

SPIRIT MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2026

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

THE VOICE I HAVE NOW

One of my favorite singers of all time is Sandi Patty. I have followed her for over 40 years now. She was known as "The Voice" in the Contemporary Christian Realm. Sandi just turned 70 in July and she recently released a new song, "The Voice I Have Now." The lyrics are simply profound!

Verse 1

It's like a nice warm robe that you slip into,
When a long, long day is finally through
And you smile 'cause you've got nothing left to prove,
That's the voice I have now

Verse 2

It's like a coffee with a trusted friend,
Picking right back up with the where's and whens
And the conversation never really ends,
That's the voice I have now

Chorus

Oh, it's stronger than I ever thought it could have been
So much wiser and yet braver than it dared to be back then
And it's more content in certain ways,
And it's less concerned with those glory days
When there were doubts to crush and dues to pay,
But we paid them all and how
Oh, I love those times but I'm thankful for the voice I have now

Verse 3

Oh the younger me made a wild spin,
But this is now and that was then
If I could, you know I'd do it all again,
For the voice I have now

Verse 4

'Cause there's nothing like the peace of mind,
When you breathe in deeply
And you find that God was planning all this time,
For the voice I have now

Chorus

Bridge

There is still a song upon my tongue,
And as long as there is breath inside my lungs
I'm not ready for the final bow, '
Cause I really love the voice I have now

Chorus

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (Continued)

I can certainly relate! Any singer will tell you that as we age, we can't reach the same notes! It's especially true for sopranos (Sandi Patty) & tenors (Me). But we still have so much left to give, just not the high notes.

You can watch the video of "The Voice I Have Now" here:

<https://youtu.be/ELD2WK1TbIE?si=D3XsvejAyEvCH1Wo>



NEW ADULT CLASS

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:4-8 beginning Wednesday, September 16, at 10 a.m.

HVAC SYSTEM @ Holy Spirit

As most of you know we have had issues with our Air Conditioning in the Sanctuary for some weeks. It has been determined that our two Furnaces/Air Conditioner Units that provide heat and cooling need to be replaced. They are over 30 years old!

The Council met after worship on Sunday, August 23 and reviewed one quote from the company we have been using, Dean Mechanical. We are in the process of looking at 3 other companies and once we have them, a decision will be made.

FYI: To repair what we currently have would be around \$5,000 or more and that doesn't guarantee it will last much longer. The cost to replace everything will be around \$30,000. And there is a warranty.

We will be asking the members of Holy Spirit to consider making a special donation toward this replacement. Details will be shared at a later date.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT YOGA CLASS offered Tuesdays at 9 a.m. w/ Instructor Tina Green leading the class. Bring a yoga mat for floor poses. Fee: \$5.00 per class.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. Our fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY DINNER is Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at T.B.D. All men of the church are invited to attend. Signup posted.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS is Friday, September 11 at 6 p.m. We'll be getting together at The Deer Lake Inn, 7504 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48346. Signup posted.

WELCA POTLUCK DINNER is Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. at church. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss the book, *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Speak with Janet Martin if you'd like the book.

CELEBRATING YOU IN SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Eddie Carson	September 1
Chris Kuljurgis	September 1
Petra Mattern	September 4
Dennis Dronsella	September 10
Sandy Szalma	September 10
Rob Carson	September 13
Lucas Buckler	September 14
Leo Szalma	September 24
Kim Filipp	September 25
Michelle Prus	September 28
Mark Filipp	September 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Bonnie & Tom Sweda	September 1
Bill & Sandy Thayer	September 6
John & Tina Green	September 12
Dr. Leo & Sandy Szalma	September 16

S E P T E M B E R

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Choir Rehearsal (Sept. - May) Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School (Sept. - May)	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Dinner With Friends 6 p.m. AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	Finance Meeting 7 p.m. Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	Adult Study 10 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	WELCA Potluck Dinner 5 p.m. Zumba (Rental) 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting 8 p.m.	Zumba (Rental) 9:30 a.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Reader: Ruth Dziuba

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Reader: Doug Opthoff

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff

Counters: Janet Martin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Reader: Stan Samuelsen

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern, Roy Salowich

Counters: Andy Meyer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Reader: Norm Werner

Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern

Counters: TBD

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PASTOR

Rev. William J. Matlack

MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism

GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to

celebrate God's grace in our midst

SENT to share God's blessings in our community and beyond.