

THE WEEK – Beginning July 11, 2021

Today

8:45 Worship
9:00 "First Church on the Air"
10:00 Park Centre Worship

Tuesday

6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Meeting

Koni Bunse is retired, but the party goes on: Sunday, July 18th from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Bunse home – 4825 Hwy F36W, Newton. All are welcome to come and celebrate! No gifts, please. Your presence is all that is desired.

*THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Jul 11th** – Mackenzie Baker; **12th** – Elaine Emmack, Bill Iverson, Robert Neal, Joe Ransom; **14th** – John Beck, Rhonda Carmichael, Michael Guy, Jane Johnson, Clayton Killian, Lisa Skinner-McKinney, Elisha Swersie, Vicki Wright; **15th** – Minniette Bucklin; **16th** – Donna Farland, Bill Peters, Amanda Roberts, Angie Smith; **17th** – Robbie Eldred, Shawna Forst, Rod Wright*

*THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Jul 12th** – Dave & Pam Kingery; **15th** – Bill & Kristi Peters; **17th** – Jerry & Christine Dawson*

OFFICIARY

*Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
Custodian – Kraig Holubar
Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;
Jerry Dawson, Sound; Koni Bunse, Videography*

*Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley
Lay Leader – Karen Kriz*

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**"Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out,
Making Connections through Jesus Christ within Our Community and World."**

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Jean Ibbotson

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Call to Worship

Tim Blount

Leader: God gives us one day at a time:

People: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Leader: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

People: Time enough to help someone in need;

Leader: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

**People: Sufficient time to build a bridge for forgiveness or
tear down a wall of resentment;**

Leader: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers,
play with children, sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (The Faith We Sing #2088 x2)

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

{Chorus}

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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"Holy Ground" (The Faith We Sing #2272 x2)

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

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"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (The Faith We Sing #2193 x2)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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*Hymn of Praise 732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

*Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.*

*Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad.*

*The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.*

*Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high.*

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The Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 267-268)

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

"The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thanksgiving to God for...

All God's blessings
Family & Friends

Guests & Visitors
Good Health

New Beginnings
All Volunteers

God's Guidance & Direction for...

People Unemployed/Economic/
Housing Struggles
Natural Disaster Recovery
All Who Are Grieving

World Peace
Local, State & National Leaders
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
School Students/Teachers

God's Protection & Safety for...

Those in the Military
Kevin Ehresman
Dylan Drew
Austin Leytham

Those in Mission Work
Cherie Miner
Dr. Emmanuel & Florence Mefor
Lynn & Sharon Fogleman
Rev. Doug Williams
Larry Kies
Tim Morgan

Those Protecting Us
Law Enforcement
Firefighters
EMTs

Those Who Mourn...

Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby
Ruby Blount
Pam Conklin

Andy Jackson
Wilma Mott
Helen Newton

Alice Schwarz
Rita Skinner
Elsie Ulland

Healing & Health Concerns...

Pat Beckham
Dorothy Carpenter
Steve Dailey
Cash Dickerson
Nick Dreyer
Mackenzie Eldred
Paul Frohardt

Jody Gooch
Wilma Grout
Jane Hiemstra
Jill Hoffman
Vicky Holmquist
Pat Ingledue
Verle Kooistra

John McGinley
Sylvie Miller
Connie Myers
Sally Rorabaugh
Theresa Stewart
Judy Wittenberg

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a prayer request or know of a change and want it reflected in the bulletin, please call the church office at 792-4648. Please keep us updated and let us know when you would like to be removed from the prayer list.

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Joy Stout

VAN MAINTENANCE (July): Jim Marshall

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAUL or the church office if you or a family member is admitted to a hospital.

ATTENDANCE JUNE 27, 2021 - 8:45: 82; Park Centre: 40; Total: 122

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 69; Park Centre: 49; Total: 118

IF YOUR SCHEDULE keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services, devotions, and past services by visiting our website at newtonfirst.org.

THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST on KCOB is sponsored in loving memory of Stephen Elliott Daniels from Duane, Joy & Morgan Daniels.

AS A REMINDER, if you are unable to join us in worship, please send your offering to the church office at 210 N 2nd Ave E, Newton IA 50208. Online giving is also available for donations to First United Methodist Church. This can be done by going to the church's website (newtonfirst.org) and selecting the "Give" tab. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

FUMC IS SCHEDULED to serve at Trinity Methodist Church on Friday, July 31st. They cannot serve meals inside their dining room, and instead are providing sack meals outside their church. Trinity has been serving around 100 meals each evening. In place of us taking a meal to them, Trinity is asking us to provide money to purchase the food needed to serve the sack meals. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated; please make your check out to FUMC and note Trinity on your check memo. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

WE ARE IN NEED of several more people willing to serve periodically as a projectionist and/or videographer during times of worship. This task is very easy and quite essential during our services. Training will be provided. Please contact the church office if you are willing to join the technical engineering team!

UMW NUT ORDERS can still be placed online until the end of 2021 by going to <https://fumcnewton.terrilynn.com> and order directly. There is a \$5 flat shipping rate for orders through the online store. Thanks to all for your continued support.

sacrificed an ox and a fattling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Prayers of the People

Hymn 2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (The Faith We Sing x2)

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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Call to Prayer – We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, O God, is not really a dialogue. Too often, we ask without listening, complain without offering thanksgiving. We pray and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If you called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank you for letting us try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and listen to what you would say to us this day. Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. Amen

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

In Children's Time

Hymn 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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Children's Message

Offertory Scripture – Psalm 24:1 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 475)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Canon of Praise”

Pachelbel/Hopson

Larry Hurto, Nina Robson, Joy Stout, trio

The Doxology 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Dedication of Gifts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 38)

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Witness to the Word

“Dances of Death and Life”

Pastor Paul Smith

SENDING FORTH

*In Song 261 “Lord of the Dance”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

{Chorus}

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

They came to me and the dance went on.

{Chorus}

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.

{Chorus}

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It’s hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

{Chorus}

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that’ll never, never die;
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

{Chorus}

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*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response 666 “Shalom to You”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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*The Postlude

JESUS URGED HIS DISCIPLES, “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Administrative Council has updated its guidelines for in-person worship. The biggest change is face masks are now optional. Please find the latest details on the church website (newtonfirst.org).

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Tori Reynolds