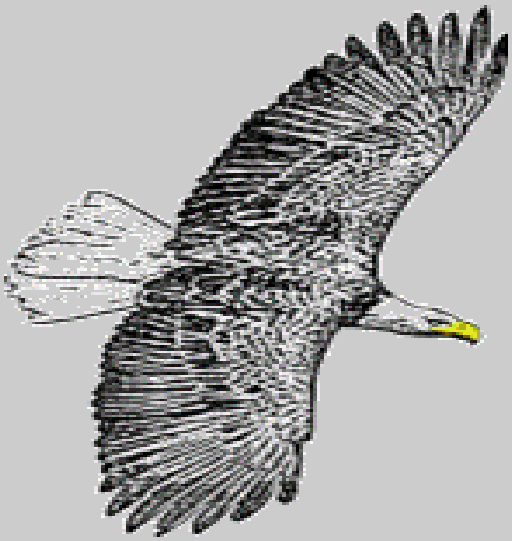
Union Church at Brimfield,

# On Eagle's Wings

September 2026



*"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING!**

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

*Trusting God's promises*

I want to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during my family's health scare. It is amazing to be part of such a wonderful faith family where everyone cares about you and is there when you need it. Going from a wonderful vacation babysitting our granddaughter to being in the hospital and undergoing double bypass surgery on the most important person in my life, was a bit much. Knowing that God was with us every step of the way was amazing. Not knowing what we needed throughout the whole thing was another thing. Then for the church to take up a collection to help with meals and all the incidentals that we had to get when she got home that we didn't know about or plan on. God has been with us, and he shows up in you and your prayers and actions, and I can't thank Him or you enough.

We are now into September our fall program kick off month for the year. This is always an exciting time as we look forward to the ways that we can minister to the surrounding area. Please join us on September 6th for a explanation of why and what we do in worship and to see all that we have planned for the year. Then we are going to celebrate with our church family with a picnic service at Brimfield Park September 27th at 11:00 with a potluck to follow.

We need people to step up and take on some new volunteer roles this year as we have had people who have put in time and need a break. So please consider getting involved in a new way. Please check with Ginney or Rev. Steve or Coleen to see where the needs are. When we all work together, we can accomplish so much more. I know that we are all busier than we have ever been and time is hard to donate somewhere else, but if you want a fun and exciting place to donate time -We are it.

**"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."**

In Christ Love,

Rev. Steve

## From the Moderator – September 2026

Summer is finally moving on and hopefully the cooler, less humid weather will be with us for a while. School is back in session. Wishing a wonderful year to all the students and teachers.

Our church helped with the Old Settlers' Days food tent. Union church was well-represented with many great volunteers helping serve the community. Thanks to all who helped and especially to Allison for organizing all the volunteers.

Our new solar panels are working and helping to lower our electric bill. Thanks to Rudy for all his work filling out all the many forms for the government. That's a tedious job and we thank you for all the work you are doing for the church.

The Community luncheons will start up again in September. Mark your calendar for Sept. 8th for the first one. Spaghetti & Meat Balls are on the menu.

Our church picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 27th at 11 AM. The Leadership meeting will be at 10 AM at the pavilion before the service. Bring a dish to share for the potluck meal after the service. The church will provide tea, coffee, water, and table service.

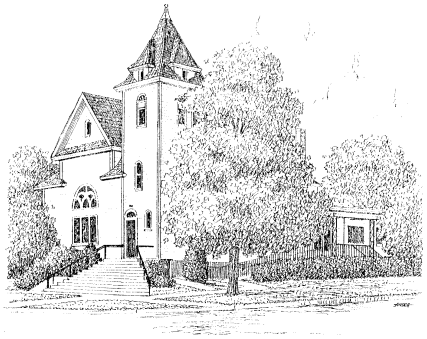
The pew refinishing is continuing. The carpets and pew pads will also be updated. Thanks to the Trustees for working on this upgrade.

We are blessed to have Connie and Winston leading our music. We also have an amazing choir. If you have any suggestions for any music you would like to hear, please let one of us know. We are also always looking for new choir members.

As always, keep anyone suffering in any way in your prayers. Pray for our country and our leaders and pray that the truth will be known.

Prayerfully submitted,

Coleen Martin



## Worship Care Team

The Worship Care Team met August 10th. Members are: Joyce Carlson, Bev Johnson, Vanessa Hartley, Sue Savage, Tonja Siegel, Ginny Emerick.

Sunday, September 27th will be our church picnic at Brimfield Community Park.
Worship Service 11:00AM Picnic to follow
There will be outlets for crockpots.
Spread the Word.....Come Together and join us for Worship & a Potluck Picnic!
Bring your lawn chair!

## Upcoming Events:

- Communion—September 6th
- Grief/Loss Group—Every Tuesday 3—4:30pm
- Adult Bible Study-- Resumes Tuesday the 15th. Will be every Tuesday - 6:30pm to 7:45pm
- Community Luncheon— September 8th @ noon. We will be serving spaghetti with meatballs, fruit salad, garlic bread & desserts. The price is now $7.00
- Stuff-A-Pew begins October 4th. Watch for more info coming soon.
- Stewardship Drive & Brunch will be Sunday, November 8. More info coming soon.
- Our Next Meeting will be Sept 13th @ 8am

## SEPTEMBER

**Birthdays**

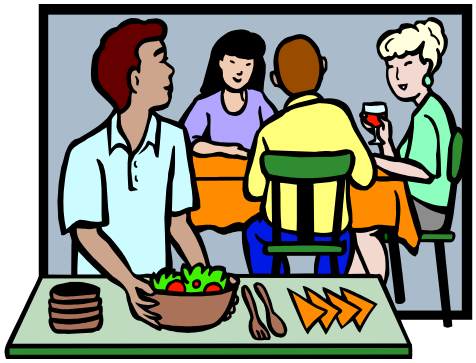
4– Miley Porter
Skylar Smith
5– Janet Fishel
7– Lori Porter
8– David Sollenberger
12– Rick Pacey
Constance Monk
Demi Savage
19– Allison Porter
20– Pam Pacey
27– Winston Dunbar

**Anniversaries**

1–Jeff Barnewolt & Mariola Kabat
4– Brandon & Allison Porter
8– Lori & Brian Porter
24—Nathan & Kristina Porter
26- Pastor Steve & Lisa Barch

**Union Church Luncheon will resume**

**September 8th @ noon.**



Trustees will be meeting Sunday, September 13th at 8am before Worship.

Our Leadership meeting will be Sunday, September 27th **@ 10am** at Brimfield Park

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH**

**WORSHIP 11AM**

FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK PICNIC @ BRIMFIELD PARK

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP,

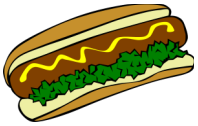
FOOD & FUN

## Wider Service Committee

- Thank you all who volunteered and donated items for the school supply giveaway. We helped over 100 students!
- A Big Thank You to all that helped at the Brimfield's Old Settlers Food Tent. Without all of you we could not do what we do for the community!

**Watch for more info coming soon!!**

- The date for Trunk or Treat will be announced soon. Watch for more info in the Sunday bulletins and posted on the Bulletin Board.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5th- Brimfield Christmas Walk
- Next meeting TBD

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- **Our next meeting date is TBA. We will be discussing the menu for the rest of the year.** All ladies of the church are included in the Women's Fellowship & invited to attend the meeting.
- **Community Luncheon— September 8th @ noon.** We will be serving spaghetti with meatballs, fruit salad, garlic bread & desserts. The price is now $7.00
- The Women's Fellowship Cookie Walk date **TBA.** More info coming soon.

# *Our Mission Focus for the Month of* ***SEPTEMBER***

## Heifer Project International

**OUR MISSION:**

**Heifer's mission is…**

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

**Heifer envisions…**

A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.

**Heifer's strategy is…**

To "Pass on the Gift." As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

**Heifer's History**

This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 65 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.

Obeying God's call to "let justice roll down like waters" (Amos 5:24), since 1944, Heifer International has helped millions of struggling families become more self-reliant by providing food-and income-producing animals and training in their care. Heifer joins with people of faith everywhere to work for the dignity and well-being of all people wherever they live. Heifer ministers to families in need by: Helping children, enabling women & families, caring for the environment, developing community and passing on the gift.

**Praise be to God !**

**2026** Mission Giving to Date:

Jan —Blankets+/TOH : $ 235

Feb—NH : $ 155

Mar—OGHS : $ 225

April—CASA : $ 185

May—STC : $ 213

June—PRM : $ 215

July—CPA : $ 135

Aug—CJT : $ 135

In partnership with congregations, Heifer International is an ark of refuge for hungry families. Heifer puts faith into action with its time proven principle of Passing on the Gift. Every family who receives livestock agrees to pass on one or more of it's animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another neighbor in need. Project partners pass on new ways of animal husbandry and land management, too- a rainbow of hope for the whole community.

# *Serving at Union Church September 2026*

**September 6, 2026**

Greeter

**Coleen Martin**

Usher

**Jim Martin**

Lay Reader

**Jeff Barnewolt**

Children's Story

**Pastor Steve**

Sunday School

**Communion**

Sound System

**Rudy Carlson**

***Donuts***

***Joyce Carlson***

**September 13, 2026**

Greeter

**Lori Porter**

Usher

**Rudy Carlson**

Lay Reader

**Kelly Walker**

Children's Story

**Pastor Steve**

Sunday School

**Coleen Martin**

Sound System

**Tim Siegel**

***Donuts***

***Ginny Emerick***

**September 20, 2026**

Greeter

**Ginny Emerick**

Usher

**Linda Williams**

Lay Reader

**Mariola Kabat**

Children's Story

**Pastor Steve**

Sunday School

**Emma Blundy**

Sound System

**Rudy Carlson**

***Donuts***

***Janet Fishel***

**September 27, 2026**

Greeter

**Tonja Siegel**

Usher

**Rudy Carlson**

Lay Reader

**Janet Fishel**

Children's Story

**Pastor Steve**

Sunday School

**CHURCH PICNIC**

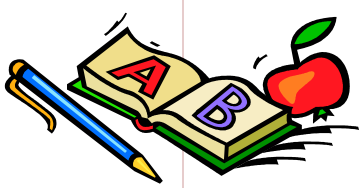
Sound System

**CHURCH PICNIC**

***Donuts***

***CHURCH PICNIC***

# SEPTEMBER 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>**Grief Group 3-4:30p** | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 **Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**<br>**Trustees mtg 8 am** | 7 **LABOR DAY**<br> | 8 Church Luncheon 12p<br>**Grief Group 3p**<br>**Adult Bible Study 6:15pm** | 9 | 10 | 11<br> | 12 |
| 13 Worship Care 8am<br>**Worship Service 9am**<br>**Community Day @ Village Hall 11a-1p** | 14 | 15<br>**Grief Group 3p**<br>**Adult Bible Study 6:15pm** | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20<br>**Worship Service 9:00 a.m.** | 21<br> | 22<br>Grief Group 3p<br>**Adult Bible Study 6:15pm** | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Leadership mtg. 10am<br>**Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**<br>**Potluck Picnic to follow** | 28<br> | 29<br>Grief Group 3p<br>**Adult Bible Study 6:15pm** | 30<br>  | | | |

# *On Eagle's Wings Newsletter*

THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT." ISAIAH 40:31

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| Pastor | **Rev. Stephen Barch** |
| Sunday Worship Service | **9:00 AM** |
| Pastor's Office Hours | **Tuesdays 1pm-7pm** |
| Grief & Loss Group | **Tuesday Afternoon 3-4:30pm** |
| Adult Bible Study | **Tuesday Evenings 6:15-7:30pm** |
| Children's Bible School | **During Sunday Worship** |
| Office Hours~ | **Tuesday 1-6pm** |
| | **Friday 1pm-5pm** |
| | ***Or by appointment*** |