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Church Office Hours
Monday–Thursday
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,
Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

NOTE: Church doors remain locked. If you need to access, please use the north door and press the video intercom system button and you will be buzzed in. If you have any difficulty, call 515-279-3658. We ask that anyone coming into the church wear a mask and maintain safe “social distancing” during this time.

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
10:15 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 20:1–16
Sermon: Annoying Grace
The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar

Hymns:
35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
647 Give Thanks
703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Participating in Worship:
Music Director Rich Dewein
Organist Lois Harms
Musical Offering: Susan Voss
A/V: Kim Coulter
https://dmcpc.org/watch-live/

Next Worship in the Park will be held October 4, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.

Top stories...

Please join us for this class beginning Sunday, September 20, at 9am.

International Peace Day is Sept. 21. Watch a FB Livestream at 6:30pm.

Pedalin’ Presbyterians ride the Summerset Trail, this Sunday, 1–3:30pm.

Join in raising funds for Our Sister Parish, Sunday, Sept. 27.

Volunteers can sign up for an interfaith home build, Fall 2020.

Sunday Adult Education class begins
September 20, at 9am via Zoom

The Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, parish associate for adult education and mission, will lead a multi-week series on the Lord’s Prayer. We will look closely at various translations of the Lord’s Prayer across Christian traditions and ask some hard questions about what the Lord’s Prayer calls us to do in our current reality. What does God’s kingdom on earth look like amid a global pandemic? What does forgiveness and being forgiven mean within systemic racism? How does the prayer paint a portrait of God in light of Jesus’ life amid disease, racism, and violence?

We will meet using Zoom meetings. So, grab a cup of coffee or your morning juice and join us for the discussion, Sunday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.

• To join by video, using your computer, tablet or smart phone, use this URL:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85709103669
• To join by telephone conference call, dial 1-312-626-6799, at the prompt, enter Meeting ID: 857 0910 3669, followed by the # sign.

International Day of Peace is Monday, September 21
You are invited to an interfaith prayer service for peace to mark International Peace Day, Monday, Sept. 21, 2020. This virtual observance will be livestreamed on the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the online service is Shaping Peace Together, featuring artist Ted Lyddon Hatten, director and campus minister for the Drake Wesley Foundation and harpist Kristin Maahs, instructor at Grinnell College and Iowa State University.

To learn more, watch this video.

We continue to raise our prayers that war is not the answer and the urgent work of peace-making is essential to the survival and well-being of humanity.

This online event is co-sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church.
Upcoming @Central

Thursday, September 17
11:30am  Marge Clingan
Graveside service
5:30pm  World & Community Concerns
Cmte. meets

Friday, September 18
12:00pm  Office closes

Sunday, September 20
9:00am  The Lord’s Prayer
Adult Ed class
10:15am  Worship online
1:00pm  Pedalin’ Presbyterians ride

Monday, September 21
5:30pm  Session meets
6:30pm  International Day of Peace Virtual Prayer Service
Live on Facebook

Tuesday, September 22
6:00pm  High School Youth Group meets

Wednesday, September 23
10:00am  Adult Bible Study
5:15pm  Central Kids
5:15pm  Middle School Youth Group
6:30pm  Youth Handbells

Friday, September 25
12:00pm  Office closes

Sunday, September 27
9:00am  The Lord’s Prayer
Adult Ed class
10:15am  Worship online
5:00pm  Holy Walkamolies

Tuesday, September 29
6:00pm  High School Youth Group

Wednesday, September 30
10:00am  Adult Bible Study
5:15pm  Central Kids
5:15pm  Middle School Youth Group
6:30pm  Youth Handbells
6:30pm  Knitting into the Mystery meets

Friday, October 2
12:00pm  Office closes

Pedalin’ Presbyterians ride the Summerset Trail!
On Sunday, September 20, we plan to meet at 1:00 p.m., at the Summerset State Park’s first parking lot off of Hwy. 65 (6 miles south of Southridge Mall). The trail is paved and flat. At 1:15 p.m., we’ll start riding the 7 miles from the State Park to Indianola.

We’ll stop at Outside Scoop, 602 N. Jefferson Way, in Indianola for an ice cream cone. Then we’ll bike the 7 miles back to the cars. Those not biking can join us for ice cream around 2:00 p.m. in Indianola. Questions? Contact Barb or Mark Schmidt, at bjschmidt42@q.com, 515-277-7075 or 515-707-0167 (cell).

Youth handbell choir begins Wednesday, September 23
The youth handbell choir, led by Central member Beth Triebel will start rehearsing again this month. This group is open to all youth and rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30–7:15 p.m. Reading music is not required. Anyone interested, please come on September 23rd, to learn more!

Join the Holy Walkamolies Run/Walk/Roll on September 27, 5:00pm
The Pastoral Team and Pastoral House continue the work they do 24/7, 365 days-a-year despite the COVID-19 pandemic. General funds keep our partnership consistent and faithful. You can help support this fund by participating in Our Sister Parish Holy Walkamolies Run/Walk/Roll on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at Central’s East Parking lot.

Join Central members and friends at 5:00 p.m., in the east parking lot, as we get out in God’s creation by walking, biking or using another activity to raise funds for OSP. Registration and entry fee is $35 per adult or $10 for children (under 13 years), and includes refreshments at the event (the t-shirts are sold out).

To sign up, send your entry fee to Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312. For those who are unable to participate on September 27, if you walk/run/roll, take a selfie of your exercise activity of choice and send your photos to Kim Coulter, at kcoulter@dmcpc.org. We’ll plan to post them in the newsletters. (Pictured at right: Matt & Kim Coulter walk daily with their dog, Buddy.)

Friendship (Valentine’s revisited) Dinner update...
Mary Gordon, coordinator of the 2020 Friendship Dinner, has had several people asking about events and experiences from the Friendship Dinner & Auction held back in February. Recently, a few of the smaller groups, 8—10 people, have been able to hold these events safely outdoors, social distancing and wearing masks.
However, our intent has been to postpone the large, indoor events to a later date when it is safer to hold them and they are rescheduled. If you are a host and would like to schedule something this fall or for 2021, contact the church office with your date to confirm there are no conflicts.

If you would like a refund on anything you purchased, please contact Finance Director Marc Michaelsen or Mary Gordon and we will be sure to issue a refund promptly.

Recently, the Des Moines Metro Bike Tour of Art met to bicycle and learn about sculptures near the trails in and around downtown Des Moines. Social distancing was required and masks were worn at Mark & Barb Schmidt’s home.

More Adult Education opportunities coming this fall

**Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. adult Bible study on The Gospel of Mark begins Sept. 30, 2020.**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. as an in-person Bible study will begin again for the fall. We will meet in the Fireside Room, wearing masks and properly distanced, and begin studying Mark, the shortest gospel and the one we believe was written first. Come prepared to hear and experience this gospel in a new way, as we discover, along with Jesus’ followers. Jesus’ identity and what it meant to them and to us that he is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. Sheryl Puderbaugh will lead the discussion with both in-person class and Zoom with Meeting ID: 862-4063-8774.

**Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., adult class on Who Do You Say That I Am? begins Oct. 8, 2020**

After stilling a storm, raising the daughter of synagogue leader, feeding the crowd of 5,000 and walking on water, Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” Then he asked them, “But who do you say that I am.” Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus to you? Learn how people and the church have answered this question over the past 2,000 years. How have you answered this question during your lifetime. Come explore and discuss this question with Sheryl Puderbaugh who will facilitate the class Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom using Meeting ID: 829-6114-0579.

**In the congregation...**

We are happy to share news from the congregation and our members. Please contact the church office staff with your information at 515-279-3658 or ksanford@dmcpc.org.

**Births**

Congratulations to TJ and Hilary Fort, who welcomed a new baby daughter, Emery Adele, born on August 31, 2020.

**Deaths**

Marjorie “Marge” Fern Clingan, 96, died peacefully at her home in Des Moines on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020. A memorial graveside service was held Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, at Resthaven Cemetery, 801 19th St., in West Des Moines.
Marge was born March 6, 1924 in Gladbrook, Iowa, to John and C. Fern (Dunbar) Lynch. She graduated from Gladbrook High School and Gates Business College in Waterloo. Marge married Russell K. Clingan on Oct. 31, 1946. Together they raised three children and owned a business, the Lee Town News (formerly Highland Park News). She spent her free time volunteering at Central Presbyterian Church, traveling with Russ, and was chairperson of the Friends of the Franklin Library.

Marge is survived by her three children, Cynthia Clingan, Jeffrey (Victoria) Clingan, and John Clingan; three granddaughters, Jessica Carlson, Sarah Clingan and Heidi Clingan; six great grandchildren and one brother, Dean Lynch. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russ.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to DMARC’s Food Pantry.

Habitat for Humanity’s Interfaith Build needs volunteers, November 2020
The Thrivent Financial Interfaith Build is happening now through December in the Des Moines metro area. Over 12 Des Moines congregations are participating and Central Presbyterian Church has committed a team of seven volunteers for both:

- **Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (2 slots yet to fill)**
- **Friday, November 20, 2020 (5 slots yet to fill)**

If you are interested in volunteering for this Interfaith Build, please contact Central member Todd Mattison, at todd.mattison@gmail.com or 515-201-0474, and include the date(s) that works for your schedule. Most importantly, sign yourself up using this link: Faith Build Registration. It has the Central Presbyterian Church dates, and then you will receive detailed communications from HFH.

*If we receive more than enough interest on these two dates, we may create a Central panel build day in early 2021. Thank you for your consideration and interest!*

Please feel free to forward this invite to friends and family.

First Arabic Presbyterian Church announces new website with online giving!
The First Arabic Presbyterian Church and the Arabic Outreach Center are pleased to announce their newly updated website with online giving options! To **read more**, click here. Or go online to view their [website](http://www.firstarabic.org).

A new donations page has been added to the streamlined website, enabling donors to give to the church or to the outreach center. These giving options are structured and managed by the Presbyterian Foundation (through Vanco Payment Solutions). First Arabic is delighted to partner with the Foundation for these services, which include processing and acknowledging all online gifts, and validating and reconciling online transactions. Donors will find giving to be simple and secure. The Foundation also suggests donors try the “Give+” app (available from the online app store), as an alternative method for donating online to the church or the outreach center. Like most non-profit organizations, First Arabic and its outreach center are experiencing financial challenges brought on by the pandemic. Yet the needs of the Arabic-speaking community continue. You are encouraged to consider a gift to support the work of the church and its outreach Center – give today at [www.firstarabic.org](http://www.firstarabic.org)!