



October 4, 2018

Greetings friends,

Man, the rain we've been receiving of late has certainly been abundant. Generally speaking, all this moisture is not what I love about fall. But, we take what we get, and hope we have a few weeks of drier weather coming up. I empathize with farmers as they gaze out into their fields of sodden crops, wondering when everything will be dry enough to harvest. In my own backyard, many of my plants have pretty much retired for the season. The in-ground perennials are fading and several of my potted annuals have basically drowned. Some though, are flourishing! Not many leaves have changed colors on my trees yet, but several green leaves have fallen over the last few days.

The shock of transition from heat and humidity of yesterday to the cold winds and much cooler temps of today is breathtaking. Ahh, Iowa weather – always an adventure!

This Week at Grace – Pastor Jonathan's message this week, "The Journey of Worship: The Table" is inspired by Matthew 26:26-28. This week our Chancel choir will sing *Jesus is the Friend Who is Always There* at the worship service and *Eric Dowe* will serve as liturgist! Greeters this week are *Loretta Parker* and *Leah Frandson*. Those serving as ushers include *Sharla Mander*, *Gene & Erma Schaeffer* and *Judy Brekke*. Worship begins at 9:15 with a time of snacks and coffee fellowship following. Sunday school classes meet at 10:30 - please join us!

Remember, the Bible study (Genesis to Revelation) led by Brian McNamara is ongoing and remains open to any adults who would like to attend. It is held in Brian's 2nd story study in their shed/barn. No bathroom facilities, but the space is warm and cozy. Bring your Bible and join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings!



The Ames Area CROP Walk for Hunger is next Sunday, October 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m. It will begin at Brookside Park and is an easy walk of 3.5 miles. The goal is to help people struggling to feed their families both around the world and here locally. The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry will be one of the local organizations receiving a portion of the funds raised. If anyone would wish to go on the walk or to form a team to walk, please contact Sharla

Mander.

You may sign up to walk and/or donate by visiting the walk website: www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia

Thank you for your support.

Sue Bohner and Judy Miller have sign-up sheets in the Narthex for folks to sign up to help with food pick up on Fridays, Oct. 12th and Dec. 21st. Workers at the pantry are also needed on Saturdays Oct. 13th and Dec. 22nd. Please sign up and lend a hand!

Discussion is beginning for a fall all-church meal and game time. If you'd like to be involved with the planning and implementation process, please contact Cathy and she'll get you in touch with others who would like to be involved in putting something fun together.

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:
Denny Michel; Joan Barrett; Velda Frette; George Sellers; Pat Skowronski; Sally Donald (Judy A's sister); Joan Cooney; Karen (Mrs. Kent) Keech; Julie Jacobson; Lois Johnson; Jackie Royer (Sharla's friend); Cooper Leeman; Taylor family in Africa

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Sunday, October 7

9:15 AM Worship – Communion, Chancel Choir
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Sunday school
4:30 PM RSCC Supper in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 8

5:30 PM SPRC
7:00 PM Worship

Wednesday, October 10

1:30 PM UMW
7:00 PM Choir
8:00 PM Bell Choir

Thursday, October 11

7:00 PM Bible Study at Brian McNamara's

Sunday, October 14

8:00 AM Trustees
9:15 AM Worship – Baptism, Bell Choir
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Sunday school
1:30 PM CROP Walk at Brookside Park

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**Faithfully,
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