

**Serve Jesus Christ, Learn, Love, Witness, Support**  
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**God's Love Is Constant**

A pastor visited a member of his congregation who was a farmer. He noticed that the farmer had a weathervane on top of his new barn with the inscription, "God is love." What do you mean by putting those words on your weathervane?" he asked. "Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?" "Oh, no, just the opposite," the farmer replied. "I mean that God's love is the same no matter which way the wind blows."

Very likely the farmer had in mind the verse from Hebrews 13:8 which reads, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This is a good verse for all of us to remember. Maybe we've had some disappointing things happen that can make us doubt God's love for us. Maybe things are not going well at work. Maybe one or more of your children are going through difficult times. Maybe someone we know has died. Life can be very confusing and frightening. Sometimes it's hard to admit to another person that we're concerned that we don't "have it all together." God knows, and His love for us remains constant even though our emotions may run from very high to very low.

As painful as some of these experiences are, we can really learn from them. Best of all, they serve to help us mature in faith. Furthermore, they teach us about other people. If we have these problems, shouldn't we think others may too, even if they don't talk about them? The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to have problems, and he found a purpose in them: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). First, we should praise God for the comfort He gives us. He is the Father of all mercies! Then, Paul says, we should comfort others just as God has comforted us. How can we do this? By listening, by being patient when friends don't act as they should as a result of their emotional pain, and, most of all, by sharing our experience with them and telling them of the comfort God brings. Doing these things is practicing good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. God will help us keep our eyes on Him instead of our circumstances, and He will help us to place trust in him.



# Calendar of Events

## September Birthdays

Margo Schamerhorn	9/04
Angie Kendall	9/08
Janness Heuton	9/10
Kathi Nichols	9/11
Nancy Mitchell	9/16
Dale Ogle	9/17
Darlene Fitzgerald	9/18
Ron Heuton	9/22
Sue Middleton	9/22
Candi Cox	9/23
Sioux Newberg	9/23
Nils Berndt	9/25
Theresa Garrison	9/28
Dean McCollum	9/29
Bob Baker	9/30



## September Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dorcas Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No China Painters	

5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club (Weigh in Only)	5:15 p.m.
	UMW Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Apologetics Course --Week 1 (6 weeks)	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council	7:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No SPRC Meeting</b>	
	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	Meals From the Heartland	5:15 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	<b>Education Meeting moved to next week</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caller Deadline</b>	
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	<b>Education Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Eve Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal (inside)	5:00 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	<b>McPherson 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration (Fellowship Hall)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

## Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

### APPRECIATED ARE:

THE SANDY MCNAMAR FOOD  
PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS...

- Soda Crackers
- Soup
- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Meat
- Cookies
- Cake/Brownie Mixes



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

The Food Pantry is still following COVID 19 protocol by prefilling boxes for families. We are still serving out the kitchen or main door. But we are starting plans to move back downstairs and allowing those in need to pick their own items from our shelves. We plan to make this change in September. We'll share this update with our clients starting in July.

Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry. With your support we have been able to replace all the frozen items lost last year.

Since October 2020 we have served:

- 107 families
- 382 people
- 2,499 pounds in

Remember that the pounds of food in and out do not count frozen meat, eggs, dairy, bakery good or frozen vegetables. Terri Pollard

## Crafts, Conversation & Chow

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer McDonald at 515-314-4761.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Theresa Garrison  
214 SE Willow Run Lane  
Ankeny, IA 50023

Sue Middleton  
1823 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Court  
Des Moines, IA 50317

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 p.m.

at

Des Moines St. John's United  
Methodist Church

**For the Lions Club,  
Save Your Eye Glasses,  
Hearing Aids, Postage  
Stamps & Can Tabs**

**SAVE YOUR USED EYEGASSES AND  
HEARING AIDS**

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eye Glasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

**POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION**

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

**SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:**

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
  
A biohazard waste can is now located in the Noah's Ark restroom. Please dispose all of your medical materials into this container. Thanks.

**Continue to Remember  
in Our Prayers**

**Our Members in Care Facilities:**

**Virginia Moore** (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

**Our Homebound Members**

**Roberta Traviss**

**Madelyn Morey** (in MO with her daughter)

**Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering  
Members:**

**Arlene Keller** (in MO with daughter)

**Theresa Garrison**

**MEETINGS**

**EVE CIRCLE** will meet Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dorothy Deitch will be doing the program. Betty Hochstetler is hostess. Come join us. Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

**EDUCATION MEETING** has been moved to Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. this month.

**APOLOGETICS COURSE**  
Tuesday, September 7th  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
6 weeks

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER** is C.W.S. Blankets. Your contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guests at homeless shelters. Around the world, your support of this program means vital supplies and support to those in need.

In September we will be having noisy offerings on Sundays for C.W. S. Blankets.

**ESTHER AND EVE CIRCLES** will be collecting school supplies for Garten Elementary School until October 1<sup>st</sup>. A list is available outside Diane's office. There will be a container in the Narthex. Please join us with this project. Thank you. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact a member of the Education Team. The next Education meeting is September 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. where we will be working on the Halloween Fun Night. This meeting is open to everyone that would like to help plan the fun night.

### Classes:

Noah's Ark (ages 2 through middle school)  
**We are looking for a person that would step up to teach this class. If you are interested, please contact Debbie or Mickey Wise.** My email address is [debbiewise50@gmail.com](mailto:debbiewise50@gmail.com) or you may leave Debbie or Mickey a voice mail.

Adult classes (need adults to attend).

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday School Class and we would like to encourage you if you come to church early to sit in one of our classes.

### Education Team Upcoming Projects:

#### Halloween Fun Night

The Education Committee is working on our Halloween Fun Night. Trick or Treat is Saturday, October 30, this year. We would like to make it into a big indoor fun night since it is on a Saturday, but we will need your help. We are looking for the following:

**Wrapped Candy**  
**Small prizes**  
**Cookies to serve**  
**200 hot dogs and buns**  
**Workers to help with the games**  
**Or cash to help purchase items with**



60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
for Jim and Linda McPherson.  
Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
No gifts please.

URBAN BIKE FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

**Finance/Treasurer  
Report as of  
July 31, 2021**

Bank balance as of July 1, 2021	\$51,824.28
Receipts through July 31, 2021	\$21,413.73
Disbursements through July 31,2021	\$16,816.66
Bank balance as of July 31, 2021	\$56,421.35
Less Committed Funds as of July 31, 2021	\$28,260.91
Available funds as of July 31, 2021	\$28,160.44

This report is submitted by:  
**David E. "Dave" Beery,**  
**Financial Secretary**

**ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST**

The All-Church Breakfast is back.

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

We will eat at 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to help cook, meet  
at 7:00 a.m.

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND**

Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Meet in church parking lot at

5:15 p.m. to carpool.

Will work 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Stave's United Methodist Church has been more than generous with the mission of helping the homeless of Des Moines. But I already knew that Stave's UMC was a giving and generous church. I know that you do not always see the benefits of your giving, but I can tell you, you have changed lives. Someone asked me if I was enabling the homeless. I told them yes, I am enabling them to get to the next day. And with your help I have seen the great works you are doing.

I want to tell you a story of a gentleman I met about 2 years ago. His name is Mario. When I first met Mario, I said hi and introduced myself. All he said was his name was Mario and that was all I could get out of him. After a few more visits Mario would open up more and talk with me. After a while, I could not get him to stop talking, and told him we needed to move on and serve others. I would tell him I would see him next week. Mario was on the streets for a few years, and used a wheelchair. At UBFM we talk about building relationships. After 2 years, I built a relationship with Mario. He would see me and say hi Robby. We would give him food, toiletries, flashlights, batteries, hand warmers and blankets. He always had a smile when I would see him.

Mario, passed away about a month ago on the streets. That was hard, it was like losing a friend. I know Stave's made a difference in the time we were able to serve Mario.

There are more Mario's out there and you beautiful people of Stave's are making a difference. I want you to know that and know that I love you all for what you do for our homeless friends.

Thank you for all you do!!!

