

**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



**September
2021**

Meghan's Musings

God is Doing a New Thing. But What?

Earlier this summer your Session sent out a letter that began, "Contemplative spirituality is often described as 'taking a long, loving, look at the real.' In doing so, we acknowledge the reality of a situation, even if it is difficult to do so, without denial or despair. In doing so, we seek to see a situation as God sees it, in attempt to understand where God is leading and pray for the courage to follow."

In our denomination, Presbyterian Church (USA), it is customary for congregations to engage in what's called a "Mission Study" when a pastor leaves, before even starting to look for a new pastor. The idea is for the congregation to assess areas such as: where they are as a church, their strengths and growth opportunities (a.k.a. weaknesses), where their community is, where they'd like to be, how they'd like to get there. Of course, how comprehensive the Mission Study is varies by congregation and the requirements of the Presbytery of which the church is a member. While Mission Studies are typically only conducted when churches are between installed pastors (and often grudgingly at the insistence of the Presbytery), churches change, communities change, needs change and therefore, most churches would benefit from conducting something akin to a Mission Study every 5 years or so.

Well, I've been here over seven years now and it's been at least eight years since Session has actively engaged the church family in these important conversations. Therefore, as Session continues the work of "a long, loving, look at the real" to discern God's leading for us in the coming months and years, it is crucial to include the wider church family in this discernment. In that spirit, members of Session are inviting each of you to a small group discussion to help us get a fuller picture of where we are as a church family, where we'd like to be in the future —both near and long term, and how we might get there.

Please note: the purpose of these discussions is not directly related to any conversations we are having with the UCC and Lutheran congregations about possible collaborations. Rather, before we enter into meaningful discernment with the other churches, we need a very clear picture of what our Mission is as First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa, at this time.

Below are the dates, times and places that Session members will be hosting discussions (in their homes unless otherwise noted). Please contact Mickey at the church office to sign up for a time. In an effort to keep the groups small, each will have a limited number of participants and will be filled on a first come basis. Please let us know if none of these times work for you, if you need a ride to a gathering or if you have any questions or concerns. It is our goal to get full participation and we will do our best to remove any possible obstacle.

Thank you for helping us enter into this exciting time of figuring out how best to be God's instruments in the world! Small Group Schedule:

Monday, September 20, 9:30-11:30a at church - Tom Mott

Wednesday, September 22 6:30-9:30 - Gary Parsons

Thursday, September 23, 4:00-6:00p - Larry Anderson

Monday, September 27, 9:30-11:30a at Park Centre dining room, - Mickey

Tuesday, September 28, 1-3p at church - George Wilkening

Wednesday September 29, 2-4p - Marilyn McCallister

Thursday, September 30, 6-8p - Toni Peska



David Alan Shannon, husband of Jeanette and father of Cathy Rickers, was born July 7, 1937, in Sioux City, Iowa. He died at his home on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Living in the Morningside area, he attended Longfellow, East Junior and East Senior High School. Dave attended the University of Iowa for 1 ½ years before joining the US Army, in the spring of 1957. Training at Fort Hood, TX, his group, the 4th Armored Division, was stationed in Furth, Germany for three years. He received an honorable discharge in March of 1960.

On April 3, 1961, Dave was united in marriage with Jeanette Lee Marsh in Sioux City. Dave and Jeanette had two children, Catherine and Patrick, of whom Dave was justifiably proud, as both have grown to be responsible and contributing members of society. After working for a TV repair shop, Dave started working for Zenith, at their radio assembly plant in Sioux City. While there, he did a variety of things, from "Peaking" IF cans, to repairing assembly line rejects, doing quality control, and working in the product development lab. In 1967, he joined Sperry Corp., as a computer technician, working for them as a group leader, field manager, financial manager and logistics (parts) manager, until his retirement in 1991. At this time the family moved from Sioux City to Lindenhurst, IL; Union Grove, WI; Ralston, NE; and Streamwood, IL. After retirement, he and Jeanette moved to Altoona and eventually to Newton, IA, to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren.

He devoted his life to his family, was active in Boy Scouts as a Webelo Leader, Scout Master and Committeeman for many years. He enjoyed working outdoors, he served on the Streamwood Golf Commission and was an avid, though average, golfer. He had a great love of history, especially World War II and the airplanes that were involved in that conflict. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He attended the EEA Fantasy Flight camp in Oshkosh, WI, where he learned about and flew in the B-15 "Aluminum Overcast", which was a highlight of his life and love of WW II aircraft.

David died Sunday afternoon, August 8, 2021, at his home. Visitation with Dave's family was from 5pm until a service at 7pm, on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the Pence ~ Reese Funeral Home in Newton with Rev. Meghan Davis-Brass officiating. Burial was held at 2pm, Thursday, August 12, in the Omaha National Cemetery, in Omaha, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Mike Shannon. Those left to honor Dave's memory include his wife of 60 years, Jeanette; his daughter Catherine E. (Terry) Rickers; his son Patrick Shannon; his grandchildren: Staff Sgt. Brett (Ariel) Shannon, Nathan & Alex Shannon, Rachel (Ben) Anderson, Ahren Rickers; his great-grandchildren: Brooklyn & Kane Shannon and Lucas Bethards-Welch; his sister Mary Pat (Woody) Widrowicz; his sister-in-law Patty Shannon; his nieces and nephews; and his many extended family and friends

Be Praying For:

- ✚ Families and loved ones of soldiers killed in Afghanistan and also of the people of that country.
- ✚ The people of Haiti who have suffered so much.
- ✚ Persons affected by the wild fires in the West.
- ✚ Those who have been affected by hurricanes, tropical storms, tornados, droughts, floods and other acts of Mother Nature.
- ✚ Any and all who have been touched in any way by COVID-19 and the Delta variant.



Membership Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

JoAnn Munger was born in our hospital on November 29, 1930 and grew up in the family home close to Sunset Park in Newton. Her mother, Aneta Gates, was a homemaker and father, Harry Vance worked for the Maytag Co. until his retirement. During her school years at Emerson Hough, Woodrow Wilson and at the old Central Junior High, JoAnn would walk with her father on his way to Maytag. Her uncle Simon Gates who was 10 years older lived with the family and was almost like an older brother to her. While still a student she worked at the Capitol Theater and helped out with "Bank Night" on Saturdays. As a student her favorite subject was Office Practices and was able to gain experience working at Maytag as part of her school assignments. She also had a desire to be a nurse but that was never realized. JoAnn worked 30 years as a secretary in the school district which included the School Board.

JoAnn remembers the attack on Pearl Harbor at the start of World War 2 and the Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. During this time rationing was required of many items, particularly of gasoline. Her uncle Simon, although married, was drafted into the Army where he served in the Philippines.

JoAnn's family was small but they made time to be together. Every Sunday all went to church and then got together to eat and visit but everyone departed by 4:00 to get home to do farm chores. Since few people had TV in the early 1950s, on Saturday evenings folks would gather for a couple of hours to watch WOI., which she believes was probably the news in black & white... nothing like the slick color programs we enjoy these days.



JoAnn learned to ride a bike (her uncle Simon owned a bike shop) but also learned to drive a tractor (probably a Farmall) and was paid for helping on the farm. Still living with her family JoAnn took many wonderful road trips in a pre-WW2 Nash Automobile. To save money they slept in it – back seat down with heads toward the front and legs stretched into the trunk. The family traveled the country, to both coasts, seeing the sights in New York City including the Statue of Liberty and all the sights in Washington, D. C. then to the west and Old Faithful in Yellowstone, Las Vegas, Yosemite (she remembers the park putting something in the water so the falls looked like it was flaming), seeing the Redwoods and even driving through the massive trunk of the famous old giant tree we've all seen. JoAnn said her dad would drive until he was tired then she would take the steering wheel (she loved to drive) while he slept... but they had marvelous road trips in the Nash that doubled as a bedroom.

JoAnn and Marvin Munger were married after the war in 1950. Two children were born to them, including a daughter Vicki in 1955 who played in our bell choir. Vicki has passed away. Their son, Steve was born in 1957. He currently lives in Clive and has been a big help to his mom especially during the derecho last summer. Marvin had been a member of the Iowa National Guard in Newton. Sadly Marv passed away in 2013 of a heart attack following heart surgery.

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JoAnn has been in a social group of former school employees who call themselves “The Has Beens.” The group would meet monthly for some social time but is much smaller now that many have passed on. Still she has many fond memories of their time together.

Question, “What do you make of 2020?” – It was a very long, lonely time being shut in except for shopping for groceries while wearing her mask. Like many she had little personal contact with family, but her close neighbors were wonderful. JoAnn said we needed to get the virus identified sooner so people could start developing the vaccine so people could get vaccinated. Breaking up the loneliness of 2020 was the derecho which caused lots of damage to her home from fallen trees that broke windows and destroyed a fence.

JoAnn would rather read than watch TV, so she has a monthly subscription to large print books. After she has read them she passes them on to friends. Although she would rather read than watch TV, she nevertheless likes to watch Channel 5 news, *Jeopardy*, and *Family Feud*.

I’d like to mention, with thanks, that JoAnn used her former skills as a proofreader to assist the writer of this interview. WE

All-Church Pool Party

A great time was had by all at the Maytag Park pool on Sunday evening, August 8. About 30 people joined in the fun and frolic in the pool, water slides, diving boards and in the “lawn chair” grandstand! It was especially fun to have the following kids attend: Emmett, Garrett and Benny Zehr, Claire Skaggs, and Dana’s granddaughter, Piper Karr.

Special treats of root beer floats, cookies and ranch dipped cucumbers were shared. Heard many positive comments – “We had a great turnout and I think everyone had a wonderful time.” A super time of fellowship and connection!

Some great pictures were taken. A few are below and the rest are on page 5.



Joan Tyler, Barbara Zacheis and Carl Zacheis



Toni Peska keeping an eye on her grandkids.



Linda Erickson, Warren Erickson and Marilyn McCallister

The High Flyers off the diving boards

Emmett Zehr



Dave Stolper



Dave said the high diving board was a lot higher than what it looks like from the ground.

Garrett Zehr



Bryce and Claire Skaggs
This was Claire's first time to the pool.



Benny and Tara Zehr and Karen Quinn



The Skaggs family—Rachel, Claire and Bryce.



Papa Kevin Peska with Garrett Zehr and Bryce Skaggs

See page 7 for more news from the Membership Committee.

Mission Highlights

Larry Anderson, Chair

The big activity for the mission committee in August was the construction of a ramp for an older couple in Newton. The ramp was designed by George Wilkening and built by George, Steve Gehling, and Larry Anderson, with help from Jeff Stevens. The ramp was funded this time by Kid Assist. There are no active referrals at this time for further ramps, but since the partnership between FPC and Kid Assist started some three years ago, there have been several requests, and this is the fourth ramp we have built. See the pictures below of the newest ramp built.

After our church resumed in-person worship, we have been collecting food for the Salvation Army food pantry, as well as quarters for the laundry nights and Cents-a-bility offerings for food programs. You will find those collection areas in the narthex.

Mariners in Mission continues projects around the country, and Barb and John Taylor will be traveling to Louisville, KY, in late October for work there. There will be a Take Away Hunger event in September – look for further information in Church Happenings.



See page 7 for information about the “Crop Walk” on October 3, 2021.

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 6



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.

Toni Peska, Marilyn McCallister, Taylor McGonegle, Jane Repp, Karen Quinn and Gary Parsons

Church Life

Gary Parsons, Chair

Due to the increase in COVID-19, it has been determined that the Rally Day we normally have in September with our neighboring churches will not be held this year. Also, the annual Progressive Dinner will not be held in October. Our committee hopes that we will be able to hold other activities we have planned for the year.

As we find ourselves between the heat of summer and the cool air of fall, perhaps we will be able to plan another Sunday afternoon walk or a "bring your own lunch" picnic at Mariposa. Keep watching the Church Happenings and bulletins for any updates.

Personnel Committee

Tom Mott, Chair

Session adopted a recommendation of the Personnel Committee to split the position of Choir Director between Larry Anderson and Norm Grimm. They will each receive compensation at half the rate of the current position.

The change will allow each director greater flexibility in scheduling. At the same time, the change should afford the congregation wider opportunities to enjoy their years of experience and their ranges of talent.

In addition to the weekly directing of the choir, Larry will be in charge of finding special music during the summer months and Norm will find special music for the one Sunday a month the choir takes off.

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.



Christian Nurture

Mickey Van Baale, Chair

Meetings have been held and plans are being laid to once again have Sunday school for our children. Thus far the committee, Deb Zieman, Steve Gehling and myself have met with those who have indicated they will be teachers: Jane Repp, Taylor McGonegle and Linda Curtis-Stolper, as well as Deb Zieman. The age range we are looking at is from 4th grade to 3 or 4 year olds. Quite a range not only in age, but also in attention spans.

The plan (hope) is to start our one-room, multi-aged Sunday school the first part of October. It will be held in the previous PreK Sunday school room, which is now the library. The small table and chairs have been found and will be brought down to that room. The class will last for half an hour, 9:45a to 10:15a. Parents will be welcome to drop their child/children off at the kitchen door, or come in and wait in Fellowship Hall.

Many more of the details need to be figured out and this group is meeting weekly to do just that. Please keep everyone involved in your prayers as we make this much needed element of worship a reality once again.

Adult Sunday School will resume in fellowship hall the second Sunday in September, the 12th. We will meet around tables to facilitate social distancing. I plan to continue using the "Feasting On The Word" curriculum we have used the past two years. (George Wilkening)

Women's Bible Study will begin Wednesday, October 6 at 9:30 am. Our hope is to hold the study in person, but that will depend on the pandemic and variances, so watch for changes in Church Happenings. This year's study is *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"*. The cost of the book is \$10, large print \$15. Please let Mickey know if you are interested, so we can get the study books ordered.

Congratulations on a special anniversary

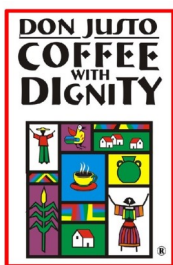
On August 23, 2021, John and Barb Taylor celebrated their 63rd anniversary! This is quite an accomplishment, especially in these days and times. To quote Barb, "It doesn't seem that long!! It has been such a good ride!"

Your church family extends our congratulations to you both and prays for many more!



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.



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.

By purchasing Don Justo Coffee with Dignity, you are helping the poorest of the poor in Berlin, El Salvador. Thank you!

Lamenting the Pandemic

Mickey Van Baale, Editor

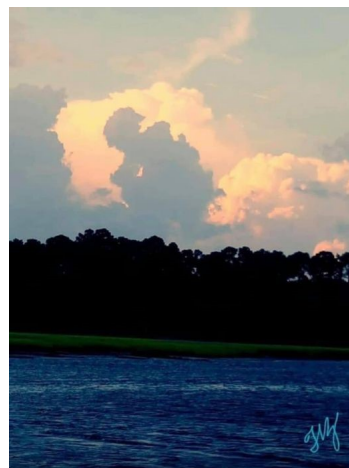
On Sunday, August 22, 2021, Linda Curtis-Stolper delivered the sermon “Lamenting the Pandemic”. She said things just kept falling into place—reading the bible in a year was at Lamentations, the Women’s Bible Study we did last year “Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament” and an article in the current Presbytery Today magazine “Anti-Racism Work is Heart Work” all carried a similar theme.

With the help of Dave Stolper, Worship leader, Linda led us through the six losses of the pandemic. Each of the six was signified by a candle that Dave lit and then shared a passage from Psalms. The six losses of the pandemic are: physical loss, emotional loss, spiritual loss, financial loss, personal loss and hidden blessings.

Congregation members were given a lot to think about in their own lives and those of family, friends and neighbors. Thank you Linda, and Dave, for a very inspiring message.



It is hard to believe it was 20 years ago that an attack was made on our country. Please pray for peace.



This photo was on Facebook, remembering the 13 American soldiers who lost their lives in the last days of the war in Afghanistan.

Reading the Bible in the Year 2021

Below is the schedule for the months of September and October. Each month we'll feature that month's readings and the readings for the following month. If you would like a copy of the schedule for the entire year, please contact Meghan or the church office. **We will have a weekly Bible study/discussion at 6 pm Monday (via Zoom for the time being) to discuss what we're reading.**

September

Wed, September 1 [Day 244 - Ezekiel 25-27](#)
 Thursday, September 2 [Day 245 - Ezekiel 28-30](#)
 Friday, September 3 [Day 246 - Ezekiel 31-32](#)
 Saturday, September 4 [Day 247 - Ezekiel 33-35](#)
 Sunday, September 5 [Day 248 - Ezekiel 36-38](#)
 Monday, September 6 [Day 249 - Ezekiel 39-40](#)
 Tuesday, September 7 [Day 250 - Ezekiel 41-43](#)
 Wed, September 8 [Day 251 - Ezekiel 44-46](#)
 Thursday, September 9 [Day 252 - Ezekiel 47-48](#)
 Friday, September 10 [Day 253 - Daniel 1-3](#)
 Saturday, September 11 [Day 254 - Daniel 4-5](#)
 Sunday, September 12 [Day 255 - Daniel 6-8](#)
 Monday, September 13 [Day 256 - Daniel 9-12](#)
 Tuesday, September 14 [Day 257 - Hosea 1-4](#)
 Wed, September 15 [Day 258 - Hosea 5-9](#)
 Thursday, September 16 [Day 259 - Hosea 10-14](#)
 Friday, September 17 [Day 260 - Joel 1-3](#)
 Saturday, September 18 [Day 261 - Amos 1-4](#)
 Sunday, September 19 [Day 262 - Amos 5-9](#)
 Monday, September 20 [Day 263 - Obadiah 1](#)
 Tuesday, September 21 [Day 264 - Jonah 1-4](#)
 Wed, September 22 [Day 265 - Micah 1-4](#)
 Thursday, September 23 [Day 266 - Micah 5-7](#)
 Friday, September 24 [Day 267 - Nahum 1-3](#)
 Saturday, September 25 [Day 268 - Habakkuk 1-3](#)
 Sunday, September 26 [Day 269 - Zephaniah 1-3](#)
 Monday, September 27 [Day 270 - Haggai 1-2](#)
 Tuesday, September 28 [Day 271 - Zechariah 1-5](#)
 Wed, September 29 [Day 272 - Zechariah 6-10](#)
 Thursday, September 30 [Day 273 - Zechariah 11-14](#)

October

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](#)



2021 **BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Melissa Sommars 7p Choir	2 Brandon Jackson 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 6:30p Nominating	3	4
5 10:30 Worship 11:30 Outdoor Fellowship	6	7 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	8 5:30p B&F 7p Choir	9 4:30p Christian Nurture	10 John Taylor	11
12 Dick Mielke Bennett Zehr 9a Deacons 10:30 Worship 11:30 Outdoor Fellowship	13	14 Carma Sturtz 11a—Gentle Yoga	15 7p Choir	16 Janet Shields 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 4:30p Christian Nurture	17 Harriett Harmelink	18 9a via Zoom DSM Presby Meeting
19 10:30 Worship 11:30 Outdoor Fellowship	20 9:30-11:30a Small Group meeting at church	21 Ann DeGrado 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p - Session	22 6:30-9:30p Small Group Meeting at Parsons' 7p Choir	23 Mary Roskilly 9a-2p DfG 3p Chair Yoga 4-6p Small Group Meeting at Anderson's 4:30p Christian Nurture	24 Norm Grimm	25 Garrett Sturtz
26 Clarice Sigurdson 10:30 Worship 11:30 Outdoor Fellowship	27 Randy Camp Garrett Zehr 9:30-11:30a Small Group Meeting at Park Centre	28 11a Gentle Yoga 1-3p Small Group Meeting at church	29 Larry Anderson Julie Brodersen 2-4p Small Group Meeting at Marilyn McCallister's 7p Choir	30 6-8p Small Group Meeting at Peska's		



September	5	12	19	26
Worship Leader	Linda Kirchhoff	George Wilkening	Joan Tyler	Mickey Van Baale
Greeters	Gary & Kay Parsons	Kevin & Toni Peska	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Randy & Carol Camp
Ushers	Barb & John Taylor	Kay & Gary Parsons	Kay & Gary Parsons	Mary Jane Tripp Suzy Funk
Audio	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens	Shirley Stevens

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Lectionary —

September, 2021

September 5 - 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 12—16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 19—17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 26—18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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