

All in the Family

Growing the family of God — Following Jesus—Making Disciples

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Scripture For the Month

September 2

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or
Psalm 72
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125 or 124
James 2:1-10-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Scripture and Sermon titles SEPTEMBER

September 2

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
John 10:7-18
"I am the Good Shepherd"

September 9

16th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
John 11:17-44
"I am the resurrection and Life"

September 16

17th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
John 14:1-14
"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

September 23

18th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
John 15:1-17
"I am the True Vine"

September 30

19th Sunday after Pentecost - Green
Revelation 1:1-19
"I am the Alpha and Omega"



Fill-a-Tote Sunday
for the Sew & Share Food Pantry
is September 9th.

Items needed at this time are:

- Pancake mix & syrup
- Toilet tissue
- Laundry & Dish soap
- Peas, corn, pork & beans
- Peaches
- Popcorn

The Pantry is open every
Wednesday, 1-3 PM.
Everyone is welcome!



Coffee Fellowship

Cookies for Fellowship Coffee
10:00-10:30 am
(3 doz.)

Sunday, Sept. 2

Lois Braymen
Vicki Fulk
Connie Richardson
Joyce Tornholm
Roger Wells

Sunday, Oct. 7

Marge Anderson
Pam Anderson
Sally Nordland
Connie Richardson
Roger Wells

Sunday, Sept. 9

Teresa Babcock
Marilyn Batten
Carolyn Scherf
Jane King
Roger Wells

Sunday, Oct. 14

Marilyn Batten
Dolores Bellairs
Roberta Rarick
TJ King
Roger Wells

Sunday, Sept. 16

Karen Decker
Nancy Brown
Elaine Armstrong
Darcy Rubenking
Roger Wells

Sunday, Oct. 21

Doris Stamm
Doris West
Margaret Jefferson
Roger Wells

Sunday, Sept. 23

Judy Esaias
Elaine Long
Thelma Graham
Andrea Yearington
Roger Wells

Sunday, Oct. 28

Thelma Graham
Maxine Hamm
Mary Ellen Norton
Elaine Long
Roger Wells

Sunday, Sept. 30

Elaine Armstrong
Mary Ellen Norton
Margaret Jefferson
Janelle Stephens
Roger Wells

Thank you for providing cookies for Fellowship coffee. Please bring 3 dozen cookies on your designated Sunday. We encourage those providing cookies to help serve if possible.

If the date does not work for you, please exchange with someone on the list or notify Elaine Gutzmer or Elaine Long. The list is posted in the kitchen.

*First Service members will set up
Second Service members will clean up*

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From Pastor Andy,

We used to live on an acreage. It was a nice quiet place out in the country. There were 7 acres of pasture land – give or take. Just a nice quiet place.

Across the road from us was other farmland and pastures. The farmer who owned the property over there was a cattle farmer. He had Angus cattle in his pasture. For some reason, his cattle would get out and come across the road and wander up into our yard and start eating the grass there.

They were very polite cattle, they never ate any of our grass without leaving a deposit to pay for what they had eaten.

It got to the point where we had the farmer's number posted near our telephone. In case of cows, call Farmer Jones at BR549.

Eventually the fences got fixed and we didn't have much trouble after that.

It got me to thinking that I had a lot of pasture available. A farmer friend asked if I might consider letting him use the pasture to feed some of his sheep. As this was a way to keep the weeds down without having to mow or spray, I agreed.

The farmer came and fixed fences, brought in a water tank, (we had an old well that would water the sheep). And things were doing fine.

Our dog at the time, must have been part sheep dog, because she took a profound interest in the sheep. She would watch them very carefully.

It just so happened that one of the young lambs found a small area where the fence was open and came wandering out of the pasture. Our dog, quick as you please, chased that lamb back through the fence and we didn't have to worry about that particular sheep leaving the pasture again.

One funny thing that I noticed, as the sheep lived on our property, was that they were picky eaters. They would eat what was their favorite plant first, (clover and what not) then when everything else was gone then they would eat the weeds.

Why mention all of this stuff? What does this have to do with anything?

In the case of the cattle, I wondered, what made my simple lawn look better than a pasture full of tall green grass. Did my grass look greener through the fence across the road? Was it just

the fact that there weren't any fences, under sunny skies above, to hinder their movement. Sometimes, you simply want something different. Good fences make good neighbors I suppose.

We need the boundaries that God has established in our lives. Without the correction and direction of God we would be running headlong into dangerous territory.

The cattle were risking life and death for the "greener grass" across the road. The pasture the cattle had left, held much more bounty than they could ever get in my yard. When we leave God's direction and guidance and run headlong into sin, we are just like those cattle. We risk death for something that will not truly satisfy.

The sheep needed tending in a more direct way.

I'll never forget waking up one morning to see turkey buzzards covering the roof of our barn. I looked at them and wondered, "What in the world is going on?"

Looking over the fence I saw it.

There on the ground was an old ewe that had died sometime in the night. The buzzards caught wind of it and were arriving for breakfast.

I talked to the farmer who owned the sheep about it. He had known that that particular animal had not been the healthiest. "Sometimes they just die... and she had been around a long time."

Thou preparest a table in the presence of mine enemies.... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. These thoughts were running through my mind as I thought of the sheep and the Shepherd.

Through the various places we go and in all of the experiences we have had, God is there to lead us in the paths of righteousness.

If we are willing to follow. I will fear no evil. Not even the buzzards that will gather. I will follow you Lord. Where you lead.

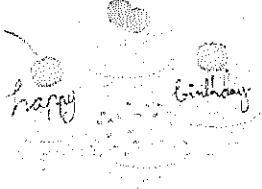
And if I stumble and fall. If I get lost along the way. I know that you are the good Shepherd and will find me, and bring me home.

Yours in Christ,
Andy


**AUGUST 2018
Attendance &
Budget Offering**

5	9 am Service: 10:30 am Service: Offering: \$3,685.50 Total Attend: 107
12	9 am Service: 10:30 am Service: Offering: \$3,578.00 Total Attend: 95
19	9 am Service: 10:30 am Service: Offering: \$2,227.00 Total Attend: 116
26	9 am Service: 10:30 am Service: Offering: \$4,275.30 Total Attend: 116

SEPTEMBER




2	Evalyn Vardaman
7	Rita Shull
11	Rachel Cabeen
12	Landon Pulliam Connor Pulliam
16	Blake Crain
18	Maddalyn Keeley
20	Bonnie Brown
21	Vicki Davis Jillian King
22	Steve Miller
25	Dave Long
26	Sally Nordland Tamra Peterson
28	Margaret Jefferson
29	Erin Baldwin Wayne Davis Vicki Fulk Linda Naven
30	Damon Nally



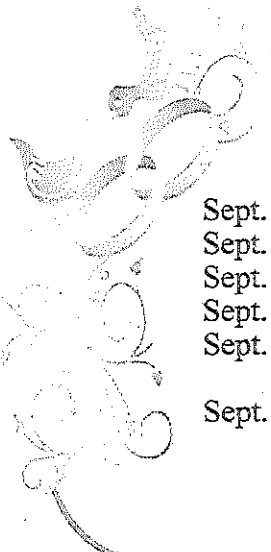
The list for Greeters & Ushers is posted in the Kitchen area. If you are unable to Usher or Greet, please exchange with someone on the list and let the office know your replacement.

<u>September 2</u> (U) Don & Jane King (G) Lois Braymen (U) Liz Hernandez—Praise (G) Phyllis Montross—Praise	<u>October 7</u> (U) Scott & Nancy Brown (G) Karen Decker
<u>September 9</u> (U) Lyle & Sandy Geer (G) Karen Decker (U) Leon Rubin—Praise	<u>October 14</u> (U) Arlen & Lavone Johnson (G) Elaine Armstrong
<u>September 16</u> (U) Larry & Carolyn Scherf (G) Marge Anderson (U) Steve & Theresa Eason—Praise	<u>October 21</u> (U) Gary & Michelle Walter (G) Doris West
<u>September 23</u> (U) Randy & Barb Sims (G) Brenda Cox (U) Roger & Evelyn Wells—Praise	<u>October 28</u> (U) Ron & Sandra Bramble (G) David Esaias family
<u>September 30</u> (U) Charlie & Connie Richardson (G) Terri Murphy (U) Roger & Evelyn Wells - Praise	

Communion Stewards



September ~ December
Corey & Andrea Yearington



September Anniversaries

Sept. 2	Dave & Elaine Long
Sept. 11	Larry & Jana Carpenter
Sept. 14	Bob & Maxine Hamm
Sept. 19	Rick & Carol Brehmer
Sept. 26	Cliff & Margaret Jefferson Howard & Janelle Stephens
Sept. 30	Clark & Marilyn Batten

Sew & Share Report by Doris West

May-June-July: 211 Families, 446 Individuals and approximately \$20,282 in food was given from the pantry. Summer has been very busy in the pantry.

Several persons have shared garden produce with our clients. We are thankful! Food Bank of the Heartland reports that 1 out of 5 children in Nebraska and western Iowa are at risk for hunger.

The pantry needs are pancake mix and syrup, toilet tissue, laundry and dish soap, peas, corn, pork & beans, peaches and popcorn.

The pantry is open every Wednesday from 1-3 PM. Everyone is welcome. - Doris West



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

EDUCATION NEWS: Beginning on September 9th, the Traditional Service will begin at 8:45 AM and the Praise Service at 10:45 AM. These changes were made to allow for a Sunday School hour between services. Please pray for a smooth transition and for a year of growth in discipleship for all of us! Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting was held Sunday, August 26th at 6:30 PM in Wesley Hall. This meeting was an organizational meeting and training for all children's teachers who have graciously volunteered to help in our Sunday School department this fall. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year. Contact Pam Anderson if you were unable to attend and she will make arrangements for our orientation.

Children's Worship

Children's worship will be offered during the Traditional Service again this year. Come join us for singing, Bible memory work and a short object lesson beginning September 9th!

Sunday School

"Love Grows Here" is our theme for the year for children and youth Pre-K through High School. Join us for a fun packed year of learning about God's *immeasurable* love for us! Watch us grow in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man as we study the life of Jesus. See you on September 9th at 10:00 AM for our kick-off celebration!

Parents

Please help us save time on the first day of Sunday School. Register your kids now by filling out the registration forms which can be found in a basket on a small table in the Welcome Center.

New Adult Opportunities Beginning September 9th!

This fall we will be offering four elective classes for adults during the Sunday School hour from 10:00-10:45 AM. We hope and pray that you will choose to be a part of one of these groups! This is a short-term commitment. We hope to be able to offer a new set of electives each semester at which time you are free to select the class that sounds most interesting to you. A nursery will be provided.

Women's Bible Study

Come join us for fellowship and Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Welcome Center! Enjoy getting to know other women in a relaxed, encouraging setting.

*There are sign-up sheets for adult groups on the tripod in the Welcome Center! Signing up will help us to gauge numbers and the classroom space needed. Teachers and study topics will be listed there.

BACKPACK REPORT

This year we celebrated the 7th Annual Back to School Backpack Program which provides school supplies to children in the local area. Backpacks and supplies were provided to over 165 children this summer. Each elementary backpack is packed with the supplies needed for the child's classroom: paper, pencils, pens, pencil boxes, crayons, colored pencils, glue, glue sticks, folders, spiral notebooks, calculators, ear buds or headphones, flash drives (depending on the grade level) or stylus, Kleenex, scissors, etc. The high school students receive backpacks which include binders, college-lined spirals, folders, pencil bags, mechanical pencils, and pens. We arranged approximately 9000 items to be distributed this year.

Our mission is to assist children in the local area so that no child attends school without the necessary supplies to begin the year. We will also provide cases of Kleenex to Garfield School for the classrooms such as music, art, PE, special education – which do not have specific children assigned to them. And we supplement supplies during the year as the need arises. We also packed 15 School Kits for the UMW In-gathering in November.

Support this year was provided by monetary donations from the Masons, Clarinda Youth Corporation, Clarinda Regional Health Center (backpacks and supplies) and several local citizens. A special thank you to: those who worked setting up on Thursday, August 8th; those purchasing/donating supplies; those who worked distributing the backpacks and supplies on Friday, August 10th; those folks who helped inventory before and after the distribution; and to Elaine Long, Elaine Gutzmer, Mary Ellen Norton, Carlene Buck & Pastor Andy for assistance in registration! And to the Clarinda Academy staff and students who helped set up, during the distribution, and tear down (with inventorying items)!

We thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile project. We anticipate the need to be even bigger next year than last as approximately 70% of the children in the Clarinda Community School District were eligible for free and reduced lunches.

- Kathy Wells & Gail Wallin

Sunday: 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Praise Worship
 5:00 PM Faith-Food-Fellowship Meal
 Wednesday: 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Sew & Share Food Pantry
 Thursday: 6 PM Nodaway Valley Free Clinic (first 3 Thursdays at old Doctor's offices)
 Saturday: 10 AM Weekly Fun, Praise & Fellowship

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Every Wed. - Choir Practice @ 6:00 PM			1
2 Communion Andrea & Corey Yearington	3 WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY	4	5 5:30 PM Ruth Circle Meeting	6	7	8
9 Sunday School starts. Potluck at 12 noon.	10	11	12 UMW District Annual Day	13 11:30 AM - UMW Program: Pam Anderson Devotions: Bonnie Brown	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25 5:30 Fin. Meeting 6:30 Ad Council	26	27	28	29

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Every Wed. - Choir Practice @ 6:00 PM			1
	1	2	3 5:30 PM Ruth Circle Meeting	4	5	6
7 Communion Andrea & Corey Yearington World Communion Sunday	8	9	10 Food Bank Agency Partner Conference in Omaha, NE.	11 11:30 AM - UMW Program: Gail Wallin Devotions: Carol Nielsen	12	13 Hayride Event @ The Hitt's
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 2:30-5:30 PM Hosting Cluster Charge Conference	22	23 5:30 Fin. Meeting 6:30 Ad Council	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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RUTH CIRCLE . . .

The Ruth Circle will be meeting every first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN . . .

The UMW ladies will meet on Thursday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center at the church.

The program will be given by Pam Anderson on the recent Belize mission trip. Bonnie Brown will provide devotions for the meeting.

The UMW meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows:

Oct. 11 Program: Gail Wallin
 Devotions: Carol Nielsen
 11:30 a.m. Welcome Center

Nov. 8: Program & Devotions:
 World Thank Offering -
 Leona Rubin
 11:30 a.m. Welcome Center

Dec. 13: Installation Service Christmas
 Luncheon and Caroling
 11:30 a.m. Welcome Center

If you are looking to for an area you might like to be a part of, come and attend either the Ruth Circle or UMW to see what we do. All are welcome!



QUILT SHOW . . .

The Scrap Happy Quilt Guild will be hosting "Harvest of Quilts - The Music of our Souls" Quilt show at the church on September 14-15.

* Times are:

Friday - Sept. 14: 4 PM - 7 PM and
 Saturday - Sept. 15: 9 AM - 4 PM.
 Admission is \$3.00 (Ages 10 and up)

* Bed Turning presentation featuring quilts of Carlene Buck, Friday @ 5:30 PM and Saturday @ 10 AM & 2 PM.

* Tea Room

* Boutique of quilted items for sale.

* Dozens of beautiful and unique quilts on display.

A gorgeous twin size quilt will be raffled. Tickets are available at the show and the winner announced at the end of the show.

Hope to see you there!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND, Sept. 3, 2018:

Enjoy and relax with family and friends this weekend. Stay safe if you are traveling. The church office will be closed Monday.

Have a safe Labor Day

