



The Salt Shaker

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FROM THE PASTOR

LIFE! Living In Faith

This fall we will emphasize faith in everyday life: LIFE!

LIFE! Living In Faith Everyday can be the hardest faith to live out as well as the most clear and honest manifestation of our beliefs. Look for this theme in worship, education, programming, and written materials at church.

One special event will be on Wednesday, September 25 as will be hosting an international missionary in peacemaking through the Presbyterian Church USA.



María Bock Barrett is an ordained minister and serves as Coordinator of Social Action for the Dominican Protestant Church (Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana) in the Dominican

Republic. She oversees the denomination's major programs aimed at transforming lives in local communities: solar ovens, purified water and community health evangelism (CHE). Even though she first was trained and worked as a chemical engineer, Rev. Bock has served as pastor to a number of marginal, urban congregations in the capital of Santo Domingo as well as working as a volunteer in the social action arm of the church, which she now coordinates.

September 25 will begin at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments and continue with a slide show presentation by Rev. Barrett and her translator. It will conclude with Q&A time. We are hoping to record the presentation to post on our church's Facebook for those unable to attend.

Each year, our church sends a donation to the Presbyterian Mission to be useful in sharing faith regionally in the USA and around the world. We are happy to welcome a recipient of our shared mission program through the denomination.

In the weeks ahead, may you be blessed with a renewed sense of LIFE!

In Christ, Pastor Julie



CROP WALK

The annual CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6 with a dedication

prayer at 1:00 p.m. at the Ely Park Trail next to the pond. Packets will be available for donations and walkers are encouraged to sign up in advance downstairs at church. Bring a friend!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Looking at the first half of 2019 (50% of the year), pledged donations were at 54.7% and non-pledged offerings were at 22.2%. Expenses were at 48.8%. Total ministry and mission projections for 2019 are \$182,107. Our balanced general budget is currently on track. Praise be to God!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday morning Bible Study is working on THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW at 9:30 a.m. Come and join in! (September 25 will meet at

the church with presentation by Rev. María Bock Barrett.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Sunday School begins on September 8 with a multi-generational lesson in the Fellowship Hall. The lesson will be concluding the curriculum materials from VBS. Scriptures: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 and Mark 4:26-34, Parable of the

growing seed and the mustard seed Summer Blessing: Green and Growing in the Kingdom of God.

Also, watch for changes in the Sunday School rooms as we move classes around and repaint classrooms this fall. Exciting changes are happening!



LIFE! Living In Faith Everyday

Sunday School in the church living room will begin on September 15 (September 8 will be multi-generational.) We will explore this fall different L.I.F.E. stories and experiences of Living In Faith Everyday. See weekly bulletin for presenters and topics.



The students of VBS 2019

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

NORTH LIBERTY FOOD BANK FACTS



- 984 children served through Pantry services annually
- 517 students served at the Back 2 School Bash
- 250+ coats distributed to kids last winter
- According to a USDA report, the cost to feed one child throughout the Summer is \$504
- \$504 donated to the Pantry can purchase 2,016 POUNDS of food!

OLIVET NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION

Julie Palmer, Director of Olivet Neighborhood Mission sent a thank you and shared the following facts about the mission's service in 2018.

- 31,378 families/individuals served
- 8,222 food boxes distributed
- 2,400 individuals fed per month
- 1,000 children/families adopted through the Thanksgiving and Christmas Adoption Programs
- Youth programs served 213 children with over 6,000 contact hours
- 32 preschool children enrolled in Head Start classrooms
- Mercy Parish nurse served 324 hours on site
- 6,526 volunteer hours performed by 21 active volunteers worth \$161,127

The full letter is on display on the bulletin board in the basement.

THANK YOU

I can't thank my church family enough, or have proper words for the thoughts, prayers, food, cards, and kind deeds shown to myself and my family. My family I might add...who are the most loving, caring, and the best caregivers anyone could ever want or need! People who don't have the support or love of a church family, such as ours, don't know what they're missing in their lives. Being here every week makes me leaving full of the Spirit and ready for what lies ahead the next week. All of us have something to be thankful for every day...any way you look at it, I am truly Blessed!!!

God Bless you all, Barb Zahradnik

SOUP SUPPER, ALREADY??!!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

When we flip the calendar for October, the Soup Supper will be that first week, much earlier than in the past few years. Here are some things to be considering at

this time.

Please check the work list - show up ahead of your scheduled time. When you come to work, check in with Rachel Manders at the foot of the basement stairs.

EVERYONE must wear a hat – Or you will be provided with a hairnet. ☺

Please wear your church shirts; new ones, red or blue or gray ones. Wear gloves if you handle food.

Plan to bake and bring **kolaches – a few extra** if possible since we ran out last year. Please **indicate the flavor** in each container. Put name on container if you want them back.

Plan to bring **Chicken Noodle Soup** (extra noodles for purchase available downstairs). Bring the soup **HOT**, right off the stove. Mark your kettle and lid with name.

Plan to bring carrots and celery, make sure they are ready for serving. Plan to bring pickles.

The Country Store will be in the living room – please mark a price on your items. Proceeds will be decided by the Session.

This is our biggest fund raiser, and people are looking forward to coming to our supper.

Most of all – have fun!

It is important to let people know – social media is a great way to do that. Send save-the-date cards. Put out a yard sign.

WORK ASSIGNMENTS

Rachel Manders has agreed to be our volunteer coordinator, bless her heart!!!

Please check in with her – the sign up will again be on line – HOWEVER, I've been working ahead of time to make sure we have volunteers in key areas. We seem to be short of helpers this year because of a number of unavoidable conflicts and health concerns. The main shortage is for servers and busing tables. Please consider asking a member of your family or friend to come and join us. We do have a lot of fun working together!

There will be a preliminary list of volunteers listed in the basement just to keep up to date. October 5 will be here faster than we think.

WHAT TO WEAR WHILE WORKING AT THE SOUP SUPPER

Please wear a church shirt (blue, red, gray, or white) and a church cap. This way, guests will know who to ask for assistance.

Hair nets will be provided for those who do not have a head covering. Plastic gloves will be provided for those handling food directly. It is best to wear comfortable shoes – not flip flops.

If you have extra shirts and wouldn't mind sharing for the evening, please hang them on the coat rack by the kitchen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAKING KOLACHES WITH A GROUP

At Theresa Grieder's home: Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 – call her for times. (bring dough and fillings) 848-3074 or theresagrieder@yahoo.com

At our church kitchen: Friday, October 4, early a.m. until done and Saturday, October 5 early a.m. until noon. Sign up to bring dough – donate fillings ahead of time so they can be prepared.

We have fun baking together!

Or bake at your home – helpful as only so many dozens can go through the ovens at church. Some get together at various homes to bake together.

Flavors most popular are cherry, apricot, poppy seed, red raspberry, strawberry, peach.

If you cannot bake, but wish to donate fillings, please leave fillings in our kitchen before baking dates.

CAN'T HELP AT THE SOUP SUPPER? HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP AHEAD OF TIME

Please call Pat Kilberger for a list of things to be done before the supper, such as: tidy up flower beds/grounds, wash basement windows, wipe down cob webs 846-2418 or pat.kilberger@gmail.com – **Sunday before, September 29, wash dishes/trays in kitchen. Set up tables the Wednesday before, October 2.**

ESPECIALLY LOOKING FOR: someone to lift heavy kettles in kitchen, needed by 3:30 that day.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

We have been able to have 2 shifts for our workers in the past, but the last few years, we have needed to ask everyone to work the entire Soup Supper. If that seems like too much, we can try to bring someone to relieve you. Just let us know.

Rachel Manders and Joanne Chadima



The Shermans perform during worship

WORSHIP AHEAD!

September 1, Labor Day Weekend: Hebrews Series 2: Cleaning: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Liturgist: Rachel Manders
Greeters: Dick & Zelda Sherman
Ushers: Jeff & Diane Reist

September 8: Holy Communion, Homecoming Sunday. Hebrews Series 3: Trip Advise: Hebrews 12:18-29

Ushers: Manders Family
Greeter: Janelle Benish
Liturgist: Theresa Harder

September 15: Koinonia: Philemon

Ushers: Bob & Marilyn Zvacek
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September 22: Is there a medical profession on board? Jeremiah

Ushers: Bill & Penny Serbousek
Greeters: Matt Zacek Family
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September 29: Ghost Towns: Lamentations 1:1-6, 8:18-9:1

Ushers: Theresa & Jim Grieder
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October 6: World Wide Communion: Timothy Series 1: I Timothy 1:12-17

Ushers: Dan Chadima Family
Greeters: Sue Feyerbend
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PET PICTURES

In preparation for a future service, we are soliciting pictures of pets or pictures of owners with pets. Please email Julie your photos at pastorjulie@elypres.org.

Thanks, Worship Committee

CHURCH BUSINESS

SESSION NOTES FROM JUNE 20, 2019

1. Worship average attendance for May was 75.
2. Membership as of May 30, 2019 was 199.
3. A baptism of Vincent Elijah Harris, parents Markham and Karasel Harris, Grandparents: Fred and Sarah Harris was conducted on May 12, 2019.
4. The Scholarship Committee presented 2019-2020 scholarship recommendations. Motion approved.
5. Tom Vavra, Funds Treasurer, presented mid-year report. Motion approved to proceed with process to close the 5013C status of Motycka Trust with remaining moneys to be retained in church scholarship account.
6. Motion approved to increase lawn mowing stipend for church cemetery from \$100 to \$130.
7. Expansion Committee reports to be shared with congregation at open discussion sessions on July 14, July 28, and August 25.
8. Elder Rachelle Mineck appointed as Personnel Chair.

YOUTH GROUP

Greetings from Youth Group!

Hello, Everyone! This summer was certainly busy, and we are thankful for the many opportunities and activities we have had.

1. Thanks to all who came to the car wash on the 4th of July!
2. Thanks to Carl Z for the ride, and all who participated in our float in the Ely Parade!
3. One youth joined a group from East Iowa Presbytery to attend Triennium in Indiana. She will be reporting on her experiences in September.
4. Youth led one evening lesson, and participated each evening in VBS. We are thankful for the opportunity and yummy dinners!
5. Youth attended a Kernels game on a wonderful summer evening, and cheered them on to a victory!
6. Youth and adults traveled, lived, and served together in Denver on our Mission trip. Thank you to Rene Tedrow and Dan Chadima for chaperoning this trip, and for all the prayers from our congregation! Youth reported about their Mission Trip experiences on Youth Sunday in August.
7. Thanks to ALL adult helpers and youth who helped with the dog competition and Kernels Cleanups fundraisers!

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