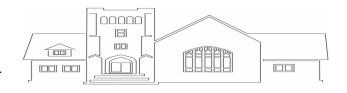
#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWTON, IOWA 641-792-2790

"The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world."

## THE MESSENGER



OCTOBER 2016

#### **Meghan's Musings**

A Faithful Life is Like Training a Puppy

Well, you knew it would be coming didn't you? This will be the first time, but surely not the last, that you'll be hearing my spiritual reflections on my life with young ZuZu (now 5.5 months old).

I use a smartphone app called "Puddle & Pile" to help me housetrain ZuZu (yes, there is an app for that!) I record every time she makes a "puddle" or a "pile" and whether it's a "success" or an "accident". Then the app barks at me whenever, according to its calculations, ZuZu is likely to need to go potty. As time goes on, the app becomes more and more accurate just as ZuZu becomes more and more in control of her functions so that we got to more successes than accidents. Additionally, the app gauges the progress through a tally of stars that add up until eventually you hit "100" (as in a grade of "100").

Well, I'm happy to say that last week, ZuZu and I finally hit "100" on the app. Now, I'm not naïve enough to think that I'm out of the woods. In fact she left me a really big "offering" last Sunday as I was getting ready for church. But I didn't get angry and I didn't take it personally. I knew that she didn't do it to spite me. I knew she didn't do it to be naughty. She simply had an accident. And I simply cleaned it up and we got on with our day (ok, I might of ever-so-gently, with just the slightest tone of disappointment said, "really ZuZu? Well, I guess it's at least partially my fault for missing the signs you were trying to give me.") (No, really, it was *ever*-so-gently...) No, I know we're not out of the woods but it's nice to see the light at the end of the tunnel (sorry to mix my metaphors there...).

And I was thinking, wouldn't it be nice if we had an app that we could use to know that we're on the right track in our spiritual lives? What if every time we came to worship, volunteered somewhere, prayed, financially supported the church or other charities, what if every time we did those things, we got a star so that, at some point in our lives we hit "100" and knew we'd made the grade?

Unfortunately, it's not that easy. It would be nice if it were, but it's just not. However the good news is, we have a pretty good idea of what we should be doing, how we should be living, how we should be treating others in order to get those imaginary stars. And here's the better news: in the puppy/human trainer analogy, we are the puppies and God is the trainer. And just as I don't get angry with ZuZu when she has her accidents, I don't think God gets angry when we miss the mark. I think God ever-so-gently says, "Really [insert name]? OK..." and gives us the benefit of the doubt that we can do better and that we will endeavor to do better. [But usually we do have to clean up our own accidents... That's where the analogy breaks down...;-)] Because, however much I love and adore ZuZu (and that's a lot), God love and adores us infinitely more. Thanks be to God!



- \*For Elaine VanderBroek, who at the time of this printing is in hospice care and in her last days.
- \*For Carol Russell and her sister, Glenda Brown, who is in Methodist hospital having had 2 surgeries recently to amputate a foot and part of her leg.
- \*For members of our church family with health issues, especially those that are home bound.
- \*For our fellow lowans who have suffered through flooding in their towns.
- \*For victims of continued shootings in Minnesota, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina
- \*For the people of Sudan, Syria and all other areas torn by war.

There have been three births to celebrate in our church family during the month of September. Two boys and one girl were welcomed by Moms, Dads, siblings, grandparents as well as all of us.

First to be born was Cooper Michael Mellick, who was born on September 1. Cooper is the first child of Caitlin and Curtis Mellick and the first grandchild for Julie and Don Fisher.



The girl to come along was Tierney Brynn Morrill. Tierney was born on September 21. She is the daughter of Anne and Ben Morrill and little sister to Fiona and Liam. Her proud grandma is Helyn Wohlwend and she is also welcomed by Aunt Andi.



Our third baby was born Tuesday evening, September 27. His name is Garrett Dale Zehr, son of Erick and Tara Zehr and little brother to Emmett. Garrett's grandparents are Kevin and Toni Peska and his proud aunts are Rachel and Taylor Peska.



Congratulations to all from your church family.

Our Fall Style show will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 11 am to 2 pm. The clothing will be from The Hall Tree in Pella, the same merchant that we featured at our Spring event. Tickets will be \$20 per person and available at the church office. Remember the church office is open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursday. Only 85 tickets will be available, so get yours early. Linda Campbell and her helpers will again be making a delicious luncheon and some of the men from the church will be doing the serving. It is always a grand event - don't miss out.



#### **Community Survey**

The Racial Harmony & Justice Working Group (which developed from last year's showing of "Selma" sponsored by many Newton churches, including our own), has been working on developing a survey to get an idea of the temperature of the community around racial issues. The survey is now available!

It is currently up online: <a href="http://">http://</a>
<a href="newtondailynews.secondstreetapp.com/Racial-Harmony--Justice-Working-Group/">http://</a>
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It was distributed in hard copy in the Newton Daily News on Tuesday, September 20. Hard copies are also available at the Daily News, KCOB, and O'Reilly Auto Parts.

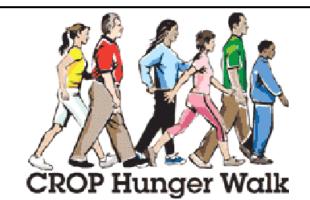
The survey will be open through Monday, October 3. Findings from the survey will be shared during a public forum held at the DMACC Auditorium on Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm.

Fill out the survey online or use the hard copy. If you need a paper form of the survey, please let Meghan know.

Thank you for adding your voice to this important conversation!

Our new Administrative Assistant is Barbara Vasquez from Knoxville. Barbara will be starting on Monday, October 17. To our advantage, she is the former Administrative Assistant at UCC. Please welcome her with open arms as she will be a great asset to our staff





October 2, 2016

Meet at the Courthouse at 1:30 pm

Whether you are walking or not, your donation would be appreciated.

Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and write "Crop Walk" on the memo line or you can go online to make your donation, which is the preferred payment method. The address is: www.crophungerwalk.org/newtonia/Donate

#### Women's Bible Study...

will be starting Wednesday morning, October 5 at 9:30 am. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending, so we make sure to have enough materials.

The study this year is entitled "Who Is Jesus?" Books cost \$8.00, and large print editions are available. Please let us also know if you need the large print.



The Taylor children – Scott, Sarah, Marilee and families - invite you to help celebrate their mother's (Barbara's) 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house in Fellowship Hall on October 30 from 2-4 pm. No gifts please.



## INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER

# TAMAR WASOIAN Syria

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Dr. Tamar Wasoian is an Armenian educator and theologian from Syria. She began her seminary education at Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon. After completing her education she was appointed as the Youth Worker and became responsible for Sunday Schools in the Armenian Evangelical Church in Syria. As the Republic of Armenia declared its independence from the Soviet Union, the Armenian Missionary Association started its mission work in the Armenian homelands. Called to ministry in her homelands, she joined the church team and was in charge of the Christian Education ministry in the Republic of Armenia and Mountainous Garapagh. In 2001 she joined the McCormick Theological Seminary to complete her MTS degree after which she returned to teach and minister in Armenia. Tamar then pursued her Doctoral degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Religious Education and Congregational Studies. She currently lives in Chicago and teaches both at McCormick Theological Seminary and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She is on the steering committee of Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Churches (USA), and the Middle East Task Force.

Dr. Wasoian offers to speak about the Armenian Genocide and the centennial commemoration of the genocide; the Syrian Armenian community and relived memories of the genocide; Christian communities in the Middle East and their quest for survival and justice in this time of war and chaos. She is happy to consider any other relevant topic requested in advance.

Dr. Wasoian will be visiting our church on Saturday evening, October 8. We will be having a potluck meal at 6:30 pm and her presentation at 7:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be furnished. Due to dietary restrictions, Tamar does not eat sugar, salt or gluten. Not everyone needs to adhere to this, but please be sure to mark your dish accordingly, so she will know which items she can have.

Presbytery of Des Moines

#### **South Sudan Informational Trip**

On Sunday, Oct. 16, a group from FPC will be traveling to Omaha to learn first-hand about the strife in South Sudan. Lawrence Kenyi, who has been attending our church regularly for several months, is originally from the Equatoria region of South Sudan. A substantial number of Sudanese from that region now live in Omaha. They will be hosting a speaker who fled South Sudan recently and is residing in Minnesota; he was a provincial governor in Equatoria.

We hope to learn more about the situation in South Sudan, as well as, perhaps, how we can be supportive of Lawrence and of this Sudanese community.

If others are interested in making this trip, please contact the church office or Larry Anderson.

#### **Christian Nurture**

Karen Quinn, Chair

Christian Nurture is for everyone in the congregation, not just the children. Women's Bible Study and Adult Sunday School are part of Christian Nurture. The CN committee would like to hear from the congregation about some new ideas.

First we would like to know if there are adults interested in learning to more effectively use their smartphones. Then we would like to know if there are high school age individuals who would be willing to pair up with an older person to teach them to use a smartphone.

We would also like to know if any adults would like to learn how to use a computer more effectively. We could have a class for adults on computers.

We are also wanting to start a music class for children using bells, autoharp, piano and any other instruments. This would start probably in November with Christmas music. Karen Quinn would be one of the teachers. Any others are welcome to join her.

Please notify Karen if you have any interest in any of these ideas by calling her at 641-275-1432. Thanks everyone.







#### Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

During our meeting the following business was handled and/or discussed:

- \*Past services were reviewed and it was decided that the combined church block party went very well but the activities after the meal need to be scaled back for next year.
- \*The large print Bibles have been ordered and have arrived. They will be on the counter in the Narthex next to the large print bulletins for use during services.
- \*Session has approved having communion every graduation Sunday.
- \*At the current time, we do not have enough young people to assign a Candlelighter each week. The committee decided that for now an usher or the Worship leader will do this unless a student is there and willing. It will be a week by week basis.
- \*Advent will be starting November 27,so the Advent Booklet was discussed. The theme for this year will be "Season of Hope" and Linda Curtis-Stolper and Dave Stolpher agreed to be in charge. They need 28 entries so they will be asking for individuals to contribute. See more information on page 8.



#### **Church Life Activities**

Tara Zehr, Chair

#### Next Event: Progressive Dinner on October 23, starting at 4:00 pm

The Ritter Hayride and Bonfire proved to be another successful Church Life outing on Sunday, September 25th. Perfect weather and great company made it a great way to kick off the coming week. 28 adults, 2 dogs and 1 child enjoyed a tractor ride through the fields full of cattle, followed by hot dogs, mushrooms and s'mores grilled over the fire and plenty of snacks to go around. Thank you to everyone who brought chips and cookies to share with the group. A huge thank you to the Ritter family for again hosting our group at their wonderful farm! We look forward to seeing everyone at our Progressive Dinner event on October 23rd.

Date & Time	Event
October 23, 2016, 4:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
November 20, 2016, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 18, 2016, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

It's time to sign up for the 2016 Progressive Dinner! If you've never participated, this is the year to start and enjoy a four-course meal shared with church friends. We'll gather together and share appetizers in one home; split up and travel to other homes for salad and main courses; and get back together again at the last home to share dessert together and compare experiences.

The date is Sunday, October 23, 2016, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The next course begins at 5:00 p.m., and so on, so that everyone's full and ready to go home by 8:00 or so.

Here's who we need:

- People/Person to assist with the appetizer course
- People to host a salad course or a main course in their home
- People to assist with a main course
- People/Person to assist with the dessert course

Everyone is welcome – singles and couples. We will take care of transportation for non-drivers, if you let us know when you sign up.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Tara Zehr, at <u>641-521-3600</u>, or via e-mail at <u>tarazehr@gmail.com</u>. We'll also be in Fellowship Hall after worship on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the signup deadline.

"Yoga for Runners" class will be held on Saturday mornings at 8 am. The format will be 1/2 hour yoga, 1/2 hour running, 1/2 hour yoga. This is a pilot program in October to see if there's enough participation to make it worth continuing. Though it's called "yoga for runners" if anyone wants to come and walk or ride their bike (or sleep \*wink\*) during the time for running, they are welcome. Anyone who has never taken a yoga class here at the church should arrive 10-15 minutes early for their first class to fill out a registration form. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel (we have a few loaner mats but not enough for everyone). Note: there will be no class Saturday Oct 15 due to the Style Show.

#### **Mission Committee**

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

**Mission Committee Purpose:** To recommend, approve, manage, and terminate mission projects. The committee communicates about opportunities for mission involvement and promotes congregational participation.

- ◆ Days for Girls Workshop Ten volunteers gathered on Thursday, September 22 to create the three pieces of the sustainable feminine hygiene kits. The kits are made out of colorful 100% cotton material (quilter's cotton or similar to) including flannels. Other supplies needed for the kits are 100% polyester thread (prefer bright colors like hot pink), gallon size freezer Ziploc bags and colorful 100% cotton wash cloths (thin ones for quick drying). The next scheduled workshop will be Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 amnoon in fellowship hall. All are welcome to join in on this great mission project.
- Collection for the Salvation Army Food Pantry continues with a special request for tuna helper, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese and Ramen noodles. We will check with the Salvation Army to see if there are any special requests. Even though we have received these items that are in great need, any non-perishable items will be appreciated. Also, our time for donating is the last Sunday of each month. If you forget to bring items then, that is okay. Bring them when you think of it and we'll make sure they are delivered to the Salvation Army. Captain Mikey Carter says that on behalf of the 600 or more people who receive food from the pantry each month, they thank us for our generous contributions.
- The Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 2 in Newton. The three-mile walk will begin at 2 p.m. starting at the courthouse lawn. Registration begins at 1:30 pm. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised stays in the county. For more information, contact Linda Curtis-Stolper at 641-792-4920. See the additional article on page 3.
- ♦ Following a potluck on Saturday, October 8 at 6:30 pm, Tamar Wasoian will share about her work as a PC(USA) International Peacemaker from Syria and Armenia. The Mission Committee will provide table service and beverages. Please bring a dish to share. Due to dietary restrictions, Tamar does not eat sugar, salt or gluten. Not everyone needs to adhere to this, but please be sure to mark your dish accordingly, so she will know which items she can have. See the additional article about this on page 4.
- Presbyterian Women Fall Connection will be held Saturday, October 15 at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston, IA with the theme, "Happy and Healthy Women". Workshops will be held on worship, healthy cooking and crafting. For more details, contact Barb Taylor at 641-792-6990.
- Mission Coalition's fund raiser of the annual pie sale at the McCann Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our church is to donate 8 pies. If you can donate a pie or two for this worthy cause, please contact Linda Curtis-Stolper. Pies need to be delivered to McCann Center before 9:00 am.
- Our Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon will be happening on Saturday, October 15 in Fellowship Hall. Fashions will be featured from The Hall Tree in Pella and Urbandale, the same vendor we had at our Spring Fashion Show. Tickets are now available at the church office for \$20 each. Seating will be limited to 85. Linda Campbell and crew will be making a delicious lunch featuring her fabulous chicken salad. You won't want to miss out, so get your ticket now. Thank you goes out to Elsie Nelson and Shirley Stevens for being the co-chairs of this project.



#### **Our College Members**

We'd like to improve our outreach to the members of our congregation who are in college. Parents -- please send us the address of your college-age kids. We'd like to periodically send them cards, newsletters and reminders of their family at First Pres. Please email or drop a note to the church office.





#### **Advent Booklet**

For many years, our congregation has celebrated Advent by sharing stories, memories, poems, and reflections collected in our annual Advent Booklet. The theme for the 2016 booklet is "A Season of Hope."

Dave Stolper and Linda Curtis-Stolper have agreed to coordinate the assembly of this year's booklet. Everyone in our church family is invited and encouraged to consider how Advent might be a source of hope and to submit something for the booklet. The deadline to submit articles is November 1. Items can be emailed to: dave.stolper@gmail.com or linda.curtisstolper@gmail.com.

The Advent Booklet is a gift we give each other. Thank you for your contribution to continuing the tradition.





At our September meeting we had the following business:

\*Shirley Stevens reported she had sent 1 card in June, 21 in July and 27 in August.

\*Members reported on their visits during the summer months, since we didn't meet during that time.

\*Tabled until next month any action on donating money.

\*Discussed care packages for our church's college students.

#### **Budget and Finance Corner**

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of August were \$11,349. This was \$820 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$845 for the month, which is \$109 above budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$1,585 under budget.

Year-to-date through August, pledges are \$4,529 over budget and expenses are \$85 under budget.

#### **Activity included:**

- Additional memorial funds received honoring Janie Moles.
- Deacons received contributions of \$53.53.
- Work Week received a total of \$275.42 from participant fees and donations. Work Week paid trip-related expenses in the amount of \$3,480.34.



#### **Building and Grounds**

George Wilkening, Chair

On August 22, a representative Brierholz, the contractor who oversaw the repainting of the sanctuary ceiling last time, brought painting and roofing contractors to the church to analyze the pealing paint in the sanctuary. They used electronic instrumentation to analyze the moisture content of the plaster in the ceiling. At that time, they couldn't find any excess moisture in the sanctuary or in the attic. Much excess moisture, however, was found on the second floor behind the balcony and in the tower room. Further investigation has revealed a splitting of the membrane on the tower roof. We are attempting to calk the cracks and at the same time actively seeking bids to replace the roof. There is some additional splitting of a roof membrane on the main roof where the tower roof drain empties out. We are not sure how to reach that spot to attempt repairs so professional help will be needed to solve the problem.

The sanctuary ceiling issue is due to the ridge vent installed during the last major reroofing of the sanctuary portion sometime in the 1970's or 1980's. The contractor feels the vent should never have been installed and either needs to be removed or soffit venting installed. Either option would involve considerable expense.

We will be opening the carpet on the second floor to expose the floor boards to allow them to dry out. Once the tower roof issues are solved, we will do what floor repairs are necessary to the second floor boards and carpeting. We plan to temporarily close the South stairway to the second floor to normal traffic, due to tripping hazards. The audio personnel can use the spiral staircase out of the sanctuary.

The front steps have been on hold for 3 reasons.

- 1. Contractor was waiting on detailed drawings from the architect, which were received about two weeks ago.
- 2. The type of reinforcing steel to be used was not in stock. It has been ordered and is on hand.
- 3. A change had to be made in the color used for the hand railings.

The reorganization of the church offices is done. We still need to consolidate the office supplies from various places throughout the Building Church into the east office. This will allow better inventory control. and Grounds



MEMBERSHIP Two "Sundays at 4" events are scheduled for October. On October 9, Gary Parsons will present "Bears I Have Known", speaking on encounters he and his family and friends have had over the years, plus some interesting things he has

learned about bears. As we have done in the past, pizza will be ordered for those interested in eating after the program. The cost normally runs \$3 to \$4 per person and drinks are furnished.

On October 30, Davis Folkerts will present an organ concert to commemorate Reformation Sunday. As you know, Davis is a well-known and accomplished organist and we can't wait to hear what thrilling music he will choose to share with us. There is no charge, although free will donations are always welcome. Invite your neighbors and friends for what will be a great time of music starting at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow.

First Presbyterian members will also have an opportunity to participate in the City's Halloween "Trunk or Treat" on Beggars' Night. Participants will decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out treats provided by the committee. We'll park on the west side of our parking lot. Come join in the fun and see the kids' costumes!

We thank Cathy Rickers and Jeannette Shannon for their many years of dedicated service on our committee, and welcome new members Warren Erickson, Rachel Peska, and Taylor Peska!





October 30



## October 2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am						1 8a Yoga for Runners
2 Jackie Moles  World Wide Communion 1:30p Crop Walk	3 Kay Parsons	4 Brad Ritter  11a Gentle Yoga 5:30p Building & Grounds 6:30p Worship & Music	5 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	6 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	7 Peder Hopkins	8 8a Yoga for Runners 6:30p Potluck & 7p Presentation by Tamar Wasoian - Int'l Peacemaker
9 Bev Rossow 9a Deacons 4p Sundays at 4	10	11 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	9:30a Women's Bible Study 5p Membership 6p B&F 7p Choir	13 Roger Harmelink  3p Chair Yoga 7p Christian Nurture	14 Pat Koppin	9a-2p McCann Flea Market & Pie Sale PW Fall Connection in Johnston 11a-2p Fall Style Show & Lunch
16 Trip to Omaha	17 Jean Linthicum	18 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	21 Lou Axtell	22 Josh Ventling 8a Yoga for Runners
23 Bob LeBlanc 4p Progressive Dinner	24	25 11a Gentle Yoga	26 Clayton Case 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	9a-noon Day for Girls 3p Chair Yoga	28	29 Jim Skokan 8a Yoga for Runners
30 Jonnie Carpenter 2-4p Birthday Open House for Barbara Taylor 4p Sundays at 4	31					



October	2	9	16	23	30	Nov.6
Worship Leader Office	Harriet Harmelink	Linda Kirchhoff	Mickey Van Baale	Dave Stolper	Gary Parsons	Bev Rossow
Host Elder/Deacon Diane Moles	Bret Doerring	Karen Quinn	Elsie Nelson	Kevin Peska	Shirley Stevens	Marilyn McCallister
Greeters Julie Brodersen	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Dick & Shirley Mielke	Doug Cutts & Cole Doerring	Janet Shields
Ushers Office	Barb Gallaher	Tom & Nancy Mott	Dana Hashman Shirley Stevens	Kevin & Toni Peska	Larry & Shari DeCook	Dick Mielke & Doug Cutts
Audio Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Dan Ritter
Counters Jonnie Carpenter	Terry Rickers Mickey Van Baale	Dan & Cheryl Ritter	Roger Harmelink & Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter & Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen & Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers & Mickey Van Baale
Bread Ministry Baker Barb Taylor	Jane Repp	Val McKee	Dixie Zegars	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook
Bread Ministry Taker Barb Taylor	Carol Russell	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale
Communion Set up Linda Kirchhoff	George Wilkening Marilyn McCallister					Val McKee Bret Doerring

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#### Lectionary —

#### October, 2016

October 2 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost Lam. 1:1-6; *Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137;* 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 9 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost Jer. 29:1, 4-7; *Ps. 66:1-12;* 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16—22nd Sunday after Pentecost Jer. 31:27-34; *Ps. 119:97–104;* 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Joel 2:23-32; *Ps. 65;* 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; *Ps. 119:137-144;* 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

#### November, 2016

**November 6 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost** Hag. 1:15b-2:9; *Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98*; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost Isa. 65:17-25; *Isa. 12*; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

November 20 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ Jer. 23:1-6; *Luke 1:68-79;* Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent** Isa. 2:1-5; *Ps. 122*; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44