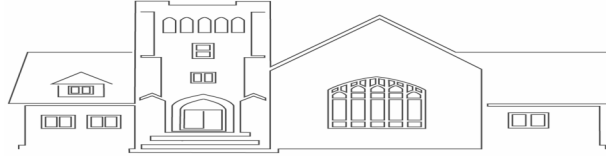


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THE MESSENGER



SEPTEMBER 2015

Meghan's Musings

Well, it's that time of year... As the days get shorter and cooler, I suppose few share my lack of enthusiasm to bid farewell to the hot humid days of summer (with the possible exception of students and educators). I know it seems strange but I'd take extreme heat over mild cold any day (never mind extreme cold). Already I find myself thinking, with dread, of the famous line from *Game of Thrones*: Winter is coming! But even I have to admit that this morning's run in a sunny 54 degrees sure beats those few times I was silly enough to try to run in 90+ with "feels like" of third level of Hades.

Indeed, September is here and that means programs, some new and some returning. Here are a few of the things on the horizon:

Yoga: The full yoga schedule returns **September 21!!** If you've drifted away from yoga or been interested but perhaps a bit intimidated or reluctant for any reason: now is your chance to (re)join us! Concerned that you're not flexible enough for yoga? There's a common saying among yoga instructors: saying you're too inflexible for yoga is like saying you're too dirty to take a bath! Concerned about getting down on the floor (or perhaps even worse, getting back up)? Start out with chair/senior yoga! Have questions? Ask me!

Yoga Flow: Monday 6:15 pm

Gentle Yoga: Tuesday 11:00 am

Chair/Yoga for Seniors: Thursday 3:00 pm

Yoga Flow: Saturday 10:00 am

Kids' Yoga: Time and date to be determined. If your kid(s) or grandkid(s) or another child you know is interested, please let me know so I can take their schedule into account when figuring out when to have the class.

Women's Bible Study: The guides are in! This year's study looks great: *Come to the Waters* looks at the role water plays throughout scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Study guides are \$8 (\$12 large print). If you used a large print last year we've got you covered; otherwise please let Jenny (in the office) know in advance if you'd like a large print guide. Starting **September 23**, we'll be meeting weekly Wednesday mornings 9:30ish-11am.

Youth Downtown: Calling all middle and high school youth! The new combined youth group of First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Congregational UCC, First Lutheran and the Salvation Army will be meeting weekly at Friendship House beginning **Sunday September 13 6-8 pm**. We had a great kick-off event in August and I'm really excited about this new opportunity. Feel free to bring a friend (or several!!)

Liturgical Arts: Cathy Rickers and I are going to be working on new banners and perhaps other ways of artistically enhancing our worship experience. We have no times set yet, so if you'd like to be involved, please let one of us know!

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Be Praying For...

- ✚ All the administrators, teachers and students who have recently started school.
- ✚ Our members, Sam Cutts, Cole Doerring, Macy Leonard and Jeffrey Fitzgerald, as they begin the next phase of their lives. And to their parents as they let go and let God watch over and protect their son or daughter.
- ✚ Those who have recently lost their job and are currently seeking employment.
- ✚ Don Cross, Mickey Van Baale's brother, who had a heart attack on Saturday, August 22. He is now home but will be having tests to see what course of action might need to be taken.
- ✚ Alan Law, husband of Chris Leonard Law, had open heart surgery on Monday, August 24 at Mayo clinic.
- ✚ Charlie Bruce, Jen Norvell's dad, is having bypass surgery at Methodist Hospital on September 2. He will be having triple or quadruple bypasses.

Congratulations To...

Sandy Smit on the birth of her first grandchild, Avery Faith. Avery is the daughter of Emily (Smit) and James Dorr and was born July 25th. She is Emily and James' first child.

Tom and Susan Weeks on the birth of their granddaughter, Caroline Grace! She is the daughter of Steve and Jen Weeks and was born July 8. Cara is little sister to Anna.



Marilyn McAllister, Sandy Shiver, Bonnie Rasmussen, and Erick Zehr have been meeting with Rev. Meghan as a New Member class and will be joining our church on Sunday, September 27. Connie Robertson has also attended the classes but will not be joining at this time.

The group met with Session at Joan Tyler's home on Monday evening, August 31. The Session members "examined" the prospective members and voted on accepting them into membership.

Marilyn McAllister is a familiar face around the church. She sings in the choir, is a member of the Mission committee and is our liaison to Mission Coalition. Marilyn works at a project manager for EMC Insurance Companies. She enjoys travelling, both in the USA and abroad. Her hobbies include knitting, reading and visiting with family and friends.

Sandy Shiver is the daughter of former member, Harlene Ettleson. She has four daughters, three who live in Newton and one in Kansas City. Sandy retired from Maytag in 1999 and then worked for Al Gore's political campaign and also that of Leonard Boswell. Doing ceramics, and even teaching a class was one of Sandy's former hobbies and she also loves to crochet. She hasn't been able to do much of either in recent years, while taking care of Harlene, but perhaps will soon be able to start them again.

Bonnie Rasmussen is a retired nurse who has been widowed twice. Bonnie grew up in the Lutheran church, joined the Methodist church with her first husband, the Catholic church with her second husband, and now the Presbyterian church. She plays a lot of tennis and enjoys card games and anything outdoors. Bonnie is the mother to one son, two step-daughters and has nine grandchildren.

Erick Zehr has been married to Tara (Peska) Zehr for 4 years and the father to Emmett. Erick works as a Refrigeration Specialist at UL. He is also the Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball coach and the head Girls Tennis coach.

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Sermon talk back: Someone requested an adult ed opportunity to discuss the morning's scripture and sermon after worship so we're going to give it a try beginning Sunday **October 11**, 15 minutes or so after worship concludes in the Parlor. That should give people a chance to get a cup of coffee and a donut and chat a bit before we begin.

Marriage Study: As you may or may not be aware, in addition to same sex marriage now being legal nationwide, it has also recently become allowable according to our PC(USA) denominational polity. What does that mean? It means that according to both church and civil law clergy *can*—but are not *required* to—perform same-sex weddings. Likewise, sessions can, but are not required to, permit their sanctuaries to be used for same sex weddings.

Session will be studying the topic of marriage in an effort to prayerfully and thoughtfully discern a policy regarding *all* weddings at First Presbyterian. We'll be using a 6 session study published by the denomination a couple years back. Any and all who are interested are welcome to join us on the following **Sundays at 4pm** in Fellowship Hall:

September 27, October 11, October 18, November 8, November 15 and November 22

These are just a few of the things starting or restarting in September. Please read the rest of the Messenger to find out what other events, programs and activities are coming up!

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

The Worship and Music Committee wishes to thank all those who shared their talents this past summer by providing special music for our Sunday worship services. Your gifts were greatly appreciated. Our thanks also are shared with those who helped with the joint VBS service at First Lutheran, Worship in the Park (which ended up being Worship in the Fellowship Hall), the wholeness and healing service, and the joint Rally Day Sunday with the downtown churches.

Beginning September 13th, we will return to our 10:30 time for worship. On that day, Rev. David Madsen, a retired pastor living in Des Moines, will fill the pulpit in Meghan's absence.

We look forward to the return of our choir singing during worship. Norm Grimm has agreed to direct in September.

As you know, our communion during the summers is served by intinction. In October, we will resume communion served to you in your pew.

A Church Streaming and Podcast License has been purchased so that we can legally broadcast the music portion of our service.

Although we are still in summer, the Worship and Music Committee will begin looking for an editor for our Advent booklet, and that person will be seeking your inspirational messages so that we may continue this tradition for Advent meditation.

The members of the Worship and Music Committee are Sharon Black, Ann Cutts, Kim DeGraff, Meghan Davis, and Elders Sandy Smit and Linda Kirchhoff. If you are interested in serving on this committee, you are most welcome.

Building and Grounds

Norm Grimm, Chair

First Presbyterian has several commercial air conditioners, two of which work in tandem to cool the sanctuary. Those two are located in the attic.

This spring, Harold and Deanna Manley discovered water dripping from the ceiling in the sanctuary. They investigated and found soggy, moldy attic insulation clogging the filter on one A/C unit in the attic. Even after they removed the clogged, moldy filter, and after they swamped out the pan that the A/C unit sits in, that unit still did not work and nothing could make it work. The failure of the one unit left the other unit to work twice as hard, trying to do the work of both.

We requested bids from local HVAC contractors to replace the unit that no longer worked. Three local HVAC contractors submitted credible bids. Session voted to approve the low bid, submitted by Brookwood, Inc. Brookwood ordered parts at once, and managed to install the same week. Installation required a team of men to haul the inside parts upstairs and across the attic, and a crane to hoist the outside condenser to the platform on the north side of the roof. The work is now complete, with both units working normally.

The committee continues to meet in discussions regarding new steps for the main entrance of the church, with a recommendation for Session soon.



Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of July were \$16,247. This was \$4,429 above budget for the month due to an annual pledge that was received as a lump-sum donation. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge was \$370 for the month, which was \$366 below budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$401 under budget. Year-to-date pledges are \$4,255 over budget and year-to-date expenses are \$3,075 above budget.

The Memorial Fund received donations in memory of Margaret Atwood. Additional money was received to help cover the cost of showing Selma at the Capital Theatre. The Funeral Luncheon fund paid expenses related to Margaret Atwood's funeral lunch. The Work Week fund paid trip-related expenses.

Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

Sunday, August 9 was the kick-off for the Youth Downtown group. This is for youth from United Methodist, UCC, First Lutheran Salvation Army and our church: Twenty-one youth, more high school than middle school, attended this meeting. Those from our church were Brad and Meghan Ritter and Emily Miller, along with Meghan, Dana Hashman, and Steph Critchfield. The group will meet weekly during the school year and the format will include food, games, Bible study. Friendship House will be open after worship for the MS/HS on Rally Day August 30.

Kelly Koenen will be leading a group for a Work Day on September 26 from 8am-12pm. Work will be done in the Nursery and the large classroom on the second floor of the church, where Children's Action Hour is held.

Plans for the nursery are to paint shelves, paint walls, disinfect toys, and purge items not needed. The classroom on the second floor is being renamed "The Power Room", as the money for painting and other updates is being paid for from the Power endowment. Before and after pictures will be taken to send to the Power family.



The Deacons have not met during the summer months, but we continue to make our visits. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let me know at 641-521-8820.

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Church Life Activities

Diane Moles, Chair

Our committee met in January and planned out the year's events for Church Life. These are events that we hope appeal to a wide audience and are meant to encourage fellowship and camaraderie. Food is always involved in some way! Please mark your calendars.

Here's the list of events, with dates and times. Watch the Sunday bulletins, Church Happenings, and monthly Messenger closer to the event for more details. Most are events we've done in the past that were so much fun we just have to do them again!

Date & Time	Event
September 20, 2015, 5:00 pm	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritters
October 25, 2015, 4:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
November 22, 2015, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion**
December 20, 2015, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling and chili supper

*Joint venture with Christian Nurture Committee

** Joint venture with Worship & Music Committee

We'll also be investigating interest in viewing Jolly Holiday Lights in December.

And, if you want to see what happened at some of the events last year, check out the Church Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall – the red one on the north wall. It's got all new photos and the schedule for the year.

On July 26, we had our Worship at Woodland service and picnic. But, since we had a thunderstorm around 8 a.m. with residual oppressive heat and humidity, we moved both the service and picnic to Fellowship Hall. Doug Cutts, Carl Repp, and Sam Cutts grilled the brats, hotdogs, and portabellas, from the parking spaces outside the kitchen door. Everyone brought a lot of food – all types of salads and desserts, plus green beans, loaded cauliflower, and baked beans – and approximately 52 people were served.

On August 16, we held the first Afternoon at the Arboretum fellowship event. It was a hot, humid August day, with clear weather. We had approximately 20 people attend and hang out for four hours, with several biking out on a 6-mile course that Nancy Mott developed. The rest of us drove out. About half did the I-Spy scavenger hunt on the grounds, getting in a nice ¾ mile walk (as those who found the map know...). Bean bags was played inside, thanks to Randy Camp and Gary Parsons. Janie Moles, Linda Curtis-Stolper, and Carol Camp worked the puzzle, with a little assistance from others. We ate make-your-own hoagies, with the Church Life Committee bringing the veggie assortment, coleslaw, chips, watermelon, strawberry and chocolate bars, brownies, eclairs, and rice cereal bars.

Next event: September 20 is the weenie roast and hayride at the Ritter farm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the start of fall with a weenie roast by the pond and a hayrack ride at the Ritter Farm (5595 N. 59th Ave W., 792-2914) on Sunday, September 20. For those who wish to carpool from the church, plan to leave from the church at 4:45 p.m., carpooling out to the Ritters (maps provided), and return by 8:00 p.m. The Church Life Committee will bring the hot dogs, buns, chips, s'mores, and drinking water. Bring your lawn chairs and roasting forks, and spend some time at Camp Llednew.

Your Church Life Committee,

Dan Ritter, Kay Parsons, Nancy Mott, Randy Camp, Janie Moles, and Diane Moles

Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

Mariners in Mission

There will be a MIM workweek at Clearwater Forest in Deerwood MN the week of September 13-18. We have 20 people coming to make curtains for one of the lodges, painting and cooking our meals. More than likely there will be other tasks, there always is. Prayers for our safety in travels and work are always accepted.

Barb and John Taylor

Come celebrate with us!

First Presbyterian Church in Newton, Iowa will be celebrating 20 years of mission in El Salvador on October 4, 2015. In 1995, First Presbyterian sent its first delegation to Berlin, El Salvador and has sent delegations nearly every year since. Our celebration will begin with worship at 10:30 am with Bill Calhoun offering the message. Worship will be followed by a light lunch and fiesta complete with piñatas. We hope you will join us for the celebration.

Who: All who have participated in delegations or supported the mission during the last 20 years

When: October 4, 2015. Worship at 10:30 am followed by lunch and fiesta

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 220 N. 2nd Ave. E., Newton, Iowa

Why: In thanks for the gift of relationship with the people of El Salvador and all the ways that relationship has enriched our lives.

Thank you Notes

The congregation of First Presbyterian has recently received two thank-you notes after you generously shared of your abundance with others.

From a note from the Salvation Army: "Your gifts have helped many students be ready for much success in the upcoming school year."

From a note from Compañeros: "Your generosity demonstrates your awareness of the needs of the families in the cantons and Caseros surrounding Berlin, El Salvador and is truly changing the lives of SO many people!"

The complete notes can be seen on the mission bulletin board in fellowship hall. Thanks again for your willingness to share.

The Mission Committee



Sundays at Four at United Presbyterian Church

David Liljedahl has completed the renovation of the 100 year old Steinway piano in the United Presbyterian sanctuary. To celebrate this renovation, we have scheduled "The Two Davids" for a four hand performance in the United Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, September 20, at 4:00 pm.

This performance by David Liljedahl and Dr. David Piersel has been scheduled with the co-operation of the "Sundays at Four Concert Series" usually held at First Presbyterian Church. The gentlemen will be playing on the 100 year old piano.

The two Davids have performed on IPTV, and at Salisbury House, as well as in several Des Moines area churches. They are excellent!

A freewill offering will be taken up. We hope you will be able to attend.

Don Perkins, UP Church

Highlights from Session

Mickey Van Baale, Clerk of Session

- *Due to the resignation of Dave Boyd as Clerk of Session, elected Mickey Van Baale to fill this position.
- *Received information on the Downtown Youth kick-off event.
- *Heard about the Rally Day block worship and party to be held September 30.
- *Received reports on a July special called Presbytery meeting and the August regular called Presbytery meeting.
- *Was informed that Norm Grimm will direct the choir in September.
- *Updated on new air conditioning unit that was installed in the sanctuary.
- *Approved the painting and updating of the large Sunday school room on the 2nd floor.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

We had wonderful weather for the 4th of July parade which resulted in a very large crowd of spectators. Our entry had good participation with 14 people joining our entry in the parade. Our entry honored the veterans associated with our church from the Vietnam War era. Those honored were: Dave Boyd, Air Force; Gary Kirchhoff, Army; Tom Mott, Navy; Gary Parsons, Army; Dave Stolper, Army. We would like to thank Cathy Rickers for her help with the signs & Doug & Ann Cutts for the use of their pickup and especially to Ann for driving it.

The new directory distribution project is completed. However, we still have some available so if you do not have one please contact Gary Parsons at 792-6753.

We are now preparing for participation in Trunk or Treat. It is a fun activity which is occurring on October 30, the day before Halloween. Our church has been involved the three prior years and it is a lot of fun. Individuals dress in a Halloween costume & decorate their car or van trunks (or pick up beds) in a Halloween mode. We park in our parking lot north of the church & hand out candy (provided by the church) to the kids coming from the uptown and hospital activities. We have a lot of kids coming through and usually run out of candy before we run out of kids. We start around 4:15 and go till about 6:00. The costumes and trunk decorations DO NOT have to be elaborate. You probably have things around the house that can be used.

Gary Parsons

Special Called Presbytery Meeting

Meghan and I attended this meeting. The meeting was called by the Leadership Council and was partly the result of Phil Barrett announcing his retirement at the end of 2015.

We met around tables in their Fellowship Hall, rather than meeting in the sanctuary. Each table became a group for discussions on various items that followed.

Three items were presented to the group as background materials. Jim Howland, moderator of the Leadership Council handed out a recap of ideas about what people would like to see in a Presbytery. These comments came from an exercise done at the February, 2014 meeting. Secondly, Kirsten Klepfer, moderator of Budget and Finance, gave a report on the State of the Presbytery.

Following her report, the first round table discussion was held on restricted funds and feelings about the financial status of the Presbytery. Each group was given an opportunity to share their ideas with the entire group.

Next we had a report from Ginny Hancock, Moderator of the Covenant Council of the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center (CGPMC). She presented an update on the progress at the Mission Center and renovation plans. The initial estimate for renovations is \$2.6 million, significantly higher than anticipated. The Covenant Council will revisit proposed plans as well as income and expenses. There is a potential gap of \$25,000-\$50,000 between income and expenses. More specific information and recommendations will be brought to the August 15 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Following lunch, Jim Howland presented a rough draft of a Stated Clerk Job Description. This person would work with the current Stated Clerk through 2015 and into the future. Ann Johnson, member of the Leadership Council, explained why there are no plans of a merger with the Presbytery of North Central Iowa. A chart showing what the Leadership Council purposes as the positions for Presbytery was distributed and the groups went back into round table discussions and a sharing of ideas.

Prior to adjournment, the group was thanked for attending the meeting and giving thought and input on some major decisions that are being made.

Mickey Van Baale, Commissioner to Presbytery

Regular Called Presbytery Meeting

Rev Davis and I attended the August 15, 2015 Des Moines Presbytery meeting at the Easter Lake Building in SE Des Moines. Some items of interest and importance were: The Church Professional Task Force honored Rev Ross Blount on his retirement as of July 15, 2015. Rev. Blount is a very respected minister in Des Moines Presbytery and has served the United Presbyterian Church in Allerton for a number of years. He was honored by the task force as well as by friends and fellow pastors during an "open mike" period.

The item that required the most discussion and evidenced the most controversy was a motion by the Leadership Council to hire an Assistant Stated Clerk quickly to work with Phil Barrett who is retiring in January. The purpose was to enable the person to learn the job from Phil and take over in January. After much discussion and obvious opposition a vote was taken and the proposal was defeated. There are thoughts that we should treat it as we do when a minister leaves a church and hire an interim before hiring the full time stated clerk. There was one suggestion that we might be able to hire the stated clerk from another presbytery for awhile.

There was a lengthy report from the Covenant Council. They are overseeing the change from Cottage Grove Church to the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center. There are approximately eight persons on the council that have many different skill sets (tech, legal, fundraising, pastoral, accountant, etc.) It is a wonderful project, at least on paper, but will be very costly and it appears that the individual churches at some point will be asked to help monetarily.

At the end of the day during Other Business a minister made a lengthy recommendation that a task force be appointed as quickly as possible to partner with the Sudanese Arabic congregation at the mission center to help them become Presbyterian. Evidently they have expressed a desire to do that for over a year. We voted to table it until the next meeting. I hope the Sudanese do not think we are rejecting them. I think it was the feeling of the group that more study and notification should have been done and hopefully will be done by the next meeting.

Gary Parsons, Commissioner to Presbytery

Work Week 2015

Mickey Van Baale, Steering Committee

Work Week 2015 is in the books. The bills have been paid and we will soon be planning our trip for 2016. Bright and early on Sunday morning, July 5, Chet Adams, Lara Hillpipre, Kaitlyn Hildebrand, Jordan Norvell, Josh Ventling, Dana Hashman, Tony and Anna Hillpipre, Steve Hopkins, Shirley Stevens, George Wilkening, and Mickey Van Baale met in the church parking lot to load the cargo van and prepare for our trip to Assumption, Ill. After a send off by Rev. Meghan and others, we were on our way. Our hope was to reach Kemmerer Village before 2:00 pm to attend their weekly church service, but a lot of construction delayed our trip.

We stayed in the Retreat Center, which was a former barn which has been refurbished as housing for Mission groups who come to help. It was rustic, but very nice and made a great "home away from home" for a week.

We were not expecting to have much interaction with the residents, but we did. We ate our meals in the cafeteria with them, but sat at our own assigned table. We talked to them during the day as we went about our work. The residents ranged in age from 8 to 17. Most came from broken homes, homes where there was abuse, alcohol and/or drugs.

George and Tony headed up the construction work that was done. This consisted of replacing several doors, making and installing shelves in some closets and other general work. The young men took turns helping out with the construction.

Dana and Anna were the painting crew. There were doors and trim to be painted and the head of Kemmerer's maintenance crew was very particular about this. The work being done was for the new office for the new director and his staff.

The rest of us worked in the barn, where the equestrian program is done. We were the first group that asked and was allowed to work in the barn and with the horses. The equestrian program serves two purposes. One for the residents at Kemmerer as a way to help them learn responsibility, patience, and working with others. Secondly, Kemmerer Village has partnered with the Cerebral Palsy Association and have young people suffering with CP come to ride the horses. It's amazing at how much the children change from learning how to balance themselves to even talking.


Of course, we had our traditional fun day on Wednesday, even though it was a rainy day. We went to Springfield, which was about an hour north of us and toured the Lincoln Library and Museum. This facility is new and was very impressive. Following lunch we toured Abraham Lincoln's childhood home. Another interesting site to see. Springfield has a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright named the Dana-Thomas House. For many of us, this was the first creation by Mr. Wright that we had seen. It was magnificent and there are hardly adequate words to describe it. This was the 72nd house designed by Wright and contains 35 rooms in the 12,000 square feet. A feature we enjoyed was the bowling alley in the basement. We also toured Lincoln's tomb. What a reverent national treasure to see.

We finished up the week with two more work days. Finishing up construction projects, more painting, cleaning and oiling tack and saddles and giving the barn a good cleaning, as well as caring daily for the horses. Oh yes, and mucking out the outside pens.

Our thanks to all of you for supporting this Mission experience. As we have said before, we come away with more than we feel we give. The Taylors and the others in the Mariners group are going to Kemmerer Village later this year. We pray they have an equally rewarding experience.



september 2015 **BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**

		1 <i>Melissa Sommars</i> 6:30 pm Worship & Music	2 5:30 pm Membership 7:00 pm Choir	3 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group	4 <i>Janie Moles Jackie VanEssen</i>	5
6 <i>Linda Versteegt</i>	7 	8 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	9 6:00 pm Budget & Finance 7:00 pm Choir	10 <i>John Taylor Ruth Ann Van Elswyk</i> 4:30 pm Missions	11 <i>Kay Gause</i>	12 <i>Dick Mielke Ann Cutts</i>
13 <i>Sara Hopkins</i> 9:00 am Deacons 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 6:00 pm Youth Downtown	14 <i>Carma Sturtz</i>	15	16 <i>Janet Shields</i> 7:00 pm Choir	17 <i>Harriet Harmelink</i> 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group	18 <i>Pete Koppin Steve Weeks</i>	19
20 5:00pm Hay Ride 6:00 pm Youth Downtown	21 <i>Ann DeGrado</i> 6:15 pm Flow Yoga	22 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Session	23 <i>Mary Roskilly</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	24 <i>Norm Grimm</i> 3:00 pm Chair/ Yoga for Seniors	25 <i>Garrett Sturtz</i>	26 <i>Clarice Sigurdson</i> 9:00 am to Noon - Work Day 10:00 am Flow Yoga
27 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 6:00 pm Youth Downtown	28 6:15 pm Flow Yoga	29 <i>Larry Anderson Julie Brodersen</i> 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	30 <i>Elaine Vander Broek</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir		Fall Hours start September 13.	9:00 am Adult S. S. 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship



September



Volunteers

September	6	13	20	27	October 4
Worship Leader Office	Val McKee	Bev Rossow	Kim Miller	Dick Meilke	Linda Campbell
Host Elder/Deacon Diane Moles	Sandy Smit	Linda Kirchhoff	Shari De Cook	Shirley Stevens	Bret Doerring
Greeters Julie Brodersen	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring
Ushers Office	Doug Cutts Dick Meilke	Miller Family	The Ventling Family	Larry & Shari De Cook	Don & Sharon Black
Audio Les Gause	Roger Harmelink	Les Gause	Les Gause	Les Gause	Doug Cutts
Candlelighter Office	Cody Barney	Emily Miller	Garrett Sturtz	Allie Norvell	Joshua Ventling
Counters Jonnie Carpenter	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Gary Haynes Tara Zehr	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter Kim De Graff	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker Barb Taylor	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp	Val McKee
Bread Ministry Taker Barb Taylor	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk
Kids Action Hour Jen Norvell		Someone Still Needed		Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale	
Communion Set up Linda Kirchhoff	Jonnie Carpenter				Sandy Smit Bev Rossow

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Lectionary —

September, 2015

September 6 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, *Ps. 125*
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 13 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 1:20-33; *Ps. 19*; James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov. 31:10-31; *Ps. 1*; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; *Ps. 124*
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

October, 2015

October 4 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-20; *Ps. 26*; Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; *Ps. 22:1-15*
Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); *Ps. 104:109, 24, 35c*
Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; *Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22)*
Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52