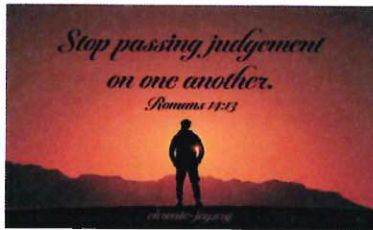




A Little Something



September 13, 2026

Season of Creation

Hymns & Songs

Praise, My Soul, the King of
Heaven

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hosanna

Scripture

Psalms 34:11-18

Matthew 7:1-5

Romans 14:13-20

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Food Cupboard

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Challenge

Dried Pasta

(any type)

Coats & Jackets Needed

**NO OTHER CLOTHING
PLEASE!!!**

Adult Education Class

**Is Belief in the Gospel
Even REASONABLE?**

Led by: Mark Collins

(Downstairs in the Youth Room)

Is being a believing Christian
defensible given what we've
learned from science, history,
philosophy, and more? Or does
it mean "having faith" despite
what evidence seems to say?

This class will focus on making
you aware of the reasons for
faith that you may not have
heard before.

Sunday Mornings @ 9:00 am

Starting Sunday, Sept. 20

OR

Thursday Evenings @ 6:00 pm

Starting Thursday, Sept. 24

Thursday's class will be a repeat
of the previous Sunday's class.

Six-Week Course

Adult Education Class

WWJD? #2

Led by: Dennis Smith

(Upstairs in the Fireside Room)

The popular study begun last
spring returns!

Six **new** reflections cast light on
Jesus' response to **more** issues
of modern life?

Choose a session to attend!

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Six-Week Course



9/20

Beth Walsh

9/23

Marilyn Johnson

9/27

John Forrester

9/28

Eric Beechly



Friday,

September 18

7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Session Meeting

Tuesday, Sep. 15

@ 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way.
— Mary Anne Radmacher

On a cool September evening more than 130 years ago, a man named Thomas Edison invited a small group of neighbors into his workshop. He'd been working on a new kind of lamp — one that didn't flicker like gaslight or smoke like oil, one that didn't need constant tending. He hoped it would be a light steady enough to change the way people lived.

When he switched it on, the room filled with a warm, gentle brightness. No one spoke. One woman later said it felt “as though the sun had remembered us.” People had expected something impressive, but what surprised them most was how comforting the light was. It wasn't harsh. It didn't hurt the eyes. It simply made the darkness step back.

Edison reportedly said, “I just wanted something that would help people see a little better.”

I think there's a quiet lesson in that moment. Most of us aren't inventors. We don't create world-changing technologies or reshape industries. But every day we have the chance to do something that helps someone “see a little better.”

The world can be overwhelming — even more so when changes come quickly, when health shifts, when routines break, when familiar faces fade from view. But small lights still matter. A gentle encouragement, a simple act of generosity, a moment of laughter shared at the right time — these things don't make headlines, but they make life warmer.

And here's the quiet miracle: when we brighten someone else's day, a little of that light returns to us. Like Edison's first bulb, it may seem small, but its glow reaches farther than we imagine.

So, as we approach the fall season — when days shorten and evenings come sooner — may we remember that even a single warm light can make the darkness step back.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the simple lights you place in our lives — kindness, friendship, small acts of grace. Help us to notice them, cherish them and share them. Make us instruments of encouragement to those who need a gentle brightness today. Let your warmth shine in us and through us. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Monday: 2 Chronicles 23-25

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 30-32

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 33-36

Friday: Ezekiel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 103-105

Verse to Remember

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not
forget all his benefits.*

—Psalm 103:2

PROVERBIAL MIX-UP

The proverbs below have been split in half and rearranged. Match the phrase in the column on the right to the proper beginning in the column on the left.

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| _____ 1. All that glitters ... | A. ... is not gold. |
| _____ 2. Live and ... | B. ... make light work. |
| _____ 3. Practice makes ... | C. ... perfect. |
| _____ 4. Where there's a will ... | D. ... has a silver lining. |
| _____ 5. From little acorns ... | E. ... saves nine. |
| _____ 6. A stitch in time ... | F. ... nothing gained. |
| _____ 7. Don't count your chickens ... | G. ... don't make a right. |
| _____ 8. Nothing ventured ... | H. ... before they hatch. |
| _____ 9. Two wrongs ... | I. ... there's a way. |
| _____ 10. Every cloud ... | J. ... than never. |
| _____ 11. Out of sight ... | K. ... let live. |
| _____ 12. Honesty ... | L. ... big oaks grow. |
| _____ 13. Many hands ... | M. ... is the best policy. |
| _____ 14. You can't have your cake ... | N. ... out of mind. |
| _____ 15. Better late ... | O. ... and eat it, too. |



*"To watch over
mouth and
tongue is to
keep out of
trouble."*

—Proverbs 21:23

Answers: 1A, 2K, 3C, 4I, 5L, 6E, 7H, 8F, 9G, 10D, 11N, 12M, 13B, 14O, 15J.

Hidden proverb: The proof is in the pudding.

**WHAT PROVERB DO YOU
SEE HERE?
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2026 SEPTEMBER 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Sharon Golder	4	5
6 Worship/Communion 10:30 am	7 	8 Ladies Bible Study 10am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Deacon Training 6 pm	9	10 Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am	11 Julie Graber	12 Susanna Noordhoff
13 Worship/Youth Church 10:30 am	14	15 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Session Meeting 6:00 pm	16 	17 Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am	18 Redfish Concert 7:00 pm	19
20 Adult Ed. Class 9:00 am Worship/Youth Church 10:30 am Beth Walsh	21	22 First Day of Fall Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	23 Dine-Out Yu's Restaurant 6:00 pm Marilyn Johnson	24 Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am Adult Ed. Class 6 pm	25	26
27 Adult Ed. Class 9:00 am OTGS Worship 10:30 am Friendship Potluck John Forrester	28 Eric Beechly	29 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	30			