



September 2026

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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Weekly Regular Schedule of Events

Sunday morning:

9:00 am Youth Sunday School – **begins Sunday, September 13.**

9:30 am in person and virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Adult Sunday School – **begins Sunday, September 13**

10:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal – **begins Sunday, September 13**

Tuesday morning

11:00 am Lectionary Study Group – **begins Tuesday, September 15**

Wednesday evening:

6:00 pm Choir Practice – **begins Wednesday, September 9**

Sundays:

Presbyterian Manor Worship, first Sunday of even months.

Grief Support Group – second Sunday, 2:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry – third Sunday, 2:00 pm

Current Issues – fourth Sunday, 2:00 pm

Mondays:

Worship committee – first Monday, 6:00 pm; **2nd Tuesday in Sept., 9/8**

Stewardship & Finance – second Monday, 5:30 pm

Mission committee – second Monday, 6:30 pm

Session meeting – fourth Monday, 6:00 pm

Tuesdays:

Nurture & Evangelism – first Tuesday, 10:00 am, **3rd Tuesday in Sept., 9/15**

Building & Grounds committee – second Tuesday, 5:30 pm, **1st Tues in Sept.**

As Scheduled:

Deacons, Personnel committee, Memorial committee.

Meetings & Events

PROFS meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the MPR.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH will meet Thursday, **September 10** (note that this is the **second** Thursday this month), at 11:30 am for lunch at Chili's located at 2255 S. 9th. Let Kathryne Perney know if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.

NEWSLETTER Please submit articles for the October 2026 newsletter by Monday, September 21. Thank you!!

COMMODITIES The next commodities distribution will be held in **October**. Date and time is not yet determined. We appreciate all who help with this important ministry. -- Sylvia Phillips

The Sunrise Nurses will resume **Blood Pressure Checks** on September 20th following worship.

CHOIR APPRECIATION DINNER will be held at Sunrise on Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Choir Appreciation Dinner 9/2

Worship with Communion 9/6

Choirs resume practicing 9/9

Sunday School begins 9/13

Lectionary Study resumes 9/15

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR SEPT.

Building & Grounds, Tuesday 9/1

Worship Committee, Tuesday 9/8

Out to Lunch Bunch, Thursday 9/10

Nurture Committee, Tuesday 9/15

From the Pastor

Fall is the time when students and teachers go back to the classroom and resume their studies. Fall is also a time when we in the church resume many of our regular practices, gathering not just for worship, but in settings in which we may grow in our faith.



There are many opportunities for your learning at Sunrise, and I hope you will take advantage of one or more of the following that may appeal to you. Please reach out for any information you may need.

- The Adult Christian Education class will meet each Sunday in the Parlor at 10:45, beginning Sept. 13.
- Lectionary Bible Study will resume Tuesday Sept. 15 at 11:00 a.m. to study the next week's scriptures.
- Circles meet on the Fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. There is also some interest in forming an evening Circle.
- Third Monday Book Study meets at 1:00 pm on the third Monday to read and study a book together.
- Current Issues class will have a planning meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 pm.

It is a joy to discuss and learn how we may apply the lessons of scripture to our daily lives, so that we may "be transformed by the renewing of our minds to discern the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

Joyfully serving Christ with you,
Pastor Deb

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP FUN!

We are offering TWO opportunities to eat together and get to know some of your Sunrise friends better this fall!

Sign up for either/both will happen in September and will kick off in October.

YOU CAN DO BOTH!! (It's not an either/or!)

Dinners For Eight - there will be a sign up on the bulletin board by the MPR. Those folks will be divided into groups of 8. Singles or couples are welcome. Each group can decide how they want to meet once a month. It usually lasts for 4 months. They can take turns hosting in homes OR decide to go OUT to dinner (or lunch or breakfast!). If meeting in a home, the group can divide up food duties however they like, i.e. potluck or the host does it all.

3rd Sunday OUT to Eat after Church - More to come on this, but it's an opportunity for those who like to go OUT to restaurants. Stay tuned!

Thinking of you...

Your Sunrise Nurture Committee ☺

Poem: The Weaver, by B.M. Franklin

My life is but a weaving, Between my Lord and me. I cannot choose the colors, He weaves so steadily. Oft times He weaveth sorrow And I in foolish pride, Forget He sees the upper, And I the underside. Not till the loom is silent And the Shuttles cease to fly, Will God roll back the canvas And explain the reason why. The dark threads are as needful In the Weaver's skillful hand As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.

Featured in the box above is a poem shared at the 2026 Women's Retreat

The 2026 Women's Retreat participants are pictured to the left.



Sunrise Women's Retreat

Holy Chaos: God Weaves Beauty into our Messy Lives

*"God works for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose." Romans 8:28*

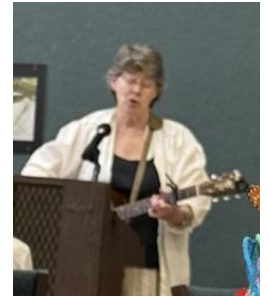


We had a wonderful day together on Saturday, August 22. 40 ladies arrived in the rain and attended, including 10 guests! The MPR reflected our theme with Butterflies, flowers and messes here and there. We sang, visited around our tables with thoughtful questions posed to us, then we learned about how good God is to us despite the messes that happen in life. Life IS messy! But we don't travel alone. We heard about Deborah, the judge from the Bible and how brave she was. Then we dove into the world of Diamond Art and everyone decorated a butterfly to take home. Then it was group photo time...think, "herding cats!"

Lunch was delicious--thank you, Martinelli's. We stretched with a bit of yoga, listened to wonderful singing with guitar (and sang along a bit!), and it was time to learn more about how God Weaves Beauty with a display of beautiful woven hangings and an opportunity to color designs while praying. Time in the sanctuary for quiet and gentle harp music gave us a moment to be still and quiet. Then back to the MPR to wrap up the day with Esther from the Bible and how she was NOT just another pretty face—and we aren't either!! She followed God's guidance ... we can too!

MANY thanks to Cheryl Sweley, who posed great questions for us to noodle on with our tablemates; Sue Will, who accompanied us on the piano for singing; Marilyn Griffith, who unfortunately was sick the week of our retreat, but is our crafty lady go-to person; Mary McCall for creating a beautiful board to advertise our Retreat; Carolyn Hofer for leading us in chair yoga after lunch; Ann Zimmerman, who played her guitar and regaled us with her wonderful songs; Pat Breeding, who purchased and then set up our beverages for the day; Dave Parks, who picked up and delivered our lunch and then took our group photo; Marci McCullough, who quietly took photos of our day; Deb Fulford, who helped with Retreat set up and clean up; and Katie Weis, who generously let us use the centerpieces she had AND baked the delicious cupcakes for us to frost and adorn with edible butterflies!

This Holy Chaos Retreat was brought to you by the Sunrise Women's 2026 Retreat Team of Jane Alsop, Nancy Modin, Pastor Deb Schmidt, Carol Viar and Julie Parks. They are a great group with great joy! Each of their voices added so much to the day. Thank YOU!!



September 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
6		1 5:30 Building & Grounds 8 pm AA	2 8:30 am PROFS 6:00 Choir dinner	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed	8 6:00 pm Worship 8 pm AA	9 6:00 pm Project Salina Board 6:00 pm Choir	10 11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch @ Chili's	11	12
13 9:00 Youth SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Adult SS 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Grief Group	14 5:30 pm S&F 6:30 pm Mission 6:30 pm Chorale	15 10:00 Nurture 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	16 NO Commodities in September 6:00 pm Choir	17	18	19
20 9:00 Youth SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Adult SS Blood Pressure Ck 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:00 pm Book Study 6:30 pm Chorale	22 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	23 6:00 pm Choir	24 9:30a Morning Circle @ Manor 2:00p Afternoon Circle @ Katie Weis'	25	26 CASTLE Pumpkin Sale 8:00-3:00
27 9:00 Youth SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Adult SS 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Current Issues	28 6:00 pm Session 6:30 pm Chorale	29 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	30 6:00 pm Choir			



The CASTLE Project's 14th Annual Pumpkin Patch Sale

In honor of Ken Miller

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9 am to 3 pm

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

825 E. Beloit

Pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, straw bales,
PLUS cookies and other home baked items
and craft items

MISSION NEWS

Sunrise is once again collecting coats to be distributed to Salina schools and various organizations in Salina. Please bring new or gently used coats and place them in the large tote in the East entryway. Collections will end on October 11. We have done this for quite a few years and we always get a positive response from the recipients.



CIRCLE STUDY NEWS

The new Horizons Bible Study books have arrived. Books are only \$5 due to a generous donation. Please pick up in the church office. There is some interest in starting an evening Circle group. If you have an interest, please let the church office know.

In Service of the Church – SEPTEMBER

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Lay Leaders	Ushers	Greeters
September 6	Carol Viar	Brenda Pilcher Mary McCall	East: Nancy Modin South: Clarke Sanders
September 13	Sara McAfee	LeAnn Blancho Tessa Bolen	East: Mary Lee Arnold South: Ron Lovell
September 20	Blaine McAfee	Marci McCullough Steve & Tanya Ewing	East: Jim Modin South: Melisa McElwee & Mel Abbott
September 27	Paul McAfee	Jean Adam Sharon Anderson	East: Conni Steininger South: Blaine McAfee & Victoria O'Conner

Manor Drivers	
Date	Driver
September 6	Pat Breeding
September 13	Larry Buyse
September 20	Ed Viar
September 27	Pat Breeding

Acolytes	
Date	
September 6	Lydia & Laiklyn
September 13	Kolton & Kortney
September 20	Lydia & Laiklyn
September 27	Kolton & Kortney



Birthdays

2 Joseph Bircher	21 Kevin McElwee
4 Dexter Eggers	21 Anne Hoekstra
5 Lauren Zimmerman	22 John Johnson
6 Devon Giles	23 Anreya Ordonez
7 Mary Ann Lay	23 Ayella Ordonez
9 Tanya Ewing	24 Ruth Hutton
12 Kris Boyer	26 Chris Dancy

Anniversaries

5 Abner & Kathryn Perney
9 Jerry & Rosie McKee
14 Jean & Larry Adam
19 Jack & Kim Gillam
23 Brenda & Todd Viar

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE DURING WORSHIP

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the MPR and indicate on which Sunday you would like to give a Children's Message during morning worship. If you need assistance, Marci has great resources to help you.

DO YOU LOVE TO MAKE MUSIC?

Have you thought about singing in the choir or playing the handbells? Is this a gift you already have or might you like to learn? Please come and check it out! The Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and the Handbell Choir practices at 10:45 am on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join in praising God with your musical talents!

Attendance Register for August 2026

	In person	YouTube	Total
August 2	62	32	94
August 9	64	16	80
August 16	63	24	87
August 23	60	23	83
August 30			

We Are Wild Our About Kids!

✿ Got 5 Minutes? You Could Make a Big Difference!

✿ We Need YOU for the Kids' Message!

Do you remember the adults who made church fun when you were a kid? The ones who shared a story, made you laugh, or taught you something about God that stuck with you?

Now it's your turn! ♥

We are looking for a few wonderful volunteers to help with our **Kids' Message on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.**

Don't worry—you don't need to be a professional teacher, storyteller, or comedian (although funny is always welcome! 😊). You simply need a heart for our kids and a willingness to share a short, meaningful message.

🔑 What Does It Involve?

- A short message during worship
- A simple Bible lesson, object lesson, story, or activity
- About **5 minutes**
- Materials and ideas can be provided
- Most importantly...**a chance to connect with our kids!**

♥ Why Volunteer?

Because those few minutes might be the part of Sunday that a child remembers for years.

You can help our children learn that **church is a place where they are loved, valued, and an important part of our church family.**

So, if you've ever thought, *"I'd love to help, but I don't know what I would say..."* — **we can help with that!**



If you can give us a Sunday every now and then, we'd love to have you on our **Kids' Message Team!**

👋 Come Share. Come Smile. Come Make a Difference. Interested? Talk to Coach Marci McCullough or fill out the sign up posted by the Multipurpose Room.

No experience required. Just bring your heart, your smile, and a willingness to help our kids grow in faith!

📅 Youth Sunday School Is Back!



Mark your calendars! Youth Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. until the start of church service at 9:30 a.m.**

All kids are welcome to join us for a **fun, engaging, and faith-filled learning experience!** We're excited to welcome our youth back and make Sunday mornings a special time to learn, grow, and have fun together.

🔑 **Be sure to check out the Christian Education bulletin board for information about who is teaching and which Sundays we will have Sunday School each month.**

📅 **Help our teachers plan ahead!** This year, there will be a **calendar of Sundays posted near the Sunday School classroom.** If you know that a youth will be absent on a particular Sunday, please write their **name(s)** and the **Sunday they will be gone** on the calendar. This will help our teachers plan their lessons and activities accordingly.

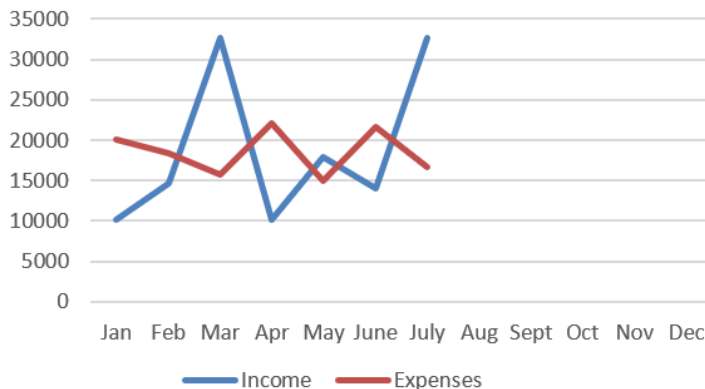
We can't wait to see all of our kids in Sunday School! ♥



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

To the trained eye, the graph below and the table to the right show that Sunrise has received income of about \$3,000 more than our expenses through July. That is really great news because the summer months are by far the slowest for giving. This represents just our operating income and expenses.

2026 Income vs. Expenses



Financial Update	
End of July 2026	
YTD Income	\$ 132,316.54
YTD Expenses	\$ <129,383.11>
Difference	\$ 2,933.43

This does not include any **ROBE** (**R**estore **O**ur **B**uilding **E**nthusiastically) money. As of this writing (Aug 26), we have received ROBE donations of \$85,135. With the \$50,000 matching donation, we are at a total of \$135,135 towards our goal of \$125,000. Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank You!!

Thanks for your continued support of Sunrise.

Dave Parks
Stewardship and Finance Chair

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**The Third Monday Book Study Group** will be starting a new book in September. The new book "**Beatitudes from the Backside Side**" was written by J Ellsworth Kalas. The group reads one chapter per month to discuss at our gathering. We meet the third Monday of every month at 1:00 pm.

We enjoy being together and visiting about what we have read. This would be a perfect time to join in if it sounds interesting to you. The books will be \$10.50 and you can let Jane Alsop know if you want one or call her if you have any questions. We would love to have more faces around our table!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fourteen shawls and comfort blankets were provided to the SANE/SART unit and Chaplain at the local hospital during the month of August.

If you knit, crochet, sew, do hand work or wish to assist or learn, you are warmly invited to join an enthusiastic group of people for "Prayer Shawl Ministry" once a month on the **third Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**

At our gatherings each month, we pray for those who will receive our handmade gifts and ask God to bless the gifts we will share. We help each other learn and grow in our craft, all so that we might share God's love and comfort. Please join us on **Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 pm**, or contact Carol Viar for more information.



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9:30 am in person and virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

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Financial Office Hours: 10am-noon, Mon. & Thurs.  
Music Ministry: Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Bell Choir, Sunday, 10:45 am

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt  
Director of Music & Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan  
Organist: Sue Will  
Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile  
Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer  
Custodian: Greg Kerr