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Pete & Evelyn Towns
In Honor of our 60th Wedding Anniversary

Steve & Sue Miskiewicz
In Memory of Our Parents

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….

Sunday, October 4th:  Bob MacFall, Laura Vecchio, Michael Jahosky
Monday, October 5th:  Ashley Kelly, Penny Schuler, Anna Hamilton
Tuesday, October 6th:  Bob Stone, Dot Chronister, Helene Zalay, William Vickery
Wednesday, October 7th:  Emily Pursley, Nancy Holleman, Tom Donnelly, Davone Irion, Joe Smith, Amy Kemerer, Ellis Cantin

Saturday, October 10th:  Ethel Cargill, Claire Cantin

MUSIC NOTES:
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Justine Ruisz

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3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3
Joyce Curvin & Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Kristen Williamson & Justine Ruisz

3rd, 4th Grades, Room 8
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

5th Grade, Room 12
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 12.

Andy & Stephanie Streleck

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

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Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

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FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Française” from Suite Française for Organ
Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

*DOXOLOGY—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 4:9 (page 3)
Philippians 2:1-8, 13 (page 954)

SERMON
Stewardship Series: Where Your Treasure Is...
#1 “The Rise of Selfishness”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #727 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” THE SERVANT SONG

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
“Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one Body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
“Two Settings on O Waly Waly” James Birley
Dale Wood

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #202 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” O Waly Waly

*BENEDICTION

CHILDREN’S SONGS (8:15)
“Jesus Loves the Little Children/He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”
NPC Children’s Choirs (age 3–5th Grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Lead On, O King, Eternal!”
arr. Michael Helman

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.