**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**﻿Saturday, September 14th**

**Holly Daze Workshop,**

**Susanna Wesley Room, 9 am**

**(see details below)**

**Sunday, September 15th**

**Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary**

**https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia**

**(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)**

**Sunday, September 15th**

**Adult Sunday School Starts, 9 am, Susanna Wesley Room**

**Saturday, September 21st**

**Quilt Show, 10 am – 4 pm, Sanctuary**

**Saturday, October 19th**

**Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 am – 3 pm**

**Friday News, September 13th**

”I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name." (Isaiah 45:3)

At the Carnival last Sunday, while I was getting a tattoo, my tattoo artist was making conversation with me and asked me where I worked. I said I worked here at the church, and she wanted to know what I did. As gently as possible I let her know I was her pastor. She was embarrassed, and I was taken down a half peg in my own sense of self-importance. And I still don’t remember her name!

But God knows her name, and mine, and yours. God knows everyone of us and claims us.

God says to a chosen servant, "I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me". (Isaiah 45:1-7)

God yearn for us to know God! We come to know God through worship, both corporate at church and individually with private devotions. We come to know God through Bible study, individually and in classes. We come to know God by spending time with God’s people, especially with those who nurture a relationship with God.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine". (Isaiah 43:1)

Do you know *every* name in this congregation? The correct answer is, “not yet!” My goal is to know all the names of the people in this congregation—it will take a while, but I’m up to the challenge. Will you join me?

Here’s how

* Wear your nametag
* Check out other’s name tags to test your knowledge for
* Each Sunday, introduce yourself to someone whose name you do not know
* Have fun with it

On Wednesday night I did door duty for women coming to LIFT. Teasingly I told some of them I would let them in the building if they reminded me of their name! The laughter told me we had fun with that. I’ve also had fun as some of you have helped me remember your name:

* I’m still Bev
* I’m the other Phyllis
* We’re Jennifer and Julie, sisters with “J” names
* We’re John & Jane Hunt; we have the shortest names at church
* I’m another Kathy / Cathy

Here’s mine:

* My name is Shirley, like Shirley Temple (and no, this doesn’t work for today’s younger generations who have no idea who Shirley Temple was! Lol)

God joyfully knows our names. I’m having fun learning them. Be part of this joy!

Pastor Shirley

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**9/15**

**Come to the Table**

**"Table of Love"**

**Scripture:**

**Romans 13: 8-14**

**Matthew 18: 15-20**

**Holly Daze Workshop**

The Holly Daze Bazaar is only five weeks away on **Saturday, October 19th**. We need your help with the following: Our apple pie team would like some donated apples – most varieties work, but they need to be cooking apples. Other future needs: pumpkins and succulents for pumpkin centerpieces, and late garden produce, such as winter squash, potatoes, and sometimes tomatoes, and apples for the farm store. The bake shop will also be requesting donated baked goods closer to the time of the bazaar. Thank you so much for the support you give this fund-raising endeavor for United Women of Faith (formerly UMW.)

**Church Office Staff Meetings**

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed

10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.

**Quilt Show**

Beautiful history will be on display in our church sanctuary on **September 21st from 10 am to 4 pm.** The colors are fantastic, (even the “elderly quilts”.) You can try to “pick” your favorite, but it will be very difficult! These family treasures show love, craftsmanship, and imagination. Come share the talents of our past.

**Sanitizers Work Best When Used﻿**

Recently the Facilities Team noticed our standing Hand Sanitizing Dispensers were not working. After investigation and a thorough cleaning, they are now repaired and working properly, however we do need your help to keep them that way! There has been another spike in Covid recently, and there are also other bugs that can harm those with compromised immune systems. Our hands easily pick up germs from every surface we touch. Please protect yourself and others by using these dispensers each time you pass one. This will also keep them free-flowing and prevent clogs. A little dab will do, and better safe than sorry. Thanks for your help.

**ALERT!**

**Impersonation Attempts**

This week, we’ve seen an increase in sophisticated impersonation and social engineering attempts. Be prepared to defend against these bad actors by staying informed and vigilant.

Overview

* Attack Methods: Emails, phone calls, and text messages are being used to attempt access to online accounts and sensitive information.
* Deceptive Techniques: Bad actors use Caller ID spoofing and voice generation to create a false sense of safety and familiarity.

Key Points

* No Personal Info Requests: We will never contact you by phone, email, or text to ask for personal information like your account number, verification codes, or online banking username.

Security Reminders

* Email Security
* Verify the sender's email address by hovering over the name.
* Avoid opening suspicious links or attachments.
* Be wary of emails creating urgency or using scare tactics.
* Phone Call Security
* Do not trust caller ID; it can be spoofed.
* If asked for sensitive information or if something doesn't seem quite right, hang up and call the trusted number for your banker or branch.
* Text Message Security
* Your bank will NEVER ask for personal information via text.
* Do not click links from unknown senders.
* Verify the sender before taking any action and delete suspicious messages.

Build Trust with Us

* Get to know your bank and our team better by visiting the branch. Familiarize yourself with our branch staff and get to know your banker. Building a personal relationship with us can help you better recognize legitimate communications and be more secure.

By recognizing these signs and staying vigilant, you can protect yourself and your family from potential scams and ensure your financial security.

For safety tips on fraud prevention, visit: [https://cfbhfg.com/security-and-fraud-prevention/](https://community1st.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33f8b8274de88a5d14e9e69d1&id=68d4daed95&e=c0f494bd5e)

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