

THE WEEK – Beginning September 19, 2021

Today

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

Monday

Newsletter Deadline
2:00 Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday

Administrative Council Reports Due
4:30 Memorial Committee Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 Community Meal (Curbside)

Thank you to everyone who helped Dave and me on our journey with my brother John. When I asked for prayer warriors, this church stepped up. We walked through the past 5 – 6 years with John. We tried to encourage him through all his hurts, pains, tests, and treatments. We were there a year ago when the medical people and our family thought it was John's end here on earth. God visited him in a dream, showed him his grave with his name on it and told him it was not his time yet. He pulled through and committed his life to Jesus again. He tried experimental medicine with a grant which seemed to help, but cancer was sneaking back into his body through his bones. The last four weeks of his life if he tried to eat it came back up. Finally, he just quit eating. He was ready for God to take him and to remove his pain and suffering. All of your words of comfort and prayers helped us through this. ~ Pat & Dave Drew

Thank you to Gary & Sandy Kaput for trimming the trees and Kraig Holubar for trimming the edge of the grass. Looking good!

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.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Sept 19th** – Sue Ely, Dale Pretzer, Ava Van Maaren; **20th** – Nicole Baker, Cathy Gilbreath, Kevin Jurgensen, Derek Knudson, Colleen Wittenberg; **21st** – Joy Stout; **22nd** – Nathan Gifford, David Ringgenberg; **23rd** – Harvey Jackson, Denise Lacina, Greg Loder, Wanda Shipley, Jennifer White; **24th** – Shyanne Hoskins, Jonathan Stout, Lynn Yoakum; **25th** – Tracy Bylo

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Sept 20th** – Al & Laura Hartgers; **22nd** – John & Jan Booth, Tracy & Sue Gienger, Tony & Ashley Robeson

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
Custodian – Kraig Holubar
Technical Engineers – Kenny Skinner-Havens, Projection;
Tim Blount, Sound; Karter Prellwitz-Liebhart, 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."**

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Jean Ibbotson

Welcome & Announcements

UMW Awards

The Prelude

Call to Worship

Koni Bunse

Leader: *Nourished by the streams of prayer,*

People: Uplifted by oceans of praise,

Leader: *Strengthened by rivers of kindness,*

**People: We are like trees planted by the water, help us to
bear fruit at the right time!**

Leader: *With roots deep in God's Word, our leaves will never fade!*

All: And may all our branches be raised in prayer and praise.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

"He Has Made Me Glad" (The Faith We Sing #2270)

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

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"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (The Faith We Sing #2223)
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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"Make Me a Servant" (The Faith We Sing #2176 x2)
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.

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**Hymn of Praise 61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"*
Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

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

Phyllis Snook
 Elsie Ulland
 Phyllis Yeutsy

Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle
 Pat Beckham
 Dorothy Carpenter
 Steve Dailey
 Cash Dickerson
 Nick Dreyer
 Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt
 Jody Gooch
 Wilma Grout
 Jill Hoffman
 Vicky Holmquist
 Pat Ingledue
 Clayton Killian

Sylvie Miller
 Connie Myers
 Sally Rorabaugh
 Merna Rusk
 Rev. Janna Steed
 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.

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 86; Park Centre: 29; Total: 115

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 by Helen Kooistra.

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.

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, FUMC will be serving ham sandwiches, cole slaw, and 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 WILL KICK OFF on Wednesday, October 6th, 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. The evening does include supper. Please use the elevator entrance and meet in fellowship hall. Youth Group for high schoolers will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30 PM – 7 PM in the youth parlor beginning October 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone!

A CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING for parents is scheduled for 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.

WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES becoming available to purchase, now is a good time to remind everyone about the kits needed for the Ingathering. At the Welcome Center you will find a list of the Midwest Mission Kits that will be accepted for 2021. The kits are Personal Dignity Kit "PDK", Student Kit, Feminine Hygiene Kit, Layette Kit, and Birthing Kit. They also have a bazaar and live auction where items can be donated. They are accepting empty one-handle cloth bags and some of the kits require being placed in these same bags. All instructions and patterns can be seen at www.midwestmission.org and click on kits, projects, and patterns.

DUST OFF YOUR WALKING SHOES! The Jasper County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. More information will be forthcoming. Call Tori Reynolds at 792-5391 if interested.

DORCAS CIRCLE WILL BE MEETING every other month on Saturday mornings, October 2nd and December 4th at 9 AM at the home of Patty Dykstra, 4 Chancery Ct, Newton. Please contact Patty at tdykstra@iowatelecom.net for further information or questions. All ladies are welcome.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

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The Scripture Reading – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 216, 217)
Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 – **God of grace, how thankful we are for the glory of this day and for the love of family ... and friends ... and you. Keep us attuned to the little graces that make up the goodness of our days: the sparkle of the sun on the ocean, the dew on a delicate spider web, the handclasp of a friend, the sound of music, and the renewal of sleep. Help us to take delight -- as our children do -- in the world around us. Help us to slow down and see the world through their eyes: the journey of a ladybug as we walk to the mailbox, the scent of vanilla as we bake cookies, the feel of flour as we make a cake, the smell of wood as we watch shavings curl as we create in the workshop, the joy of playing for the sake of play instead of for the sake of winning, the wonder of a bird's nest, brilliantly made. Grant us the grace to come when our children call, and to enter their world with love and patience as you enter ours. 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 127:1 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 541)

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Temple/Larson
Joy Stout, soloist

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

Dedication of Gifts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 42)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Witness to the Word

Pastor Paul Smith

"We All Have Heard Respect Has to be Earned, but Does It?"

SENDING FORTH

*In Song 558 "We Are the Church"

{Chorus}

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

{Chorus}

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

{Chorus}

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.
{Chorus}

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
{Chorus}

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.
{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

AS OUR CREATOR DESIGNED green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Welcome.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met on August 24th and has decided to keep the current guidelines in place for in-person worship. The council will review the guidelines at their September 28th meeting. Face masks remain optional. For a review of the guidelines, please visit the church website (newtonfirst.org).

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

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Greg & Rhonda Loder and Diane Plumb

VAN MAINTENANCE (September): Shawn McFarling

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 NEW VAN will be available for transportation soon. We are in need of drivers and helpers. Drivers must have a D3 license (no test required) and a clean driving record for 2+ years. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.