

THE WEEK – Beginning September 6, 2020

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

Monday
Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday
First Day of School!
6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

Wednesday
9:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 Community Meal
6:30 Finance Committee Mtg

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Sept 6th** – Brent Warning; **7th** – Elijah Anspach, Jordan Seiser, Mickey Simpson, Chris Van Sickle; **8th** – Carter Forst, Jeff LaKose, Phyllis Olson; **9th** – Kevin Ehresman; **10th** – Keith Butler, Kathy (Doug) Carpenter, Rodney McCumber, Debbie Scarbrough; **11th** – Ron Ehresman

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Sept 6th** – Craig & Jackie Althof; **7th** – Kasey & Angie Barnes; **8th** – Chuck & Doris Cabalka; **9th** – Dave & Jody Gooch

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
Custodian – Kraig Holubar
Projection Engineer – Koni Bunse; Sound Engineer – Marv Bunse

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

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

September 6, 2020
8:45 AM

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Wade Sheeler

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Leader: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

People: **Let Israel celebrate its maker;**

Leader: Let the faithful celebrate with glory;

All: **Let them shout for joy! Let the high praises of God be in their mouths!**

(Psalm 149 Selected)

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

"He Has Made Me Glad" (The Faith We Sing #2270 x2)

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.

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"Sing unto the Lord a New Song"

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"Bind Us Together" (The Faith We Sing #2226)

{Chorus}

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

{Verse}

*There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.*

{Chorus} {Verse} {Chorus}

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Hymn of Praise 2172 (The Faith We Sing) "We Are Called"

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!*

{Chorus}

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!*

{Chorus}

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!*

{Chorus}

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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
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 scheduled to resume on Wednesday, September 9th, 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.

DONATION GIVING STATEMENTS can be picked up today and will save us postage. They are on the table in the Welcome Center.

NEXT WEEK IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY. All contributions support our Conference's Iowa Religious Media Service, Iowa Campership Fund, and the Christian Education Fund. Watch for special envelopes in next week's bulletins.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE Study facilitated by Christine Pauley will begin on Monday, September 14th, 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!

DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, the password to access the church directory on the website has been changed. If you would like the new password, please call the church office. Paper copies of the updated directories are now available at the Welcome Center. Going forward, no member phone numbers will appear in printed documents with public access (ie: church newsletter) due to recent fraudulent attempts.

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 Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Scripture Reading – Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 – How often, God, we stray with best intentions, only to find ourselves caught up in a snare that zaps all peace and life from us. We are constantly bombarded by such circumstances. We desperately need to hone in on your cues - to know when to pass by the other side. May we be conscious of the Spirit's promptings, drawing us away to a secret place to abide in your shadow, that we might be refreshed and renewed, thus able to rejoin community with a sense of replenishment that encourages and restores not only our souls, but those of our brothers and sisters as well. How grateful we are to you, O God, that you care so much to lovingly provide such needed spaces. We seek to pass into your presence still. 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 – Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Just As I Am" Price and Besig

Koni Bunse, Nina Robson, Gene Scarbrough, Terry Faidley, quartet

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Exodus 12:1-14 (NRSV)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Witness to the Word "Are We Trying to be Like Pharaoh?" Pastor Paul Smith

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, our Alpha and Omega, whose loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.

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: Greg & Rhonda Loder and Jerry & Betty Yates

VAN MAINTENANCE (September): Cindy Tabor

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 68; Park Centre: 0; Total: 68

THOSE HOSPITALIZED: MercyOne – Cathy Tinnermeier

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

THE SEPTEMBER MESSENGER is now available in the Welcome Center.

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 by Val & Phyllis Olson.

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.

WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES now available for purchase, it is a good time to remind everyone about the supplies needed for the Ingathering Kits. Lists of the Midwest Mission Kits accepted for 2020 may be found at the Welcome Center. The kits include Person 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. Please use ONLY the list of items for the kits and ONLY new and unwashed items. 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 <http://midwestmission.org/kits-projects/patterns>. 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.

Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made a covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. And so, with all your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embrace a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting death, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table forever.

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People: Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

SENDING FORTH

In Song 640 "Take Our Bread"

{Chorus}

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Father, we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set; yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours, we are yours.

{Chorus}

Your holy people standing washed in your blood, Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.

We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could; we are yours, we are yours.

{Chorus}

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The Benediction

The Benediction Response "Make Me a Servant"

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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