

Announcements

Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday is a global and ecumenical celebration of Christ's peace. Together, around the world, we gather in God's house to share the peace of Christ with our siblings in every time and place. Prayerfully, we are exploring our hopes to celebrate communion in the sanctuary on October 3. With or without our communion service, at any time we can commit to building a more just and peaceful world. Every year, on World Communion Sunday, we receive the Peace and Witness Special Offering to support peacemaking work in our community (25%); our region (25%); and across the globe (50%). *"O God of Peace at all times in all ways, grant us your peace and help us to imagine a world where your justice and peace are ever known; Amen."*

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. 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.

Bible Basics has moved back to our former WEDNESDAY meeting time

We have started an interesting 8-week study of the Psalms, using 2 resources: *The Book of Psalms*, by Robert Alter (\$15 paperback; \$10 Kindle) and a free on-line course created by the Yale Divinity School: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/psalms> This week we'll study Lesson 8: Psalms of Poetry.

To join BB201, contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com). Here is the Zoom link for classes on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>
Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977 Passcode: 215593

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 get a return text of 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.

Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3

It's the 50th anniversary of the Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk! Though we aren't fielding a congregational team this year, you may sign up as an individual walker to fight disease, disaster, and displacement that lead to hunger. CROP Hunger Walk offers both virtual and in-person options. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/davenportia>

Two Self-Study Opportunities

Interfaith Alliance Iowa's Faithful Voices for Racial Justice project offers a "Faithful Conversation about The 1619 Project." This six-week series at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, October 4 through November 8, 2021, will be live-streamed on YouTube. For more information and to register for the course: [The 1619 Project | FAITHFUL VOICES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE \(faithful-voices.org\)](https://www.faithful-voices.org)

Presbytery of East Iowa book study: Rev. T. Denise Anderson, Coordinator, Racial and Intercultural Justice, at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016-18) has agreed to be our November Presbytery Meeting Speaker and has challenged our Presbytery to participate in an All-Presbytery Book Read of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. The Presbytery Coordinating Council has organized a free Self-Paced Study Guide for download: [Caste-Book-Study-Entire-Document.pdf \(peia.org\)](https://www.peia.org) and [CASTE Book Study: A Self-Paced Study Guide for the Presbytery of East Iowa – Presbytery of East Iowa \(peia.org\)](https://www.peia.org)

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, October 17 and October 24, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Sundays, October 31 and November 7, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir

Sunday, November 14, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday, November 21, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir

Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School

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Kirkwood Choir and Families attend

Sundays, October 17 and October 24, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

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Confirmation Class

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

Confirmation Class is for anyone in 7th – 9th 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

Chamber Chorale

Sundays, 11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Choir Room