



The Connection

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Millington United Methodist Church

**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**

September Scripture Readings

- 1—Philippians 1:12-13
- 2—Romans 8:28
- 3—Psalm 37:4
- 4—2 Timothy 1:9
- 5—Proverbs 3:5-6
- 6—Romans 12:1-2
- 7—Jeremiah 1:4-5
- 8—Matthew 6:33
- 9—Hebrews 11:8-9
- 10—Psalm 32:8
- 11—Luke 16:10
- 12—Acts 9:6
- 13—Isaiah 43:7
- 14—Acts 1:8
- 15—Acts 9:6
- 16—Proverbs 16:9
- 17—Proverbs 11:14
- 18—Hebrews 10:24-25
- 19—Jeremiah 29:11
- 20—Proverbs 16:3
- 21—Ephesians 2:10
- 22—Exodus 9:16
- 23—Esther 4:14
- 24—Romans 12:3-8
- 25—1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- 26—1 Peter 4: 10-11
- 27—Ephesians 4:11-12
- 28—Genesis 50:20
- 29—2 Samuel 22:29-31
- 30—James 1:5

National Days for September

- 1—National Forgiveness Day
- 2—National Blueberry Popsicle Day
- 3—National U.S. Bowling League Day
- 4—National Newspaper Carrier Day
- 5—National Cheese Pizza Day
- 6—National Read A Book Day
- 7—National Grateful Patient Day
- 8—National Ampersand Day
- 9—National Teddy Bear Day
- 10—National Swap Ideas Day
- 11—National Make Your Bed Day
- 12—National Day of Encouragement
- 13—National Positive Thinking Day
- 14—National Eat a Hoagie Day
- 15—National Double Cheeseburger Day
- 16—National Guacamole Day
- 17—National Monte Cristo Day
- 18—National Air Force Birthday
- 19—National Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 20—National Care For Kids Day
- 21—National Cleanup Day
- 22—National Family Day
- 23—National Ice Cream Cone Day
- 24—National Cherries Jubilee Day
- 25—National Daughter's Day
- 26—National Johnny Appleseed Day
- 27—National Singles Day
- 28—National Good Neighbor Day
- 29—National Coffee Day
- 30—National Love People Day



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Pastor David's Corner

Football is starting soon. In one respect, it already has with the fiasco surrounding the University of Michigan's NCAA sanctions (or lack thereof.) And Millington set to defend its state title. And the Detroit Lions ready to make another attempt at a championship. And... Labor Day signals the end of the summer season and the beginning of another school year. And ...

Did you know that Labor Day originated in the late 19th century as a day to honor the American labor movement and its contributions to the country's economic strength and social well-being. It started with parades and festivities to celebrate workers and their organizations, evolving into a federal holiday in 1894.

But we aren't so much interested in celebrating the labor movement as we are one last holiday of BBQs and one last chance to hit the lake or river before we all get busy with another year of normality.

May I dare to mention Jesus?

May I remind you that none of the above is possible in the slightest apart from God's mercy and grace and love?

And may I remind you that the church is waiting – always waiting – for anyone...everyone... all of us. Because no one is judged by who we are or who we think we are or who we want to be. The only thing that matters is that Jesus loves YOU. And He has made a place for YOU in His church.

We welcome YOU. Always.

Prayers and blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



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Moment

As we welcome the season of Autumn and enter another beautiful time of nature's splendor, we remember God's continuing, creative gifts. We enjoy the beauty and variety of the world, the food we eat, the air we breathe, the love that sustains us. It is because of God's generosity that we are here.

Our gifts to God have everything to do with our spiritual focus, our spiritual maturity and our spiritual discipline of giving. We give from our need to be generous, as God has been generous to us. *(Resource-Holston Conference)*

True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love.

No strings attached. No expectations. 1019 ~Suze Orman

Mission and Outreach Notes

Millington United Methodist Church had a sno-cone and popcorn booth at the festival in August . We really appreciate all who came out to help man the booth and especially those who showed up and helped with set-up and take-down. What a great group!

A good time was had by all (despite the 90 degree weather). Our sno-cones were just what the crowd needed to help keep cool. Thanks for your support in this important mission.

We received the total from our Baby Bottle Boomerang mission. We raised \$522.18 for the Positive Alternatives mission. Great job!

Coming up this fall, a new season, which brings new chances to grow in faith, fellowship, and worship. There's a place for you here! Let's walk together and grow together in our faith and friendship to all.



A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need
and to trust your timing in every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn—
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.
May this season deepen my gratitude,
renew my spirit,
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



God's Left Hand



A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

The Power of Prayer Warriors



Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God's will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to "pray one for another" (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayers of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing needs before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is mighty. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

The Gift of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther





Blood Drive

**Thursday, September 18th
12 to 5:45 pm**

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

To Pre-Register

The Millington United Methodist Church has adopted the portion of M-15 (between Birch Run and Murphy Lake Roads) for cleanup. This will begin on Saturday, September 20th through September 27th (inclement weather day) . Meet at the church parking lot on the 20th at 9:00 am. Wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing. Gather your friends and family (must be age 12 or older) to join you and make a new tradition of it. If you have students that need volunteer hours, this would be a good opportunity to acquire them. Or do it in honor of, or in memory of someone. Let's get our highway ready for the fall season and show everyone how proud we are of our Millington Community!



September 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	3	4	5	6
7 9am Sunday School 10am Worship National Grandparents Day	8	9 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 6:30pm Liz Collins performance at Swartz Creek Community Church 7400 Miller Rd.. Swartz Creek 
14 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins to October 15th	16 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	17	18 Noon to 5:45pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 	19	20 Adopt-a-Highway Fall Roadside Cleanup 9am (in case of inclement weather, it will be on 28th .
21 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	22 First Day of Autumn	23 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	24	25	26	27 Inclement date of Adopt-a-Highway roadside pickup. 9am
28 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	29	30 8:30 am Women's 4th Day				

A Note from Barb...



Here it is, September again. The beginning of my favorite season. But this year, things have changed somewhat, and my usual plans for the fall season have been interrupted with appointments, running the roads, and doing a little more things that I am not accustomed to doing. But that's okay. I am learning that God has prepared me over the years for just this. All those times, that I thought was just a bother, he was teaching me patience, strength, and perseverance. Teaching me the importance of family, friends, and neighbors who just want to be a part of our lives, and to help whenever they can. It's hard to do sometimes, but I was once told, that letting someone help you is helping them as well. It not only makes you feel good that they took the time to help you out, but also that it makes them feel good to be able to "do something" to help rather than to just stand by and wish they could help. My thanks go out to my family, friends, neighbors and my church **families** that have been a great help when I needed it most. Whether it be with a meal, gas money, or especially with their prayers. Thank you.

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