

# Announcements

## Reconciliation Process Begins

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies directed our congregation and the Presbytery of East Iowa to participate in a reconciliation process; Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw has been engaged to facilitate our work. Beth is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA); serves as Executive Presbyter of Glacier Presbytery in Montana; and teaches on the faculty at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Beth began her work in July by meeting with some individuals and learning about the events of the last few years. Beth's work is focused on helping us move forward as a congregation. If you would like to communicate with Beth, her e-mail address is [blmccaw70@gmail.com](mailto:blmccaw70@gmail.com). The reconciliation process, as designed and led by Beth, is expected to occur this fall and we anticipate the process to be completed by January 2022. Reconciliation is part of our work to rebuild and reinvigorate our congregation. We hope recruiting and calling a new senior pastor will follow the reconciliation process.

## Men's Breakfast is Coming for Dinner!

On Friday, October 1, at Ted Browns house, the Deacons will host the Men's Breakfast, well, it's actually a dinner. We will have burgers and other items to eat and will enjoy conversation among friends new and old. Plan on being there at 6:30 p.m. Please see Ted or Al at the back of the church following the service to sign up. To offset costs, we ask \$5. Thank you.

## Beginning September 22, 2021, Bible Basics is moving back to our former WEDNESDAY meeting time.

On September 22 at 6:15 pm, we are starting an interesting 8-week study of the Psalms. We are going to use 2 resources for this study. The first is a free on-line course created by the Yale Divinity School. The curriculum provides a short video, a study guide, and discussion questions for each week. Here is the link to the course:

<https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/psalms>

The second resource recommended for the class is *The Book of Psalms*, by Robert Alter. Dr. Alter provides his own translation of the psalms and a commentary on all 150 Psalms. (\$15 paperback; \$10 Kindle)

Here is the schedule for the first two weeks

- September 22 Lesson 1: What are the Psalms
- September 29 Lesson 8: Psalms of Poetry

If you have been thinking about joining BB201, this would be a wonderful time to do so. Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information. Here is the Zoom link for classes beginning on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:15 pm.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

## Making it as easy as possible to find a Vaccination Appointment

Want to get vaccinated or help someone else get vaccinated? Text your ZIP Code to GETVAX — G-E-T-V-A-X – (438829) and you will be texted back three nearby locations with vaccines in stock. If you prefer the information in Spanish, text your ZIP Code to VACUNA. That's 822862. Prefer a specific vaccine? No problem. Click on the text or visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). There are more than 75,000 places you can go to get a shot; 90 percent of Americans live within five miles of them.

## Pickleball is Back! – Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 AM

We play pickleball in the FPC gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun. Please contact Diane Schroder for more information.

## Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club – Monday, September 20, 12:30 PM

We will meet at 12:30 PM on Monday, September 20, in the Church Parlor, with Sue Wagschal leading our discussion of *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. All are welcome whether you've read the book or not! Masks a must. For more information, call Lois Boyer.

## Prayer Shawl Group and Knit for Kids -Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 PM

We meet Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Nancy Foster will host the group at her home, 2036 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Davenport. If you want to make prayer shawls for the church - or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids – please contact Karla Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com); 563-349-4000) or Nancy Foster ([nancyotr97@gmail.com](mailto:nancyotr97@gmail.com); 563-391-4622.)

## **Fall Program Schedule**

### **Online Worship Watch Party**

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., for more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook.

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Thursdays 7:00- 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room

### **Vesper Bells**

Thursdays 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., starting September 16, in the Chapel

### **MusikGarten**

Online, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., starting September 12

### **Cherub Choir and Sunday School**

Sundays, Sept 12 - Oct 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall  
Cherubs and Families attend

Sundays, starting October 17, 10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Cherub Choir; 10:50 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

### **Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School**

Sundays, Sept 12-October 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall  
Kirkwood Choir and Families attend

Sundays, starting October 17, Alternating Schedule begins: Stay tuned!

### **Confirmation Class**

Begins Sunday, September 26, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m., Fireplace Room

Confirmation Class is for anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

### **Adult Christian Education**

Sundays, Sept 12-October 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall