A Letter from Your Senior Pastor...

Genuine Imitations

Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas once told a story about taking a group of students to Korea. After travelling for hours by several modes of transportation, they finally stepped off a bus in their destination city. Immediately, a street vendor with arms covered in watches greeted them enthusiastically, waving the watches in their faces and shouting, “Rolexes! Genuine imitations!”

Genuine imitations! What a concept. Would you believe that’s exactly what we’re called to be? In **1 Corinthians 11:1**, Paul says, **“Be imitators of me just as I also am of Christ.”** An “imitator” does what another does, behaving in the same manner. You are not that person, yet you do what they would do. Since our lives include things that weren’t part of Jesus’ life (such as having a particular job, being retired, being married, or raising children and grandchildren), it helps to ask what He would do if He were living our lives.

We have been in a sermon series on Romans called “Changed by Grace.” By changing what we know and believe, we change what we do and, most importantly, who we become. Romans 12 begins with a great “Therefore...” Paul spends the rest of the letter describing the lives the Romans are to live in light of what God has done and revealed in Jesus.

Our Advent series, beginning November 29, is called “Behold,” based on the Seedbed resource by Shelbi Shutt. Scripture teaches us that we become like what we behold. This Advent, we will behold the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Immanuel, God with us. In a season that tempts us to keep hurrying and scurrying, we’ll slow down enough to behold the One we’re trying to imitate.

My question for you today is: How are you imitating Him? Are you imitating Him in ways others can imitate as they follow your example? How would Jesus live your life if He were living your life? I increasingly believe we can imitate our way into Christlikeness. By practicing hospitality, we become genuinely hospitable. By practicing generosity, we become less stingy and materialistic. By practicing silence, solitude, stillness, and simplicity, we become less consumed by worry and distraction.

The next question is, who are you inviting along? It’s easy to live and let others watch, thinking, “I’m going to follow Jesus. You’re free to watch.” But Paul was writing to particular people in whom he’d invested and whom he was leading. Discipleship isn’t about achieving enough theological education to answer every question. It’s about following Jesus as an apprentice. Then, we make disciples by apprenticing others.

Lord Jesus, our Teacher and Good Shepherd, show me how You would live my life if You were living my life. I want to be a genuine imitation. Holy Spirit, show me whom I can intentionally invite into more places in my life so they can see how I follow Jesus and learn to follow Him, too. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jonathan

November 2026

Connecting with God
Growing in Christ
Serving Others



Café Mulder

Tuesday
November 3, 2026
7am-7pm

Mulder serves as a polling site for Elmore County. We need volunteers to help greet and hand out snacks. We also need donations of baked goods and snacks. If you don’t like to bake, we are also accepting prepackaged snack items such as cookies, cakes, chips, nuts, etc. To sign up for a shift or for more information, contact the church office.

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 11
for Veteran’s Day

Wednesday & Thursday,
November 25 & 26
for Thanksgiving

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CHILDREN'S NEWS

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Sunday Mornings in Kidstown

Nursery provided at 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM (6 weeks-Pre K)

9:30AM - Build Up Jr: K-1st graders meet in Noah's Boat Shop
9:30AM - Build Up: 2nd-4th graders meet in Carter Hall
9:30AM - Route 56: 5th & 6th graders meet in Rt 56 room (behind Carter Hall)
11:00AM - Build Up: K-6th graders meet in Carter Hall
Students may be divided into smaller groups by age at 11:00 in the future based on attendance and volunteers.

Wednesday Nights in Kidstown

Club Kidstown, 6-7pm
The K & 1st grade group will be going through the Jesus Storybook Bible, having a snack and other activities like crafts, games and playing outside.

The 2nd-4th graders will be learning faith foundations like how to use and read our Bible, how to pray, missions & serving, etc. They will also have a snack and other fun activities.

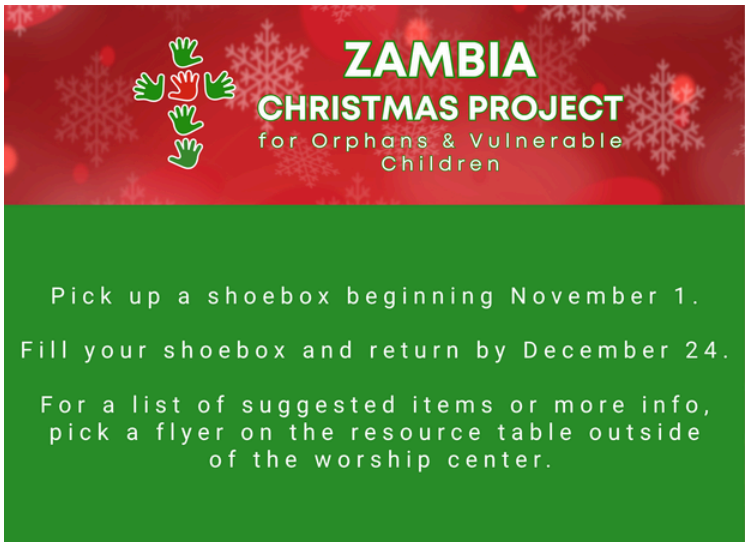
Memory Verse:
"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Route 56 Small Groups, 6-7pm
Our 5th & 6th grade girls' small group will be going through a Bible study called Making Lemonade, learning how to deal with life's struggles.
Our 5th & 6th grade boys' small group will be going through a Bible study called Got Wisdom: a study of Proverbs.

November 4: Zambia Christmas shoebox packing party (every student K-6th needs to bring a new toy item for their shoebox. The item must be small enough to fit in a shoebox. Small stuffed animals, dolls, cars or games are ideal.)

November 11: No Club Kidstown. The church will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day.

November 18: Fall Kidstown Party. This will be our last Wednesday night for the fall semester and we'll celebrate with special snacks and games.





November Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Ann Mason Holmes JB Holmes Zelishia Storrs Luke Rylan Wyatt	2 Gavin Fuller Janiya Kirkland Amanda Rollan *Mark & Jill Baker	3 Dan Caban Emmie Gale Holmes Jamey McGowin Sophia Whatley	4 *Jared & Kari Stouffer	5 Alicia Phillips Wyatt Phillips Harper Sexton	6 Diane Davis Taylor Hilyer *Brent & Emily Watson	7 Ben Bateman Roxann Becker Colton Hicks *Ernie & Eleanor Bayford
8 Justin Brown Danny Hooks	9 Zack Lewis Carl McDevitt	10 Riley Jarome Sylvia Payne *Corey & Meagan Tanner	11 Hunter Johnson Carson Jones Carrie Littlefield Kim Wallace	12 Clive Barganier Mike Kurth Cathy Lillis Joan Yarnell	13 Dan Aude Markay Auen *Steven & Betsy Bargainnier	14 *Tracy & Audra Pfannkuche
15 Caitlin Yarbrough	16 Brady Amerson Cooper Smith Josh Smith *Winston & Carrie Littlefield	17 Craig Schimmer	18 Jason Burge Harper Hilyer Lottie Stone	19 Rachel Dendy Bobby Hicks Adam Trippe	20 Tara Young	21 Tawanna Aude Margie Flomer Cindy Krueger Allie Sims Jim Ward *Joe & Debra Price
22 Kay Smith	23 Jane Claire Carter Jaxon Harper Barbara Jones	24 Miles Holden Julianna Rogers	25 Seth Aude Amanda Flaherty Emily Ryan	26 Marie Anderson Marty Baker Barbara Brown	27 Angel Ryer	28 *Larry & Glenda Ray
29 Gracie Norris	30 Ramona Ebbinga Clay Henderson Darby Stone *Stewart & Ramona Ebbinga					

Financial Info for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year - 07/01/2026-09/30/2026

Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Contributions vs. Budget	Contributions vs. Expenses
$304,639	$274,484	$261,682	-$30,155	$12,802

Annual Charge Conference

Thursday, Nov. 5th, 6:30pm

Mulder Church's annual charge conference will be held in the worship center.

All members are welcome to attend, but only Church Council members get to vote.



Chat & Chew

Tuesday, November 10 at 11:30 in Carter Hall

If you have your days free, join us for Taco Tuesday.
We will hear a special message from
Jared Stouffer, our Director of Student Ministries.
No charge for lunch, but donations are welcome to
help cover the cost of food.



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DNOW | November 6–7

Please be in prayer for our students and leaders as we head to DNOW! We're looking forward to a meaningful weekend of worship, spiritual growth, and intentional time together as we discover the freedom that comes through Jesus Christ.

Zambia Christmas Box Packing Party | November 4

Join us as we wrap up our Zambia Christmas Box collection with a packing party! Our students will come together to prepare boxes filled with gifts, love, and encouragement for children in Zambia. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this opportunity to serve possible!

Legends of the Fall Finale | November 18

We're closing out another incredible season of Legends of the Fall! Join us as we celebrate the friendships, fun, and growth we've experienced together this fall. It's been an exciting season of teamwork, competition, and community, and we're looking forward to finishing strong!

Mulder Youth Friendsgiving | November 22 | 4:30–6:00 PM

There's so much to be thankful for! Join us for Friendsgiving as we gather around the table to celebrate friendship, community, and God's goodness. We'll enjoy a potluck-style meal, fun games, and time together as we head into the Thanksgiving season!

Stay Connected

Follow the youth Instagram page at “mulderyouth”, check out the youth Facebook page by searching Mulder Youth, email jared@mulderchurch.com or text Jared at 260-388-8660.