

# THE CUP



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CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

## OCTOBER 2025

"Equipping the Saints- Tools and Thanksgiving"

...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:12 (ESV)

After Kingdom Week I moved my toolbox into one of the furnace rooms of the church. They will be more useful there for the various kinds of local mission work that I hope we will be doing in the future than I imagine they would be at home in the garage. When I was an apprentice, I showed up on a job and met one of my co-workers, introducing myself, I said "My name's Mark, but most of the time I get called 'Rev.'" I had embraced that nickname as it was both low hanging fruit and far better than any other number of jobsite nicknames that I might have otherwise acquired. I had rolled up with my large toolboxes and he said, "I heard we had an apprentice who was a preacher who carried a load of tools." Again, considering what kind of reputation in the company I might have gotten as an apprentice I'll take it.

I did carry a...lot of tools. My reasoning was if I could be the guy, though I knew nothing, who had the tool in hand, even if I didn't know how to use it, I would be both useful and in the ideal spot to learn whatever was being done. I was a forty-some year old apprentice who in a couple of years would be a forty-some year-old journeyman among other journeymen my own age who had twenty years' experience to my four. I needed to get skilled and as fast as possible.

In the church we are called to our various roles to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ," Everything we do and every person and resource we have at our disposal, exists for that one purpose: to build up the body of Christ; HIS Church, not merely our church. We have what we have, either what we have been given naturally by God or what by God, we have been given the opportunity and means to acquire for ourselves. I play guitar not because I have natural talent, but because in the ministry where I served, I had both a need for musical accompaniment for some services and a person in my congregation willing to teach me.

I spent one morning while alone in the church walking around through rooms and hallways, looking at all God has given us here. If you've been here for a while you might think of all the things and people, we don't have but I notice all that we DO have; resources and people. There have been times and places in my ministry when I would have given much to have what we have. So that morning I walked around praying, giving thanks for all God has provided us, and praying too that God would show us how best to use what we have as tools in our box and hands, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for the building up of the body of Christ.

In Christ,

Mark

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Thank you to all who helped make the church picnic a fun event. Trustees and friends set up tables and chairs. Fellowship committee planned games and prizes. Pastor Mark and Torah built a great cardboard castle. Pat Hinzman called Bingo. So many winners! So much great food! Thank you all for a fun afternoon with our church family!

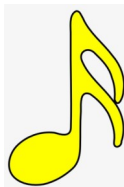


**CHURCH**

**PICNIC**



The Outreach Committee shared some love, fellowship and delicious food with the students and staff of the Blackhawk High School Marching Band in August. For the second year in a row, the kids were extremely grateful and it was great to fellowship with them! Thank you to all who donated and served and please continue to keep the band and all the kids and faculty at Blackhawk in your prayers this school year!



### October/November Calendar

Oct 7	5:30p Worship Committee
Oct 7	6:30p DEACONS
Oct 7	8:30p TRUSTEES
Oct 8	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
Oct 12	3:00p Chippewa Fall Festival
Oct 13	OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day
Oct 14	7:00p SESSION
Oct 21	6:00p CUP Trunk or Treat
Oct 22	Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
Nov 4	5:30p Outreach Committee
Nov 4	6:30p DEACONS
Nov 4	8:30p TRUSTEES
Nov 9	3:00p Callison's Visit
Nov 11	OFFICE CLOSED Veteran's Day
Nov 12	1:00p Game Day Lunch @ GVI
Nov 18	7:00p SESSION
Nov 27	OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving
Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent

### Weekly Meetings...

Monday Afternoon 1:00pm  
**Adult Bible Study (Library)**

Wednesday Evening 4:00pm  
**SHINE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**Family Dinner at 6:00pm**

Thursday Evening 6:00pm  
**Praise Team Practice**

Friday Morning 7:30am  
**Men's Group @ Eat 'n Park**

Friday Evening 5:30pm  
**Kid's Night Out**  
**(every other Friday)**

Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
**Crosscurrent Youth Group**



For information about upcoming mission opportunities, as well as news from CUP supported missionaries, stop and check out the Missions Board located outside of the library!



### Callison's to Visit CUP!

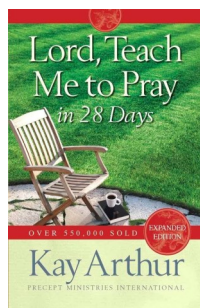
Greg and Christine Callison are both Presbyterian ministers working in the north of Iraq, in the Kurdistan region, in a ministry of witness and service to Kurds, mostly of Muslim background.

Join us on November 9th at 3pm as Greg and Chris visit CUP and speak about their ministry!

### Cup Library News

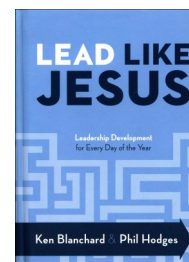
Two books have recently been added to the shelves in our church library.

The first was written by Kay Arthur and is titled "Lord Teach Me to Pray". In this revised edition the author provides some significant practical insights into the pattern that Jesus used to teach his disciples and all believers, the pattern known to us as the Lord's prayer. Published by Harvest House Publishers this bestselling book teaches how to pray, what to pray, and what to expect when you pray."



The other book titled "Lead Like Jesus" is a joint effort by authors Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges. These authors have look into scripture and discovered leadership wisdom in the example of Jesus, the greatest leader of all time. They then present this model of servant leadership that can transform your life and make a difference in the lives of those you influence.

These and other books and videos for all ages are available to anyone interested in checking them out. Our library is open to you anytime the church doors are open. If you are interested just remove the card from the back pocket, sign your name and place in the small basket next to the card files on the table against the left wall. Enjoy!



Back to School we go!

“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.  
For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

**Crosscurrent Youth Group** had the opportunity to serve at the Beaver Falls Soup Kitchen this summer! It was a wonderful time to serve. Even with the extreme temperature! We served food, talked to people, and helped clean up! A few of our youth also partook in Kingdom Week in Aliquippa. You should ask them how it was!! Youth Group Kicked off this Fall with some fun outside play and bonfires. We were excited to have our 2nd Annual ALL CHURCH Prayer walk that helps kick off our See You At The Pole event that will take place on September 24th. Please be in prayer this year for the youth and staff of school buildings all around the world! We are looking forward to a fun exciting year as we continue to learn and grow together!

**SHINE** the SHINE and Youth Group Kids along with some leaders partook in the Chippewa Fireman's Parade this year! Thanks to Gary for the ride!! We had so much fun throwing candy and ducks to the crowds! Shine Kicked off on September 10th with a great group of newbies and some familiar faces. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead!!

As always I ask you to please keep all the children and youth in our community and beyond in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

*Joel Cunniff*

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

