

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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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



**October  
2021**

## **Meghan's Musings**

**What Does God Require?**

As our journey through the Bible in a Year wraps up the Hebrew Scriptures (aka Old Testament) this last Sunday I selected one of my favorite passages to preach from, Micah 6: 1-8 but more specifically verse eight: *"what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

As you may recall from our last Messenger, Session has entered into a process of figuring out who we are, who God is calling us to be and how we're going to live out that calling here in Newton, Iowa. The last two weeks of September, you the congregation were invited by Session to join in this discernment through small group conversations in an effort to discern who we are as a congregation: What is our purpose? What is our Mission? Who is God calling us to be? How might we follow where Christ is leading? [Though the final scheduled conversation is Monday October 4, if you weren't able to attend one and you're interested in doing so, please let me know as we hope to schedule a "make up" for those otherwise unable to attend.]

It seems to me that this Micah passage gives us a hint to who we are called to be. Micah reminds us that God doesn't really care *how* we worship: God doesn't care if we sing loud praise music and wave our hands in the air, or if we sing simple repetitive Taize chants quietly in our seats or if we have no music at all (which is a good thing since in these Times of COVID we haven't been able to sing hymns). All God really wants from us and for us is to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. It's as easy as that. It's as challenging as that.

It is important for us to begin to consider or continue considering—deeply consider—who we are called to be as individuals in order to then turn our focus to our church. And so I invite you to spend some time now doing just that. I invite you to do a mini-examine on your life: how/where in your life do you do justice? how/where in your life do you love kindness? how/where in your life do you walk humbly with God? Spend some time with this practice right now, throughout the week, throughout the month, throughout your life. How are you doing justice, loving kindness, walking humbly with God? How might you go deeper?

Whatever we are called to do, whoever we are called to be, if we don't have "doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God" as a foundation, we're missing the mark.

One of my favorite quotes is from the Jewish writing the Talmud but it's based on this Micah passage, it should sound familiar because I've used it many times: "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justice, now. Love kindness, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." Amen.

**Be Praying For:**

- ✚ So many who are still contracting COVID-19 or the delta variant. A year ago many of us thought this would be behind us.
- ✚ Administrators at schools who continually watch the number of absences and cases of COVID-19, having to be ready to make hard decisions about mask wearing or even closing schools again.
- ✚ People around the world having to restart their lives because of destruction caused by various acts of Mother Nature.
- ✚ Our nation and the people in charge, who are facing many situations that will call for tough decisions.

Has your email address or cell phone number changed? Have you physically moved from your residence? Please notify the office when this happens. We try very hard to keep our records up-to-date, but have to rely on you informing us. Several committees, as well as the Deacons use the directory list.

A special note. It has come to our attention that Windstream (Iowa Telecom or Kinetic by Windstream) has or is changing email addresses without notifying the customers. So, if your email ended in @iowatelecom.net, it likely is now @windstream.net. Email may still be reaching you with the iowatelecom suffix, but are showing as undeliverable on our end.

**Building and Grounds**

George Wilkening, Chair

Tentatively, the repainting of the sanctuary ceiling will begin Oct. 18, 2021. We will need to worship in other areas (probably fellowship hall) for approximately three weeks. We will also need persons to help move pews at different times as painting progresses.





## Membership Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Mary Jane Tripp was born in Cantril, Iowa and is one of four siblings. She graduated with the Newton High School Class of 1957. They continue to meet once a month at Uncle Nancy's. Mary Jane enjoys time with her three children and their families – a set of twins, Sandra & Sheryl and Suzanne. Her dog, Maddie, a bichon, is good company and a constant companion.

Mary Jane worked at the local telephone company for several years, first as an operator and then in many secretarial positions. She has also substituted at several local schools in various positions. Mary Jane belongs to the Salvation Army ¼" Quilt Group. The Group makes quilts to be sold to benefit the Army. She also volunteers for various other programs at the Army that benefits our community.

For over 10 years, Mary Jane has been participating in the crafting sessions at the Senior Center. Due to the pandemic, the group only meets occasionally now.

She enjoys doing puzzles, color by number, quilting and reading, especially anything by James Patterson and Chicken Soup for the Soul books.

Her favorite vacations have been in the Cayman Islands; going to various camping places in Iowa and around the United States; snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and boating on the Mississippi River.

When asked if you could select one person to have a conversation with, who would that be and why, she selected Joyce Conley, a dear friend who recently passed away. Mary Jane enjoyed time together with Joyce who was an excellent quilter, good cook and taught Mary Jane and others so much.

Thank you, Mary Jane, for sharing your story!



No other news, as our committee hasn't met for the past 2 months. Anything that comes up before the next Messenger will be in Church Happenings.

524th Presbytery Meeting Report  
September 28, 2021  
Via Zoom

Rev. Meghan Davis, Linda Curtis-Stolper and I along with 77 of our colleagues attended the meeting. Highlights of the meeting were:

- ♦ Hearing the report of the committee on Budget & Finance. This contained the budget for 2022, which will be a deficit budget. **This was approved.**
- ♦ Linda Curtis-Stolper, on behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported: candidate Ellen Keyser Endelman will complete the Bible Content Exam through alternative means; that Dawt Lian “Dennis” Sang be enrolled as a Candidate in seeking to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament. He was on Zoom and answered a few questions. He is currently working at Indianola, Trinity United with Rev. David Endriss. Put three names in for readers or alternates of the Ordination Exams in 2022. And indicated Amy McGriff has had her final assessment to receive a commission and become a Commissioned Pastor. **All above points were approved.**
- ♦ Received a report from our three executives, Amgad Beblawi, Ian McMullen and Annika Lister Stroope.
  - \* Amgad, Mission Executive, wants to meet with each Presbytery and/or Mission committee within our Presbytery and welcomes invitation. Also plans are starting for Des Moines Presbytery to sponsor a family from Afghanistan.
  - \* Ian, Pastor to the Presbyteries, asks that we love on and pray for our ministers. Many are struggling in continuing their calls and all the added stress with handling services and meetings during the pandemic. Churches are considering closing or joining with churches from other denominations.
  - \* Annika, Administrative Executive and Stated Clerk, said we are at the time for churches to begin their budget preparations. Also, she will be conducting Clerk reviews in October via Zoom. More information to follow.
- ♦ Had a Meditation by Ane Kvale Fitzgerald followed by a powerful song, “Breathe Deep”.
- ♦ The committee on Ministry (COM) moved a 6% increase to the minimum effective salary rate for 2022. The 2021 rate is \$49,236 and the 2022 rate would be \$52,920. **This was approved.** The committee will work with churches that cannot afford this increase. A commissioning service was held for Amy McGriff to the Oskaloosa First. Members from Oskaloosa were on Zoom for this. It was first **approved** that Amy be commissioned and then the ceremony was held.
- ♦ It was announced that the big copier that was in the Des Moines Presbytery office and that we are still under contract on, has been moved to the office at Lake Shore. With that being taken care of, the Des Moines Presbytery office in Urbandale is for sale.
- ♦ A presentation on Stewardship and Mission Education was given.
- ♦ We heard the Sudan Support Team do a Minute for Mission.

The next meeting will be in November. The location or if it will be held by Zoom is yet to be determined.

Mickey Van Baale, Commissioner to Presbytery

## Christian Nurture

Mickey Van Baale, Chair

The members of the committee, along with those that had indicated they would be interested in teaching Sunday school, have been meeting regularly. Deb Zieman brought come curriculum she has used in the past. Linda Curtis-Stolper took these and wrote "lesson plans" for the teachers to use through Christmas and into 2022.

It was the consensus that Sunday school will take place from 9:45 am to 10:15 am in the former Pre-K Sunday school room, which is now the library. The small table and chairs have been located in a classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. These will be brought down and put back in the room.

The biggest obstacle to cross is getting parents to make a commitment to get their children to attend as much as possible. It would be fruitless to go to the work of preparing lessons and not have any students attend. An informational meeting was held following worship on September 26. Mickey notified the parents about the meeting.

Our proposed starting day is October 17.

**Adult Sunday School** has been meeting for a few weeks, with George Wilkening teaching. There is always room for more people to attend. Come to the west end of Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Sunday morning to join.

A **senior adult discussion group** has been meeting periodically at Karen Quinn's backyard. The next meeting will be October 10 at 5pm. It will be a Halloween party with costumes optional. If inclement weather, the group will meet in Karen's garage.

## Mission Highlights

Larry Anderson, Chair

The committee is updating the (very outdated) information about our mission activities on the church website.

As a designated Hunger Action Congregation, First Presbyterian will participate in our denomination's Hunger Action Week Oct. 10-17. It so happens that our reading through the Bible in a year project will have us at Matthew 25 at that time. Matthew 25 is a major initiative of the PC (USA), focusing on service to "the least of these" as equivalent to service to Jesus. We will be highlighting the many opportunities our church has to impact hunger and poverty. These include the ongoing opportunities to bring food donations each week, to contribute to the Cents-ability offerings in the narthex each week, and to contribute quarters to the laundry nights container in the narthex each week.

The recipients of the most recent ramp made a donation to the church's ramp ministry partner, Kid Assist. Along with other recent donations, this enables Kid Assist to fund the next ramp as well. Normally it would be the church's turn to do so. At this time there are no new requests for a ramp. We also will be dismantling a ramp in Oskaloosa for the lumber, to save for the next ramp project. This is being donated by a doctor there who no longer needs it.

Barb and John Taylor plan to participate in a project by Mariners in Mission in Kentucky in late October.  
(See pages 6 and 8 for more Mission news)

## First Presbyterian Church Photo Directory

Warren Erickson, Membership Committee

Finally, after being thwarted several times we are ready to start and finish taking pictures for our congregation's Photo Directory. This is a document that will have some historical significance and will be viewed with interest by folks 25+ years in the future. Let's tell them something about who we were.

To include some soul in the pictures we would like to encourage you to consider including some items that give a viewer an idea of how you like to spend your time, what your interests and hobbies are, what you like to do and where you like to do it.

To illustrate this consider using some props, clothing, tools, or a location. We've all heard the expression that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, this is an opportunity for you to share your world without writing a single word.

Dave Stolper and Warren Erickson will be making contact with you to schedule a time to complete your part of this project. They hope to start taking pictures in mid October. Thank you for preparing for this important event in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

## CROP Walk

Linda Curtis-Stolper, Mission Committee

The annual Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3. This event, sponsored by Church World Service since 1969, gives people from many ages, faiths and backgrounds a way to show global solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. In this year of continuing pandemic impacts and millions being displaced by fighting in many parts of the world, hunger issues are widespread and critical. Donations to support this event will be used to support hunger-fighting organizations around the world and in Jasper County.

Registration for walkers will start at 1:30 pm on the west Courthouse lawn, with the walk beginning at 2:00. The route is approximately three miles in length. Walkers may collect sponsors, who give a predetermined amount per mile walked or an overall donation – if you wish to do this, please contact Linda Curtis-Stolper (641-840-2417) for a Walker Donation Envelope. Walkers and others may also give donations directly by making checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designating "CROP Walk" in the memo line.

Our church has a history of very generous support of this event. Please look at the food you have on hand in your home, reflect on how you go about obtaining more to eat, and compare your process with what many others experience. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We can provide financial resources to help organizations on the ground address these needs. Prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings with others and donate to CROP Walk as you are able. Thank you.

*Additional information from the Mission Committee on page 5 and 8.*



## Nominating Committee

Toni Peska, Chair

We are at that time of year when we look for new officers (Elders and Deacons). It was unanimously agreed by the Session to lower the number from 7 to 6 members for each board. This will require the congregation to vote and approve this, as it will change our bylaws.

Going with the assumption this will be approved, our committee has begun our work in finding 3 new Elders and 2 new Deacons. Please be prayerfully considering what God is calling you to do in the work of our church and say "yes" if called upon by one of the Nominating Committee members.

If you have felt a desire to be a part of either of these ministries, you don't have to wait for our contact. Please let me know.

Thank you for your commitment to our church.

## Church Life

Gary Parsons, Chair

The usual Church Life activity in August, the downtown church rally, was canceled due to the increase in Covid 19 infections. We have also canceled our usual September activity which has been the Progressive Dinner for the same reason. The plan was to have a movie night in October but at this point it appears that may be in jeopardy. We are hoping that weather and schedules cooperate so that we can have a picnic in one of our wonderful county parks during the last part of September or in October.

## Personnel Committee

Tom Mott, Chair

At the recent Presbytery meeting, it was approved to increase the minimum pastor salary to \$52,920. This a 6% increase over the 2021 rate of \$49,236. This information will be looked at when we set our part of the budget.



## Hunger Action Week Oct. 10-17

Larry Anderson, Mission Chair

A few years ago, our denomination kicked off the Matthew 25 Initiative which has three primary points of focus:

**Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

**Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

More information on the Matthew 25 initiative can be found at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

In the spirit of Matthew 25, as well as our historic and ongoing commitment to alleviating hunger, the PC(USA) is highlighting hunger action during this week in October. This article is meant to help remind us of the efforts our congregation has been making and the need to continue efforts.

Effective action to alleviate hunger must occur at different levels of intervention. At the local level, First Presbyterian Newton collects food donations weekly and takes them to the Salvation Army food pantry. Also weekly we collect Cents-a-bility donations. The idea is for each of us to collect loose change as we eat meals at home, then bring them to church and place them in the Cents-a-bility containers. From those contributions, we donate regularly to the Salvation Army food pantry and to the Presbytery and national PC(USA) food programs. Our church has also participated in Take Away Hunger events during which we package food to be sent to hungry people in the US and other countries.

The Salvation Army is the local food pantry and receives food from the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines. Our church also donates to the Food Bank.

Some of our yearly offerings also go to support hunger action. The CROP Walk in early October raises funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. The Harvest Offering at Thanksgiving supports development through providing equipment and education to farmers in Iowa and worldwide. Through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog at Christmastime we have the opportunity to make gifts of items that alleviate hunger and poverty worldwide.

Recognizing that US public policy has tremendous power to help or to hinder hunger action efforts, we participate annually in the Offering of Letters to our elected representatives, sponsored by Bread for the World.

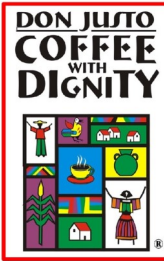
Finally, we have sought to raise our own awareness of how our lifestyles affect not only ourselves but how the food industry operates. We held the Just Eating discussions during Lent 2019, and we make fair trade coffee available for purchase through our Presbytery.

While these activities have earned our designation as a Hunger Action Congregation, we challenge ourselves to continue and increase our efforts, especially as the pandemic has interrupted so many such efforts. Thank you for your participation and contributions!

Mission Committee

*(See more Mission news on pages 5 and 6)*





In the past, we have ordered various sizes and flavors of Don Justo coffee and had it for sale in Fellowship Hall and served it at Fellowship. Betty and Maurice Dyer of Indianola now order the coffee from El Salvador and have it available for anyone to order.

The regular coffee, available in 1 pound bags at \$10 each or 5 pound bags at \$47 each, comes in ground or whole bean and is available in Medium Roast, Dark Roast, French Roast, Snickaroo, or Amaretto. The decaf coffee comes in 1 pound bags that are on sale for \$9 each or 5 pound bags that are on sale for \$47 each. The decaf coffee is available in ground or whole bean and only comes in Medium Roast or Dark Roast.

Orders will go in once a month, if we have any. Payment for your order will be due when you get the coffee. We have order forms in the office for your convenience, and your orders should go to the office, where Mickey will accumulate them and do the ordering. Your order doesn't have to be on an order form. Just be sure to include the quantity, size bag, ground or whole bean and flavor.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clothing Drive

Linda Curtis-Stolper

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is going to be sponsoring a clothing drive on Saturday, October 23. If you have gently used winter clothing of any size, please consider taking it to First Lutheran Church sometime before Oct. 15. Thank you for your support! The clothing drive will run 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at First Lutheran. Masks will be required. If you have any questions about this, contact Linda Curtis-Stolper at 641-840-2417.



Isn't it wonderful to see so many children at a recent Children's time at church?



Our own Tom Weeks walking in this year's homecoming parade. Tom had retired from coaching after last year, but was persuaded to come back for one more season!

## Reading the Bible in the Year 2021

Below is the schedule for the months of October and November. Each month we'll feature that month's readings and the readings for the following month.

**Did you start the Journey Through the Bible in a Year challenge only to get thrown off in Leviticus, one of the prophets or maybe somewhere else in the Old Testament? Good news! We're finally getting to the New Testament scriptures starting October 2. Why not join in now and finish 2021 off strong by reading the New Testament? The more the merrier!**

### October

### November

Friday, October 1 [Day 274 - Malachi 1-4](#)  
 Saturday, October 2 [Day 275 - Matthew 1-4](#)  
 Sunday, October 3 [Day 276 - Matthew 5-6](#)  
 Monday, October 4 [Day 277 - Matthew 7-9](#)  
 Tuesday, October 5 [Day 278 - Matthew 10-11](#)  
 Wed, October 6 [Day 279 - Matthew 12-13](#)  
 Thursday, October 7 [Day 280 - Matthew 14-17](#)  
 Friday, October 8 [Day 281 - Matthew 18-20](#)  
 Saturday, October 9 [Day 282 - Matthew 21-22](#)  
 Sunday, October 10 [Day 283 - Matthew 23-24](#)  
 Monday, October 11 [Day 284 - Matthew 25-26](#)  
 Tuesday, October 12 [Day 285 - Matthew 27-28](#)  
 Wed, October 13 [Day 286 - Mark 1-3](#)  
 Thursday, October 14 [Day 287 - Mark 4-5](#)  
 Friday, October 15 [Day 288 - Mark 6-7](#)  
 Saturday, October 16 [Day 289 - Mark 8-9](#)  
 Sunday, October 17 [Day 290 - Mark 10-11](#)  
 Monday, October 18 [Day 291 - Mark 12-13](#)  
 Tuesday, October 19 [Day 292 - Mark 14](#)  
 Wed, October 20 [Day 293 - Mark 15-16](#)  
 Thursday, October 21 [Day 294 - Luke 1-2](#)  
 Friday, October 22 [Day 295 - Luke 3-4](#)  
 Saturday, October 23 [Day 296 - Luke 5-6](#)  
 Sunday, October 24 [Day 297 - Luke 7-8](#)  
 Monday, October 25 [Day 298 - Luke 9-10](#)  
 Tuesday, October 26 [Day 299 - Luke 11-12](#)  
 Wed, October 27 [Day 300 - Luke 13-15](#)  
 Thursday, October 28 [Day 301 - Luke 16-18](#)  
 Friday, October 29 [Day 302 - Luke 19-20](#)  
 Saturday, October 30 [Day 303 - Luke 21-22](#)  
 Sunday, October 31 [Day 304 - Luke 23-24](#)

Monday, November 1 [Day 305 - John 1-2](#)  
 Tuesday, November 2 [Day 306 - John 3-4](#)  
 Wed, November 3 [Day 307 - John 5-6](#)  
 Thursday, November 4 [Day 308 - John 7-8](#)  
 Friday, November 5 [Day 309 - John 9-10](#)  
 Saturday, November 6 [Day 310 - John 11-12](#)  
 Sunday, November 7 [Day 311 - John 13-15](#)  
 Monday, November 8 [Day 312 - John 16-17](#)  
 Tuesday, November 9 [Day 313 - John 18-19](#)  
 Wed, November 10 [Day 314 - John 20-21](#)  
 Thursday, November 11 [Day 315 - Acts 1-3](#)  
 Friday, November 12 [Day 316 - Acts 4-5](#)  
 Saturday, November 13 [Day 317 - Acts 6-7](#)  
 Sunday, November 14 [Day 318 - Acts 8-9](#)  
 Monday, November 15 [Day 319 - Acts 10-11](#)  
 Tuesday, November 16 [Day 320 - Acts 12-13](#)  
 Wed, November 17 [Day 321 - Acts 14-15](#)  
 Thursday, November 18 [Day 322 - Acts 16-17](#)  
 Friday, November 19 [Day 323 - Acts 18-19](#)  
 Saturday, November 20 [Day 324 - Acts 20-21](#)  
 Sunday, November 21 [Day 325 - Acts 22-23](#)  
 Monday, November 22 [Day 326 - Acts 24-26](#)  
 Tuesday, November 23 [Day 327 - Acts 27-28](#)  
 Wed, November 24 [Day 328 - Romans 1-3](#)  
 Thursday, November 25 [Day 329 - Romans 4-7](#)  
 Friday, November 26 [Day 330 - Romans 8-10](#)  
 Saturday, November 27 [Day 331 - Romans 11-14](#)  
 Sunday, November 28 [Day 332 - Romans 15-16](#)  
 Monday, November 29 [Day 333 - 1 Corinthians 1-4](#)  
 Tuesday, November 30 [Day 334 - 1 Corinthians 5-9](#)



# OCTOBER 2021 **BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 Kay Parsons</b> 9a Adult SS 10:30a Worship 11:30a Outdoor Fellowship	<b>4 Brad Ritter</b> 9:30-11:30a- Small group meeting at Park Centre	<b>5</b> 11a Gentle Yoga 4p Worship & Music	<b>6</b> 9:30a WBS 7p Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Bev Rossow</b>
<b>10</b> 9a Deacons 9a Adult SS 10:30a Worship 11:30a Outdoor Fellowship 5p Sr. Group	<b>11 Peggy Lickiss</b>	<b>12</b> 3:30p Mission	<b>13 Roger Harmelink</b> 9:30a WBS 5:30p B&F 7p Choir	<b>14</b> 3p Chair Yoga	<b>15</b> Deadline for donating clothes for clothing drive	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Jean Linthicum</b> 9a Adult SS 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Outdoor Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	<b>20</b> 9:30a WBS 7p Choir	<b>21 Lou Axtell</b> 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	<b>22 Josh Ventling</b>	<b>23</b> 10a-1p Clothing drive at First Lutheran
<b>24</b> 9a Adult SS 9:45a Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Outdoor Fellowship <hr/> <b>31</b> 9a Adult SS 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Outdoor Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Steve Gehling</b> 11a Gentle Yoga	<b>27 Claire Skaggs</b> 9:30a WBS 7p Choir	<b>28</b> 9a-2p DfG 3p Chair Yoga	<b>29 Jim Skokan</b>	<b>30 Jonnie (Carpenter) Olsen</b>



<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mickey Van Baale	Karen Quinn	Dave Stolper	Linda Erickson	Kevin Peska
<b>Greeters</b>	Marilyn McCallister John Taylor	Cole Doerring Carroll Brodersen	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Rachel Skaggs Taylor McGonagle	Gary & Kay Parsons
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry & Shari DeCook	Dana Hashman Mickey Van Baale	Joan Tyler Jeanette Shannon	Kevin & Toni Peska	Tom & Susan Weeks
<b>Audio</b>	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens

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## Lectionary —

### October, 2021

#### October 3 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### October 10 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; *Ps.* 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

#### October 17 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17; *Ps.* 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Heb. 5:1-10; 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

#### October 24 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### October 31 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18; *Ps.* 146; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

### November, 2021

#### November 7 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; *Ps.* 127; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

#### November 14 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; *Ps.* 16; Heb 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

#### November 21 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

2 Sam. 23:1-7; *Ps.* 132:1-12 (13-18); Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

#### November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer. 33:14-16; *Ps.* 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36