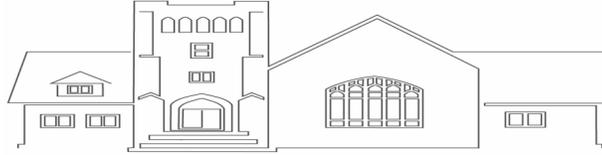


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THE MESSENGER



APRIL 2016

Meghan's Musings

Walking into the Darkness of Grief

We have entered the season of Easter. The season in which we celebrate new life, Christ's triumph over death, God's promise coming true in the Resurrection. And yet, I am acutely aware that many among us are not in an Easter season in our lives. Many are still in the Garden of Gethsemane, on Golgotha, or in the tomb. So I'd like to share an excerpt, a version of which often appears in my funeral meditations. You might have heard it before. You might hear it again. But I think it bears repeating each time any among us come face-to-face with loss.

In the days and weeks immediately following the death of a loved one, those closest to the one who is lost have already been through some very painful, dark days. I wish I could say it will all get better from there on out, but I know that isn't true. There will be more painful, dark days ahead. Jerry Sittser, a religion professor who suffered sudden, great loss authored the book, *A Grace Disguised* in which he used the analogy of sunlight and dark circling the Earth. Imagine the globe as seen from outer space, it turns and sunlight crosses the hemisphere east to west, followed by darkness east to west. At the time of loss, we face the dark, like twilight. And our instinct may be to try to outrun the dark, run west as fast as possible so the dark won't catch up with us. But we can't outrun the dark and attempting to do so only makes us more anxious and tired, and in the dark that much longer. The only way to get through the dark is to face it, to walk east, into it. And eventually, you will come out on the other side. Eventually, the sun will rise.

This is not to say it will be easy, neither Sittser nor I would imply such a thing. This is not to say "everything will go back to normal." Indeed, life will never be the same. But you will find your new stride. You will establish a new normal. The sun will rise. Although no amount of time will completely erase your pain, if together family and friends share remembrances, they can find comfort and strength, making it easier to accept this loss that is now a part of our lives. We all know there is no right way to say farewell to someone for whom we care so deeply. There are as many ways to grieve as there are people who grieve and people for whom we grieve. It is my hope that, however we walk this path of grief, we will support one another and lift one another up.

And remember, never forget: the sun will rise.



Be Praying for the following with health concerns...

- ✠ Pat Koppin, who was in Skiff Medical Center following a fall at home, and is now recuperating at home.
- ✠ Bob Fisher, father of Don, who fell and broke his back. He is currently in the hospital and has been in and out of ICU.
- ✠ Warren Jontz, who has been in Skiff Medical Center, but is again at home.
- ✠ Karen Allen, who is in Skiff Medical Center.
- ✠ Evelyn Van Sickle, mother of Jenny Verwers, who is making great progress, but still recuperating after her lengthy health problems.
- ✠ Those who are personally suffering or have family members that deal with one or more of the “unseen” illnesses such as depression.



Goes out to Terry, Mikayla, Corbin and Kennedy Capman, Gary and Linda Kirchhoff, and Melissa, Jim, and Kasey Sommers in the death of their wife, mom, daughter and

sister, Michelle Capman. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 17, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Newton. Funeral services were held at our church at 11 a.m., Friday, March 18, with Rev. Meghan Davis officiating. Following the service, Michelle was cremated and burial took place at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Newton Union Cemetery.

In addition to those listed above, Michelle is also survived by her four-legged baby, Harley; nephews, Kyle (Samantha) Sommars, and Chad (Ashley) Sommars; great niece and nephew, Jade and Jasper; her parent-in-laws, Dave and Cheryl Capman of South Carolina; and brother-in-law, Kirk (Fara) Capman of Johnston.

Counters Need Your Help

Your generous donations to various programs within the church are greatly appreciated. We want to be sure that the money you give goes to your desired destination. With that in mind, please be sure to write in the memo section of your check what the money is for. If giving for more than one area, please indicate how much is for each. Thank you!

Prayer Group

As a follow up to Larry Anderson's article last month, he and Meghan are convening a group of people willing to meet together regularly to pray for the future of our church: that current members might participate more fully and that the Holy Spirit might help us to draw new people in. Time and day of meetings will be determined on the availability of those interested in participating so let Meghan know if you would like to join us.



Sound System Operators Needed

Doug Cutts, head of the sound system operators, is looking for a couple of new recruits. These positions are not restricted to men only - anyone can do this, male, female, young or old. Complete instructions and training would be given.

By having a full roster of people who can take turns running the system, you would only be taking a turn about once or twice a year for 3 or 4 weeks. As with most opportunities within our church, you are given a schedule ahead of time and can trade with one of the others, should the need arise.

Please contact Doug at 641-521-0065 or the church office at 792-2790 if you feel called to help with this important component of our worship service.

A Lenten Journey Another Type of Mission

I love to travel. I treasure opportunities to enrich my life by expanding my horizons. When I hear “the Lenten season” or “life” described as a journey, I smile and reflect on all I have learned during trips I have taken.

I recently went to a new destination with a traveling companion. We went to the Central Iowa Shelter and Services center in Des Moines and my friend began her stay at this facility for homeless adults after a combination of difficulties made it impossible for her to live independently. I dreaded making that trip, not knowing what to expect but anticipating the worst. I was determined to remain positive and supportive, but there was concern and fear for her well-being in the pit of my stomach as we entered the building.

What we found was another learning experience in my journey. The reception area looked and sounded like semi-controlled chaos at times but the employees were patient and attentive as my friend asked and answered questions. Learning about resources available to residents, I began to hope this could become an opportunity for my friend to connect with programs to help her address some of the challenges in her life. The shelter was relatively clean, the safety of residents was obviously a high priority, and the lack of privacy will (I hope) be balanced with the companionship of other residents (and the dogs that belong to some of them!).

The shelter is not a church-related program but I saw God's presence there. I heard God's love in the voices of the persons helping with the intake process; I witnessed the ministry of service extended to persons considered outcasts by much of our society; I felt the relief of knowing that my friend has a bed in a warm place with food and water available. An important lesson for us all to learn – God travels with us, wherever we go. When we trust that God is present, we can have confidence that blessings will be found. Thanks be to God!

Linda Curtis-Stolper



No report on the amount of cards sent during the month was given due to Shirley being absent from the meeting.

- Dana reported receiving a thank you note from the Salvation Army and a request for additional donations.
- The Easter Lily Cross was discussed. Several deacons volunteered to help set up the cross following the annual Cross Walk on Good Friday. There also was a discussion of procedures for distributing the lilies after the Easter worship service.
- Deacon duties for the balance of March were reviewed.

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of January were \$12,270. This was \$1,750 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$2,062 for the month, which is \$1,326 above budget. We collected \$3,040 in per capita donations, bringing our total to \$3,780. In total for the month, expenses were \$219 over budget.

Year-to-date through February, pledges are \$6,832 over budget and expenses are \$682 over budget.

The Muñozes fund received church member donations of \$350 for El Salvador graduate gifts and a \$100 donation from the Deacon fund.



Let's Get Acquainted With John and Barb Taylor

Several years ago we featured families in the Messenger, so we could get to know each other better. After a hiatus, this is being brought back but in a new format. Our intent is to feature 3 members per month, giving a snapshot into their lives. This would include their line of work, spouse or significant other, children and grandchildren. Also their hobbies, community activities and how they might be serving our church. Please feel free to write up this information on yourself and email it to me, Mickey Van Baale, at mckster52@iowatelecom.net. If I don't have information, be prepared for a contact from me.

To begin this series, here is information on Barb and John Taylor.



Barb was born in Chicago, and raised in Hinsdale IL. She recently retired as a Registered Dietitian. Barb graduated from Iowa State and went back to college in 1986 to get a Masters' Degree in Food Service Management. She PASSED the exam the first time around at 50 years old. That is her biggest bragging point. Over the years, Barb has done volunteer work for Jaycee Jills, League of Women Voters, TTT, and Girls Scouts. Barb is still a Girl Scout and trains leaders. Her activities for our church have been as a Sunday School teacher, a deacon, currently a member of our funeral lunch committee, and chairs the bread ministry. Her hobbies include quilting, knitting, and cooking. She does not like to read!

John was raised on farms around Kellogg and retired from the Vernon Company as a product manager in 1989. He then worked at Progress Industries for 10 years as the publicity manager. John has served the church as a trustee and a deacon, taught Sunday school for a short while, and has liked visiting the church shut ins. He has been active in Kiwanis for over 40 years, been chair of the Education committee of the Chamber of Commerce, started the Dollars for Scholars and the Aktion Club. He was in Jaycees and the Vernon Management Club. He is proudest of the Aktion club because it has helped people with special needs. In retirement, he likes to garden and volunteer. His favorite thing was reading mystery books, but that has come to an end this fall when he became legally blind from macular degeneration.

Together John and Barb love to travel. They have attended several Work Week mission trips, and have made a huge amount of ice cream for the yearly ice cream social. They have made several trips to El Salvador both on medical missions and work projects. Their interests also include Presbyterian Mariners, where they are currently the directors of the group. This group travels mainly to Presbyterian camps to do any type of repair work necessary. Through the Mariners group, John and Barb have traveled the entire US. Oh yes, and they enjoy following their alma mater, the Iowa State Cyclones, which is where they met, as lab partners in biochemistry. When Barb's sister was killed in an auto accident during this time, she called on John to help her get home to Chicago. And the rest, as they say, is history.

They have 3 kids, all raised in Newton. Scott lives in Cedar Rapids and is a computer architect. Sarah is married to Dave and they have 2 daughters, Alex and Cassie. Sara is an educator for Girls Scouts of Ohio and Dave is a district manager for a small pizza chain. Marilee is a recruiter for an oil construction company in Houston TX. Her husband, Stan, is a retired computer operator for BP and is currently an organic farmer. She and Stan have a blended family of 6 kids; 3 of his, Leah, Brandon and Jamie; 2 of hers, Allie and Erin; and 1 together, Cheyenne.

Thank you, Taylors, for giving us a glimpse into your lives.

Church Life Activities

Tara Zehr, Chair

Next Event: Potato Bar. The annual Potato Bar will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Come and have a big, piping hot, baked potato and load it up with your favorite toppings: chili, broccoli, tomatoes, cheese, butter, green onions, sour cream, and onions. Dessert bars and beverages will also be served and a free-will offering will be taken. The funds raised are used by the Church Life Committee for other events during the year.

Date & Time	Event
April 17, 2016, 11:30 a.m.	Potato Bar – this is the main fundraiser for the committee
May 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture Committee. Brad Ritter is our lone graduate
July 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland jointly with Worship and Music Committee
August 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service
September 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m. from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 20, 2016, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling followed by supper



Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

We have set Sunday, May 8 as Youth Sunday. The format will be different from what we have done in the past. Youth have been contacted to see if they have a special role or talent that they would like to share for Youth Sunday. Some ideas we have suggested are reading their favorite scripture, sharing an art project, sharing a story, offering a gift of music - either by singing or playing an instrument. This is a different format than we have used in the past and may be seen as a non-traditional way to have a service, but it will be one where the youth will take ownership in the day. Who knows, they may come up with some innovative ideas of their own.

We will also begin planning for our part in the Graduation Breakfast and celebration for Brad Ritter. This will be held on Sunday, May 22 in connection with the Church Life committee. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am that morning. Watch for more details.



Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

Discussion was held on the Christmas Eve service. A couple of suggested changes were noted and will be implemented for next year.

Meghan has ordered eco-palms for Palm Sunday. Barb Gallaher will hand these out. Plans for the Maundy Thursday service were discussed. Communion will be done by intinction. Members of our committee will assist Meghan in stripping the sanctuary at the end of the service.

We are in need of additional worship leaders. Members of the committee were asked to think of ones who might be contacted to fill this role.

Linda Curtis-Stolper will fill the Pulpit on the last Sunday in May when Meghan will be gone on vacation. Substitutes for Sandy have been secured for upcoming Sundays she will be gone. Norm Grimm will be in charge of lining up special music for the summer.



Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

No meeting was held in March. We are waiting for the architects to return from vacation.

Harold and Deanna Manley have been doing various maintenance jobs around the church, i.e lighting repairs. They have also done a lot of outside maintenance of our shrubs and bushes by getting them trimmed and shaped.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

Our committee arranged for David Raymond, retired U.C.C. minister, to present a Sundays at 4 program on "The Eagles of Jasper County" on March 6. Rev. Raymond gave a very

interesting presentation which included some nest locations and some very good pictures taken by him. The pictures included a young eagle that was rescued from a pond near Rock Creek after the nest tree fell during a storm. It was taken to a bird rehab area and was later released in good health--a happy ending! We had a good turn out and most of those attending shared pizza at the conclusion.

The Membership Committee is planning to organize another work event in a month or so. It will be similar to the work night we had in February in which we had a light dinner, short devotion and then worked for about an hour. This time we will be scheduling it at a time when we will have natural light so we can work on lights, windows and the sanctuary. Please watch for upcoming details.

Please be sure to read the newspaper articles on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the sanctuary. It showcases the activities our adults & kids are involved in and makes us realize their high level of involvement in community and school.

One of the ministries within the Membership Committee is the Greeters. They greet at the front and east doors from 30 min. before worship until 5 min. before worship. Their job is to open the door & greet everyone with a smile and a handshake, making the church a friendlier, more welcoming place for members and visitors alike. They also may answer questions and give directions as needed. If visitors are identified, the greeters are to encourage them to sign the guest book. Julie Broderson does the scheduling. Greeters are: Valerie Barney & Cody; Randy & Carol Camp; Doug Cutts; Cole Doerring; Chris & Peggy Lickiss; Dick & Shirley Mielke; Gary & Kay Parsons; Kevin & Toni Peska; Terry Rickers; Bev Rossow; Janet Shields. This ministry has been in place for 20-30 years and not only is it effective, it is also fun to be involved in.

Gary Parsons

Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Dates of interest:

- April 9 – Presbyterian Women meeting, West Des Moines Covenant, Theme of “Hear Every Voice”
- April 24 – Food Pantry Sunday for our community through Salvation Army
- May 14 - Style Show fundraiser for mission work
- June 7 – Annual Ice Cream Social – fund raiser for Work Week 2016
- July 31 – August 6 – Work Week 2016

The Berlin, El Salvador report and photographs presented by Kimberly Schnell at the delicious pork dinner was excellent. The funds raised have been sent to Muñoces for their spring fertilizer applications. Thanks to all!

April 9, Presbyterian Women will meet in Des Moines at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The theme of “Lift Every Voice” will include speakers and projects involving three different mission efforts. Registration information is on the Mission Board in Fellowship Hall or contact Barb Taylor at 792-6990.

April 24, we will continue our Food Pantry Sunday campaign. The food and money donated helps the Salvation Army help our neighbors in need as well as the Wednesday night community free meals. If you choose to donate money, please indicate if it is for the food pantry or the Wednesday night meal or both. Suggested food donations are: Baked Beans/Pork and Beans, Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Complete Pancake Mix, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Ramen Noodles, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Tuna.

May 14 the Style Show is back! Much fun and fellowship along with a great luncheon and the latest fashions! Proceeds will go the general mission needs (i.e. Food Bank of Iowa for the Backpack Buddies program; Jasper County Kids Against Hunger). See the additional article on page 9.

June 7, mark your calendars for the Annual Ice Cream Social scheduled for the first Tuesday in June. The Ice Cream Social will be the primary fund raiser for Work Week 2016. Good food, good fellowship, fun time for all.

July 31– August 6 is Work Week 2016. The mission focus will be at AMEN ministries in St. Louis, Missouri. Youth of First Presbyterian, Newton, First Presbyterian, Brooklyn, and the youth and churches of the Youth Downtown program are invited. Covenant meetings will be scheduled soon. If you are interested and want more information, contact the church office. Always a fun, learning, hardworking event! Additional information is found on page 8.



Welcome back Jenny! It is great to have you back and to know that things in your personal life are settling back to a normal routine. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who came to my rescue while I attempted to emulate the great work Jenny does for our church as our Office Manager. Thank you to Jenny for always being willing to answer a question even though things were upside down in her life. To Meghan for her patience when I stumbled through the day to day tasks. To Cheryl Ritter for her great knowledge of our financial systems and who was so great in answering several questions. To Gary Parsons who signed checks or ran up to take care of any other things needed, sometimes at a moments notice. To Dana, my great sounding board when I would get frustrated.

To Linda Anderson who reminded me to be Swiss cheese and just let things flow through me and not to dwell on them. To Linda C-S, Joan Tyler, and many others who offered such great support and words of encouragement. It truly has been my pleasure to fill in as your substitute Office Manager, but it did take you all to fill Jenny's shoes.

Mickey Van Baale

Work Week heads to AMEN St. Louis

This year our intergenerational group will be going to AMEN St. Louis for Work Week. The dates are July 31 to August 6. The trip will be limited to 18 people, and half of the spots have been spoken for. We are again partnering with the Brooklyn Presbyterian church and we have been informed that at least 4 are going from their church.

Have you always thought about going on Work Week? Perhaps this is the year for you. Though we have been doing this special mission trip for nearly 30 years, there may be some who aren't familiar with the make-up. Work Week is open to males and females, young and old alike. The only stipulation regarding age is the youngest youth must be entering 9th grade in the fall. The attendees are required to attend an informational meeting, and covenant meetings that are held once a month. Help with all fundraisers is also a requirement and everyone is expected to pay a participation fee.

We travel as a group and stay at the facility provided by our hosts. Adults with carpentry skills serve as the mentors for others in the group. Depending on the work we are doing, other adults may find themselves in the teaching position. The work we do is assigned by our hosts, and we always hope that jobs will allow us to work as a group. There may be times, however, when we will be divided into smaller groups to accomplish tasks given.

Our days consist of breakfast, devotions, packing a sack lunch, working at the site in the morning and afternoon and eating lunch at the site. Upon returning for the evening, the night meal is prepared, clean-up is done and we have devotions before ending the day. The various tasks are divided up so everyone gets the opportunity of fixing meals, sharing a devotion, cleaning bathrooms or vehicles and doing clean-up.

AMEN|Saint Louis is a ministry of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church located in the Tower Grove South Neighborhood of St. Louis, MO. Through congregational fundraising and generous grants, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was able to launch **AMEN** and begin its life as a ministry embracing the neighborhood. The house at 4115 Connecticut Street directly adjoins the 4111 Connecticut church building.

Some work opportunities we might be involved in are:

- * **Isaiah 58 Ministries** is a cooperative ministry on the near south side of St. Louis. Since 1970 it has been dedicated to helping neighbors in the city through many varied services. In all its work AMEN strives to show people that they are accepted for who they are and where they are in life, that they can work towards changing their current situation, and that Christian love is best expressed through actions, not simply words.
- * **St. Patrick Center** provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals and families build permanent, positive change in their lives through safe and affordable housing, sound mental and physical health, and employment and financial stability.
- * **Gateway Greening Community gardens** improve the appearance of neighborhoods and inspire, educate and reflect the pride of their participants. They come in many shapes and sizes: community vegetable gardens, tree and shrub plantings, native gardens, perennial beds, street beautification or even innovative designs created by community groups themselves.
- * **St. Louis area foodbank.** Since 2010, the St. Louis Area Foodbank has delivered 3000 "Senior Food Boxes" each month to member agencies in Madison and St. Clair Counties in Illinois, which are then directly distributed to low-income seniors. These boxes are built by our volunteers, with food provided by the USDA, specially chosen for its high nutritional value for seniors.

Remember, we have to limit the number that can attend and about half of the spots are already spoken for. If interested, please attend the information meeting after church on April 10.

Spring Style Show And Luncheon

We are happy to announce that following a 2 year absence, we will again be hosting a Spring style show and luncheon. The following changes are being made:

- ◇ Date: Saturday, May 14. In the past we have held our event on a Friday, but have decided to move this to a Saturday with the hopes of allowing more to attend.
- ◇ Venue providing clothing: We will be featuring the fashions from The Hall Tree. There are two locations of this store; one in Pella and one in Urbandale. In visiting with the owner, Tami Smith, she indicates her store is similar to Mode Huis, carrying many of the same brands and sizes.

The following details will remain the same as in the past:

- ◇ Cost: Tickets will be \$20 each and only available through our church office. Seating will be limited to 85. Sale of tickets will begin April 18. Tickets are available at the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- ◇ Luncheon: Linda Campbell and her kitchen help will once again be preparing a delicious meal, sure to please all.
- ◇ Models: Elsie Nelson is contacting several of the ladies who modeled for Mode Huis and perhaps some of our own church members.
- ◇ Experienced waiters: We are pleased to feature some well known waiters who will be willing to help with your needs.
- ◇ This is a fund-raiser for our mission committee.

Please get this marked on your calendar. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers. The money is for such a worthy cause for our church and it will be a fun experience for all. If you have any questions, please contact Mickey Van Baale at 641-521-0549 or mckster52@iowatelecom.net.



Highlights from Session

Toni Peska, Clerk of Session

At our March meeting we:

- ◆ Approved Meghan's vacation of May 24 - June 1
- ◆ Received information on Newton Fest, a community-wide worship service to held June 12. This venture is being supported by Newton Ministerial Alliance, of which Meghan is a member.
- ◆ Received a request from John Carl to have his name removed from our roll books.
- ◆ Received notification of a special called Presbytery meeting on April 2.
- ◆ Learned that the Work Week trip will be going to St. Louis from July 30 - August 6
- ◆ Learned that the annual Ice Cream social will be June 7.
- ◆ Approved the Mission committee having a Style Show and Luncheon on May 14 to raise money for mission projects.
- ◆ Personnel committee has completed background checks on all employees.



APRIL

2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

<p>9:00 am Adult S. S. 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship</p>					<p>1 <i>Forrest Rusk</i></p>	<p>2 9:00 am - Special Called Presbytery Meeting</p>
<p>3 6:00 pm - Youth Downtown</p>	<p>4 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>5 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Building & Grounds 6:30 pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>6 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>7 <i>Donna Worthington</i> 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Mission 7:00 pm Christian Nurture</p>	<p>8 <i>Teri Nordheimer</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Cole Doerring Joan Aldridge</i> 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>10 <i>Carol Russell Linda Anderson</i> 9:00 am: Deacons 11:30 am Work Week Mtg 3:00 pm - Arias in Newton Opera 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>11 <i>Linda Means</i> 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>12 11:00 am Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>13 <i>Meghan Davis</i> 9:30 am WBS 5:00 pm Membership 6:00 pm - B&F 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>14 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>15 <i>Cathy Rickers Kyle Doerring</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Gladys Sparks Kim Miller</i> 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>17 11:30 Potato Bar 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>18 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>19 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Session</p>	<p>20 <i>Tara Zehr</i> 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>21 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>22 <i>Barb Roese</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Carroll Brodersen</i> 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>24 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>25 <i>Rachel Peska</i> 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>26 <i>Skye Koenen</i> 12:00 pm - Retired Teachers Lunch & Mtg</p>	<p>27 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>28 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Yoga Flow 11:30 am Pastor's Book Club</p>

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



April	3	10	17	24	May 1
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Jane Repp	Gary Parsons	Kathy Ventling	George Wilkening	Val McKee
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Karen Quinn	Bret Doerring	Elsie Nelson	Kevin Peska	Val McKee
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Bill & Nancy Shields	Ventling Family	Les & Kay Gause	Leonard Family	Gary & Kay Parsons
Audio <i>Doug Cutts</i>	Dan Ritter	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Dan Ritter
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Garrett Sturtz	Cody Barney	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Allie Norvell
Counters <i>Jonnie Carpenter</i>	Terry Rickers Mickey Van Baale	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Jane Repp	Joan Tyler	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Carol Russell	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Val McKee Tara Zehr				Norm Grimm Bret Doerring

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Lectionary —

April, 2016

April 3 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; *Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150*
Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 10 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); *Ps. 30*; Rev. 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; *Ps. 23*; Rev. 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; *Ps. 148*; Rev. 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May, 2016

May 1 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; *Ps. 67*; Rev. 21:10; 21:22-25:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 8 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; *Ps. 97*; Rev. 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 15 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22 - Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; *Ps. 8*; Rom.5:1-5
John 16:12-15

May 29 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; *Ps. 96*
Gal. 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10