

THE POINTER

October 6, 2026



Our Patchwork worship highlighted Psalm 19 this past Sunday: *The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.* (vv 1-4a).

I can't help but think of Autumn when reading this and the way Creation 'speaks' to us. It's great to see the changing colors in the leaves, enjoy some cooler temperatures, and feel the crispness in the air that can bring new energy into our lives. I hope this is a great time for you personally and a great time for you spiritually.

With a full slate of activities and festivals, remember that our spirituality is too important to be reserved just for Sundays or while we are at the church. Biblical Faith is an everyday kind of faith that speaks of the God we worship, not just in our private, personal life but also in our outward, everyday public life. It's the faith that you take with you to work and to school and out in the community. Whatever you may do on life's journey, may you demonstrate and speak like the Creation of God's work in and among us.

God's peace, Pastor Ed



We're thrilled to be sponsoring a youth football team this season in the West Point Rec League! It is our hope that involvement in these sports will help in building character, teaching teamwork, and fostering a greater sense of community. Check out the schedule below

and show up to support the team and cheer on the players as they learn, grow, and play.

If you would like to provide a snack for the team—11 players—for one of their games, contact Cody Royster.

Schedule (Field 2):

Tuesday, October 6, 6 PM
Monday, October 12, 6 PM
Thursday, October 15, 6 PM
Thursday, October 22, 6 PM
Tuesday, October 27, 6 PM

Wednesday Night Supper Menus*

October 7

Greek Chicken, Rice, Green Beans

October 14

Chicken Parmesan with Noodles

October 21

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas

October 28—Trick or Treat WNS

Corndogs, Chicken Strips, Tator Tots, Mac 'n Cheese

***All meals include salad bar, rolls, and dessert.**



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Lunch-In

Tuesday, October 13
12:00 PM

Everyone is invited for a time of good food, funnies, and fellowship with friends. Call the office to RSVP!

Menu:

Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Souffle,
Turnip Greens, Black Eyed Peas,
Cornbread, Peach Cobbler



Saturday, October 31
5:30-7:00 PM

Located in the Zachry Center parking lot

We are accepting candy donations throughout October.

Please call the church office to let us know if you will be bringing your vehicle to decorate.

Attendance

	Week of 9/6	Week of 9/13	Week of 9/20	Week of 9/27
Worship	108	107	110	107
Small Groups	93	56	65	73

Number Served Through Food Ministries

	Soup Kitchen	# Served
Food Closet	September 3	29
Families: 1	September 10	38
Individuals: 1	September 17	31
	September 24	48

Giving

Date	Budget	Designated Offerings
September 6	\$6,284.00	\$24.05
September 13	3,787.00	551.50
September 20	2,714.00	536.00
September 27	7,466.00	13.00
Online	2,480.00	



Click [here](#) for the latest news from the South West District.



The following 3 classes will be offered in person at Ben Hill UMC on Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 9 am - 2 pm.

Basic Lay Servant Class
Spiritual Gifts
Soul Reset:

Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life with God

These 2 classes will be offered **via Zoom**:

United Methodist Polity, October 6, 13, 20 - 6 pm - 9 pm

Justice In Everyday Life, October 10, 17 - 9 am - 12 noon,
and October 15 - 6 pm - 9 pm

Registration is required for all classes. There is a \$40 registration fee (plus processing fee) which does not include books. Books can be purchased from Cokesbury, Upper Room Books, Amazon or most book stores. You must attend or complete all sessions to receive credit for the course.

Questions, contact District Lay Servant Ministries Director, Cynthia Holland at cythinam@msn.com.

<https://northga-reg.brapp.com/LayServantMinistries2026Courses>

The Leadership Board has begun reviews of the draft budget for 2027. As we look at some aspects of stewardship over the next couple of weeks, we are asking for your assistance in their planning. Commitment or Pledge Cards will be available throughout the month of October. The commitments you make not only help in planning for the coming year but also help us remain committed and accountable to this area of our faith alongside God's work in and through our faith community.

Begin praying now about your commitment for 2027. Cards may be returned via the offering plate or in the church office. You can also call the office and speak with Michael to have your pledge recorded. We will have a time of blessing and prayer over all received pledges during worship on Sunday, November 1. Whatever commitment you make, thank you for your faithfulness to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world on your stewardship journey.



Elizabeth Alexander, Julie Alexander, Sarah Auler, Angela Bailey, Margaret Bartlett, Ellen Downs Beaulieu, J. R. Bowen, Paul Brown, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Robert and Debbie Eason, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Nell Oates, Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick, Mona Sikander, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Julie Squire, Nelle Sturdivant, World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests, Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster, Those suffering from dementia and their families

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Hugh Jones, who passed away on October 1.