

# Circuit Rider

Saybrook United Methodist Church

*“People trying to live like Jesus”*

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18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28**

16 This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: 18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. **Isaiah 43**

It is September, and we are beginning a new church year.... And so different than any other in any of our lives. And even now we aren't completely sure what it is going to look like. At Saybrook we were going to have a sort of traditional “rally day” with a pot luck picnic, inviting our new sister church Plymouth over so that we could get a chance to meet one another... but then another outbreak occurred and the pot luck has been wisely, for the protection of all, canceled. We will still meet outside and have a “bagged breakfast” prepared by our mission committee, but still, it won't be the same. A lot will still not be the same. Worship will continue on line, and as of now the worship committee is working on the logistics of our in person services, inside, outside, a combination of both. There are those among us who are very uncomfortable of gathering inside.... There are those among us who are insistent about worshiping in the Sanctuary, and there are those among us who fall somewhere in between. Social life right now is not easy, and we are social folks..... I have asked my trivia question hundreds of times.... “The first thing in creation that was not good.... And the man was alone.....” we were created to be in community..... And I will be honest, I don't have the easy, always safe way answer on how to do that. This fall we are planning another Bible study based upon the Armor of God. It will be another Zoom study, and to be honest, for me they have been fun. No hugs, but I weekly get to see our new members / friends from California and our old friend (Sharyn) from Massachusetts each week. I refer to our study as the tri-coastal

study. This is something that never would have happened without a pandemic. It is September, and the things that are happening— I don't like them either. I like Septembers with Rally Days, and Sunday School kick offs. With the choir getting back into full swing. I like Septembers full of "normalcy" and committees getting ready for the new church year, charge conference, goal setting, and visioning.... And the reality is, we can still do that, we will just need to do it differently.

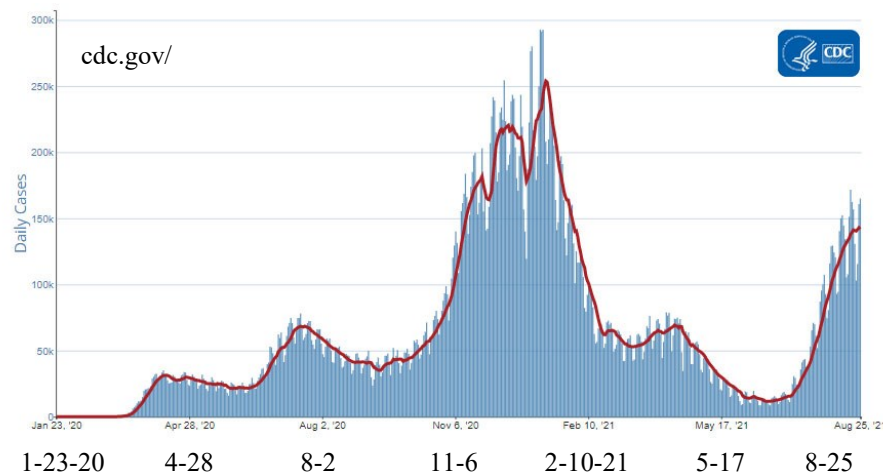
Covid is still with us..... But so is God..... So is Jesus..... And Jesus is saying... as he has been saying all along LOOK I AM ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING NEW! DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS  
 .....AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND.

AND JESUS IS REMINDING US ALSO, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC:  
 .....SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
 EVEN TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.

And as I said at the very beginning of all of this.... 18 months ago  
 ....Please, Be safe and be Smart.

Peace,  
 Jeff

**Daily Trends in COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC**

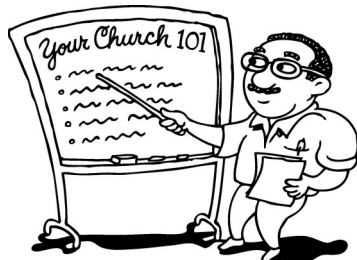




You are cordially invited to join us for **Rally Day!!! September 12th.**

Time sure does fly by and it's time to Rally together to the Church. Goodie Bags will be given out for everyone's birthday.

Please contact the church office if you would be interested in being a member of Saybrook United Methodist Church and would like to take Membership classes in the fall.



**MemBERSHIP CLASS**

## Adult Sunday School Class



Our **Adult Sunday School Classes** are returning! The Wired Word (Tom's Class) and Lou's Class will begin at 8:30am beginning **October 3rd.**

We are all called to be Servants of God in one way or another, but if you are interested in the Lay Servant Training please contact Karen Klimek or the office. The Deadline for Registration is the 10th. of September. You can take it for your own Education or for Certification, it's all up to you.



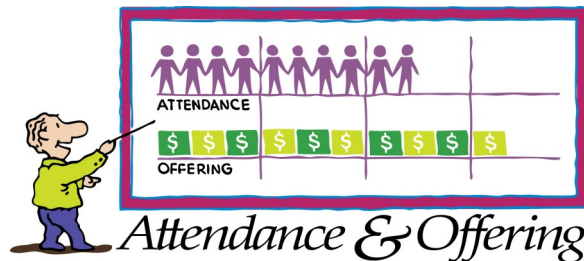
SERVANTS  GOD

*As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:*

## *Our Prayers*

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students, Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet, Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family, MaryLee Verdi, River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Betty Harting, Marilyn Lundquist, Sarrah Brown, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg, Louise Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Nancy Garbo, Barb Swiger, Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Sandra Wolff, Michele Verdi, Debby Hood, Monna O'Connor, Lexi Leavitt, Justin Nelson, Rick Arnold, Bonnie Pillars, Bob Josson, Lisa Buck, Virgil Hammonds, Lisa (Davis), Pete Teston, Rick Hopkins, Debbie Eckart, Bill, Tricia, Becky & Bill, Christopher, Gary Munson, Jeff Nelson, Brenda Colvin, Susie Jones, Kelli (Wenner) & Family, Dirk & Amy Feiler  
Melanie & Kim (Jo Dennis' Granddaughters)

Those who have past to be with our Lord and Savior  
Please pray for the families of  
*Randy Lambert, Jean Andolsek, Skip Eller, Wanona Smith*



## *Our Presence*

Church Service Attendance	
August 1	75
August 8	84
August 15	73
August 22	88

## *Our Gifts*

### *Stewardship Update* *Year to Date (July 31)*

Offerings & Income	\$ 80,356.77
Expenses	\$-103,677.35
Deficit	\$ -23,320.58

## *and Our Witness*

*By Betty Cochran*

*I was just on vacation to see my Grandson in San Antonio TX. You all know that Texas is a hot spot for Covid and we still need to wear our masks and social distance when we can. My trip to Texas and back was very different from what I had experienced before. Or maybe I just noticed more. I noticed the anger and the frustration in people at the Airports and on the planes more than ever. But I won't bore you with all that and I will concentrate on the connection we have with other believers in Christ.*

*For what ever reason, coming home, my connecting flight to Nashville was changed to Baltimore. While at the Baltimore Terminal I saw all kinds of people from all walks of life. No one looked happy. I'm normally a very bold, secure and strong woman, but I noticed as I was waiting that I didn't feel all that secure and I couldn't wait to get back to my safe little town of Geneva, OH. Finally I was on the plane and ready to go home.*

*This time the plane wasn't completely full and low and behold a seat with only one person and I get to sit by the window with room between the other person and myself. I figured from my experience of mean and rude people that I would just keep to myself. Didn't need negativity on the ride home. So I started to finish reading a really good book, "The Family of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury".*

*When I finally looked up from reading and the Lady in the next seat looked at me and low and behold I saw her smiling under her mask. Of course I smiled too and she pointed to my book and started talking to me. I could tell immediately that God was working in her life and mine. Our conversation was delightful, good news and good thoughts. Funny how God works. I do believe he put us together because we both needed to be, it was such a relief! Yes, God is still in control no matter what atmosphere we are in. What a comfort from God and a pleasant end to my journey.*

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.



**(BSA) BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS  
TROOP#52  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP #80232  
MEET HERE!!**

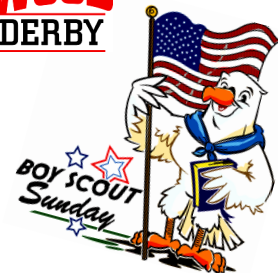
Looking for a safe and fun way for your child to have fun learning, being with other kids in the same age group, making lifelong friends, learning responsibility and fulfilling goals? Look no further! We've got that right here at the Saybrook United Methodist Church.

Not only do we have a caring and supportive Pastor and congregation, but we also support and have a fantastic group of Scouts that meet weekly at our church. The Girl Scouts meet on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings and the Cub Scout and Boy Scouts (BSA) meet on Wednesday nights. If you would like to sign your child up, just call the church and we will relay the message to the proper Troop or go online to <https://saybrook52.wordpress.com/> or <https://www.scouting.org/> or [girlscouts.org](https://www.girlscouts.org/)

## Saluting Our Scouts

**Not only are you invited to sign your child up for the Scouts, but you are also invited to our Sunday Morning Services and our Wednesday Service.**

**GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!**





When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You



change the batteries. . When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

Job 33: :29-30

“God does all these things to a person — twice, even three times —to turn them back from the pit, that the light of life may shine on them. -

Greetings,

I would like to introduce you to the newest Eagle Scout to Saybrook Troop 52- Matthew Korver

Matthew joined scouts as a Tiger Cub in first grade and continued to be involved in scouting throughout his high school years. For his Eagle Scout project, he built a flag donation box on behalf of Geneva VFW Post 6846. The flag box was placed at the Geneva Library so community members would have a readily accessible location to dispose of their worn flags to help insure the flags would receive a proper and respectful retirement. During Matthew's scouting years, he completed a total of 137 merit badges- all of the merit badges currently available to scout members; he is the first member of Troop 52 to accomplish this feat. Matthew was awarded his Eagle Scout rank on June 27, 2021 under the guidance of his scoutmaster, Bob Coffield. Matthew will be headed to University of Mount Union this fall to pursue a double major in Musical Theatre and Music.

Becky Korver





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

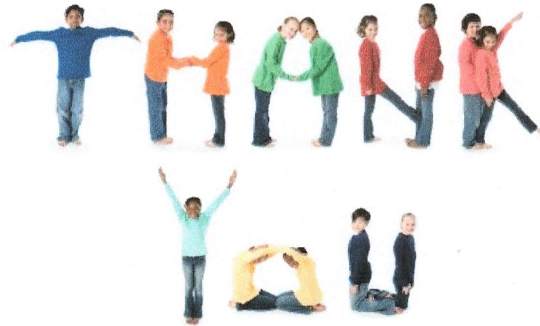
1	Lou Buck	24	Shannon Anderson
2	Tim Root	24	Shelby Gynn
2	Ron Shelestak	26	Joyce Shelestak
<b>2</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Trish Stanford</b>	26	Gregory Lipscomb
3	Carol Karpowicz	27	Alexis Williams
3	Billi Williams	28	Michele Verdi
4	Nicholas Leavitt	29	Josiah Stoll
<b>4</b>	<b>Rob &amp; Amy Kleps</b>	29	Larry Beals
<b>5</b>	<b>Max &amp; Sandy Cobb</b>	30	Jeff & Katie Stoll
8	Teri Mead	30	Becky Schaade
10	Ken Osten		
11	Sue Nelson		
11	Jill Serpico		
15	Alex DeCamillo		
19	Shelby DeCamillo		
19	Diana Peterson		
<b>19</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Jennifer Stumbo</b>		
21	Kristene Maxwell		
<b>22</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Jill Serpico</b>		

### ***A Prayer to Remember***

*Help me to do the things I  
should, To be to others kind  
and good, In all I do, in all I  
say, To grow more loving,  
like Jesus, Every day.*







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### **MANY ASHTABULA STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT**

The article below is from a teacher responding to a question asking why are school supplies that are bought off a teacher's list shared with the whole class.

"Let's pretend, for a moment, that you're in third grade. You've shown up for school the first day in the pair of shorts you've worn all summer and a t-shirt with a big stain down the front. You're the only one you see who doesn't have new tennis shoes. You didn't get a back-to-school haircut, and the only school supplies you brought from home are some old pencils and broken crayons. Your first day of third grade isn't going to be wonderful, is it?"

We have talked with some teachers and other school personnel; they have seen the above scenario occur many times. Just as Jesus interceded for us on the cross, you have interceded for a lot of children. Not in the same way of course, but we aren't asked to do what Jesus did. We are only called to serve in the way that God has called us to do. Thank you for answering the call with compassion and kindness. God bless you all.

Judy and Kathy

# Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.


	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	<b>R</b>
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

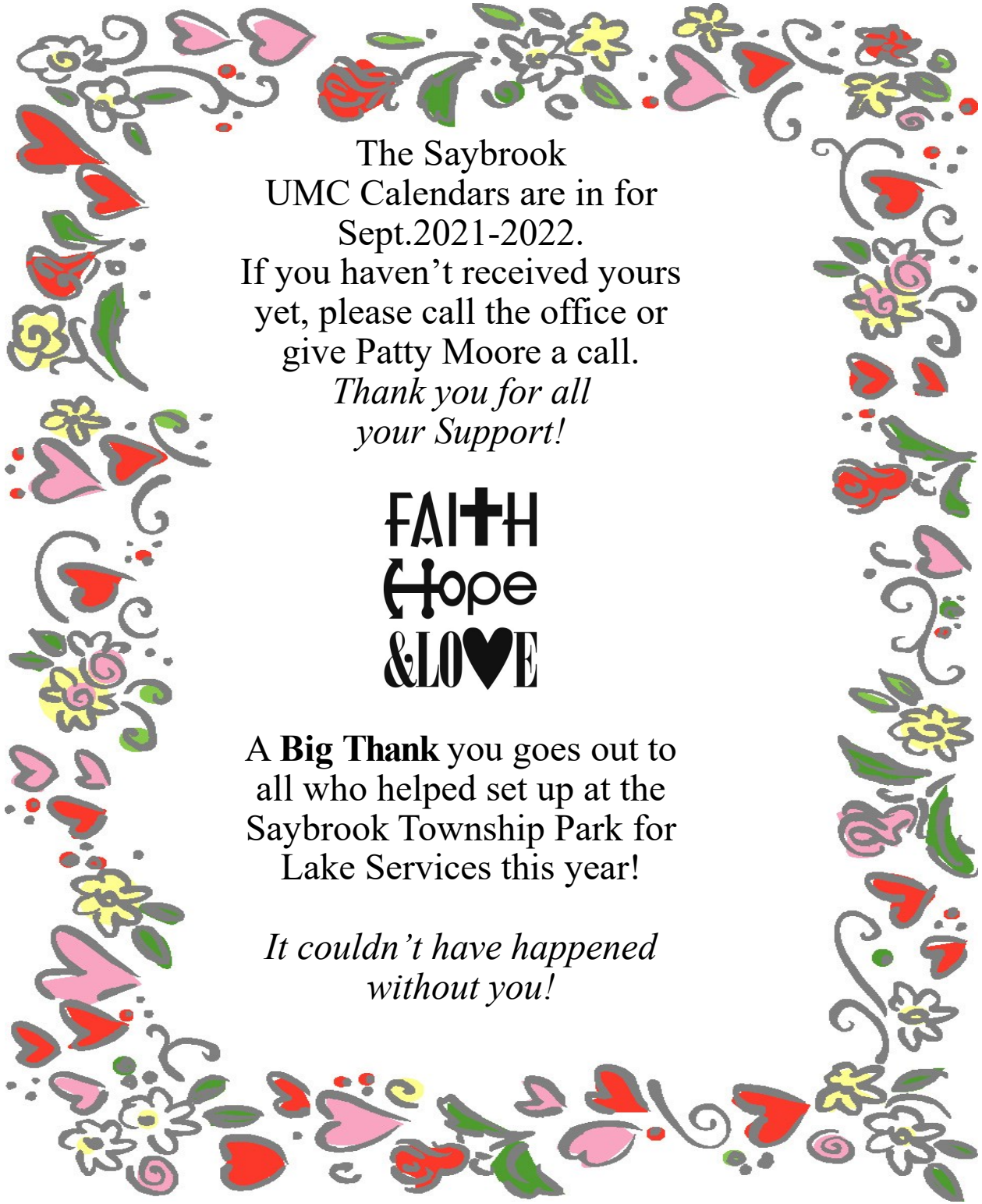
R

9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 Taize & Open Communion on the Rail 6pm WOW	2	3	4 8:30am Men's Group
5 8:30am Last Worship Service at the Park & Communion	6 	7 6:00pm Trustee Meeting	8 9:00 Taize & Open Communion on the Rail 6pm WOW	9	10	11
12 Rally Day 9:30am Worship Service Back at the Church	13 10:00am Mission Meeting	14 6:00pm Education Meeting	15 9:00 Taize & Open Communion on the Rail 6pm WOW	16	17	18 8:30am Men's Group 10:15 Music & Worship
19 9:30am Worship Service	20 7:00pm SPRC	21 6:00pm Finance & Council Meeting	22 9:00 Taize & Open Communion on the Rail 6pm WOW	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship Service	27 7:00pm SPRC	28	29 9:00 Taize & Open Communion on the Rail 6pm WOW	30	AA Meets at 7:00pm Sun. & Tues.	Girl Scouts Troop #80232 Meet on Designated Tues. BSA Troop #52 Meet at 7pm on Wed.



The Saybrook  
UMC Calendars are in for  
Sept.2021-2022.

If you haven't received yours  
yet, please call the office or  
give Patty Moore a call.

*Thank you for all  
your Support!*

**FAITH**  
**HOPE**  
**& LOVE**

A **Big Thank** you goes out to  
all who helped set up at the  
Saybrook Township Park for  
Lake Services this year!

*It couldn't have happened  
without you!*