

THE WEEK – Beginning October 10, 2021

Today

8:45 Worship
9:00 “First Church on the Air”
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)
10:00 Park Centre Worship

5:30 Youth Group

Monday

2:00 Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00 Worship Planning Team Mtg
6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 Community Meal
5:30 Kids Club
7:00 Confirmation Parent Mtg

Thursday

6:30 Finance Committee Mtg

IN PREPARATION for Fall/Thanksgiving, we are looking for pumpkins, gourds, or other fall décor to use on the altar. Please put items on the counter at the altar supply area, located outside of the church office! Thank you in advance! ~ Bob Lane and Patty Dykstra

MARY CIRCLE WILL MEET on Wednesday, October 20th at 9:30 AM at PJ's Deli; Miriam Circle will meet the same day at 1 PM in the church dining room.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7th at the 8:45 AM worship service with a reading of the memorial roll which will include all of our members and friends of First Church who have died since our last memorial reading on November 1, 2021. In memory of these special people, we will light a candle and put their photograph on the projection screens as their names are read. We will also dedicate all memorials and gifts received since that May 26th Sunday. All are welcome.

WE WANT TO HONOR all veterans this year in a special way on Sunday, November 14th during the 8:45 AM service. We are requesting you provide a military picture of the veteran, years of service, and branch of service. Please get these details to the church by Friday, October 22nd by email (office@newtonfirst.org), or by placing it in the offering plate or bringing it to the church office. We look forward to this special day.

DUE TO COVID-19, there will not be a Thanksgiving dinner at the church this year.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Oct 10th** – Val Olson, Steve Osborn; **11th** – Jim Andersen, Eleanor Dille, Kim Hoskins; **12th** – Logan Buckley, James Cleverley, Jr., Tori Reynolds; **13th** – Corey Baker, Emmalin Forst, David Peterson, Roy Robison; **14th** – Patty Dykstra, Gary Kaput; **15th** – Trisha Boyer, Carol York; **16th** – Scott Cronbaugh

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Oct 11th** – Greg & Lyn Helle; **12th** – Tim & Wanda Blount; **13th** – Keith & Deloris Butler, Rev. Paul & Kathy Smith

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
Custodian – Kraig Holubar

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

Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;
Tim Blount, Sound; Kenny Skinner-Havens, Videography

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

**October 10, 2021
8:45 AM**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Kathy Carpenter

Leader: O God, we thank you for your Word and for the eternal truths that guide us day by day.

People: We thank you most of all for the living Word, Jesus Christ, and the sureness of his presence.

Leader: God of unending grace, although there are times in our lives when we question why, and when we wander from our path of faith, you are there even if we are not aware of you.

All: Teach us how to turn unto you so that your thoughts may be our thoughts, and your ways our ways.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (The Faith We Sing #2153)

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

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"Through It All" (UMH #507 x2)

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.

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"Lead Me, Lord" (UMH #473 x2)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

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*Hymn of Praise 463 "Lord, Speak to Me"

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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The Scripture Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 206-207)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Scripture Reading – Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 43-44)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the

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
Nancy 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

Phyllis Snook
Elsie Ulland
Phyllis Yeutsy

Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle
Dorothy Carpenter
Steve Dailey
Cash Dickerson
Nick Dreyer
Mackenzie Eldred
Paul Frohardt

Jody Gooch
Wilma Grout
Jill Hoffman
Vicky Holmquist
Pat Ingledue
Sylvie Miller
Connie Myers

Sally Rorabaugh
Merna Rusk
Rev. Janna Steed
Theresa Stewart
Judy Wittenberg
Dave Zellinger

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS are under way from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM with the meals served curbside at the church's 2nd Ave E elevator entrance. Sacred Heart and First Lutheran Churches rotate weeks of service with FUMC. This week, Sacred Heart will be serving meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and pie bars. As food donations are needed, sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. All meals are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

KIDS CLUB IS UNDER WAY ON Wednesdays from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM for children 2 years old through 5th grade; middle school students have their own class; Confirmation students will meet with Pastor Paul as scheduled. The evening does include supper. Please use the elevator entrance and meet in fellowship hall.

INGATHERING KITS will be collected on Friday, October 29th before 12:00 noon. All kits MUST be in a one-handed cloth bag or in a grocery store paper bag. NO plastic bags will be accepted. The dedication of our kits and blankets will be on Sunday, October 31st during morning worship. Thank you to everyone who is stepping up to help with this ministry.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES is looking for a few items for our recreation equipment. We need 2-4 pool sticks and shuffleboard sticks (we have pucks); all the sticks are currently old and broken. We are hoping members may donate the equipment or money to purchase them.

YOUTH GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30 PM – 7 PM in the youth parlor beginning this evening. We look forward to seeing everyone!

A CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING for parents is scheduled this Wednesday, October 13th at 7 PM with Pastor Paul in the church library. All students 6th grade and older who have not already been confirmed are welcome to participate.

FUMC IS IN NEED of two people willing to fill open usher spots for April and July. We are also looking for anyone willing to substitute for someone that cannot fulfill their Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the Welcome Center.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL decided to resume van service for the church on October 17th. Mask and seat belts will be required for all drivers, assistants and riders. All drivers must have a D3 license (no test required) a clean driving record for 2+ years, and copy of your license to the church office. There will be a short training time for all drivers after worship today to learn about the van. Anyone wanting a ride, please contact the church office. If riders need to cancel a pickup, all calls to the office must be made by noon on the Friday before Sunday's service.

SCHEDULING FOR 2022 Faithful Servants will begin soon. The plan is to schedule from this year's rotation for all ushers, projection & sound engineers, and those who open and close the church. Greeters, van assistants, coffee fellowship hosts, and coffee refreshment providers remain on hold. If you serve in any of these capacities and wish to be removed from the rotation, or if you would like to be added to the rotation, please contact the church office.

money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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 – O God, we confess there are times when we gather in prayer and we don't really understand why we do it, because we don't understand the "whys" of life. At such times, our hearts are filled with sorrow at the magnitude of our loss. Yet, we are grateful for the life of love that has been ours. At such a time we gather with heavy hearts. We come with pain too deep for words. We come anxious and unsure. We come doubting and angry. We come in disbelief and disquiet. We come in shock and despair. And yet, we come. And here you are, God, ever more ready to listen than we are to pray. We confess that there are some things we just cannot understand. And yet we know that your love never lets go of us. Hold us tightly as we wonder "why?" so that we might be comforted. 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 104:1 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 524)

*Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty.*

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“Trust and Obey God’s Word”* J. Shafferman
 Terry Faidley, Nina Robson, Joy Stout, trio
The Doxology 95 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Dedication of Gifts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*The Scripture Reading – Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 446, 447)
Then Job answered: “Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. “If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.*

God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

The Witness to the Word “If You Could Ask One Question of God...” Pastor Paul Smith

SENDING FORTH

**In Song 505 “When Our Confidence Is Shaken”*

*When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure,
When the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure,
God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature.*

*Solar systems, void of meaning, freeze the spirit into stone;
Always our researches lead us to the ultimate unknown.
Faith must die, or come full circle to its source in God alone.*

*In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe;
In the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve;
Faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive.*

*God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify;
This is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why.
May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die!*

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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*

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP this October weekend! It's an honor to have you with us today.

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Greg Loder

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Terry Ingledue

VAN MAINTENANCE (October): Kimbra Korte

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met on September 28th and has decided to keep the current guidelines in place for in-person worship. The council has decided to resume van transportation service (see bulletin announcement) and will review all after worship at a special Sunday, October 24th meeting. Face masks remain optional. For a review of the guidelines, please visit the church website (newtonfirst.org).

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

ATTENDANCE ON SEPTEMBER 26th – 8:45: 80; Park Centre: 29; Total: 109

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 86; Park Centre: 31; Total: 117

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 honor of Val’s 80th birthday from Val & Phyllis Olson.

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.

2022 Radio Broadcasts

The opportunity to sign up for the 2022 KCOB radio broadcast sponsorship is under way. If you would like to fund a radio broadcast, please circle the Sunday you would like to sponsor, fill out your name at the bottom, include who it is in memory or honor of, and place in the offering plate. You may also bring the form to the church office or call the church office to add your sponsorship. If two families select the same date, you may be asked to select another Sunday. The cost of each KCOB radio broadcast is \$105. Please make checks payable to FUMC and mark "2022 Radio Broadcast" in your memo to be credited for the right year.

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In memory of/In honor of _____ From _____

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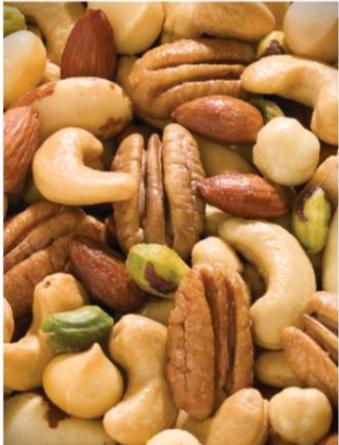
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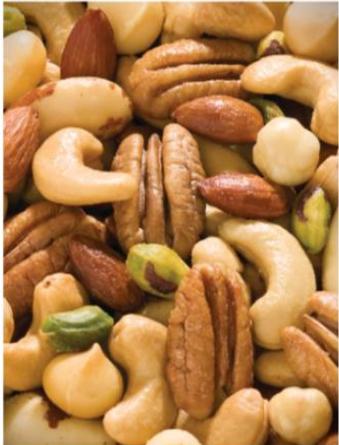
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There are 2 ways to order:

Option #1 - Go to <https://fumcnewton.terrilynn.com/> and order directly! This is a great option for those who don't want to wait until November to get their order. Also a wonderful way to send holiday gifts to friends and family directly! *There is a \$5 flat shipping rate for orders done through the online store. Order over \$30 and get shipping free!

Option #2 - Complete a paper order form and submit to the church office by **Monday, November 15th, 2021**. Exact cash or checks only. These items will arrive before Christmas. Your order will be delivered to the address you provided on your order form. Order forms are available in the Narthex and online at www.newtonfirst.org. *There is a \$5 flat shipping rate for orders done through the online store. Order over \$30 and get shipping free!

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