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### Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working  
from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.  
Amen.

By Cameron Bellm



## Preacher Feature



Are you going crazy yet? I know I am. When 2020 started, we had no idea it would go like this!

Here are a few of my observations that I am sending along to you.

I do believe that our gathering as a church is just as vital as it has ever been. “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.” (UMH #558). We have lived that out this year more than ever. So, I keep thinking of ways to try to keep us connected in the middle of all of this pandemic quarantine time.

Let me share with you some of our challenges. We have been told by the Bishop that we can resume in-building worship when we meet all of the CDC criteria for safety in this pandemic. The work required to do that is extremely hard for us at this moment. At this time, we simply do not have the resources, or a dozen volunteers who are willing to do all the jobs necessary to comply each Sunday. Not being able to sing or have any child care or limited use of the restrooms and no coffee hour until all is clear, seems like a huge undertaking too. Most of our leaders and our re-entry task force feel that we should wait until there is a readily available vaccine and we all have taken advantage of it.

Coronavirus is a very contagious illness and is not to be taken lightly. It took one person who was sick to infect 94 people in a church in Ohio. Classes at several schools that insisted on going back to in-person learning, have had to cut back, go online or close again. With a many of our congregation and staff over 60, we are at a higher risk level as well.

So, I’m doing a Bible Study on Zoom this fall. Details are on pages 4 and 5. This might be the right time to join in. I’m also looking into setting up group gatherings just to check in with one another using our Zoom capabilities. You will get more details about that too.

I’m really pleased that our church family has been so generous in reaching out to our community and the people that need our help. We have raised money for church staff who are having difficult times because their other jobs have vanished or been greatly scaled back. We have collected a lot of food for the hungry of our community and dropped it off to the church pantry. We have been very helpful to our refugee family’s efforts, purchasing food on Thursday nights. Just WOW, and Thank You for your incredible love for one another.

One of the ideas that has inspired me to find ways to help is the idea that with all the challenges this pandemic is giving us, we need an “emergency room drop in” for our hearts and souls. Gathering on Sunday morning can be that walk-in or “sit-in” clinic to restore the soul and reconnect to the healer in Jesus Christ as we sit together for worship through the Internet.

One of the benefits of the mid-week AWE service is for prayer, and to look for ways to deepen our prayer life to help us during those times when we need extra moments of grace and a touch from God. This summer we have been looking at learning how to pray longer or at least in different segments. That has been helpful to many. Sundays have been an opportunity to expand our thinking on the Lord’s Prayer as a great source of healing and encouragement. I do hope and pray for you, that you are finding these resources helpful at getting you through each day that you face.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for our church leaders as we negotiate the efforts to keep being the people of God when we aren’t in our building. In some ways these are almost “first century challenges” to be faithful in new ways we haven’t known before. But, with God’s help all things are possible.

Blessings to you all.

- Pastor Jeff

Let us all remember to observe Pastor Jeff’s Days of Rest: Thursday afternoons, Fridays and Monday mornings.

# Worship Series

After Labor Day, we begin a new series of messages along with group discussions exploring what *Jesus Means to Us*. The first of three 8-week series is called *Think Like Jesus*. Then, we will take a break for Advent and Christmas, followed by *Be Like Jesus* and, after Easter, *Act Like Jesus*. These are based on the writings of Randy Frazee (see page 5).

The messages in worship and the music will enhance our discovery of very important issues we desperately need to handle the challenges of this ongoing pandemic, and the emotional and spiritual stresses that they have produced.

Gathering for worship can be like coming into an emergency room. We hope to get help for what ails us as soon as possible. When we gather for worship, we too are hoping that we feel God's touch on our aches and pains, and will find healing.

We have been blessed by the efforts of Ardoth Hassler and Ken Ow for their fantastic work on our Zoom Church experiences. I am so glad that we can have time before and after the worship to gather and chat with friends so we can keep up on what is going on in our lives. This fellowship is not quite as rewarding as hugs and a coffee hour, but in this struggle with the virus all around us, it's a good substitute.

- Who is God?
- Does God Care About Me?
- How Do I Have a Relationship with God?
- How Does the Bible Guide my life?
- Who Am I in Christ?
- What is the Purpose of the Church?
- How Does God Value People?
- What is Eternity Going to be Like?

The worship series will cover topics that Jesus taught us to appreciate.

The topic on Eternity, will fall on November 1--All Saints Sunday. What an appropriate finale for our first series. I hope you can be with us and also join in a small group discussion, via Zoom, to ask questions, watch the study video, and learn from one another.

- Pastor Jeff

## SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Jesus and his life, ministry and teachings are the basis for our faith and life as a church. It is fitting that we take sometime in the middle of the challenges related to these trying and difficult times to draw upon the strength that knowing what we are all about can help us.

I am planning on offering two or even three sessions during the week to cover the topics in our first series, *Think Like Jesus*. We will have access to videos done by Randy Frazee to begin our conversations. We hope that this will be what you need to help your faith grow in times like these.

One class will be Wednesday nights following AWE. The other two can be a morning or afternoon during the week that will suit the majority of participants. If you are interested in joining this class, please let me know what times are favorable to you. Perfect attendance is not required; we don't want you to miss this even if you can't make all the sessions. We think the blessings and growth in your faith will make all the difference.

The class will be about 90 minutes to view the video introduction and join in the discussion questions with time to reflect and ask your own questions. No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. You will get a great introduction to the main issues that will help your faith through this study. Invite a friend if you think they might benefit from such a group gathering to explore faith and life in this way.

There is a study book for the 8 week sessions (see page 5). We will be happy to place a joint order for the Study Guide if you would like us to order a copy for you. Information will be in the weekly email. You can order the study guide separately in print or via Kindle if you would like to get a jump start on our classes.

**Please share the invitation to Zoom with friends (See weekly email for the link).**

- Pastor Jeff

## PRIME TIME

The Prime Time Devotion is in full swing! The children are faithfully participating in Saturday Devotion from 11:00 a.m. to noon every second and fourth Saturday. As we move forward in the pandemic environment, we are forced to rethink how we keep our young people interested in worshipping in a wholesome and inviting way. Thankfully, there are many innovative tools available, and with a bit of creativity and flexibility we have managed to keep the children not only present, but, according to parents, looking forward to learning more about God the Father; Jesus, the Son of God; and, the Holy Spirit, our helper.

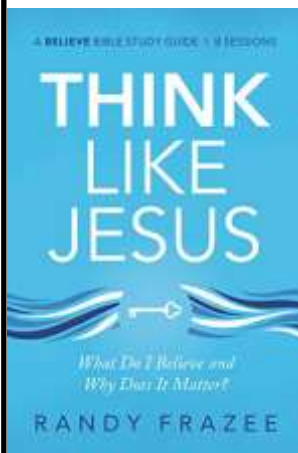
We look forward to learning through various mediums--videos, printed material, bible quizzes and lessons, readings, etc. Planning ahead, we look forward to guest speakers, and games and innovations to make the children's worship experience more interactive and engaging. The Teen Chat led by Malaika Newman gives the young worshipers an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings about current events and how they are coping in this everyday life as young Christians.

Our prayers are that God will continue to grow the youth ministry by way of word of mouth and social media. We welcome everyone to join us.

- Renee Newman

## STUDY GUIDE

***Think Like Jesus Study Guide: What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?*** Randy Frazee.



Available in paperback and Kindle from Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers. Paperback 2020 ISBN: 9780310118534.

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## The Lectionary

September 6: 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13: 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20: 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 4: 18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19

Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 18: 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25: 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

November 1: All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

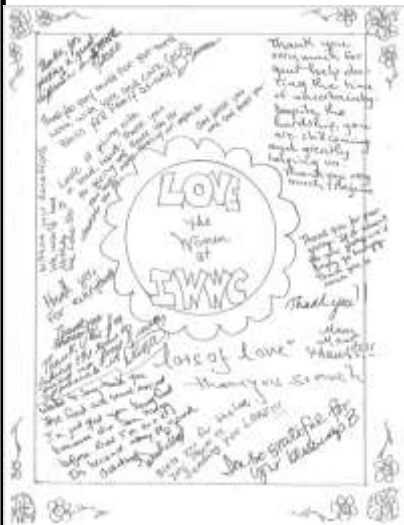
# HAPPENINGS



## SERVING THE WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



NBUMC served the Shelter July 5 to 12. Thank you to all the great cooks, and especially to Jacqui and Gordon Cragg (left) for coordinating our service to the Shelter and delivering breakfast and lunches, dinners and supplies.



## THANK YOU FROM THE DIRECTOR AND CLIENTS

I would like to take a moment and thank you so much for your amazing generosity and support during the COVID-19 Pandemic. It has truly meant the world to us at IWWC to have your continuing care! Our clients greatly miss seeing all of our volunteers on a regular basis and have created a wonderful thank you flyer that I have attached to this email. Our staff has been beyond grateful for your beautiful and astonishing donations of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and so much more! I truly do not know what we would do without you!

You have made my job become a beautiful and grateful one. I no longer think of this as work but instead I think of it as an amazing opportunity to interact with so many amazing people! Thank you for being a part of the Interfaith Works Women's Center Volunteer Family!

- Samantha Chekalos, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator

Next Opportunity: October 25-31, 2020

Due to the on-going pandemic and social distancing requirements, we expect that we will be preparing food and delivering it to the Shelter for staff members to serve as we did in July. More information will be forthcoming closer to our week of service.

If you wish to help with dinner or lunch preparation please contact Gordon & Jacqui Cragg.

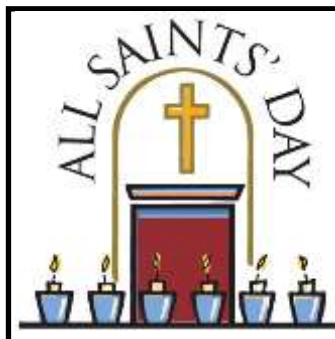
## NBUMC collected 259 pounds of food in 2 hours for Bethesda Help!



Watch for the announcement of additional food drives in October and December. Thank you, Sara Barakat, for organizing the food drives.



October 4  
World Communion  
Sunday  
Promoting  
Christian Unity



**PREPARE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY!**  
The first Sunday of November is the time we remember members of our church, and family and friends who have died since last November 1. Please notify the church office if you have someone that you would like to have remembered as a part of the All Saints Service and Holy Communion.





## CONFERENCE NEWS



**Annual Conference** will be virtual this year on Saturday, September 12. NBUMC will be represented by the Pastor; Lay Member, Mark Aehle; Our District Lay Leader, Amy Duroska; and, At-Large Member, Ken Ow. We truly will be well represented by our church leadership.

Our **Church Council Meeting** on Sunday September 27 after worship, will serve as a **preliminary Charge Conference** this year. The meeting is open to our church members, and you are invited to hear the reports. The **Charge Conference** will also be held via Zoom as a cluster Charge Conference sometime in October. The date has not been assigned as of this writing.

**Leadership:** We are all dealing with the ongoing effect of the pandemic. Our conference is asking us to keep our leadership in place from this year into next year to make it easier when we can resume some new dimensions of ministry.

### NBUMC STAFF ADAPT TO PANDEMIC

SPRC is in the process of conducting short (2020-2025) and long-term (beyond 2025) staffing studies for NBUMC under the direction of Dr. Irving Williams. We began this study in anticipation of changes, but not in anticipation of a lengthy closure due to the pandemic. This year's pandemic has affected every member of our wonderful staff. It has affected each one in a different way.

- Pastor Jeff: Instead of in-person Sunday and Wednesday evening services, Pastor Jeff has learned to host Zoom meetings with superb technical assistance from Ken Ow and Ardoth Hassler. In addition to preparing sermons and meditations, he searches the Internet for appropriate hymns to complement each service.
- Renee and Malaika Newman now host Prime Time Devotion via Zoom with the children and youth on the second and fourth Saturdays each month.
- Tony has been providing music from choir members, where he sends them a recording of the accompaniment and they record their voice(s) as they sing to the accompaniment. Then, he syncs the voice(s) with the accompaniment. He's been able to "sync" two voices so far and hopes to gradually increase the number of voices. [Ed. This is NOT a simple task!]
- Linda Thompson has reinvigorated the Connectors, emphasizing the need to contact those without computers, those who are shut-in, or who live alone, during this pandemic. Not only does she keep up with the needs of the congregation, but enlists others to assist in letting our members know that their church cares about their well-being.
- Chris Lee, our Office Manager, goes to the office a couple of days a week to perform the many administrative duties that do not stop during the pandemic. She has had to deal with phone lines, and website that was not working properly, in addition to her "normal" duties.
- Tripta Verma, who has been with us for 20 years, no longer takes care of nursery-aged children due to the church's closure, but is looking forward to the day when she can resume this service.
- Abel Majano, our contracted custodian, has been instrumental in getting the church ready for a reopening when the time is right.

As you can see from the above, our staff has adapted well to the changes and demands placed on them by this pandemic. If you have any thoughts or suggestions that haven't been communicated to assist us in either the staffing study or on operations in general, please let Dr. Williams or any SPRC member know. Other members of SPRC are Gordon Cragg, Mark Aehle, Tsitsi Sithole, Pat Hilling, Brandon Kesselly, Christena Johnston-Pulliam, and Hilda Smith.

- Flora Milans, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

# NBUMC BOOK GROUP

## How To Be An Antiracist - Ibram X. Kendi

Ibram Kendi is an African American (Black) professor and founding director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University. He is a young man as scholars go, only 38, but he has already won a Pulitzer Prize and landed on the *New York Times* Bestseller List, and also survived cancer. This book is his story as a Black survivor in America and an Antiracist.

A group of NBUMC members, led by the Rev. Joye Jones, read and discussed the 18 chapters that begin with “Definitions” and end with “Survival.” These, and the chapters in between, contain a painstaking, even exhaustive, discussion of racism, punctuated by confessional narratives of Kendi’s own awakening to the reality of true antiracism.

The book mixes memoir with social, historical, and psychological evidence. The journey challenges the reader to learn and use a new vocabulary, and to recalibrate unconscious assumptions about race, and then to act for change at the level of power and policy – not the Band-Aid programs targeting “improvement” of Black people to ensure their assimilation into the ruling White culture. - Carol Malmi

### A Personal Perspective

Judging a book by its cover or title (which we all do at times) not unexpectedly proved to be in discord to what I had expected. The author, in a cadence at times that reminded me of a powerful emotional call from a pulpit, naturally addressed the topics of color blindness, assimilation, racist policies, and white privilege. However, as the author delved into these areas sharing his experiences of racism as a black child, teen, man, he primarily (and this was the unexpected part), focused on his own journey as he tackled his own personal racism/biases –not only with color but culture, biology, sexuality--even in clear departure from his parents .

Kendi did not lay out a roadmap of how to be an antiracist. So, for those who might decide to read the book hoping to find out what to do and not do, what might have been done or what shouldn’t have been done is not provided. Instead, by interweaving personal and entertaining autobiographical snippets of his life, the author was able to support his agenda of helping those sincerely wishing to live and support an antiracist life from his viewpoint of a historically marginalized population.

In the final chapter the author summarizes racism by comparing it to a specific health condition, which as a long time Health Professional resonated and provides support of processes to deal with and possibly defeat racism. However, for me this conclusion read as a reveal of a “who done it” mystery novel, which, frankly, annoyed me. Personally, I wish the author had started with this analogy and then walked the reader through what brought him to this conclusion. Sometimes providing a probable conclusion first and then processing the why is more effective than the other way around.

As a lover of books, strangely enough, I have never participated in a book club. The expectation of being on a schedule to read certain chapters and address specific content areas as a way to prepare for weekly discussions has always seemed restrictive to me as I tend to binge. On the other hand, textbook reading—highlighting areas of perceived importance (first as a student back in the day--could this be on a test? then, as an instructor--should this be in a lecture/test?)—was and is a different process than pleasure reading.

Being in a book club discussion caused me to combine the two processes, and discussing the specific chapters weekly was as illuminating as I had anticipated it to be. I was also thankful to hear the honesty of my fellow readers—those that freely admitted not getting through the required chapters and openly admitting to going to the dictionary to identify some terms. This allowed the pleasure reader in me to relax and separate from the rigidity of being the textbook reader.

In addition, it helped to be led by Rev. Joye Jones, a clearly prepared facilitator. Because of her and my fellow book readers, my introduction to a book club discussion by safely sharing personal stories, learning about each other, presenting different viewpoints on subject matter that has always been relevant but sadly not embraced by most of us of protected privilege, met all benchmarks I anticipated in a book club.

- Rose Aehle



## Tree of Life Gains Two New Leaves

### Miss Pat's Legacy: Memorial Leaves on the Tree of Life

Maria Patricia DeSpain, "Miss Pat," who left this world in December 2018, left behind a legacy of faithfulness and love at NBUMC. These are now embodied in two new leaves on the Tree of Life, inscribed according to her wishes.



In Memory of  
Maria Patricia (Pat) DeSpain  
Faithful Servant of God,  
Beloved Church Member  
1915-2018

Maria Patricia DeSpain  
"Miss Pat" 1915-2018  
In Thanksgiving to the  
NBUMC Church Family For  
Many Years of Love,  
Devotion, and Care

Many remember her as an elderly lady with sparkling eyes and a quiet wit. Some served with her in charitable works in earlier years. Many knew her as their Sunday School Teacher. Few remain who knew her in the earliest days of the church. But all can now remember her kindness and generosity at the leaf memorials on the Tree of Life.

The Tree of Life is a visible record of donations to the NBUMC Endowment Fund. Its metal branches and leaves are mounted on the wall along the Narthex hallway. The Tree is flourishing with leaves, each inscribed as the donor requests. Donations of \$5,000 are recognized with brass leaves, and donations of \$15,000 are recognized with silver leaves.

Donations to the Endowment Fund can be made at any time. Either the Capital Improvement Fund or the Enabling Ministries Fund can be designated.

## BOOK REVIEW

### *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

By Isabel Wilkerson

*New York Times* reviewer Dwight Garner wrote that Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* is "an instant American classic and almost certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the American century thus far.... It made the back of my neck prickle from the first few pages, and the feeling never went away." <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/31/books/review-caste-isabel-wilkerson-origins-of-our-discontents.html>

Wilkerson defines a caste system as "an artificial construction, a fixed and embedded ranking of human value that sets the presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of other groups, on the basis of ancestry and often immutable traits—traits that would be neutral in the abstract but that are ascribed life-and-death meaning." (qtd. Garner)

She argues that "caste" is the most accurate term to describe social hierarchy. Race is only one element in that calculation. She argues that the concept of caste is profoundly rooted in human belief, history, and social organization. It imprints us all with unconscious assumptions about the hierarchy of society, and we unconsciously base our behavior and decisions in favor of maintaining that familiar structure.

Wilkerson writes, "Caste is insidious and therefore powerful because it is not hatred; it is not necessarily personal.... It is the worn groove of comforting routines and unthinking expectations, patterns of a social order that have been in place for so long that it looks like the natural order of things." (qtd. Suni Khilnani, <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/08/17/isabel-wilkersons-world-historical-theory-of-race-and-caste>) In other words, the underpinnings of caste-driven behavior are not personal. They are concerned with objective power dynamics. Those at the top want to stay there and crush lower ranking castes that might challenge them.

Wilkerson takes a global view, and traces caste through many centuries. Caste structure subsumes more familiar categories such as race, color, ethnicity, intelligence, talent. Purely and brutally, caste maintains a hierarchy of power and control.

- Carol Malmi

# Miscellany



Long-time members Yuko and Adam Robinson have relocated to Hawaii where Dr. Robinson will be Director of the Veterans

Administration Pacific Islands Health Care System. They don't have a permanent address as yet; their

email and phone numbers remain unchanged. ALOHA!



Ruth Loyd

## MICROGRANT for TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

NBUMC has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Baltimore-Washington Conference to aid in upgrading our technologies to better facilitate virtual worship with live streaming. When implemented, we will be able to stream worship from inside the church building, thus enabling people present and others who are remote to worship together. Action items include acquiring an iPad for video capture and streaming to connect to mobile microphone interfaces, and upgrading the Internet connection to the Sanctuary.

Ardoth Hassler, Ken Ow, Jesse Jennings, Gordon Cragg and Pastor Jeff collaborated on the proposal.

*Thank you!*

Jenny and Claude Bartholomew would like to thank everyone for thinking of them and remembering them with your many cards and letters.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Lukas Chandler, musician extraordinaire who has substituted for Tony Ashur on occasion, completed his Master's Degree in Communication, Culture and Technology at Georgetown University in May. His research project was in telehealth.

## Thursday Night Dinners!

The Social Outreach Committee (formerly known as Missions) would like to thank everyone who has ordered food from Chef Majed, one of the refugee families we have been helping. NBUMC is averaging about 10-11 orders per week, many with multiple meals. These orders are very much appreciated by Chef Majed and they are helping to keep his business alive (it was mainly catering prior to the pandemic) and his family thriving. Nearby Bethesda United Methodist Church will be sending out the link starting soon, so we are hoping to increase the number of orders. Please check your NBUMCFlash weekly emails for the link and order by Wednesday night for Thursday pickup between 5:30-6pm at NBUMC. Spread the word and forward the email to your neighborhood listservs and friends. We can personally attest that his food is delicious and plentiful. We particularly enjoy the Chicken Shawarma, the Chicken Kebabs, and hummus. Try it - you'll like it!

-Natalie and Richard McManus









# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 American Chess Day	2 7:00 pm AWE	3 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals	4 Nat'l Wildlife Day 	5 Int'l Day of Charity
6 Read a Book Day 10:00 am Worship	7 Labor Day	8	9 Nat'l Wiener Schnitzel Day  7:00 pm AWE	10 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:00 pm Choir	11 Patriot Day	12 Nat'l Chocolate Milkshake Day 11:00 am Prime Time
13 Nat'l Grandparents Day 10:00 am Worship	14 7:00 pm Trustees	15 7:00 pm Finance	16 7:00 pm AWE	17 Constitution Day 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals	18 Nat'l Cheesburger Day 	19
20 10:00 am Worship	21 Int'l Day of Peace Day	22 First Day of Autumn	23 7:00 pm AWE	24 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:00 pm Choir	25	26 11:00 am Prime Time
27 10:00 am Worship	28	29 Nat'l Coffee Day 	30 7:00 pm AWE			



# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"Nothing [is] more truly artistic than to love people." —Vincent Van Gogh				1 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals	2	3
4 World Communion Day 10:00 am Worship	5	6	7 7:00 pm AWE	8  6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:00 pm Choir	9	10 11:00 am Prime Time
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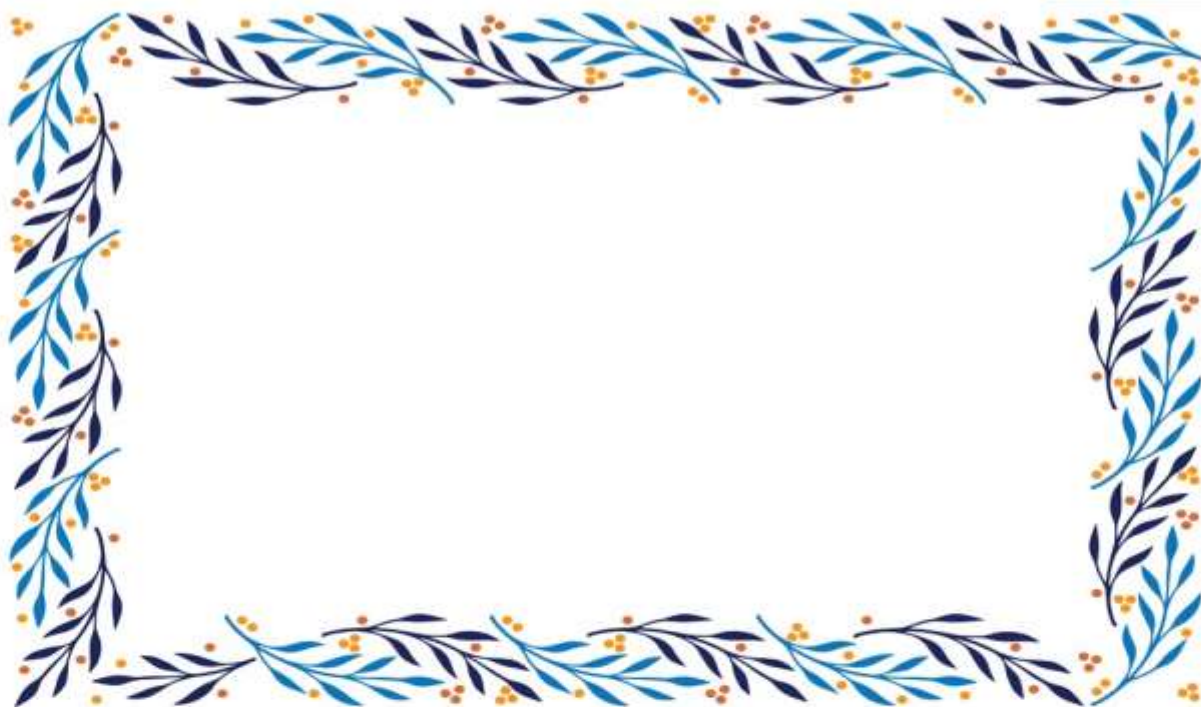
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## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

This is the schedule for worship participants for the months of September and October. Please note on your calendar. If there is a conflict with your schedule, **please arrange for a substitute and inform the office of that change so it can be published in the weekly bulletin.** Liturgists are for individual Sundays. **Greeters and ushers are for the whole month.** Communion Stewards are for the first Sunday of the month. Stewards are for the first Sunday of the month.

DATE	LITURGIST	<p>Sunday Worship 10:00am</p> <hr/> <p>Alternative Worship experience:</p> <p>Wednesday 7:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Contact the Church Office to be added to the mailing list for weekly updates.</p>
September 6	Elvira Williams	
September 13	Mary Lou Griffin	
September 20	Carol Malmi	
September 27	Gordon Cragg	
October 4	Joye Jones	
October 11	Irving Williams	
October 18	Carol Malmi	
October 25	Mary Lou Griffin	