

INTO THE FOLD September 2020

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn....



"Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus, be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, Kingdom authority, flow from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise. So, exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings."

I appreciate these Majesty lyrics, provided by Jack Hayford. I remember my first introduction to these lyrics during a weekly choir practice, many years back. Some words stay with you forever, one might say they are written on your heart.

New beginnings can happen when you least expect them. We share a new beginning together and for that, I give you my thanks and appreciation. My first solo ministry appointment, happened with my

Rolling Prairie family, on September 1, 2017.

Happy Anniversary to Us!!!

We have all been blessed immensely, during the last three

years. New beginnings often give us a sense of hope and joy. Think about the newly married couples you may know. Graduations also emit the new beginning vibrations in us and our young people.

God designed creation to give us a similar sense of joy and hope.

Creation radiates God's justice, faithfulness, and love. God's word, by which the heavens and earth were created, gave structure and meaning to all created things.

As we look around, at times, we still catch glimpses of His beauty and the joy of His creation.

---We marvel at the smooth sand on our favorite beach.

---We watch the set sun over the crystal blue water.

---We wonder at the complex patterns of frost etched on our window panes each winter.

---We admire the fresh snow blanketing the trees in our neighborhood.

---When spring comes, we are thrilled with the first blade of grass or the first

blooming flower.

Too often, we hurry through life and miss the creative majesty of God at work in our world. What's new soon becomes old, and we neglect to offer praise or even take notice of God's

glorious world. As we move into this next year of relationships in our church, let us ask God to help us observe something new each day, a reason to Praise His Majesty.

Praying you through,

Pastor JoEllyn



We are still adjusting to the new Normal.. The sanctuary is sanitized weekly by Pastor JoEllyn. Every other pew is yarned off and staggered so not sitting directly across from someone.. Our part in trying to keep all as safe as possible with social distancing... People wear masks in, some take them off when sitting down... No passing of the offering plate, instead, Baskets are placed behind the last row of pews for our offerings to our Lord. Pastor JoEllyn goes back & collects the offerings and brings them forward to offer to our Father. Attendance pads are not passed out, instead Bette takes attendance by looking at her list checking it twice, finding out who's naughty or nice.. Oooops not time for those lyrics... Accounting for all who

are in attendance... We have church family & friends who haven't felt comfortable returning to church, but can still watch the service, recorded & posted to the website @ www.umcrp.org.. Also those who watch online are checked for present when the electronic form is filled out with all who have watched & emailed to church email... You can also just call Bette and tell her that you watched & for what week.. If you get behind and miss a week then if you watch the current service then watch a previous service, please let us know the dates...

Fellowship time & Adult Sunday School has not resumed...

UMW has cancelled their Euchre Night that was to be Sept 19..

So Far, the Chicken Noodle Dinner for Oct 20 is still scheduled to happen...

Over the summer the Memorial Garden flowers & plants have been removed, seed for grass was sowed and has come in quite nicely. Large vases, have been placed, that at the moment, are filled with beautiful, fall mums.. Marilyn Livinghouse still comes and tends to these flowers which will be much easier to take care of...

Bette's Bits & Bytes:



6 months ... Who else beside me, is ready for this Virus, Covid 19, to relinquish its grip on us???

As if it wasn't challenging enough dealing with the Virus, the last 8 weeks have been a real struggle for my family... As most know, my sister, Deb Harris, after a routine colonoscopy, was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. Thankfully, she is doing wonderfully, with just a few minor glitches.. She has been told No Chemo treatment. Only quarterly

appointments with the oncologist, and another colonoscopy in a year.. So Yay God! Thank you.... Because of what we both had going on we couldn't be there physically for each other, but by the heart we were right there with support...A week before Deb's surgery to remove the tumor, Dave had a routine knee replacement surgery, which turned out to be anything but... Most know the story of this "Nightmare Express" Train we have been on for the last 8 weeks.. This train seems to slow up only to speed up just as we are to arrive at our platform... What I want to tell you about are my "God Moments", as Pastor Deb called them.. Pastor JoEllyn made mention of them last week in her sermon.. After the second surgery on the knee to take care of the bacteria infection, Morganella. A "God moment" was when Dave's legs for whatever the reason wouldn't hold him up, he was going down, I did my best to hold him up, our daughter Roseann, came running to help lift him back to sit on the seat, we couldn't lift him that few inches.. His new knee, with staples & stitches still, was bent, and straining... Called 911, for lift assist, "PLEASE HURRY" ... I saw first one, then two, three, four drops of blood on carpet. Panic really set in. All I could think of "he is going to bust open that incision!" You could hear Roseann & I taking turns asking God to please help, then something very different happened, and absolutely not on our power, but Jesus', Dave was lifted back onto the seat...After a sigh of relief, I looked at Roseann and told her "you know that wasn't us!" "God Moment" 2, was after an IV Antibiotic Infusion at LP Hospital, We are on the way home, when Dave had what I thought, at the time, was a stroke.. We were by Walmart.. I made sure the way was clear & made a quick U turn.. I thought I was a Indy Race Car Driver, speeding, weaving in

& out of traffic, running red lights.. Remember the Song by Carrie Underwood, "Jesus take the Wheel?" He did.. We arrived safely at the ER.. Preliminary evaluations & tests didn't show signs of a stroke, but possibly a seizure, which he never had before and was admitted for further tests.. "God Moment 3" happened a couple hours after admitted & in his room.. He was sitting on side of bed, when all of a sudden he fell back, another seizure.. Usually the side rails are up because they don't want him getting up by himself, but for whatever reason, the rails at end of bed were down.. If they had been up, the way he fell back with such force, he would of surely cracked open his head or worse... "God Moment 4" Getting into car for Infectious Doctor appointment.... After 6 weeks of getting into car "butt first", Dave forgot, he led with his non surgery leg, His new knee not strong enough to hold his weight up, he was going down, again.. But our grandson, Cj, hearing me say, a little too late, "butt first", was behind him, moved in and caught him, and with a burst of strength lifted Dave up just enough to get his butt on the seat. These four "God Moment" times, are just of few when I knew without a doubt that God was there with us just as Psalm 46:1 states.. *God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.* I wish I could say that during this 8 week storm, I have been firmly planted on His firm foundation, but sadly, that is not the case... I, like Peter, could walk on water when I kept focused on Jesus, but when I looked away, down into the swirling waters of the storm, I sunk, swallowed up by the relentless waves...Thank you so much for all your love & prayers that have stormed heaven for Dave's healing & my strength.. I don't know how long this particular storm will last, but I hope I can remember to focus on

Jesus, more, and when I find my one thread fraying, I hang onto that thread that is attached firmly in the hem of Jesus... .

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Blessings be yours, *Bette*

Hakuna Matata

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2020



NOT much is happening...
Most events & meetings are cancelled....

UMW Meeting

Tues Sept 8. Cancelled

Board Council Meeting

To discuss important Church business

Tuesday September 8,

UMW Euchre Night

Sat. Sept 19, Cancelled
Will be rescheduled
Fellowship room 6:30 p.m.

Best Years Fellowship

Wed. Sept 16 CANCELLED
Chicken Noodle Dinner

Lord, empty me so I can be filled with you..

Lord, empty me of the selfishness inside, every vain ambition and the poison of my pride and any foolishness my heart holds onto.

Lord empty me of me so I can be filled with you...

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We still have hope that one day we will continue with our study by Stephen M. Miller, "A Visual Walk Through Genesis..".
Exploring the Story of "How It All Began"..

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are providing activity sheets for the children as they sit in church with their parents, after Pastor JoEllyn's Children's Message.



Unfortunately, because of the CoronaVirus, refusing to relinquish its grip on us, we continue to be forced to cancel our tradition of once a month coming together in fellowship, and dine, & share together... There will come a day when all his will end & we will once again be able to meet together again. So til then Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

Missions & Outreach..



Thank you to those who have given to the Kings Club to support the

Missions of our church.

No Kings Club Offerings this month....

Thank you to all who turned in their Lenten Calendar Collections... If you haven't turned in your collections yet, no worries, you can bring in any time.....



- 01 David & Jennifer McSurley
- 14 Brian & Julie Phillips
- 15 Chance & Lynsey Daley
- 22 Robert & Sharon Reuer



- 01 Gabrielle Chadwick
- 01 Roy Gropp
- 03 Steven Wasielewski
- 03 Bob Reuer

- 04 Gretchen Krivak
- 05 Maggie Sutter
- 13 Carol Schuck-Dillon
- 13 Helen Bennitt
- 14 Michael Ackerman
- 15 Kaitlyn Lullenberg
- 15 Luke Lenig
- 15 Tammy Webber
- 16 Jeannee Nordin
- 16 Aaron Lullenberg
- 16 Scott Thieme
- 17 Brennan Syverson
- 17 Tim Black
- 19 James Dare
- 21 Mike Baird
- 24 Jennifer Gunter
- 26 Barbara K. Davis
- 27 Herbert Scofield
- 27 Cathy Reese
- 27 Ann Gropp
- 28 James Chadwick
- 30 Kyle Crass



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Dean & Denice Tuholski
- 14 Brian & Leslie Witkowski
- 17 Matthew & April Chadwick
- 18 Charles Ed & Ginger Lenig
- 19 Rich & Marilyn Livinghouse
- 23 Bruce & Penny Melton
- 27 Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick
- 27 James & Ashley Chadwick
- 27 Neal & Ashley Tuholski

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Kayden Wasielewski
- 04 Dave Bradford
- 04 Scott Lenig
- 05 Michael Parker
- 05 Art Schuck Jr.
- 08 Spencer Phillips
- 08 Brian Rinkle
- 08 Chance Daley
- 10 Mary Kessler
- 11 Sandy Wasielewski
- 13 Thomas Wheatbrook
- 16 Mason Phillips
- 18 Bruce (Otto) Wordinger

- 19 Stephanie Wordinger
- 22 Kent Porter
- 24 Jeremy Obenchain
- 24 Cindy Roddy
- 25 Myrna Everill
- 25 James Bowen
- 25 Lilian Huegel
- 26 Samantha Dixon
- 26 Emily Chadwick
- 27 Rhys Chadwick
- 27 Jaime Nickerson
- 28 April Chadwick
- 29 Doug Williamson
- 29 Cassandra Rinkle
- 30 Jason Bennett
- 30 Brian Wasielewski
- 31 Riley Moody



If you have a need or you know someone that

needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain. Pastor JoEllyn's Cell phone # for After Hours Emergency & Prayer Chain Request **(219)-363-5061**



Always Need plastic bags

Any Noodles (egg etc.), Any kind Jelly, Canned Pasta's (Ravioli, Spaghetti's) Food Pantry will be open regular hours... Thurs 8 am - Noon Drive through only...

Even in this Chaos, God remains firmly **IN CONTROL...**



Our UMW group had been on hold during this quarantine

just like so many other of our groups. Many of our planned meetings, activities, and fundraisers have been postponed or cancelled. Not the way any of us have wanted to spend our spring, summer, and now fall but we

will get back to our new normal soon!
 We had a fun get-together on July 14th at the church. We had 10 people in attendance. We took a trip to Poland with Rose as our tour guide. We had a 4 course lunch beginning with Borscht. (Beet soup) Second course was Pierogi. (potato and cheese and sauerkraut and sausage) Third course was Pastor JoEllyn's recipe for Krakow Kupusta. (Kraut with yellow Split Peas) Our last course was Kolaches. (prune and marmalade) Along the trip we learned facts about Poland. Even though I didn't think we'd have enough time to get everything made, we did! My mother in law Rose was right again! We had a great time, with laughs and conversations. This is what all of us have missed the most while not being able to see each other. UMW, like so many others of our groups, keeps us connected with each other. We have made life-long friends that without the monthly meetings we start to miss each other. I, for one, have to step it up and try connecting more with those that aren't going out. I am giving myself and each of the ladies in our group the challenge of reaching out to someone in the group, or church, through a phone call, a text, or a stop by their house. We can all keep connected!

I hope to talk to all of you sometime soon!

Cheryl Lenig, UMW Secretary



Larry, (cancer stomach aneurysm, friend Bobette Elkins, Karen Fitzgerald) Jessica

Feathers (stage 4 breast cancer,

Carrie's daughter Becky's friend), Pam Dixon (Struggling with Chemo & cancer), Dan Hartwick (doing good after Cataract Surgery, Food Pantry Assistant),

Haley Mace (Health issues, Bobette/Jeff granddaughter), Lynn Hughes (health concerns, cousin Sherry Iwaszewski), Julie Younger (mass in lung, friend Bruce & Deborah), Mary Kessler (fell hurt back), Ben Rison (Sinus Surgery Sept 1) Karen Rison (pesky health issues) Neal Syverson (answers regarding health) Penny Derucki (home after hip replacement surgery Mon Aug 10), Dave Schaefer (answers to health issues) Mike Harris (awaiting test results) Bobby Craft (In ICU blood clot, National Guard), Jim Shoyer (complications after gall bladder surgery, Deb Harris & Bette's cousin's hubby) Sue Allen (fell broke elbow, jammed wrist friend Jeff Bobette Elkins), Kathy White (Cancer, chestwall, niece of Shirl Sater), June Lenig (home after meniscus surgery), Margaret Rimmer (breathing issues), Greg Balsley (returning health issue after surgery, friend food pantry client), Carrie Chadwick (back surgery re-do, Pastor JoEllyn daughter), Rita Wheatbrook (broke wrist, sister-in-law Tom & Jackie), Deb Harris (home to finish recovery Colon Cancer surgery), Anthony Harris (home after colon surgery, friend of Brandon Elkins), Jeff Stoehr (Shirley/Wayne Kirkham, son, heart issues), Len Rompca (Heart Health, Shirley Wayne Kirkham brother) Sharon Ashlock (Shoulder Surgery, Shirley Kirkham's twin sister) Lisa Tucker (waiting results of tests), Donna Cain (doing good, infusions monthly) Harold Carlson (continues doing better) Carrie Carlson (tendonitis, peace & strength) Ruby McMann (liver cancer, sister-in-law Sharon Campos) Sharon Reuer (Home, recovering Knee Replacement surgery), Chris Adams (heart issues, Home, waiting test results), Herb & Arlos Scofield (house fire), Jill Leuthardt (4th back surgery, Pain box, Joyce Blint's daughter), Mason Phillips (son of Brian & Julie) Jack Meyers (healing after heart surgery, Joyce Blint's

brother-in-law), **Don Smales** (2 brain tumors, inoperable, friend **Dave Schaefer**), **Bruce Melton** (doing better each day, after back/neck surgery June 9th, Penny's Hubby) **Paul Iwaszewski** (rehab after triple bypass) **Bobette Elkins** (Rehab after Shoulder surgery) **Joe Knowlton** (doing better), **Susan Knowlton** (prayers for strength, peace & her own health issues), **Scott Theime** (feeling better) **Art Lenig** (healing strength), **Denice Boyce**, (health concerns, sister Sherry/Paul Iwaszewski), **Angel Primmer** (8th grader, diabetic **Rose Lenig**)

If you want someone to remain on or added please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910



- Liz Kerns** – friend of **Morgan Phillips**
- Dick Alm** – Hubby of Marilyn..... Friend of RPUMC
- Mike Houser** - nephew **Donna Cain** brother of **Kathy Crass**
- Irene Lane**, **Denice Tuholski** Grandma
- Gary McClelland** brother **Karen Rison** & **Mike McClelland**
- Wayne Rosentreter** brother **Sharon Reuer**

Marilyn Alm told me this wonderful heart touching true God Moment story... Marilyn has arthritis and she had to have her wedding rings cut off. Dick wanted her to have wedding rings and had saved up some money and gave to Marilyn to go out & buy her another set... Either

the rings were more than she really wanted to spend or when she found a reasonable price set they didn't have in size she needed.. Marilyn would sew this rings on the bottom of her kitchen towels, making it easier to reach from her wheel chair... On July 12, one of these rings fell off the towel. She picked it up & put on counter.. Dick had died on July 12. Her daughter came over after being with her dad, so mom & daughter could comfort each other. Karen saw the ring and asked her mom about it.. So Marilyn told her it Hello, children of God! Have you ever received a present? I would hope so, anyway. Please close your eyes & pretend you see me holding gifts. Pretend you are opening each bag as I tell you what is in them.. Can you do that? OK here is the first had fallen off towel and she put on counter... Karen said try it on.. It fit perfectly.. Marilyn recalled that ring fell off that towel about the time Dick passed away... Dick wanted Marilyn to have a ring and God helped fulfill his last request..

What a God Moment



- Brennan Syverson**, son **Neal & Sue Syverson**, **Dylan Elkins** Air Force Reserves basic training, brother **Brandon Elkins** **Garrett Obenchain** Air Force Reserves Son **Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain**; Grandson **Art & Rose Lenig** **Jacob Adams** US Army- (States) grandson **Chris Adams** **Craig Carlson**, (pilot) US Air Force son **Harold & Carrie Carlson** **Matthew Chadwick** US Army – son **Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick** **Michael Showalter** Marines, grandson **Wayne & Shirley Kirkham** **Matthew Rompca** Air Force (States) nephew **Shirley & Wayne Kirkham** **Katelyn Williamson** U S Marines

Grand daughter of **Jim Williamson**..

If you have someone serving and would like on our prayer list please let Bette know...

Please lift all those serving our country, who are struggling, for whatever the reason; being alone, illness, divorce, loss of job, loss of loved ones, going through the firsts after death of loved one. Give thanks for everything... Hear our Prayers, Oh Lord!

Denice Tuholski and family wants to thank everyone for your kind words, thoughts and your prayers, during her grandma's fall and during their time of sadness when God called her home... Thank You!!

To members of RPUMC, Thank you so much for what the church members do to support the pantry. The pantry board and volunteers do appreciate your efforts. The Pantry board would like to give a check in the amount of \$300 to help cover the cost of electric used for the appliances and lights. God Bless you all, Food Pantry of GHKW Twsp, Inc...

Dear RPUMC Church, Thank you so much for donating the freezers from the fair building to our New Prairie Band Boosters. Our biggest fund raiser is football concessions and this will help us a ton! Please know that we would love to partner with you if you ever have an event where we can help—We know some pretty great musicians! Yours, New Prairie Band Boosters....

I want to thank the person, who wished not to be named, gave Pastor JoEllyn money to give me to cover gas for the everyday trips to get the IV Antibiotics every day.. I am forever grateful for Your kindness & thoughtfulness for that sweet gesture..



<https://ministry-to-children.com/body-of-christ-sermon/>

Hello, children of God! Have you ever received a present? I would hope so, anyway. Please close your eyes & pretend you see me holding gifts. Pretend you are opening each bag as I tell you what is in them.. Can you do that? OK here is the first one... Oh Wow! ...this one has a bag of flour! HMMMMM...That doesn't really seem too interesting, does it? Well, here's some sugar. That could be tasty, but usually not on its own. How about this? Oh, it's a stick of butter!

Well, I guess each of these little things might not seem very thrilling by itself, huh? But think about it: if we mixed them together, and put them in an oven, we could bake something delicious, like a cake or cookies!



Did you know that the church is like this? The Bible tells us that we are a body as a church, like a team. We all have different talents and abilities, just like a body has different parts that do unique and important jobs. You wouldn't expect your body to function as well if you had a broken leg, would you? In fact, even if you had a small body part off, like a toe or a pinky, you would surely notice, and your body wouldn't work quite the same. On our own, we can't do everything. But if we are willing to use our gifts and talents for God, He will bless them and allow the church to work together. Butter or flour or vanilla, all by themselves, aren't too useful. But when someone with a plan puts them together and knows how to use them, they make delicious treats! God is like that baker.

He has a plan for us. He knows what is best, and how He can use us in special ways. God gives us what we need, and He gives us special skills. Some people are good at teaching, some are good at speaking or organizing or listening well to those in need. Each of us has something to share. We can share with one another, and give back to God and His church. When we do that, the body of Christ can serve other people and do wonderful things. It's even better than making cookies!

Prayer: Dear God,

Thank you for giving us unique gifts
Help us to use them for your glory
Allow us to work with one another
Recognizing that we are the body...

And YOU are the head
Thank you for your love
We love you, God!
In Jesus name, Amen!

Tammy Gonzales Howard Facebook Post

Today I painted a new residents nails at work and as we were going over colors, she mentioned she wanted clear. The only thought that came to my mind



was "CLEAR?! That's no fun." I asked her why she wanted clear and she said, "My hands are ugly, I don't want to draw attention to them." I then carefully responded with, "Your hands tell the story of your life. They tell the story of love, of care and adventure. These hands have touched and held things that most people can only wish to one day." And with that, she went with the color pink for her nails. Sometimes what we are so insecure with, others find beauty in. ❤️

FALL FEASTS

It is September and that means the fall feasts start this month.. These feasts have not been fulfilled YET..... I believe these feasts to be important and something we should know about... We are not required to celebrate these, but I wonder why??

We acknowledge Passover & Pentecost. Why not, Feast of Trumpets, (Rosh Hashana), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)

I know our small home church group celebrate these feasts... This year because of Covid 19, we probably won't gather together, but we will skype and celebrate.

These feasts are usually celebrated by members of the Jewish faith, but they have significance for Christians as well.

The apostle Paul said in Colossians 2:16-17 that these festivals and celebrations were a shadow of the things to come through Jesus Christ. Although Christians may not commemorate these holidays in the traditional biblical sense, understanding these Jewish festivals can broaden the believer's understanding of a shared heritage.

The Jewish New Year, is Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah. 9-19. We know when Jesus comes back for His church a Trumpet will sound.. It makes sense that He just may come back during the Feast of Trumpets... Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur 9-28, is a time to repent for one's sins. Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot 10-3, remembers Israel's 40-year journey in the wilderness.

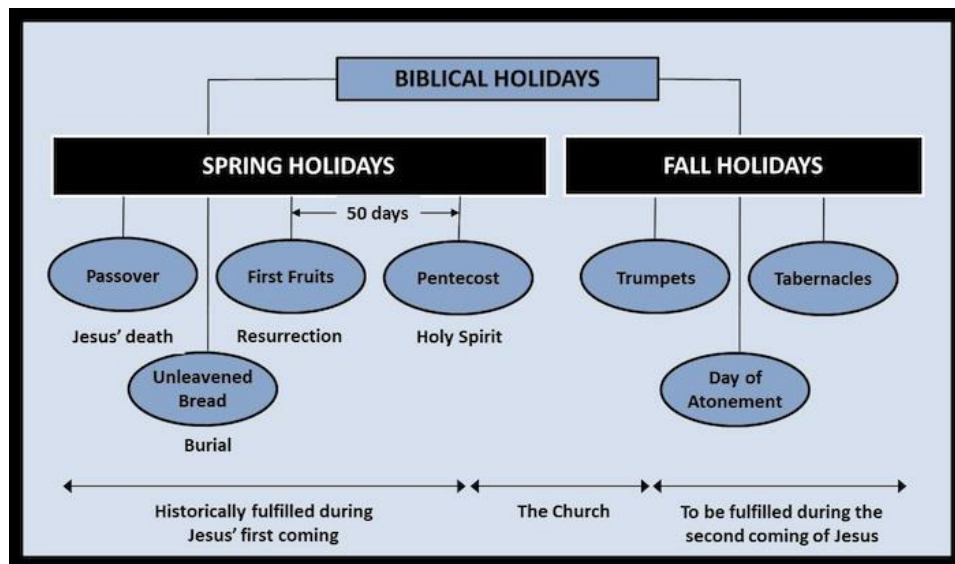
The Jewish holidays are NOT only historic... but prophetic and very definitely point to Israel's Messiah. "These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them." Leviticus 23:4

Who doesn't like holidays. each year..? But, great as our holidays, their origin is from men. How different are Israel's **Holy days**, as holidays should be pronounced if we would get the original thought behind the word! No other nation ever had God establish their holidays, as did Israel, while waiting – supernaturally sustained in the wilderness – to enter the Promised Land. Each of these ...'Holy days' spoke of God's concern and care for His people. In the case of those added later, such as Purim and Hanukkah, men established them with the fear of God in gratefulness for God's gracious intervention in human affairs for their deliverance. How thrilling to have days like these to celebrate! Yes, the Holy Scripture is a living force among the Jewish people, and its influence can be felt in Israel's public life

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The long interval of three months between Harvest and Trumpets pointed to the current Church Age, a period of time that was kept as a mystery to the Hebrew prophets in Old Testament times.

That leaves us with the last three (fall) Feasts which are yet to be fulfilled in the life and work of the Messiah... Because Yeshua (Jesus) literally fulfilled the first four feasts and did so on the actual feast days, we think it is safe to assume that the last three will also be fulfilled and that their fulfilment will occur on the actual feast days. We cannot be certain how they will be fulfilled, but our guess is that they most likely have the following prophetic implications:



5) **Rosh HaShanah / Trumpets** — points to the Rapture when the Messiah will appear in the heavens as a Bridegroom coming for His bride, the Church. The Rapture is always associated in Scripture with... the blowing of a loud trumpet! (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:52)

6) **Yom Kippur / Atonement...** points to the day of the Second Coming of Messiah when He will return to earth. That will be the Day of Atonement for the Jewish remnant when they "look upon Him whom they have pierced," repent of their sins, and receive Him as their Messiah. (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:1-6; 25-36)

7) **Sukkot / Tabernacles** — points to the Lord's promise that He will once again tabernacle with His people when He returns to reign over all the world from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:1-7)

Important to take note that of the Seven Feasts of the Lord - There are THREE MAJOR "HARVEST" FEASTS "where God has promised blessing" and they are:

1. "**Passover**" or "**Feast of Unleavened Bread.**" (SPRING FEAST)

2. "**Shavuot / Feast of Weeks**" – which is also called "**Pentecost,**" a

Greek translation of the Hebrew words meaning, the "fiftieth day" when the Festival was celebrated. (Leviticus 23:15, 16) (SUMMER FEAST)

3. "**The Feast of Tabernacles.**" (FALL FEAST)

When the Jews went up to Jerusalem three times a year for the pilgrimage Festivals; Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles - they were commanded to not appear before God empty-handed (Deuteronomy 16:16). Each Feast was one of thanksgiving; for Israel to commemorate God's provision during their history as a nation and in their personal lives by bringing a generous offering to Him. Even the Apostle Paul, who we know was in Jerusalem for these Feasts (Acts 20:16), must have presented the gifts he collected from the churches across Greece and countries in Asia to assist the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. The Feast of Tabernacles is a special time for all believers to come together and be a blessing to the needy in Israel presenting our financial gift to God's land and people ...and God has promised a blessing for doing this!

<http://www.pray4zion.org/TheLast3FallFeastsoftheLord2020.html>



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September 2020

Dated Material

September 6, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135)

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 2020
SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

Visit the Website at:

www.umcrp.org

Church Office Hours

Mon – Wed 10.- 2

Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:

Tues & Thurs

12 pm – 4 p.m

Other times by

appointment

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (UMH 799)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Philemon

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46