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THE LAMPLIGHTER

OCTOBER

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

FCC is grateful for all the volunteers who keep things running on Sundays. Here are those who have volunteered to help during Worship this month. If you would like to serve in any of the areas marked TBD, please sign up at the Literature Table located at the back of the Sanctuary, or contact Pastor Steve. Thanks!

October 4, 2026
Liturgist: Mary Golden
Ushers: TBD
TBD
Acolytes: TBD
TBD
PowerPoint: Penny Caverly
Camera: Rodney Dean
Childcare: Tina Wilhelm
Snacks: Mary Golden

October 25, 2026
Liturgist: Linda Russell
Ushers: TBD
TBD
Acolytes: TBD
TBD
PowerPoint: Mary Golden
Camera: Rodney Dean
Childcare: Sherry Dean
Snacks: TBD



October 11, 2026
Liturgist: TBD
Ushers: Mark Russell
Linda Russell
Acolytes: Penny Caverly
TBD
PowerPoint: TBD
Camera: Rodney Dean
Childcare: Lori Childs
Snacks: TBD
October 18, 2026
Liturgist: TBD
Ushers: Mary Golden
Penny Caverly
Acolytes: TBD
TBD
PowerPoint: TBD
Camera: Rodney Dean
Childcare: Doreen Clark
Snacks: TBD

FROM THE PASTOR

A PRAYER FOR ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE



Like many of you I find myself mindlessly scrolling through Facebook reels from time to time. Often this is a waste of time, a useless exercise of silly clips, political nonsense, or AI-generated tripe, but when my brain is tired at the end of the day it helps me relax... so, don't judge. Not long ago I ran across a clip that featured Christian singer/songwriter, Amy Grant and I stopped

scrolling (the link is at the end of this article). In this clip Ms. Grant recited a prayer she has prayed daily for the last several years and I hope it will move all of you the way it did me.

Lord, lead me today to those I need and to those who need me, and let something I do today have eternal significance.

Yes, it is a simple prayer. However, it is profound in that it brings spiritual focus to the day. Our lives are not a collection of random encounters, meaningless interruptions, or ordinary routines. Every day is an opportunity to walk with God, serve others, and participate in his work.

Lead me today...

Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27) and David wrote, "The Lord makes firm the

steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand" (Psalm 37:23). We all know we need God's direction so doesn't it make sense to ask for it? The Christian life is all about following the Shepherd. While we want God to give us the whole plan complete with all the details, he wants us to trust him today, in this moment, just today.

God often leads us to opportunities we did not anticipate. He may put something in your day that blesses you or challenges you, CONTINUED on p. 2





THROUGH THE BIBLE

FCC encourages our members and friends to read the Bible with us in 2026. This year's plan is chronological in that readings are scheduled in their historical order of events as much as possible. By reading five days a week we will read the entire Bible in 2026. A printed brochure is available on the Literature Table at the back of the Sanctuary, and the plan can also be accessed online at: www.durandchurch.com. Here are the readings for the month of October:

Week 40

- Oct 1: Esther 7-10; Ezra 7
- Oct 2: Ezra 8-10; Nehemiah 1

Week 41

- Oct 5: Nehemiah 2-5
- Oct 6: Nehemiah 6-9
- Oct 7: Nehemiah 10-12
- Oct 8: Nehemiah 13; Ps 126; Malachi 1-4
- Oct 9: Luke 1; John 1; Matthew 1

Week 42

- Oct 12: Luke 2; Matthew 2-3; Mark 1
- Oct 13: Luke 3; Matthew 4; Luke 4-5
- Oct 14: John 2-4; Matthew 8
- Oct 15: Mark 2; John 5; Matthew 12
- Oct 16: Mark 3; Luke 6; Matthew 5

Week 43

- Oct 19: Matthew 6-7, 9; Luke 7
- Oct 20: Matthew 11; Luke 11
- Oct 21: Matthew 13; Luke 8; Mark 4
- Oct 22: Mark 5; Matthew 10, 14
- Oct 23: Mark 6; Luke 9

Week 44

- Oct 26: John 6; Matthew 15, 16; Mark 7
- Oct 27: Mark 8-9; Matthew 17;
- Oct 28: Matthew 18; John 7-8
- Oct 29: John 9-10; Luke 10
- Oct 30: Luke 12-15

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encourages you or scares you, makes you laugh or makes you cry. He might interrupt your plans or change them altogether. Trust him. Follow him. Let him lead.

Lead me today to those I need...

Many of us like to operate solo. We live in the illusion of self-sufficiency. Other people might need us, but we do not want to depend on or need other people. However, Solomon wrote, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken"* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

None of us is self-sufficient and God brings people into our lives who can meet our needs – both the needs we are aware of and the needs we are not aware of. Paul needed Barnabas. Timothy needed Paul. Moses needed Aaron. David needed Jonathan. When God said, *"It is not good for the man to be alone"* (Genesis 2:18) he was talking about Adam, but he was also talking about... you.

Paul wrote, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —"*



you to meet their need. Someone may need encouragement. Someone may need forgiveness. Someone may need a listening ear. Someone may need to know they are not forgotten. Someone may need to hear Jesus loves them.



Paul wrote, *"...in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others"* (Philippians 2:3-4) and Jesus taught, *"...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:40). Of course, you and I cannot meet everyone's need, but we can meet someone's need today – doesn't it make sense to ask God to lead us to that someone?

When we help someone, we are serving Jesus. A meal, a conversation, a ride, a handwritten note – there are a variety of ways for each one of us to meet someone's need every day if we allow God to lead us to them.

Let something I do today have eternal significance.

Much of what you and I do in a typical day is temporary. We work, eat, clean, drive, shop, answer emails, pay bills, and complete countless tasks – many without much thought. There is really nothing wrong

with these things! However, Jesus called us to live for something greater. He said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." (Matthew 6:19-20). While Jesus was talking specifically about wealth, he was also laying out a principle: eternal things matter most.

Now here's the thing about eternal things – we do not always see them in this life. Sometimes God allows us to do something that has eternal significance and we will not be aware of it until... well, until we are in eternity. God sees what we do not see – a parent patiently teaching their child a memory verse may be doing something of eternal significance. CONTINUED on p. 3



ONE ITEM A MONTH

FCC's One-Item-a-Month for October is CANNED MEAT (tuna, chicken, ham). Please leave these items and any other non-perishable items at the back of the Sanctuary. They will be loaded up and delivered to our friends at Loaves & Fishes for distribution to those in need. If you wish to donate cash, mark your contribution, "Loaves & Fishes" or drop them in the blue jug on the Literature Table. Thank you!

MISSIONS JUG

The five-gallon jug on the Literature Table is intended to raise money for Loaves & Fishes. Everyone is invited to drop in spare change (we take paper money, too!), which is collected by our Missions Board and sent on to Loaves & Fishes to purchase groceries for those in need. Thank you!



October 3, 2026

DURAND HARVESTFEST

Durand's annual HarvestFest is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, 1:00–4:00pm in beautiful downtown Durand. It is always a wonderful afternoon filled with families, friends, activities, food, and plenty of fall fun for the whole community. Once again, FCC will be there with popcorn, bottled water, and candy for the children. We are seeking donations of individually wrapped bags of candy. If you would like to donate, please leave the candy

at the back of the Sanctuary by October 1, 2026. LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We need a pickup truck to haul our equipment and volunteers to load up at noon. We need people to help pop popcorn and greet our neighbors during the event. We need volunteers to load everything up and clean up about 4:00pm. If you can help please contact Pastor Steve. Thanks!



October 13, 2026

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

ATTENTION LADIES! Everyone is invited to join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:30pm. Mary Golden will be leading a study of Hannah from 1 Samuel 1. Hannah was faithful in prayer, and we will see what we can learn from her example. Please read 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10, 18-21 and join us



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significance. A follower of Jesus faithfully studying the Bible may be doing something of eternal significance. Sharing the gospel with a neighbor may be doing something of eternal significance. Praying faithfully for a prodigal child may be doing something of eternal significance. An elderly Christian encouraging a younger believer may be doing something of eternal significance. We may never know the full results of our obedience this side of heaven. Our responsibility is

faithfulness. God's responsibility is the results. So, let's pray this prayer today... and tomorrow... and the day after that: **Lord, lead me today to those I need and to those who need me, and let something I do today have eternal significance.** God bless you!

Dr. Steven Wood
Dr. Steven Wood
Pastor

Link to Amy Grant's clip: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1CK8zfk2bY/>



October 17, 2026

GAME NIGHT

FCC is excited to host a fun-filled Euchre & Game Night on Saturday, October 17, 2026, 5:30-7:00pm. This free, family-friendly event is open to everyone in the community. Whether you're a seasoned Euchre player ready for a little friendly competition or just looking for a relaxed evening of board games and laughter, there will be something for all ages. Games will include Euchre, Scrabble, Connect 4,

Yahtzee, ping pong, cornhole, shuffleboard, and more. In addition, families and friends can enjoy complimentary popcorn, hot dogs, and pop while spending time together. It's a great opportunity to connect, unwind, and have some good old-fashioned fun together. This event is open to the entire community — invite your friends, neighbors, and family and come enjoy a great night together!

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 OCTOBER 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
For God so Loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16				1	2	3 1-4pm Durand HarvestFest 
4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00am Women's Meeting 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time	5	6	7 7:00pm Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream) 	8 6:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee 7:00pm Prudential Committee	9	10 RICK WILL
11 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time 11:15am C.E. Board	12	13 JESSICA DEYOUNG 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 	14 7:00pm Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream) 	15 ROBYN LAJEWSKI	16 CONNOR STULL JASON DEFRENN	17 5:30pm Game Night 
18 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time 11:15am Deacon Board	19	20 RACHELLE MASON LISA ZVONEK 7:00pm Trustee Board	21 7:00pm Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream) 	22	23 TONIA RITTER	24
25 BRYCE RITTER 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time 11:15am Mission Board	26	27	28 7:00pm Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream) 	29	30	31 REFORMATION DAY HALLOWEEN



HEARTFELT THANKS

Recently Connie Klien made and gifted a beautiful quilt to Anna Monroe. Janet Young made the inscription for the quilt that says, "For my friend Anna. May this quilt wrap you in a warm hug from me to you. Love, Connie 2026"

From Anna: "Thank you so much Connie for this beautiful quilt. You have touched my heart with your thoughtfulness. It is just beautiful! Thank you, Janet for making the thoughtful label. You have made me feel loved. With love, Anna."



If your shoes smell minty fresh after wearing them all day, you may be suffering from Tic Tac Toe.



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