



# The Illuminator

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Faith-Filled Fall Edition

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Charles, aka Grandpa, and I were driving down the road recently with two teenage granddaughters in tow. They like to channel their choice of music from their phones through our vehicle's Bluetooth. That day our traveling companions shared an eclectic cluster of songs. There was a beautiful chant by a Native American children's choir and some fast paced something that I had a difficult time discerning.

One of their selections was Tim McGraw singing Lori McKenna's song "Humble and Kind." The lilt of lyrics led our grandchildren to join in, "Hold the door, say 'Please', say 'Thank you'. Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie. I know you got mountains to climb, but always stay humble and kind. Go to church 'cause your mamma says to. Visit grandpa every chance that you can. It won't be wasted time. Always stay humble and kind."

I googled the song and learned that Lori initially wrote it for a very small audience – her five children who ranged in age from ten to twenty-five. She says she didn't want the words to be too "preachy" as she wrote about the things she and her husband wanted to tell their kids. I found these to be the Christian values I worked to instill in my children. Today, via Lori's venues and Tim McGraw's country music ties, this timeless message about staying grounded in kindness, humility and compassion reaches people of all ages.

That day in the car, on the highway and biways of life, as Charles, our driver, took us safely to our destination, I paused to ponder the past, the present and the future. I said a quiet prayer of gratitude for our dynamic duo in the backseat. And they, holding imaginary microphones, swaying back and forth as far as their seatbelts would allow, continued to sing.



August 04 – Bountiful Breakfast Bar  
August 12 – Sr. Food Distribution,  
Grand Nation in Ketchum  
August 12 – Elders Meet – 2:30 pm  
August 17 – Executive Committee

August 18 – Linger Longer Lunch –  
Beef Stroganoff  
Sept 01 – Bountiful Breakfast Bar  
Sept. 09 – Sr. Food Distribution,  
Grand Nation in Ketchum

## Coming this Fall!

Thanks to the generosity of Lynne Kennedy and Susan Miller, the church will host a concert by Lizzie Watkins. Several of our members have enjoyed this talented vocalist at other venues in the Grand Lake area. Stay tuned for more information as plans are finalized!



The pastors will be attending a clergy retreat and taking a few days of vacation from August 28<sup>th</sup> thru September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the church office or an Elder if you need assistance.







## Faithfulness bears Fruit!



After several years of TLC, our memorial orchard is producing a bumper crop for sharing with our neighbors through the Blue House. Kudos to Jack Massey who in the beginning researched, selected, and designed the layout for the apple & pear trees that grace our grounds. Chet Smith, David Turner, and James Helton assisted with the planting. Thanks are also due Janice Mobley and Ellen Wolfe who helped to nurture and care for the trees in the early days of the project. Dave & Teena Momper, alongside Susan Miller, have harvested this year's crop and continued to deliver produce weekly to the ministry center. The amazing harvest is still in progress as the pears are just now beginning to ripen!



## LEI Z DAZE OF SUMMER

As our summertime ALOHA series comes to a close, we thank all who helped organize, cook, decorate and participate in the fun!

Hope to see you next Sunday as Debbie Jones and volunteers prepare another delicious

### Bountiful Breakfast Bar

Sunday, August 4 @ 9:15

Ever wonder what it was like to journey with Jesus throughout his ministry here on earth? As a part of our upcoming "Faith-filled Fall," the Wednesday Bible Study class will resume our examination of the popular mini-series, "The Chosen." We will explore the Biblical texts that inspired these episodes as we continue to ask the questions:

"Which part is Hollywood? & Which part is Holy Word?"

Please plan to attend & bring a friend starting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30.



We gather to celebrate the life our beloved **Annabelle Russell** on August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to SGLCC (DOC)

How blessed we are each month to enjoy the culinary talents of Jim and Diana Sellers at our Linger Longer Luncheons.

Thanks, you 2 for all you do!





Stephen & Janie Andrew, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Clint Cross, Dale & Louise Compston, Cristy Foster, Ronnie & Shirley Hardin, Karen Hendrix, Barbara Hamilton, Edna Jones, Bob Latimer, Jack Massey, Wes McKee, loved ones of Annabelle Russell, Alena Thiebert, Hudson Thrapp, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, all affected by acts of violence, war, addiction, mental illness, wildfires, and natural disasters



**JULY**

- 06 John B.
- 08 Andrea E.
- 09 Gina J.
- 11 Kay P.
- 12 Ted C.
- 24 Imogene A.
- 26 Randy D.
- 27 Tony H.
- 28 Vickie M.

**AUGUST**

- 04 Sharon H.
- 05 Landon W.
- 08 Lynda H.
- 14 Louise C.
- 18 Lisa G.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 13 Wendy S.
- 14 Joshua G.
- 15 Jean T.
- 22 Ryan L.
- 27 Bobby L.

*"The Giving Table"*



Special Series this fall ...  
A Journey into the  
Spiritual Discipline  
of Generosity



**AUGUST**

- 13 Harold & Jean T.
- 15 Jim & Diana S.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 05 John & Shari B.
- 08 Tony & Lynda H.
- 09 Forb & Meredyth P.
- 12 Chuck & Gina J.
- 24 Clint C. & Rex W.



Date	General Fund	Quarters	Designated	Total
05/31/24	\$10,826.13	\$64.09	\$2,855.00	\$13,745.22
06/30/24	\$16,950.37	\$60.76	\$1,500.00	\$18,511.13

Blessing Quarters	
Balance Forward	\$282.48
May & June	\$124.85
Year To Date (for 2024)	<b>Grand Total \$407.33</b>

JUNE In-Person Attendance*			
Date	Members	Visitors	Total
06-02	24	8	32
06-09	33	6	39
06-16	24	12	36
06-23	26	8	34
06-30	24	8	32

\* We continue to celebrate over 100 views of our services online each week!