

THE WEEK – Beginning September 13, 2020

**Today**

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

**Monday**

2:00 Bible Study (Dining Room)

**Tuesday**

10:00 Leadership Development Mtg

**Wednesday**

9:00 Staff Meeting  
5:30 Community Meal  
5:30 Kids Club (PreK-8th grade)

A CARD SHOWER is being held in honor of Verle & Helen Kooistra's 77th wedding anniversary on September 19th. Please send your wishes to them at 500 1st St N, Apt 201, Newton IA 50208. Congratulations, Verle & Helen!

THE FREE TREASURES giveaway at FUMC scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW 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" icon; on the next page select the "Donate" button; and on the page "Local Church Giving," necessary information is required for completion. Where it asks to select a church, select Newton, First UMC (558065), from the list. Follow the instructions and credit card information will be needed to complete the process. Online giving is being made possible by the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. When a gift is made, an email acknowledging the gift will be sent from the Iowa Conference. This is another opportunity for sending gifts to First United Methodist Church.

"SUICIDE: THE RIPPLE EFFECT," a film about Kevin Hines, who at age 19 attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge, will be played at the Capitol II Theatre on Sunday, September 27th at 1 PM or Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30 PM. Reserved tickets are required (the showing is contingent on 99 people reserving) at www.capitol2.com/covidseatchoice.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Sept 13th** – Aliza Iverson, Rod Simpson, Roxene Tedrow; **14th** – Aleynah Dewar, Jason Hill; **15th** – Pam Conklin, Dylan Farver, Chase Madison, Rick Rewis; **16th** – Kaylee Guthrie, Kendra Potter, Dale Richards, Wade Sheeler; **17th** – Dennis Hildebrand; **18th** – Judy Snook; **19th** – Sue Ely, Dale Pretzer, Ava Van Maaren

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Sept 13th** – Jordan & Amanda Roberts; **14th** – Jeff & Karen Kriz; **17th** – Kyle & Kristina Marshall; **18th** – Duane Daniels & Joy Osborn-Daniels, Ken & Jen Lehrman; **19th** – Verle & Helen Kooistra

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith  
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling  
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley  
Custodian – Kraig Holubar  
Projection Engineer – Christine Dawson; Sound Engineer – Tim Blount

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels  
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Pat Drew  
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Shirley Anderson  
Lay Leaders – Karen Kriz and Curt Thompson

# First United Methodist Church

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

**September 13, 2020  
8:45 AM**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## Service of Praise and Worship

### THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Kathy Carpenter

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

**People: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**

Leader: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

**People: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

Leader: Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.  
(Psalm 114 Selected)

### PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

"How Majestic Is Your Name" (The Faith We Sing #2023 x2)  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name:  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

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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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"He Is Lord" (UMH #177 x2)

*He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

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*Hymn of Praise 2234 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" (The Faith We Sing)  
Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,  
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.*

*Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
But we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,  
And we are still God's people. The journey is our home.*

*Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
And help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
Where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.*

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*The Scripture Reading – Exodus 14:1-18 (NRSV)*

*Then the LORD said to Moses: Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them." I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD. And they did so. When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift*

## 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

*Those in Seminary*  
Tim Morgan

### 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

*Those Protecting Us*  
Law Enforcement  
Firefighters  
EMTs

### Those Who Mourn...

### Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby  
Ruby Blount  
Shirley Fifer

Andy Jackson  
Millie McFate  
Norma Rose

Betty Schafer  
Rita Skinner  
Bob Yeutsy

### Healing & Health Concerns...

Ann Bovenkamp  
Dorothy Carpenter  
Pam Conklin  
Cash Dickerson  
Nick Dreyer  
Mackenzie Eldred  
Paul Frohardt  
Jim Gaylor

Wilma Grout  
Stan Heidemann  
Jill Hoffman  
Vicky Holmquist  
Danielle Keninger  
Verle Kooistra  
John McGinley  
Loretta Miller  
Sylvie Miller

Wilma Mott  
Connie Myers  
Richard Perlerg  
Erma Remington  
Aiden Robson  
Theresa Stewart  
Cathy Tinnermeier  
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.**

WE ARE COLLECTING pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They can come from pop cans, pet food cans, soup cans, or anything that has a pull tab. They must be aluminum. It takes about 235 pounds of tabs to cover the cost of caring for a family for ONE night. Collecting pull tabs is an easy and fun way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. You can find a container at the Welcome Center or bring your tabs to the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS are now under way from 5:30 PM – 6 PM, with sack suppers served curbside (elevator entrance) to those interested. Volunteers from First Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and FUMC will rotate weeks of service. Please watch the weekly bulletins for requests of necessary food donations.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE Study facilitated by Christine Pauley will begin tomorrow at 2 PM in the church dining room. You are asked to wear a mask. On that day we will spend our time affirming that God is indeed with us and sharing the many miracles and kindnesses we have witnessed since March. Everyone is invited. Christine does ask you to call and tell her you plan to be there, so she knows how many copies she needs to bring. Her number is (641) 521-7472. God is so good!

KIDS CLUB IS EXCITED to resume activities! Youth (PreK-8th grade) will meet from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM with a meal provided beginning Wednesday, September 16th. PreK – 4th grade students will continue to enjoy the Deep Blue curriculum led by Shawna Forst; 5th – 8th grade students will continue to enjoy the Submerge curriculum led by Christine Dawson. Masks or face coverings will be strongly recommended; leaders will continue to promote hand washing and extra cleaning. All PreK – 8th grade youth are welcome to attend!

YOUTH (9th – 12th grade) will gather next Sunday evening from 6 PM – 7:30 PM with snacks and drinks provided. The group will enjoy Echo: The Story led by Pastor Paul and Shawna Forst. Masks or face coverings will be strongly recommended; leaders will continue to promote hand washing and extra cleaning. All high school youth are welcome to attend!

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, things are changing for the Iowa Conference's Ingathering event held every year. There will be no usual meal or auction. There will be a truck ready for the Ingathering kits on Saturday morning, November 7th, from 8 AM to 9:30 AM. All kits MUST be in a one-handled 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 25th during morning worship. Please have your kits in the church by that date. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. With open minds and hearts to all people, their mission is to alleviate human suffering caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster. Thank you to everyone who are stepping up to help with this ministry.

up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

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 – **Dear Lord, we ask you to be powerfully present in all times of trial, dissolving our doubts and strengthening our faith. Be with us when we are feeling overwhelmed by stress and frustrated by events beyond our control. Forgive us when we make mistakes and act in ways that alienate or injure others. Bless us when we feel lonely and lost, when we are scared, when weakness overtakes us. Send your healing into situations of illness, your peace into the midst of conflicts, your hope into dungeons of despair. Strengthen our love for the Risen Christ, and help us to believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. 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 – Romans 14:11 (NRSV)

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Wade in the Water"

Traditional African American Spiritual performed by Sweet Honey in the Rock

The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

The Scripture Reading – Exodus 14:19-31 (NRSV)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Witness to the Word

Pastor Paul Smith

"When the Going Gets Tough, Do We Want to Go Back?"

### SENDING FORTH

In Song 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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The Benediction

The Benediction Response 2176 "Make Me a Servant" (The Faith We Sing)

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today. CCLI #155662

The Postlude

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP and Christian education, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL has determined guidelines for conducting worship. We cannot take away all the risk; please use your best judgment for you and your family in attendance. Most church-related activities are on hold until further notice, except for worship, a few essential committee meetings, and other events as announced.

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Bob Lane, Wade Sheeler

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Joy Stout

VAN MAINTENANCE (September): Cindy Tabor

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 51; Park Centre: 0; Total: 51

THOSE HOSPITALIZED: MercyOne – Cathy Tinnermeier

**Please notify Pastor Paul or the church office if you or a family member is admitted to a hospital.**

PLEASE FOLLOW US on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonFirstUMC>. The worship services will continue to be live streamed until further notice.

SEVERAL SPECIAL SUNDAYS have been affected since our time apart (50-Year Member Recognition, Memorial Sunday, and special offering Sundays). Please watch for rescheduling details in the upcoming Messengers and/or bulletins.

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. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST on KCOB is sponsored in memory of our son Jeff from Alan & Joy Stout.

TODAY IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY. Envelopes are included in today's bulletins for this special offering that benefits our Conference's Iowa Religious Media Service, Iowa Camping Program, and Christian Educators' scholarships. Your gifts are appreciated.

IN AN EFFORT to keep the congregation informed, the Finance Committee provides monthly financial reports that highlight budgeted items, expenses, offering, and attendance. The reports are available in the Welcome Center, can be picked up in the church office, or mailed upon request.