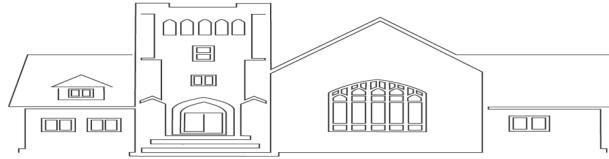


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THE MESSENGER



May 2018

Meghan's Musings

"For me, genuine community is..."

I just finished writing an application for a program in which I was given the prompt, "For me, genuine community is..."

For me, genuine community is... our call as Christians. It is my belief that it is impossible to be a Christian in isolation. While someone may believe the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and be a "good person" without being part of a community, one cannot fully follow Christ if one is not engaged in a community (or even multiple communities).

"Genuine community" brings to mind the early Christian communities as described in Acts 4: 32-35. Of course, this kind of community is so counter-cultural today, it's hard to imagine. It's hard for me, as a 44 year-old Protestant in 2018 United States of America, to imagine the whole group of those who profess to be Christian as being "of one heart and soul." It's hard to imagine "no one [claiming] private ownership of any possessions," but having "everything [we] owned held in common." It's hard to imagine there "not being a needy person among [us], for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold," if "it was distributed to each as any had need."

The attentive worshipper may recall that I recently preached on that Acts passage the same weekend that I preached at a wedding in which the couple chose as scripture Ruth's declaration of devotion to Naomi (Ruth 1: 16-17: "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"). And it got me thinking about the connection between Christian community and *hesed*—the Hebrew concept of extreme faithful, loyal, loving-kindness that permeates Ruth's declaration, throughout the entire book of Ruth and indeed the entire Hebrew scriptures; I think *hesed* is the key to unity and living together "of one heart and soul" as the early Christians did.

And that's something the faith community can offer the world, something people yearn for (whether they know it or not), something many in our fast-paced, busy modern society lack: a place of belonging. So we come to church both to receive *hesed* and we come to church to practice *hesed*.

But genuine community isn't only about tight-knit Christian communities living together. Community may begin at home, and in small groups and congregations but it should not end there. The *hesed* that is grown in Christian community should radiate out into the larger community: into the larger Church, into our civic communities, towns, states, country and the world. It is through this kind of community that we partner with God in the in-breaking of the Reign of God into the world.

May First Presbyterian Church be a place of belonging. May this be a place where you and I and everyone who walks through our doors may receive and practice *hesed*. May we practice it here and radiate it out into the world. May it be so.



To the family of Warren Jontz. Warren died on March 23, 2018, at Park Centre Healthcare in Newton. A time of remembrance and celebration of life was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at the Newton First Presbyterian Church. Visitation was at the church, following the funeral services, with a lunch and fellowship time. Burial was in the Restland Cemetery, in Baxter. .

Warren L. Jontz, 89, was born December 3, 1928, near Rhodes, Iowa, . He was a graduate of the Newton Senior High School, Class of 1947. Warren had served his country with the US Army in Atlanta General Depot, during the Korean Conflict.

On June 26, 1951, Macy Jane Kayser and Warren were united in marriage. They were 50 year members of the Congregational Church in Baxter, prior to joining the Newton First Presbyterian Church in 1997. Warren and Macy farmed north of Newton, until they retired. They moved to Newton in 1997, where he enjoyed playing golf and tennis. He was recognized as a Paul Harris fellow with Rotary International, and loved to go to Rotary meetings in other countries. They spent 20 winters in Palm Springs, and enjoyed the many good friends they made there over the years. One of the great joys of his life was travel and meeting and talking to people. He was truly interested in other cultures and their ways of life. He was able to travel with Macy all over the world. He was proud of their traveling to 51 countries, but said it always made him appreciate home. One of their last trips was cruising around the southern tip of South America, from Valparaiso, Chile to Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2011.

He was a loving husband and father who always had a smile and a twinkle in his eye. He was a generous, funny and kind man, who led by example. He always said most people are good, and saw the best in everyone.

Warren is survived by his wife of 66 years, Macy; his daughter Jody McCoy; his nieces and nephews; and many good neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Jerry Jontz; a grandson PFC James Baxter McCoy on April 21, 2009; and a sister Jean Schmidt.



To the family of Kenneth E. Schnell. Ken, 87, of Newton died on Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Sun City, Arizona. Kenneth as born on July 8, 1930 in Grinnell, Iowa. On December 4, 1955, Ken was united in marriage with Marilyn Jean Wise in Newton, Iowa. They had three children, James "Jim", Donna, and Jane.

Ken served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a 50 year member of Oak Ridge Grange, Elks Lodge 1270, American Legion Post 111, Jasper County Farm Bureau and he was an Honorary member of the Newton FFA. He received the Newton Jaycee Young Farmer award and the Lawrence Hammerly Conservation Award.

Ken's two greatest passions in life were his family and farming. In his spare time he collected antique tractors and participated in many antique tractor rides. Ken also liked to travel and especially enjoyed Arizona winters. He was always the happiest when he had a steering wheel in hand.

Those left to honor Ken's memory are his wife, Jean; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Greg McWilliams of Homestead and Jane and Kent Harms of Cedar Rapids; daughter-in-law, Kim (Scott) DeGraff of Colfax; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; brother, Carroll Schnell; sister, Ellene Renaud; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Steve Dahlgren. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Jim Schnell.

A private burial was held at Newton Union Cemetery. A Family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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To the family of Mercedes Ann Wathen. Mercedes, 25, of Des Moines, formerly of Newton, died on Monday, April 2, 2018. The family greeted friends with a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 7, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mercedes, the daughter of Steven and Karen (Mielke) Wathen, was born on August 20, 1992 in Des Moines. She lived most of her life in Newton and attended Newton Community Schools before receiving her diploma from DMACC in Des Moines.

Mercedes is survived by her children, Athena and Ezekiel Phanphasy and their father, Thomas Phanphasy, all of Des Moines; mother, Karen Wathen of Newton; her siblings, Blake Wathen of Newton and Danielle (Billy) Roush of Newton; her maternal grandparents, Richard and Shirley Mielke of Newton; and paternal grandmother, Lois Wathen of Urbandale. She was preceded in death by her father, Steve Wathen and paternal grandfather, James Wathen.



To Marilyn McCallister and her family on the death of her father, James L. McCallister. He passed away unexpectedly on Thursday April 12, 2018, at the age of 89. James was born February 15, 1929 in Wattalula, Arkansas. He moved with his family to Porterville, California where he graduated from high school in 1948. He joined the US Air Force and was stationed in Topeka, Kansas where he met, Jean (Matz) McCallister. They were married April 4, 1952 and had four children: JoAnn, Marilyn, Allen, and Jim.

After graduating from Kansas State University in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering, James worked for the Missouri State Highway Commission until 1965 when he moved with his family to Des Moines, Iowa. There he began working for USDA Farmers Home Administration and retired in 1989. He became an active member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, taking a leadership role in that organization. James was a member of Crestwood Baptist Church, serving as Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and Sunday School teacher. He loved nature, being outdoors, camping and served on the Board of Directors of Cutty's Campground. James and Jean served others through their participation in Iowa Southern Baptist Campers on Mission.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, JoAnn Dean (Stephen) of Grimes, IA, Marilyn McCallister (friend Kathy Peterson) of Newton, IA, Allen McCallister (Carol) of Des Moines, IA, and James McCallister, Jr. of Shelton, WA; sister, Maxine Metcalf of Valencia, CA; his sisters-in-law; 14 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and other loving family members. James was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Jean; parents; and siblings, John, Doyle, HD, Raymond, Melba, Cecil, and Seldon.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, followed by the funeral service at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens in Des Moines. Burial was at Highland Memory Gardens.



Kenneth (Kenny) Johnson, 93, died Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Skiff Medical Center. Visitation will be on Friday, April 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church. His funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28th at the First Presbyterian Church, with burial at Newton Union Cemetery. A complete obituary for Kenny will be in next month's edition of the Messenger.



The honor which you conferred upon our loved one by assisting our family is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated by the family of Warren L. Jontz.

Thanks so much for preparing such a lovely lunch.

Macy and Jody



Friends at First Presbyterian Church -

Thank you to Linda Erickson for delivering, and to you all for the food. It was very helpful for when all the family got together. Your thoughts & prayers are appreciated!

The family of Ken Schnell
(Kim DeGraff's father-in-law)



Thank you so much First Presbyterian family for your warm and kind support of our family including Karen and Blake Wathen and Danielle Roush. Memorial funds will be for Mercedes Wathen's children. It was heartwarming for us to see so many people at Mercedes Celebration of Life, knowing she had touched so many lives. Keep all of us in your prayers.

Shirley and Dick Mielke and Karen Wathen



To my beloved church family,

I would like to thank you for the cards, flowers, gifts, visits and prayers I have received during my recent stay at Nelson Manor. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness..

Sincerely,
Gladys Sparks



Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the beautiful Easter lily. We replant the bulb in the fall and the following Spring have a lily again.

Appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Carol Goodwin



Church Life

Tara Zehr, Chair

The Church Life committee served over 50 people at our Easter breakfast before church on Sunday, April 1. We offered an amazing selection of egg casseroles, muffins, coffee cakes, breads, rolls and fresh fruit. Thank you to the Christian Nurture committee for the Easter egg hunt for the kids. A huge thank you to everyone who brought breakfast items or donated money to the Church Life Committee. Our next event will be another breakfast to celebrate our graduates the morning of May 27.

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| May 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m. | Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture Committee. Natalie Camp and Garrett Sturtz - graduates. |
| July 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m. | Worship at Woodland, jointly with Worship and Music Committee |
| August 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m. | Rally Day ecumenical worship service |
| September 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m. | Hayride and weenie roast at the Ritter Camp |
| October 14, 2018, 4:00 p.m. | Progressive Dinner |
| November 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee |
| December 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m. | Christmas caroling followed by chili supper |

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

During our March meeting we:

- ✚ Received a suggestion from Larry that Meghan post her written sermons on the church website. The committee agreed this was a good idea.
- ✚ Had discussion about the current status of the organ. The last information received from Sandy was she was trying to schedule Quimby a time to come and tune the organ and do needed repairs. Meanwhile, a pest control company has begun the process of eliminating the mouse problem. Linda suggested the committee ask Session that we use memorial fund money for these costs. Larry added that Davis Folkerts, who filled in at the organ for Sandy recently, reported there are 3 or 4 other small problems with the organ. He indicated he will detail those in an email to Sandy so Quimby can address those also.
- ✚ Discussed the details for Holy Week services.

No meeting was held in April.

MEMBERSHIP



Work is still being done on the new brochure. A rough draft was given to Helyn Wohlwend to review as the Moderator of the committee. Gary Parsons and Dave Stolper have been taking several new pictures. The committee will pick out the ones to be used soon.

Gary reported that he has received many positive comments on the "Yellow Pages" format the last two weeks. He will go back to the usual format soon.

MOMENT

Gary reported that the P.E.W. (Pray-Eat-Work) event on March 19 was very successful with the group completing their intended work in the time planned. We felt the narthex and sanctuary looked much better in preparation for Easter and the two upcoming weddings. There were more people helping this time than ever before (16). He felt we had also learned some things that will make the next narthex/sanctuary cleaning more efficient.

Transportation is still available for members needing a ride to and from church. Gary and Kay Parsons have given rides a couple of times. Anyone needing a ride, or knowing of someone that might, should contact Gary or the church office.

Joan is going to check with Tom Weeks to see if he can present a Sundays at 4 or Lunch After Church program about his father and his extensive WWII experiences. We will try for early June. She will also check with Bret and Amy Doerring about presenting a program on their trip to Cambodia and Thailand, possibly in the fall. Other possible programs are Nyadeed Wol (Sudan), Fana Teffera (Ethiopia) and Technology for Dummies.

Rev. Davis indicated that she has met with several potential new members.

Discussion had been held earlier about handing out flyers at the 4th of July parade with information about our church. Gary has found out from the Chamber of Commerce that they will not allow this due to the potential of increased litter.



At our April Meeting we:

- ◆ Went over our monthly visits
- ◆ Received information from Meghan on the visits she has made.
- ◆ Were given the current Treasurer report of \$373.93. We received a very large loose offering the first Sunday of March.
- ◆ Shirley said she had sent seven cards since the last report.
- ◆ Discussed new people that will be added to our visitation list.

Our next meeting will be May 20, since our regular date is Mother's Day.

Diane Moles, Moderator

FYI: Charitable Giving and the New Tax Law

The info below comes from the Clergy Financial Resources newsletter. Of course, you should check with your own tax professional to determine how these changes apply to you...

Changes to the tax law in 2018 have taken away most people's ability to deduct charitable contributions. But there are still a few options to consider in order to give and still receive.

Fortunately, there are options for donors who would like to obtain a tax benefit for their generosity. One permits anyone 70½ or older to make a direct transfer of IRA balances up to \$100,000 per year to a charity. For most donors, these **qualified charitable distributions (QCDs)** make it possible to net an ever-greater tax benefit because those dollars will never hit your adjusted gross income (AGI). Because you would have paid income taxes on that distribution, this strategy offers significant benefit to those who would have given that amount regardless. Added bonus: QCDs go toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD). Bear in mind, though, that QCDs must come from IRAs; they cannot come from 401(k)s.

Another option, **charitable stacking or lumping**, is quickly emerging within different circles as the charitable strategy of the future. It's not complicated. Instead of giving \$10,000 per year over five years to a charity, you would give \$50,000 in one year, taking you above the new \$24,000 standard deduction and thus providing a tax benefit for your contribution.

It doesn't matter what or how a person does something. What really matters is why they do what they do. The why is tied to emotions, while the what and how are tied to logic. Think about why you give to the nonprofits on your list. Of course, you may enjoy a tax benefit for donating, but it is not the reason why you do it.

News from Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Linda Curtis-Stolper

First Presbyterian members are being very generous in donating quarters to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Laundry Nights. During June, we are taking the next step and serving as volunteers to help at the laundromat. Laundry nights in June will take place on Monday, June 11 and Monday, June 25 at the Newton Laundromat behind Domino's on E. 17th St. N. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We need 5 volunteers from 4:00-6:00 pm and 3 volunteers from 6:00-8:00 pm on each of the Monday nights. If you have any questions about this, call Linda Curtis-Stolper (641-840-2417).

Neighbors Helping Neighbors summer clothing give-away will be Sat., June 9. We need your help! As you sort your spring/summer clothing and make decisions not to keep something - please consider donating to this cause. Due to storage considerations, we will start collecting clothing the final week of April. We can use clean clothing in good repair. Please realize that we will throw away clothing that is not fit to be worn, and do not bring it to us. Everyone wants to look presentable. Do not bring winter clothing at this time. You may bring donations to First Presbyterian Church office during office hours (9:00-1:30 M-Th) or First Lutheran Church office during office hours (8:30-12:30 M-F).

Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

The purpose of the Mission Committee is to recommend, approve, manage, and terminate mission projects. The committee communicates about opportunities for mission involvement and promotes congregational participation.

Border Links presentation by Rev. Meghan Davis and a luncheon preceding, was held on March 18 and well received with about 20 in attendance.

One Great Hour of Sharing collection was held on March 25. \$540 was received for this offering. The committee thanks Barb Taylor for her promotional efforts.

Mission Coalition Cross Walk was held on March 30. This was a successful event with good weather, but perhaps lower attendance. Thanks to Linda Curtis-Stolper for coordinating the annual Cross Walk.

Presbyterian Women Spring Connection was a joint event between First Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches. The event was held at the UP Church on April 7. Linda Curtis-Stolper presented a program about Neighbors Helping Neighbors and 6 blankets were created for the program. Lunch was served to 27 participants with money going to First Presbyterian's. receptions fund. Quarters were donated for laundry night.

Hunger Sermon by Nancy Lister-Settle, Des Moines Presbytery Hunger Action Enabler, about the Cents-ability program was held April 29. A small way in which we can become more aware of God's many blessings to us is by sharing those blessings with others. **Cents-Ability** is a strategy for raising hunger awareness. It originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal" project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Cents-Ability cans will be available on the coffee time tables to toss your cents-a-meal donations into from April 29 – May 20. Cents-Ability containers will also be available to take home for coin donations during the week. The committee approved having 50% of all contributions will go to local hunger programs, with 25% going to the Presbytery hunger program and the other 25% going to the national Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser will be held on June 5. Jane Repp has agreed to be the general coordinator and she has been contacting committee leaders. Proceeds will go into the mission opportunities fund to be distributed to several projects during the year.

RAGBRAI will have their overnight stay in Newton on July 25. Discussion revolved around the possibility of handing out little promotional items and Linda Anderson shared her hopes of helping host some disability riders. She plans a demonstration of some of her adaptable bikes and some kind of hosting possibilities for a team of disabled riders that are riding all of RAGBRAI on adaptive bikes. She will report back when the plans take shape to see how we can fit into that event.

Mission Coalition Linda Curtis-Stolper reported that First Presbyterian Church members will help with delivering weekend meals to persons in our community during June. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please check your schedule and sign up if you can help with this ministry. There may only be 3-4 persons receiving the meals on a given day, but it's important that they are served!

Mariners in Mission – Barb and John recently returned from a week at Bethelwoods camp in South Carolina, where 10 participants made a tee-shirt quilt and tee-shirt tote bags, painted and made signs as well as some electrical work. The next work week will be at Stronghold camp in Illinois.

Jasper County Take Away Hunger – The next packing event will be July 7 at St. Luke Methodist. The committee hopes to have a team of 12 help with the packing.

Days for Girls International. Marilyn reported that 16 volunteers completed 8 kits and many kit components during their March work day. The April work day was April 26 and May's will be May 24.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jen Norvell, Chair

Operating Revenue and Expenses for the month of February:

- ◇ Pledges for the month were \$23,701. This was \$13,751 above budget for the month, reflecting the response to the appeal for additional pledges.
- ◇ Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$680 for the month, which was \$280 above budget.

Other Income for the month:

- ◇ \$53.50 from Lenten breakfasts. Once a decision is made about what project these donations will fund, the money will be moved to that account.
- ◇ Church Life had \$353 in donations from the potato bar.
- ◇ We received \$1,896 in per capita donations.

Expenses for the month:

- ◇ Building & Grounds expense was \$290 above budget due to snow removal in January and February.
- ◇ Administrative Expense was \$328 above budget due to replenishment of our coffee.
- ◇ The 2017 Christmas Joy and One Great Hour offerings were remitted to Presbytery, totaling \$1,397. Also, we received \$95 for the 2018 One Great Hour offering.

In total for the month, expenses were \$457 above budget.

Year-to-date through February

- ◇ Year-to-date pledges are \$14,036 over budget
- ◇ Other Regular Giving is \$1,080 over budget
- ◇ Expenses are \$548 over budget

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Operating Revenue and Expenses for the month of March:

- ◇ Pledges for the month were \$11,423. This was \$1,470 above budget for the month.
- ◇ Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$530 for the month, which was \$127 above budget.

Other Income for the month:

- ◇ \$74 from Lenten breakfasts. Once a decision is made about what project these donations will fund, the money will be moved to that account.
- ◇ \$60 for a church use donation.
- ◇ We received \$497 in per capita donations.

Expenses for the month:

Building & Grounds expense was \$986 above budget due to high gas prices for heating the church and some unanticipated repair expenses.

In total for the month, expenses were \$664 above budget.

Year-to-date through March

- ◇ Year-to-date pledges are \$15,506 over budget
- ◇ Other Regular Giving is \$1,207 over budget
- ◇ Expenses are \$1,213 over budget





MAY 2018 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p>9 00 a Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 a Worship</p> <p>11:30 a Fellowship</p> | | <p>1</p> <p>6:30p Worship & Music</p> | <p>2 Warren Erickson</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir</p> | <p>3 Gary Parsons Ahren Rickers</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 7p Christian Nurture</p> | <p>4 /</p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>6 Andi Hollenbeck</p> | <p>7</p> <p>4:45p Personnel</p> | <p>8</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission</p> | <p>9 Laura Miller</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:15p Membership 6p Budget & Finance 7p Choir</p> | <p>10</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>13</p>  <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</p> | <p>14 Nancy Mott Dave Funk</p> <p>5:30p Building & Grounds</p> | <p>15</p> <p>8:30a-3p Presbytery Meeting in Oskaloosa 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session</p> | <p>16 Anders Hopkins</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga</p> | <p>18 Mary Jane Tripp</p> <p>Articles due for the Messenger</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20 Kim DeGraff</p> <p>9a Deacons</p> | <p>21 Ruby Davis</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>7p Choir</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9a-2p Days for Girls 3p Chair Yoga</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27 Chandler Sturtz</p> <p>9a Breakfast honoring graduates</p> | <p>28</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>  | <p>29</p> | <p>30 Sandy Simbro Rick Miller Porter Hamilton</p> | <p>31</p> | | |

**SCHEDULE
OF**



VOLUNTEERS

| May | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i> | Tom Mott | Linda Kirchhoff | Bev Rossow | Deanna Manley |
| Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i> | Linda Kirchhoff | Marilyn McCallister | Nancy Mott | Diane Moles |
| Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i> | Gary & Kay Parsons | Kevin & Toni Peska | Terry Rickers Bev Rossow | Cole Doerring Carroll Brodersen |
| Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i> | Larry & Shari DeCook | Dan & Cheryl Ritter | Dick & Shirley Mielke | Terry & Cat Rickers |
| Audio <i>Shirley Stevens</i> | Kyle Doerring | Shirley Stevens | Dan Ritter | Shirley Stevens |
| Counters <i>Budget & Finance</i> | Tara Zehr Bret Doerring | Jonnie Carpenter Tom Weeks | Jen Norvell Janet Shields | Terry Rickers Peggy/Chris Lickiss |
| Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i> | Shari DeCook | Sandy Simbro | Barb Taylor | Linda Campbell |
| Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i> | Mickey Van Baale | Mary Jane Tripp | Barb Taylor | Linda Campbell |
| Communion Set up <i>Worship & Music</i> | Marilyn McCallister Helyn Wohlwend | | | Tara Zehr Karen Quinn (Graduation) |

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

May, 2018

May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; *Ps. 98*; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17

May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Ps. 1*;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 20 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek. 37:1-14;
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:22-27 or
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27 - Trinity Sunday

Isa. 6:1-8; *Ps. 29*;
Rom. 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

June, 2018

June 3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); *Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18*;
2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15);
Ps. 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 17 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; *Ps. 20*;
2 Cor. 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17;
Mark 4:26-34

June 24 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and
Ps. 9:9-20; or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16
and *Ps. 133*; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41