Pets Service:** Our Annual worship service celebrating our pets will be Sunday, September 14--10:00 am. Weather permitting, we hold it on the side lawn of the church. If it is raining, we hold it in the Dignard Room. All pets and people are welcome, as long as they are comfortable around other pets. Dr. Amanda Burris, our local veterinarian, will share some thoughts.



**Sunday School Starting:** Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for students in grades K-6. For now, students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and assist with the younger students. Our studies this fall will have us finding God and messages from the Bible in Disney movies! Children's choir will also begin rehearsing with Ms. Sam directly after service.



**AED / CPR Certification** In a continued effort to support a safe and welcoming environment at CCNB, The Trustees of Expenditures is once again promoting the training of members of the congregation to get an AED/CPR certification for 2025. The certification is good for two years. TOE is seeking \$1000.00 in funding for the training and 12 volunteers to take it. Once the funding and volunteers have been secured, the training will be scheduled. If anyone would like to take the training a signup sheet will be placed next to the AED in the hallway, or you can email Bill Vickery at [bvickery123@gmail.com](mailto:bvickery123@gmail.com). For anyone who would like to donate towards this activity, please contact Lydia Peak at [nbcctreas@gmail.com](mailto:nbcctreas@gmail.com)"



**Dress A Girl Around the World:** Please text Kristi (603-486-9910) if you plan on sewing or helping with Dress a girl dresses in September—each Saturday during the month.. It is most helpful to know a head count so I can set up the number of tables needed and room for however many sewing machines needing to be plugged in. This includes sewing, cutting out dresses, helping sort the fabrics to be cut out into dresses is helpful. We also have an opportunity for those who want to sew at home. We have several dresses cut out and ready to sew. Just let Kristi know, and she can send you home with one. All dresses are due back to Kristi by September 30th.

If you do not sew, you can contribute money. Kristi will be purchasing t-shirts and shorts to include with the dresses.



**Peace Quote:** War is not healthy for humans or other living things.



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