



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803
A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



People of all gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

We are a
Matthew 25 church



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

Land Acknowledgement

First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Ojéhéti Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.



Alessandro Magnasco (1667-1749), "Prayer of the Penitent Monks"
Private collection

Preparation for Worship

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.

*Worshippers who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row, please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Prélude et Variation, Op. 18

César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kristine Oswald

Minute for Mission

Board of Deacons

Introit

Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing

E.T. Chapman

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey
Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Bridging Pastors
Rev. Pat Halverson*
Parish Associate
Kristy Woodrow
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Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann
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Director of Music
Alex Gilson
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& Assistant Director of Music*
Linda Bengfort*
Assistant Choral Director
Kathy Middleton*
*Assistant Choral Director
for Children*
Kristine Olson
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Susan Parker
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Nursery Coordinator
Darren Long
Facilities & Custodial Supervisor
Kevin Wilson
Custodian
Chad Dean*
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Outside office hours, this number
will go to the pastor on call in case
of emergency.

For more information, see the
e-news, church website or
Facebook
www.fpcdavenport.org

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Luke 16: 1-13

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott.
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Jesus reminds us today that,
"You cannot serve God and wealth."

Open us to your truth, Lord.

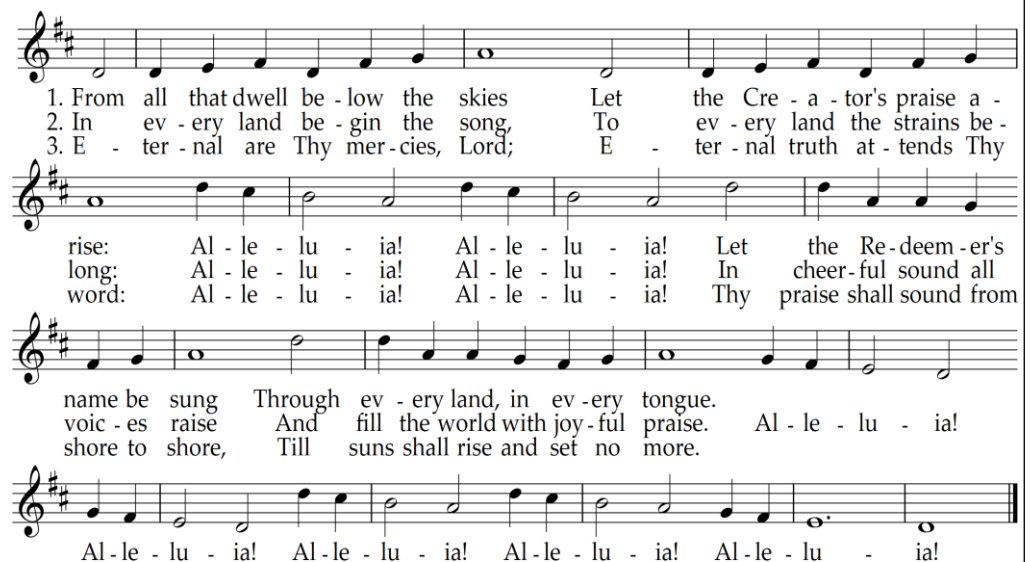
Open our hearts to honesty.

Let us enter worship humbly,
ready to realign our faith according to God's Word.

*Hymn #229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN



1. From all that dwell be-low the skies Let the Cre-a-tor's praise a-
2. In ev-ery land be-gin the song, To ev-ery land the strains be-
3. E-ter-nal are Thy mer-cies, Lord; E-ter-nal truth at-tends Thy
rise: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Let the Re-deem-er's
long: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! In cheer-ful sound all
word: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Thy praise shall sound from
name be sung Through ev-ery land, in ev-ery tongue.
voic-es raise And fill the world with joy-ful praise. Al-le-lu-ia!
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Nehemiah 9:17

selected by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott.
published in *Presbyterian Outlook*,
retrieved from: pres-outlook.org

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott.
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Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to forgive our debtors. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Grant us a season of jubilee. Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

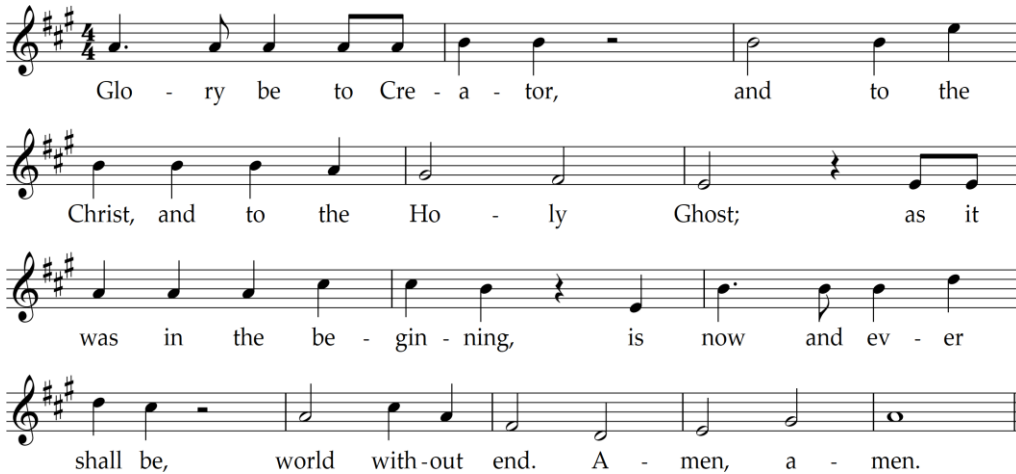
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God lightens the load of those overly burdened,
and supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down.
Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers,
and know the new life Christ has given us. **Amen.**

*Response to Grace

GLORIA CREATOR

MEINEKE



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*from Psalm 19:14
adapted from Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott.
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Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
As we approach your Word, by the power of your Spirit,
make us ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 113 NRSV

Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, and God's glory is above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of the people.
God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Betsy Kisler, Jim Lasala, Ella Johns, Georgia Sodawasser, Gloria Wadsworth, Chris Cook, Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, Holly Rivera; for God's mercy and grace to touch Roberta Shadensack, Duane Schipull, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing and those experiencing abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and natural disaster.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez in Zacapa, Guatemala; Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in Pakistan.

Hospital visits: the Pastors make hospital visits when patients give permission and when pandemic precautions permit.

InTouch Information: For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Duenas.

The Prayer Chain connects those who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

Printed Prayer Requests require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to r/o to the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Prayer Shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coat-rack near the church office.

Bible Basics: September Schedule

It does not matter where you are in your spiritual journey or how much you know about the Bible, we welcome you to join us at Bible Basics this fall. For information, contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com).

This summer our discussions have focused on a video series, *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*, by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic Historian and a Christian. The series deepens our understanding by sharing well known Bible stories using history, geography, and archaeology.

- September 21 – The Empire of Alexander the Great

This past year we have enjoyed several on-line bible studies created by Yale Divinity School. We are returning to this source for an 8-week study of Isaiah chapters 1 - 39 from September 28 until Thanksgiving week. In Advent, we will return to the video series *The History and Archaeology of the Bible* with lessons focused on Jesus' birth and ministry.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

Wednesdays: 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Adult Christian Education

September Schedule

10:35 a.m. on Sundays,
Von Maur Hall

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHErVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 4227 5458

Passcode: 1702

September 18:

Father Gregory Boyle/Home Boys Ministry led by Heather Calvert

September 25:

What does it mean that we are a Matthew 25 Church? led by Terri Sheetz

Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 NRSV

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Music Sings in Them

David Brunner

The Sanctuary Choir

Offered in loving memory of Rose Galitz

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Responsive Reading

from Romans 12 NRSVUE

... Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God —
what is good and acceptable and perfect

**Everyone among you [ought] not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think,**

but to think with sober judgement,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;

do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil

but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Acts 20:35

adapted from Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott.

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Our offerings are only a portion of all that God has given us.
With gratitude, we entrust these gifts to God's work in the world
to share the Good News of the gospel
and to unburden those with the heaviest loads.
Remember that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offertory Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043, I. Vivace J. S. Bach
Ella Scales & Paula Hartmann – Violin, Alex Gilson – Cello, Matt Bishop – Piano

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now;" use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>; or mail your check in to the church office.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



1. God of love, may we in wor-ship wel-come our di-ver-si-ty.
May we reach in trust and friend-ship to the poor and re-fu-gee.
May we see Christ in the stran-ger, break-ing bonds of hate and fear.
By your Spir-it, may we off-er glimpses of your kin-dom here.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever; Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Anthem Text

**Author: Guillaume de Machaut
(c. 1300-1377) & Charles
Wesley (1707-1788)**

I have heard it said that the
angels,
all the saints, and the
archangels,
in voices fine, strong, and clear
praise in song God creator
for God in glory made them
like true and perfect friends,
and that also through God's
grace
They may soon see face to face.
Gloria!
For the saints can only sing
when the music sings in them:

O for a thousand tongues to
sing my great Redeemer's
praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumph of His grace.

Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are needed to help
water the flowers on the
Boulevard. If you are interested
or want more information,
please contact Deacon Paula
Hartmann or Deacon Andy
McNeil.

Weekly Program Schedule

For details, check the online calendar

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

In RECESS

Kirkwood Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., CE Building 301

Meet-n-Greet with DCE Kristy Woodrow

Today, September 18

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Chamber Choral

Today, September 18

11:20 a.m. Choir Room

Newcomers' Inquiry

Today, September 18

12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 22,

Prom Night – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open for Shopping and Donations

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Congregational Development /Fellowship Committee

Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parlor

Christian Education/Fellowship for Youth Committee

Monday, 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Worship and Music Committee

Monday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Session Meeting

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Church Staff Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Pandemic Task Force

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Kids Against Hunger Assembly Party

Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Von Maur Hall

Children's Meet-n-Greet

with Kristy Woodrow

Sunday, 10:35 a.m., Fellowship Hall

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams; on earth thy will be done.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, my and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace give for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Charge and Benediction

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May we leave this house of worship strengthened by the Spirit,
renewed by God's Grace and supported by the Body of Christ.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God
the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with us now and always. Amen.

Sending Anthem

Go in Peace
The Sanctuary Choir
US Premiere

John Gere

Postlude

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphree

*"The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Sanctuary Choir
in memory of Rose Galitz, beloved mother of Marianne Marcek"*

Welcome Reception for Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow

TODAY, Sunday September 18 at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Newcomers' Inquiry

TODAY, Sunday September 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

The Newcomers' Inquiry will provide a look at First Presbyterian Church, what we do, what we believe, what our faith questions might be, how we are governed, and how we are connected to our denomination (which is the Presbyterian Church [USA]). Bring your questions and join us for conversation and refreshments! For more information, call Paula Burnett at 563-349-9046.

Looking for something to read?

"Check out" the selections in our Donald B. Blackstone library located in the church's lower level next to the Fellowship Hall. We have added 34 new and donated books to the library this year. New books are from authors Janet Bell to Jacqueline Winspear. There are also 2800+ other selections in the library including children, young adults, reference, historical, biography, fiction, mystery, and large print. Self-checkout is on the desk with reminder date cards, we have a three week return policy. Please check-out books to allow the committee to review what is popular for future purchases.

Thanks for using your library!

Library Committee:

Kirk Christie (chair)
Bev Koos

Dan Breinich
Irene Huffman

Vicki Stegall

From the Stained -Glass Window Restoration Project

Do you use the Pershing Street entrance?

Starting around September 15, Glass Heritage will be working on the stained glass windows on the west side of the church building. There are two windows directly above the Pershing Street entrance that workers will need to access during their work week which is Monday through Friday. The crew has set up moveable scaffolding over the Pershing Street door; whenever you need to access that door the crew will move the scaffolding for you. At the end of each work day, the crew will move the scaffolding out of the way. Please be patient while the scaffolding is moved. Thank you.

Kids Against Hunger



When? Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where? Change of plans, we will be in Von Maur Hall.

What do I need to bring? \$20 cash or check (payable to KAHYQC) in order to participate.

We are SO excited to see you there and to make 4,000 meals for those in need!

Sunday School Kick-Off and Registration

Sunday School will be starting on October 2, following the 9:30 am worship service!

To help us plan our classroom needs, we are asking that Sunday School registration forms be completed at your earliest convenience. Physical copies are available at the back of the sanctuary, and in the Kirkwood choir room. These forms cover Sunday school, Kirkwood choir, and Musikgarten.

A digital option is also available at this link: <https://bit.ly/fpcdavenport>.

We are also in need of volunteers! No teaching experience necessary.

If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday or for many Sundays, please let our Director of Education Kristy Woodrow know at:

Mission Study is Available!

The FPC Mission Study entitled "At the Crossroads" is now available for members to read on the church website.

The document was created by the Pastor Nominating Committee to tell the story of our congregation — past, present and future -- for pastoral candidates.

Its message, regarding the need to revitalize the life of First Church, is also directed toward the membership as we seek to partner with a new leader to achieve that goal.

The PNC encourages you to thoughtfully review the study and consider how you might impact the future story of First Presbyterian Church.

To access the study, click here: <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/at-the-crossroads-mission-study> or go to the home page of the of the church website and click on At the Crossroads.

woodrow@fpcdavenport (or in person).

Memorial to the Lost

Centennial Park for Balloon Release

September 25



**DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
HOMICIDE VICTIMS
Balloon Release**

SUNDAY September 25th, 2022 | 2:00 PM | Centennial Park

During The National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims, Family Resources would like to honor, commemorate and celebrate the lives of murder victims and their surviving family members. If you have lost a loved one or family member due to homicide, we want to honor their memory.

Please join us in our 1st annual balloon release event.

To RSVP please contact Joanna D. | 563-293-3588 or JOANNAD@FAMRES.ORG

Homecoming Service and Luncheon

October 2, 2022

Please note the corrected time:

The worship service will be at our usual time, 9:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary
Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

Soon: Manna and More will be Back!!!

After a long 18 months, the Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee is very excited to welcome our church family back to breakfast on October 9! We will continue to serve breakfast on the second Sunday of every month for the rest of the academic year (through May).

Please join us for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall either before or after the 9:30 worship service. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 and then again at 10:30 to 11:00.

Our October menu is pancakes with various toppings, sausage, fruit, and beverages. We ask for a donation of \$3 per adult and \$1 per child 12 and under to help defray the cost.

We can't wait to celebrate being post-pandemic with you on October 9!