

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



**From Woody:** A very nice lady named Joanne Gates in upstate New York sent me a wonderful poem that I share with you all...It is MYSTERIES, YES by Mary Oliver:

*Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood  
How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of little lambs.  
How rivers and stones are forever  
in allegiance with gravity while we ourselves dream of rising.  
How two hands touch and the bonds will  
never be broken.  
How people come with delight, or the scars of damage,  
to the comfort of a poem.  
Let me keep my distance, always, from those  
who think they have the answers.  
Let me keep company always with those who say  
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,  
And bow their heads.*



**Celebration of Pets:** We will hold our annual celebration of pets on Sunday, Sept. 8 on the lawn or in the Dignard Room depending on the weather, so please get your pets ready. All pets are welcome! Please help spread the word. Our guest speaker will be our friend Peter Shea, who has spent a lifetime raising dogs.



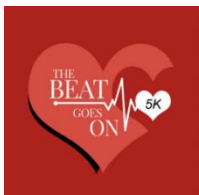
**Sunday School** Begins 9/15 during worship service (10:00-11:00am)  
Your family is invited to join our 'Covenant Kingdom!' Multi-aged classes for school-aged children that actively relate Christian beliefs and values to everyday life through stories, art, cooking, music, and more! Know a family who might enjoy our Sunday school and worship services? Please invite them! All are welcome!



**Dress A Girl Around the World:** Kristi Citak is spearheading a project as part of an effort to provide one-of-a kind dresses to girls from infancy to teens, who are living in orphanages in the US and around the world—"Dress A Girl Around the World". Kristi will be hosting an event each Saturday in September from 9-noon in the Dignard Room at the church. If you can sew and want to participate—great! Bring your sewing machine to the church. If you do not sew, there are other ways you can help: cutting patterns, ironing, bringing a snack, or donating money for shirts, shorts, and shipping costs. See more information on Page 3 of the August Beacon. Any questions, contact Kristi at 603-486-9910.



**CCNB Chicken BBQ:** Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm  
Eat-in or take-out (We'll make the dinner for you to eat at/before the Barn Dance!) Each meal includes 1/2 or 1/4 chicken, homemade: baked beans, coleslaw, and a dessert! Going to the Barn Dance that evening? Let us cook the dinner for you to take with you ~ or bring your date and come before!



Derek Martin is currently in Cleveland Clinic. If you would like to send a card to let him know we are thinking about him, his address is below. Don't forget the middle initial M. as there is another Derek Martin in the hospital.

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**Peace Quote:** What God requires of us is that we not stop trying *Bayard Rusti*