

Faith UP

September 2020

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"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God...Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us," (1 John 4:7, 11-12)

The events taking place around our very lives are many, and they have created an atmosphere of anxiety, of stress, of challenge. No matter what side of any or all of these situations you may fall, each of these issues has presented great challenge, and collectively they have changed the very face of life as we know it. It happens, at time, throughout history: events take place one upon another and soon there is great upheaval. What we are experiencing is not a new phenomenon and neither, unfortunately, is our responding to these situations. We might be able to deal with one issue in a good order, but when we have to deal with multiple big ticket issues all at the same time, it is overwhelming. What are we to do; what are we to think; what voice do we listen for; who do we believe? The advent of the internet and social media, instead of offering us a help, have actually confounded the problem; we have multiple sources of information, with varying differences in what is going on, and a plethora of opinions, editorials, and out and out negative and nasty commenting to help us navigate through the storms of the day. If we think that being a part of the church is an oasis to find respite from all this stormy stuff, we are sorely mistaken; the church has waded in and even, at times, led the charge into the controversies, creating distinctions between "us and them" in many instances. Yet, God continues to offer to us a guiding word, a faith and a hope and a trust, if we choose to follow it, and that is something I would like to lift up as I believe it pertains to us directly, "Beloved, let us love one another...if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Over these last several months, as all of these issues have begun to pile up, some of the harshest voices in regards to the issues and how we are dealing with them, has come out of the church, and it is not relegated to conservative or liberal, left or right, evangelical or mainstream, catholic or protestant; it is ALL SIDES entering in the very negative and harsh dialogue, as if to say "we are right and you are wrong and you better figure things out..." Some if this spirit may indeed be warranted, but it is the way this is being handled that has me lying awake at night, and we have even seen some of this, to a lesser extent, here at Faith United, and it is troubling. We have differing opinions and understandings on most everything, but we have always been able to coalesce around the love of Christ in our midst to find a uniting place. I am not so sure we are looking for that place right now, we are divided, dis-united, and above all else, we are speaking in very "unloving" terms toward one another. We as a congregation, and I as the pastor have worked hard to keep the church out of the controversies, because I believe wholly that entering into the controversies opens us up to exactly what is going on, the harsh rhetoric and the "us and them" approach. I fear that we are being drug into this, and we are going. I hope that I am simply wrong and I am being over sensitive and I am "issues fatigued," but I am not so sure. The problem that arises when we have such division within the body of Christ, either locally, nationally, or Church-wide, is that openings for the evil one then occur, and a very different gospel that the Gospel presented to us in Scripture, the Gospel of love one another, of love the enemy and pray for the persecutor, the Gospel of giving of self for the sake of the other, ceases to be the Gospel that offers to us the strength, hope, and peace we so desperately seek to live into and share.

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Brothers and sisters, as 1 John's narrator speaks to us, "Let us love one another with love, that comes from God; let the powerful love of God overcome our tendency toward "us and them" and show forth in us an alternative, loving and caring for one another even in those moments when we do not always agree with one another. We can have our differing opinions and understandings, but when those become gospel and a cause for us to speaking unlovingly to one another, we cease to be the body of Christ and we take our place among all the other voices that simply want to get our own way. The church was brought into existence to be something holy other, and I pray we would be open to being that today, even as these storms rage around us.

My prayers for us as a people, for us as the church, for us as Faith United Presbyterian Church, continue to our loving and providing God, that we will be one in Jesus Christ, and love and care for one another, for the other, for the world, in Jesus' love. Amen.

Dave

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in September

Sunday, September 6 (Proper 18) *Semicontinuous*

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Complementary Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13 (Proper 19) *Semicontinuous*

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Complementary Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20 (Proper 20) *Semicontinuous*

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Complementary Jonah 3:10-4:11 or Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 (Proper 21) *Semicontinuous*

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Complementary Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

WORSHIP IN AUGUST:

In the month of August we continue to explore "The Promise of God" as the story continues through the end of the Jacob cycle and through the Joseph cycle into the beginnings of Exodus, as well as the 14th and 15th chapters of Matthew's gospel.

August 2: Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21: The Promise Is Wrestled With; Communion

August 9: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Matt. 14:22-33: The Promise Seems Derailed

August 16: Genesis 45:1-15; Matt. 15:21-28: The Promise Finds A New Home

August 23: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Matt. 16:13-20: The Promise Encounters Human Power

August 30: Exodus 3:1-15; Matt. 16:21-28: The Promise Speaks



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh, Peggy Reid, Kelly Berkenpas

Spotlight on Missions!!

Many thanks to all who contributed money or items for the Mission Committee's School Supply drive. You still have till the end of August to get items to the church or send money designated for supplies. We have already delivered approximately \$250 worth of supplies to the Community Action Agency which included this very partial list of items: 106 pencils in various size packs, 20 boxes of crayons, 25 spiral notebooks, 25 pocket folders, 18 packs of colored pencils, pens, post-it notes, index cards, glue sticks and bottles, blunt tip scissors, and other supplies on the list.

Coming up early in October is the churchwide Peace and Global Justice offering (formerly known as Peacemaking) and then later, the Crop Walk. As far as we know now, it is scheduled for October 18th so think about walking and/or donating to this event which supports food needs worldwide and right here in Siouxland.

Thank you again for supporting the mission work of Faith United

Christian Ed News

September

The Christian Ed Committee along with the Session have decided to delay the start of Sunday School until the first of October. We do believe Christian education is very important for all ages, but is also very important to make sure we do this as safely as possible. There will be more to come on when Sunday School will start and how it will look.



Carol Butler, Michele Butler, Becky Bainbridge, Mary Daniels, Tina Hansen, and Peggy Reid

*The deadline for newsletter submission is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to
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Music Notes

We are approaching the fall, the season when the various musical groups are typically gearing up to resume rehearsals. This year is different, however, and musically, things are going to be different in the church. Unfortunately, singing, especially in a choir in an indoor space, is a risky activity in this age of Covid-19. The deep breathing and vocal projection involved in singing produce many tiny aerosol droplets that can spread the virus. Therefore, the Chancel Choir and Children's Choir will not be convening as usual in the fall. We will be creating some virtual choir pieces as we did in the spring, and we are welcoming instrumental soloists who would like to play. We are grateful for our organists, Mary, Pat, and Garrett, for continuing to lead us in worship on the organ and piano. It will be a joyous day when we can safely bring our choirs back into worship! Until then, we must keep each other safe.

-Ellen

New Address

Jeff & Becky Paulsen
6751 Windsong Court
Sioux City, IA 51106



Roger & Marilyn Winter
9727 Montclair Drive
Lenexa, KS 66227-8102

Sept/Oct UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



These Days

We have copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter.

Faith United Presbyterian Church is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

September

Circles will meet:

September 1, Naomi Circle, 2:00 pm
September 2, Rebecca Circle, 10:00 am
September 10, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am
September 15, Lydia Circle, 7:00 pm
September 18, Coordinating Team, 10:00 am

Linda Puttmann

The Quilting Group will meet on Tuesdays, at 9 o'clock. We would invite anyone who enjoys sewing and some fellowship to join us in the quilting room on the third floor.



CARD MAKING GROUP There will be no card making until further notice. However, cards are still for sale for --\$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00.

**Kitchen Crew
for September is
Esther Circle**

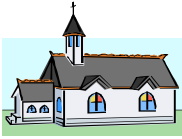
LUNCH BUNCH On Wednesday, September 2 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Old Chicago at 12:00 pm for lunch.

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday September 8 at . Please let Bob Mesmer know if you will be going. You can still come even if you don't let him know, but he needs an approximate count to reserve a big enough table.

Treasurer's Report from July

Income	\$11,052.28
Expenses	\$13,736.08
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$2,686.80)



Prayer Families for September

6 - Rita Stolz, Bill Strawn, Lee Struthers, Charles Tarvin, Eleanor Tasker, Skip & Becky Trout & family

13 - Mary Tut & family, Lorman & Sally Vilhauer, Jim & Lynne Walker & family, Chad & Heather Watkins & family, Marilyn Watkins, Richard & Sandra Weaver

20 - Bryon Wertz, Clayton & Leanna Whipple & family, Hermine Windle, John Winqvist, Roger & Marilyn Winter, Michael & Michele Wolfe & family

27 - Tony & Mary Andersen & family, Renea Anderson & Garrett, Kathy Angerman, Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett, Jeff Arnett, Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

Usher Captains! Please remember to get a head count every Sunday.



Liturgist

Sally Lingle

Offering Counters



6 & 13 - Don Stokes & Connie Sponder
20 & 27 - Tina Hansen

Communion Servers

6 - Deacons



September 2020 Anniversaries



4 - Michael & Michele Wolfe
7 - Don & Mary Stokes
11 - Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett
14 - Dick & Sandy McKeever
17 - Mark & Angie Schmith
28 - Skip & Becky Trout
30 - Gary & Karen Lien

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Birthdays

10 - Al Baustian
14 - Mary Hall
15 - Jay Berkenpas
16 - Harlie Johns
17 - Sandy McKeever
20 - Ed Buchholz
21 - Piper Braddy
22 - Sally Lingle
Becky Paulsen
Emmalee Schmith
23 - Mary Daniels
24 - Carolyn Daniels
25 - Becky Bainbridge
Cory Berkenpas
26 - Bill Hall
28 - Marilyn Erickson
29 - Richard Delfs
Sherry Koehler

1 - Beverly Maxfield
2 - Kirk Puttmann
3 - Dick Weaver
4 - Karen Lien
5 - Chad Watkins
7 - Val Marshall

Ushers



10:30 Service

6 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Eric Butler

13 - Angie Irwin*, Richard Delfs, Jeff & Becky Paulsen

20 - Bob* & Vina* Rodecker, Anthony Osborn, Marilyn Erickson

27 - Carlotta Fox*, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

September 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<p>1 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>2:00 pm Naomi Circle</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch @ Old Chicago</p> <p>7:00 Gambler's Anon</p>	<p>3 8:30 Men's Club</p> <p>5-7 Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p>	5
<p>6 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>1-4 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p>	<p>7 LABOR DAY Office closed</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>5:30 pm Empty Nesters @ 7:00 pm Doll Club</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Gambler's Anon</p>	<p>10 8:30 Men's Club 9:30 am Esther Bible Study</p> <p>5-7 Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p>	12
<p>13 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5-7 Just for Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Session</p>	<p>15 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Lydia circle</p>	<p>16 FAITH UP DEADLINE</p> <p>7:00 Gambler's Anon</p>	<p>17 8:30 Men's Club</p> <p>4:00 pm Deacons 5-7 pm Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am PW Coordinating team</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p>	19
<p>20 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>1-4 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>2:00 Condo Assoc mtg in Dining Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5-7 Just for Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 CE Meeting</p>	<p>22 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>12:00 pm Faith Together</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Gambler's Anon</p>	<p>24 8:30 Men's Club</p> <p>5-7 pm Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p>	26
<p>27 10:30 am Worship Service Reception for Helen Lehnertz after Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5-7 Just for Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29 9:00 am Quilting Group</p>	<p>30</p>			

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Worship Schedule

Service times

10:30 Worship Service

Staffed Nursery Available

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Don Stokes
Ben Miller

Christian Education

Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge

Finance

Renea Anderson
Zach Gould

General Administration

Renea Anderson
Don Stokes
Tina Hansen
Ben Miller

Investment/Endowment

Gary Hacker

Membership

Connie Sponder
Linda Puttmann

Memorial

Becky Bainbridge
Renea Anderson

Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Harriett Marsh
Zach Gould

Worship

Linda Puttmann
Zach Gould

BOARD OF DEACONS

Carolyn Daniels	Becky Paulsen
Carlotta Fox	Dick Pruehs
Angie Irwin	Harvey Stokes
Sally Lingle	Lorman Vilhauer
Bobbi Mesmer	Sally Vilhauer
Julie Mesmer	

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Renea Anderson	Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge	Ben Miller
Zach Gould	Linda Puttmann
	Don Stokes

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: - Sonja Floyd, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Tina Hansen