

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, IOWA
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"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



2023

A Message From Meghan

Dear Church Family,

Some of you will have already received this letter via email but in an effort to make sure to reach all, I am repeating it here.

It has come to my attention that there have been some miscommunications and misunderstandings regarding my employment that I am now taking the opportunity to clear up.

As you know, due to financial circumstances at First Presbyterian, I proposed a change of call to three-quarter time beginning May 1, 2023. This change was approved and recommended by Session in March and then approved by the congregation on April 2, 2023.

Due to my own personal financial circumstances, it is necessary that I have a second source of income. Therefore, as Session knows, my intention is to take a part time position at a church in Des Moines. I did not announce the second position to the wider Newton congregation due to the fact that, as of this date, I do not have a contract with the new church and it would be premature to announce that position at this time. That being said, my start date at the other church does coincide with my change to three-quarter time in Newton.

Additionally, there has been a misunderstanding regarding when/if I will be leaving Newton. We are entering a season of discernment and only God knows what the future will hold. Over the next eight months:

- 1) Session/the congregation/and I might discern that the position needs to be full-time and the church can and will find a way to fund the position at a full-time salary that meets Presbytery minimum requirements and keeps up with the cost of living.
- 2) We might discern that the new model with my working part time at two churches works well for me and both churches and will continue in that manner indefinitely.
- 3) We might discern that this model is unsustainable in which case I will need to discern how God is guiding me on a new ministry path.
- 4) Some fourth path that is currently unknown to us might be revealed.

Please know that whatever happens, I have always and will always hold the best interest of the Church in utmost consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me directly on or after May 1 as I am currently away on study leave. I look forward to personally addressing your concerns.

Let us continue to pray for the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, the work of the Presbytery of Des Moines and the fulfillment of the promises of Christ.

All is in God's hands.

Meghan Davis-Brass

A Message From Meghan Continues

Meghan's Hours

Weeks leading up to First through Third Sunday of the Month

Monday 8-11am

Tuesday 8:30am-7:30pm

Wednesday 8-11am

Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

Sunday 8am-3pm

Weeks leading up to Fourth Sunday of the Month

Monday 8-11am

Tuesday 8:30am-5:30pm (adjusted if Session night)

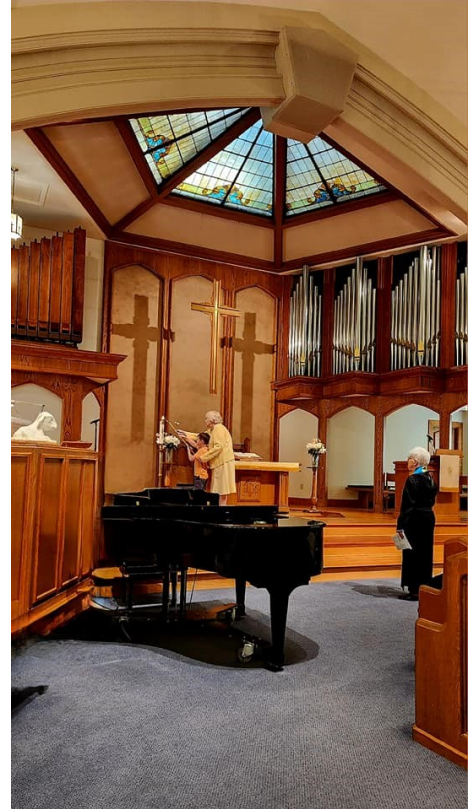
Wednesday 8-11am

Please note: due to visiting, meetings or other out of office obligations I will not necessarily be in the office during all of these times therefore, making an appointment is advised.

Messenger is going quarterly!

You might have noticed that there hasn't been a Messenger in a while. That's because we're going (approximately) quarterly! Please feel free to send us articles, pictures, announcements or other items of interest for our next newsletter.

Our Church in Pictures



Our Church in Pictures (Palm Sunday)









2023 ***BIRTHDAYS*** & **EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Warren Erickson</i> 11a Gentle Yoga	3 <i>Gary Parsons</i> 9:30a WBS	4 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 	5	6
7 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	8	9 11a Gentle Yoga	10 9:30a WBS 6:30p Choir 6p Budget & Finance	11 3p Chair Yoga	12 <i>Bryce Skaggs</i>	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY <i>Nancy Mott</i> <i>Dave Funk</i> 9a Deacons 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	15	16 Presbytery Meeting in Lenox 6:30p Session	17 9:30a WBS 6:30p Choir	18 <i>Mary Jane Tripp</i> 9a Men's Group 10:30a Park Centre Gathering 3p Chair Yoga	19	20 <i>Kim DeGraff</i>
21 <i>Ruby Davis</i> 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	22	23 11a Gentle Yoga	24 9:30a WBS 6:30p Choir	25 9a Days for Girls	26	27
28 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	29 	30 <i>Sandy Simbro</i> <i>Rick Miller</i> <i>Porter Hamilton</i> 11a Gentle Yoga 1p Retired Teacher	31 9:30a WBS			



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				1 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	2 <i>Suzie Funk</i> <i>Marilyn McCallister</i>	3
4 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	5 <i>Mimi Amouzou</i>	6 11a Gentle Yoga	7 <i>Jeanette Shannon</i> <i>Morgan Jackson</i>	8 3p Chair Yoga	9 <i>Tom Cheney</i>	10
11 9a Deacons 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	12	13 11a Gentle Yoga	14 6p Budget & Finance  FLAG DAY	15 <i>Matt Illingworth</i> 9a Men's Group 10:30a Park Centre Gathering 3p Chair Yoga	16	17
18 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship 	19  JUNETEENTH	20 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	21 <i>Terry Rickers</i> <i>Val McKee</i> <i>Dave Stolper</i>  SUMMER BEGINS	22 <i>Jordan Norvell</i> 9a Days for Girls	23	24
25 <i>Emmett Zehr</i> 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	26	27 1p Retired Teachers	28	29 <i>Don Fisher</i> 9a Men's Group	30	



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	7	14	21	28
Worship Leader	Kevin Peska	Diane Moles	Dave Stolper	Jane Repp
Greeters	Elsie Nelson & Jen Norvell	Mary Jane Tripp & Suzie Funk	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Rachel Skaggs & Taylor McDonnell
Ushers	Larry & Shari DeCook	Kevin & Toni Peska	Joan Tyler	Dave Stolper & Linda Curtis-Stolper
Audio	Terry Rickers	Bryce Skaggs	Erick Zehr	Marilyn McCallister
Counters	Tara Zehr & Jen Norvell	Toni Peska & Kathy Ventling Briggs	Terry Rickers & Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Tom Weeks & Diane Moles
Sunday Host	Kim Miller and Linda Gehling	Kevin Peska	Randy Camp	Linda Kirchhoff



	4	11	18	25
Worship Leader	Karen Quinn	Mickey Van Baale	Deanna Manley	Taylor McDonnell
Greeters	Gary & Kay Parsons	Kevin & Toni Peska	Terry Rickers	Randy & Carol Camp
Ushers	Dana Hashman & Deb Ziemann	Ben & Rachel Anderson	Gary & Kay Parsons	Don & Sharon Black
Audio	Terry Rickers	Marilyn McCallister	Erick Zehr	Marilyn McCallister
Counters	Tara Zehr & Jen Norvell	Toni Peska & Kathy Ventling Briggs	Terry Rickers & Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Tom Weeks & Diane Moles
Sunday Host	Deb Ziemann and Cathy Rickers	Kim Miller	Dave Stolper	Taylor McDonnell



	2	9	16	23	30
Worship Leader	Joan Tyler	Terry Rickers	Linda Kirchhoff	Tara Zehr	Kevin Peska
Greeters	John Taylor	Carroll Brodersen	Elsie Nelson & Jen Norvell	Mary Jane Tripp & Suzie Funk	Chris & Peggy Lickiss
Ushers	Harold & Deanna Manley	John & Barb Taylor	Dana Hashman & Deb Zieman	Larry & Shari DeCook	Ben & Rachel Skaggs
Audio	Terry Rickers	Bryce Skaggs	Erick Zehr	Marilyn McCallister	Bryce Skaggs
Counters	Tara Zehr & Jen Norvell	Toni Peska & Kathy Ventling Briggs	Terry Rickers & Chris/Peggy Lickiss	Tom Weeks & Diane Moles	Tara Zehr & Jen Norvell
Sunday Host	Linda Gehling & Kevin Peska	Worship @ Woodland	Deb Zieman	Linda Erickson	Barb Taylor

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