

Pastor Anne's Message, September, 2023

Whether you send your kids to public school, private school, or educate them at home, make a commitment to pray for your child's teacher(s) even if that's you! And if you don't have kids in school, your prayers are still needed! Think back to the teacher who made an impact on your life, or perhaps the kind of teacher you needed but never had. Join in this prayer for teachers.

Dear God,

Thank You for teachers. Thank You for the individuals who spend their lives nurturing and investing in the next generation. As teachers' days begin again to be guided by the bell schedules and lesson plans, would you bless their hearts with love, patience, and enthusiasm for their students?

Bless each teacher with the ability to see the good – the best – in every child. Enable teachers to encourage and equip each student to reach their full potential. Help teachers inspire a love for learning and instill confidence in each child so they see their capacity to grow. Prepare each teacher for the challenges they will face, empower them to be emotional counselors, conflict diffusers, and hope givers.

As teachers pour themselves out each day over essays, equations, ABC's and 123's, pour Yourself into them. Give them an abundance of hope, courage, wisdom, and joy. Gift teachers with parents, helpers, colleagues, and administrators who champion their efforts and encourage their callings.

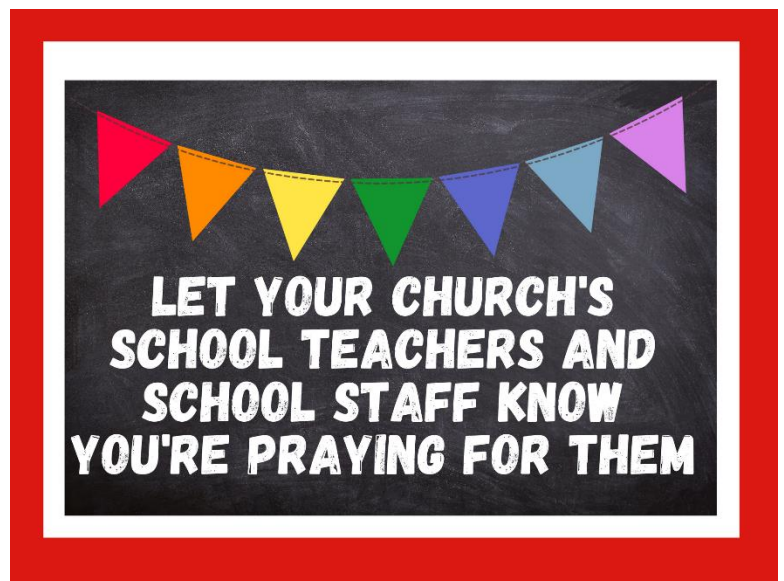
As teachers go back to school, Lord, grant them lavish grace for the tasks at hand.

Bless this school year and bless each person who is a student and a teacher! Amen

May this month be a meaningful month for you in your life!

Blessings and hope, Pastor Anne

(Thanks to Becky Keife, Everyday Faith, Summer 2023).



Trustees Report

The trustees seem to remain busy no matter the season.

The entry doors at the Gym entrance have been reversed for egress safety and push bars installed.

Willet-Hauser Architectural Glass Co. removed the round Rose window in the west end of the sanctuary and it has been sent to Wisconsin to be rebuilt. The one hundred and twenty-five year old lead was failing and some of the glass pieces had chipped from the shift in the window structure. The sanctuary certainly looks different with the beautiful stained glass window removed. It will be returned within two months, we think.



The window is 38 ½ inches in diameter. The original carpenter building the church had the forethought to install the window so that it could be removed without destroying the circular molding that held it in place. The workers were surprised that it was such a straight-forward process.

Memorial Funds donated to the church given in memory or honor of friends and family will be used to pay for the repairs.

Plans are in place to repaint the small entry porch on the north side of the dining room before winter sets upon us again.

Trustees - Sue Bellotti, Cindy Price, Julia Cox, and Mike Loftus

September Noisy Offering for Maui

Collbran Congregational Church collects funds for a Noisy Offering each month. At the beginning of the year specific charities and non-profits are designated for each month except for September. We have learned to keep September open for unexpected emergencies either locally, nationally, or internationally. This year, the month of September has designated support to the United Church of Christ churches in Maui. Their ongoing efforts to assist the people of their island will be a very long process.

If you, as a community member, would like to donate to support those affected by the wildfires, we invite you to join us in this month's mission offering. One hundred percent of the funds collected go to the Island churches where it will be used to help families as they work to restore their families and rebuild their homes.

Please join us in this effort.

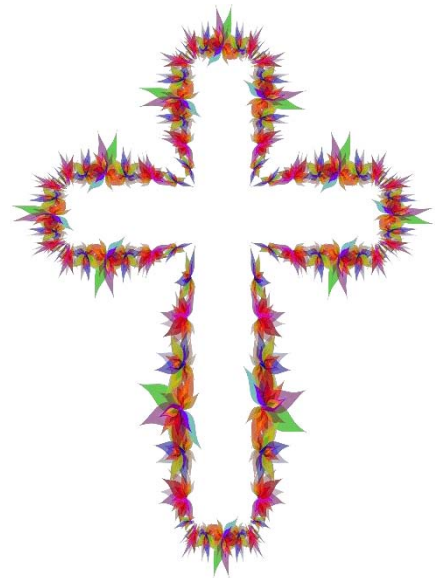
Women's Fellowship Report

Womens Fellowship provided a light luncheon following the graveside service for Richard Djokic on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Family and friends were able to join together to celebrate the life of a classmate, friend, and family member by coming together.

The women would like to extend their sincerest sympathy to Sveto and Anne Djokic for this loss of brother and good friend.

Womens Fellowship will meet September 12, 2023, to begin planning for upcoming fall and winter events.

Sue Bellotti
President



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