



## Kanapaha Times



Monthly Newsletter of **Kanapaha Presbyterian Church**

August 2025

### Join Us...

Sunday Morning Worship 10am in Sanctuary

#### Note from Pastor...

God has always had a people, a faithful remnant

Why a remnant? A remnant typically refers to a remaining, usually small, part or quantity of something. It can also mean a fragment, a trace, or a piece left over from something larger. In troubled times through history, even when humanity has turned away from God, even in the darkest of circumstances God has always had a group or individuals who remain faithful. Time and again God's own people, Israel, would promise to be faithful only to find their ways to foreign gods and ideologies. Repeatedly, Israel would be captured by foreign enemies when they turned from true faith in the one true God. Repeatedly, God would need to send a deliverer to rescue or protect those who remained faithful in captivity.

In Genesis, we find the story of Noah. He and his family were the only ones saved when God sent the flood to cleanse the earth. Why? Because Noah remained faithful. Moses delivered his people from Egyptian slavery. Shadrach, Meshak, and Abednego refused to bow down to human authorities and were thrown into a furnace. They were protected in the furnace by one like the Son of God. Later, when prayer was forbidden in Babylon, Daniel was punished for praying. Again, God delivered his servant even though he had to spend the night with the lions.

Esther became Queen of the land but even as queen would have been killed when the date was set for her Jewish people to be executed. But God had another plan and those who would have killed her people were executed themselves. God always has a people, a spokesperson, a deliverer. God always gives deliverance to the faithful.

There are many serious issues that face us today, serious and important issues that sometimes make us feel powerless or hopeless. We cannot help but be concerned about our lives in this world. But when our concerns drive us to fear-based responses or human logic and strategies, our ability to hear God's perfect guidance decreases. Whenever we turn to God, however, listen for His voice, and determine to obey however He leads, we become life-changing instruments in our Father's apt, history-holding plans. We pray to hear what God will say to us about our situation.

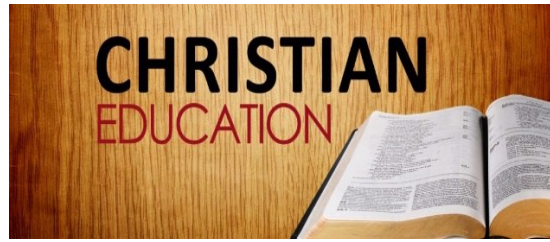
No matter how bad things may seem, we need to build relationship with our God, to honor God as his children regardless of what is happening. We aren't responsible for fixing our world's problems. We couldn't do it, even if we tried. Our role is to discover God's will for us at each moment and then to respond with faith-driven obedience, trusting Him to take care of everything. God has more than proven Himself capable. God has always had a people, a plan, a will, for us and our world. As you pray God will lead us. His individual guidance will be as unique as our personalities, experiences and circumstances.

God moves His plans forward through the obedience of His children, not human wisdom or strategizing. World governments have fallen short; world leaders have fallen through time. No Dictator or Caesar can hold power forever. No problem can remain forever. No personal trial can stop God's pre-ordained purpose for your life. Even Satan himself cannot stop God's plan of salvation.

Don't let anything stop you from being a person of prayer. People of prayer shine God's light in the darkest circumstances, bring hope to those who have lost theirs, and leave the greatest eternal impact. God has always had a people, a remnant of the faithful that births the next victory. Stay strong in your faith for we are God's remnant in this age. Maranatha!

### Fellowship after worship.





### *Christian Education and Training*

#### **Be on the look out for fall Bible Study!**

We order 5 copies of "These Days" daily devotionals and have three left for July through September. If you want one, they are in the office. There are also extras from prior months and years and are probably still relevant. Older copies are also in the office.

Pastor Michael shared the information about d365 a few years ago. This is a free app with daily devotions that you can put on your phone or tablet. I/Janet use this one as regularly as I can.. It is quick and easy to navigate and always has good Bible references and thoughts for each day.

### *Worship and Nurture*

HELP-Continue to need liturgists for upcoming months-September through the end of the year. This involves leading the congregation in Call to Worship, Call to Confession, prayers, scripture reading (s). You receive the material ahead of time. I find hearing different voices representative of our church family as a good thing.

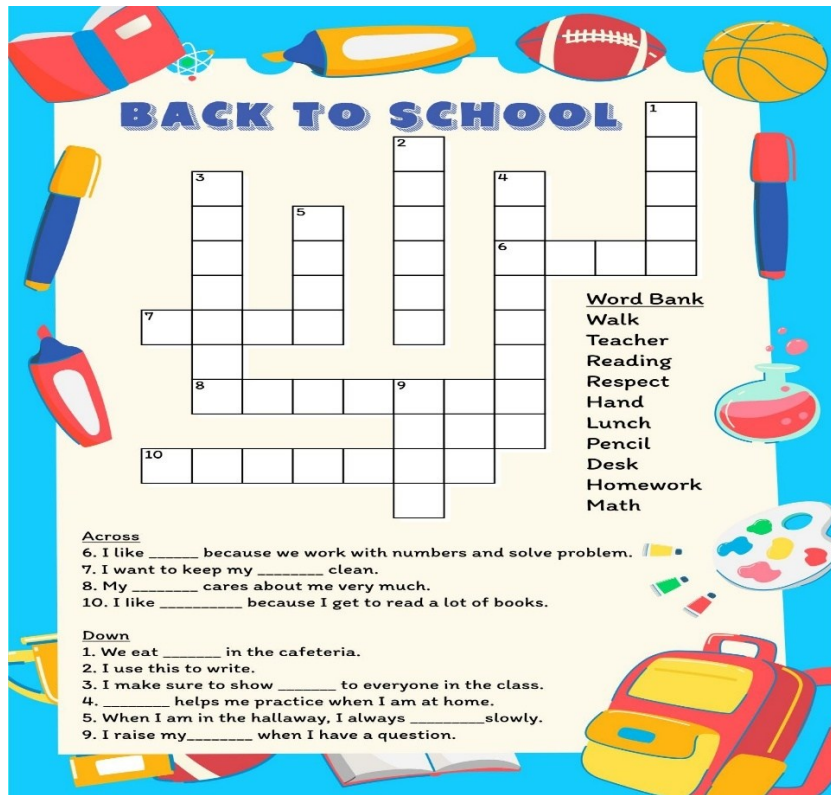
Why is liturgy important in the Presbyterian Church service? (from the Western Church)

- a) helps worshippers actively engage in the Word of God
- b) provides a seamless flow between different components of the Worship service
- c) connects the individual worshiper and God through symbolic acts (prayers, candle lighting)
- d) all of the above

\*\* answer is d







## BACK TO SCHOOL

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**Word Bank**

Walk

Teacher

Reading

Respect

Hand

Lunch

Pencil

Desk

Homework

Math

**Across**

6. I like \_\_\_\_\_ because we work with numbers and solve problem.

7. I want to keep my \_\_\_\_\_ clean.

8. My \_\_\_\_\_ cares about me very much.

10. I like \_\_\_\_\_ because I get to read a lot of books.

**Down**

1. We eat \_\_\_\_\_ in the cafeteria.

2. I use this to write.

3. I make sure to show \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone in the class.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ helps me practice when I am at home.

5. When I am in the hallaway, I always \_\_\_\_\_ slowly.

9. I raise my \_\_\_\_\_ when I have a question.

BLUEBIRD	MOURNING DOVE
BLUE JAY	NUTHATCH
BUNTING	ORIOLE
DINRACDAL	PHOEBE
CHICKADEE	BRONI
CROW	SPARROW
FLICKER	SWIFT
GOLDFINCH	TITMOUSE
GROSBEAK	VIREO
KAWH	WARBLER
JUNCO	REPODWOCK
MARTIN	WREN





Nate Ziegler	August 06
Steve Moore	August 13
Isaac Dixon	August 16
Kathy Fishel	August 27
Fred Fishel	August 28
Samuel Wing	August 30



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July 28-Aug 11	Monday	Pastor's Vacation Days
August 3	Sunday	Rev. Ruth Elswood
August 10	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Hymn Sing
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Back to school!</b>
August 20	Wednesday	Session Meeting 6:00pm
August 24	Sunday	Magic Penny
August 25	Monday	Newsletter Deadline



## Elders

<b>Rev. Michael Wood</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	
Bill Balke	Administration & Finance	Class 2028
Kaley Behl	Buildings & Grounds Cemetery Management	Class of 2026
Karen Kirkman	Special Projects & Promotions Church History & Cemetery Management	Class of 2025
Janet Phipps	Worship & Nurture Children Education Clerk of Session	Class of 2025
Nilda Alicea	Secretary	