



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

September 2026



Celebration of “Team Jesus”

Vicki and I have matching T-Shirts that read “Team Jesus”. The last time we had them on together traveling somewhere, we got a mixed reaction from the general public. It’s like I wanted to assure people that we don’t handle snakes at the local Pentecostal Church but that we just enjoy being on the same team in our marriage as well as being believers in Jesus.

At any-rate, “we got it,” Christians get a mixed review from believers and non-believers alike. Psalm 118:24 resonates very well with us and within our church family on the note of praise and thanksgiving, when we proclaim that, “This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it.”

As we enter into another school season of pep-rallies, band members marching on the field at Friday night football (hot dogs and chili, and nachos) we can’t help but have excitement, win or lose. We love our team and all who support our school, our community, country and world that God has created. It’s about being a team member.

Abraham Lincoln asked General Winfield Scott “Why is it that you were able to take Mexico City in three months with five thousand men, and we have not been able to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men?”

“I tell you Sir,” Said General Scott, “the men who took Mexico City are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond”.

American Soldiers on both sides of this bloody war took 750,000 lives between the northern and the southern states. But when we entered World War One and World War Two, we did so as the U.S.A.

Taking into account the differences that we had then and the differences that we have today, we are still called to be good citizens and people of courage. As believers we take the additional step of being on Team Jesus “To count our many blessings and name them one by one,” as the old Gospel reminds us.

How do we approach each day as believers? “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of every opportunity because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15).

We celebrate being on Team Jesus every day that the good Lord Gives us. It is a good and wonderful thing to be working together in the Body of Christ here in Crawford.

In Christ,

Kent

Our mission is to become a community of believers and followers of God; the Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. We gather to worship and become stewards and disciples who express our faith with others, nurture one another, and are in ministry with Christ.

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Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. I hope you all are having a wonderful start in your first semester back to school.

As we begin the new school year, don't forget the power of prayer. Let's start the first semester by putting Jesus first and spreading the love he has for all of us.

Morning youth services are every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Youth afternoon services are on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4 p.m. unless it falls on a holiday, then we will reschedule accordingly. Also, if there is any youth news I need to be made aware of (sporting events, birthdays, joys, or concerns) please send me an email, text, or call. If you would like to be added to the youth list for updates and youth activities, please let me know. See you at youth group, as always, bring a friend! --- Nathan "Nate" Byers, Youth Director

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
8/2	\$3,364.13	\$2,055.00
8/2	Joy Jar	\$230.73
8/9	\$3,364.13	\$1,320.00
8/16	\$3,364.13	\$1,520.00
8/23	\$3,364.13	\$4,313.00

Prayer Requests

Cherish Fanning – cancer
Dorothy Donaldson
Debbie Kalal
Millie Ward's friend
Family of Bert Lopez
Lucynda Garcia - cancer
Gene Clements
Kelsey Jones
Booger DeChaume
Brittany Bolin
Joyce Holmes
Glenda's niece, Kaci
Nancy Way
Joe Meadors
Karter Edenfield
Loretta Willis

Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)
Pata Potter
Patrick Gardner
Tiffany Stadler
Beverly Jones
Cheryl Isbell
Clem Kortis
Terry Taylor (surgery)
Clarence Scott
Ukraine
Israel Gaza War
Jennifer Coan
Ethan Valdez
Hannah Riley
Megan Ayers (DeChaume)
Emma Harper



Please stop by and say hello to our members and Crawford residents in nursing homes!!

Joyce Holmes
c/o Stoney Brook
Rm 425
151 Royal Dr.
Hewitt, TX 76643

Barbara Lovorn
c/o Lynridge of Waco
5317 Speegleville Rd.
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September

1st Benny Jordan
4th Asa Snider-Cunningham
4th London Minnix
6th Louise Holmes
8th Henry Ward
9th Steve Walpole
12th Amberly Leight
14th Buffy Bayer
15th Laney Elmore
17th Suzie Devorsky
18th Kannon Spence
19th Lyndon Love
19th Patton Lynch
20th Kayla Raley
24th Millie Ward
25th Brian Dunbar
25th Jenni Podrebarac
26th Jolynda Le Waters "Cookie"

9th Brian and Shelley Dunbar
9th Terry and Sharon Westerfeld
12th Cody and Johnnye D'Angelo
18th Clayton and Katy Pomykal



Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

Wednesday, September 2nd

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Amy Brookshire and Linda Spencer

Wednesday, October 7th

Place: TBA

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

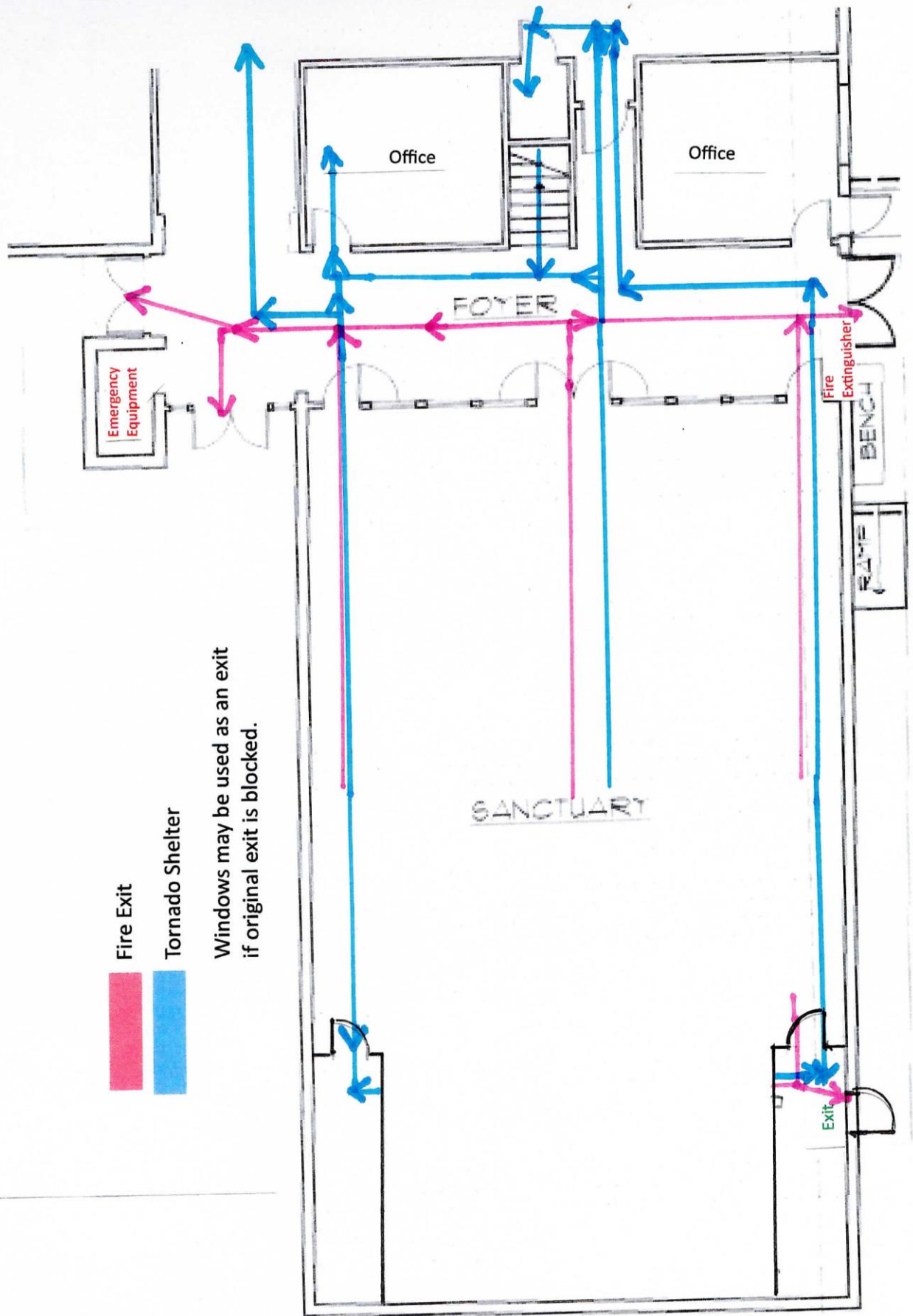
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Edie Snider and Laurie



The following three pages show fire exits
and tornado shelters for our church.





Fire Exit

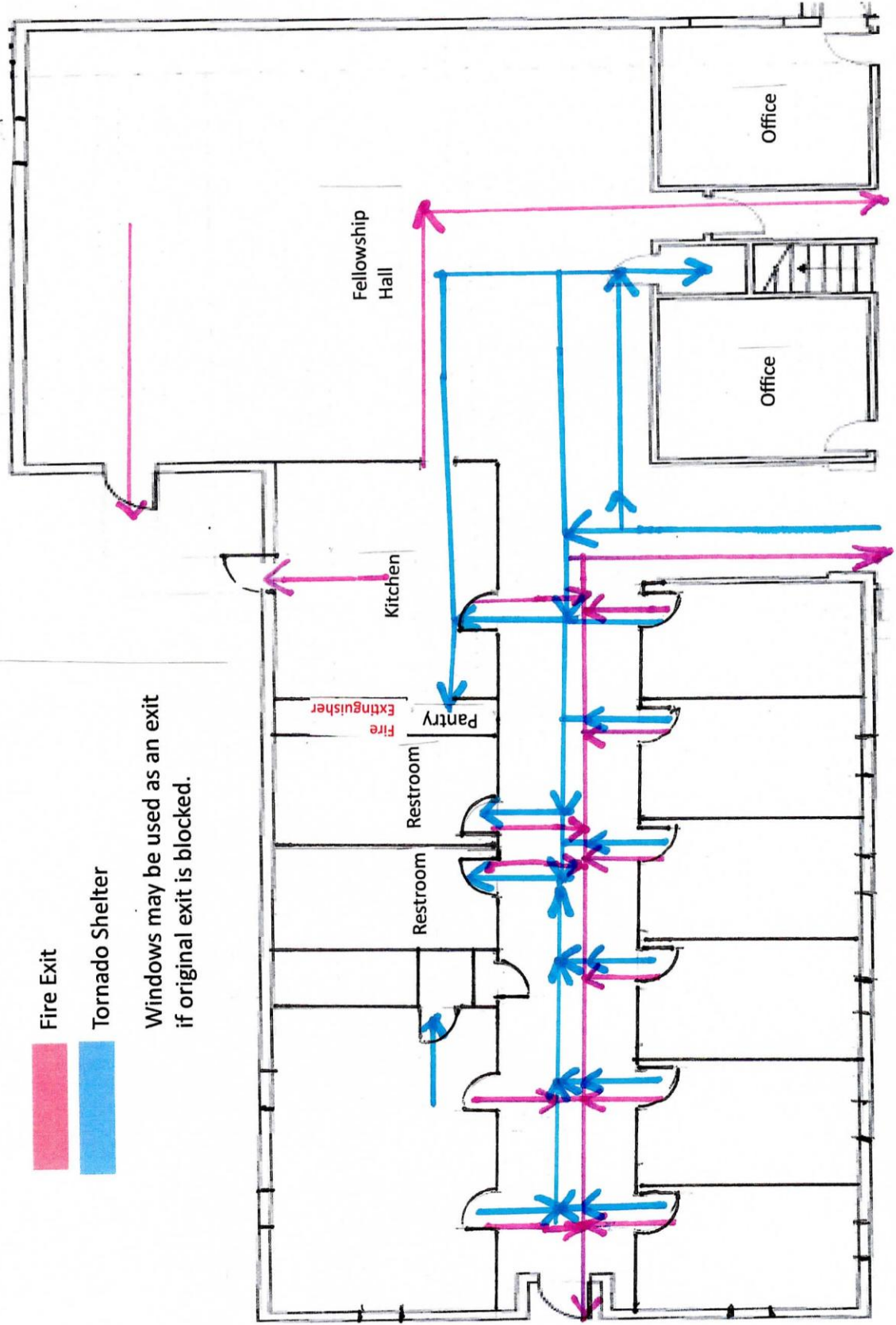
Tornado Shelter

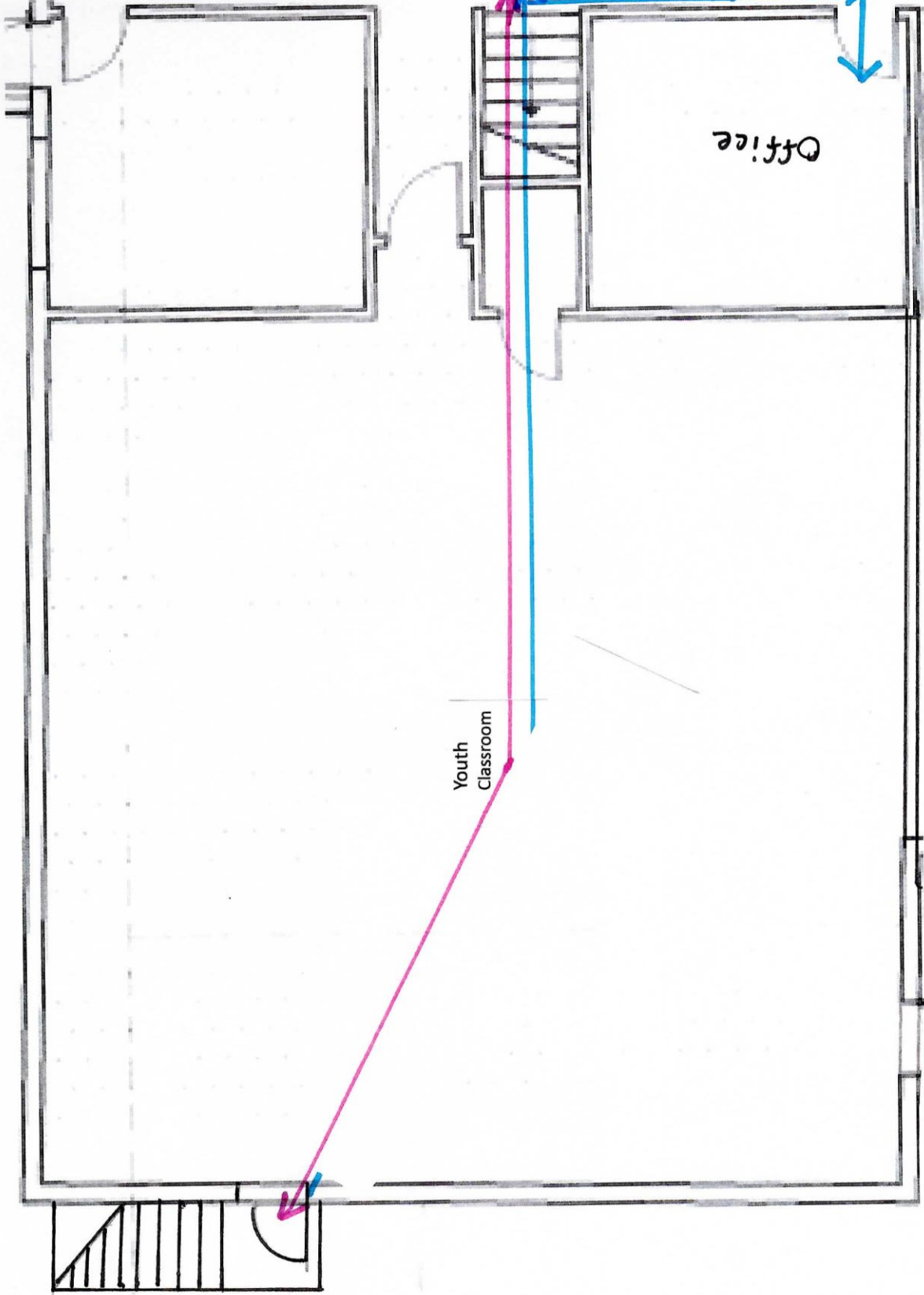
Windows may be used as an exit
if original exit is blocked.

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Tornado Shelter

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FALL

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ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
CHESTNUT
CIDER
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY
CRISP

FESTIVAL
FOLIAGE
FOOTBALL
GOURD
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MAPLE

NOVEMBER
ORANGE
ORCHARD
PUMPKIN
RAKE
SCARECROW
SQUASH
SUNFLOWER
SWEATER



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No Exercise Class Today	2 CMW Meeting at 6pm	3	4 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	5
6 Holy Communion	7 Labor Day	8 2pm Faith First Exercise	9 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	10 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	11 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	12
13 4pm Youth afternoon service	14	15 2pm Faith First Exercise	16	17	18 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	19
20	21	22 2pm Faith First Exercise Newsletter articles due at noon	23	24 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	25 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	26
27 Joy Jar Potluck 4pm Youth afternoon service Update Prayer Requests	28	29 2pm Faith First Exercise	30			