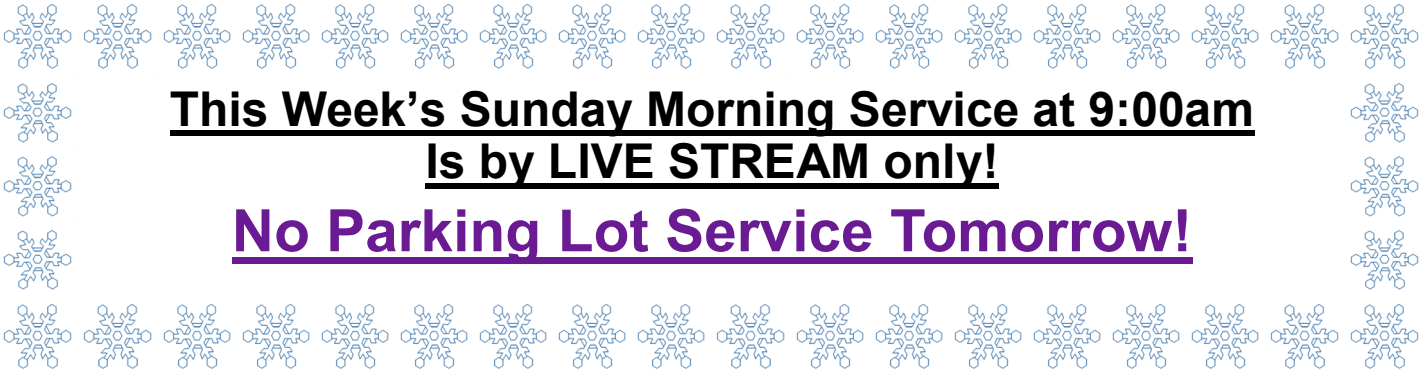


The Saturday Bulletin for October 18th



This Week's Sunday Morning Service at 9:00am
Is by LIVE STREAM only!

No Parking Lot Service Tomorrow!

This Week's Calendar October 18, 2020

Sunday 10/18
7:00am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(usingzoom)
9:00am **SUNDAY WORSHIP**
SERVICE (streaming live)
NO PARKING LOT SERVICE

Monday 10/19

Tuesday 10/20

Wednesday 10/21

Thursday 10/22
10:00am **STUDY GROUP**
6:30pm **STUDY GROUP**
(both via Zoom)

Friday 10/23

Saturday 10/24



LET US PRAY FOR...

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| Charlie Cunningham | Darin Davis |
| Derek Polzin | Melinda Croisant |
| David Dach | Ron Zoeller |
| Jim Stamm | Tom Hilgeman |
| Jerry Hubble | Marcia Blean |
| Cindy Alms (Greg Leden's sister) | |

The family of: Karen Pond

Please email your prayer requests to Howie by Saturday if possible. We will be able to include those names on the prayer list for Sunday's service.



Annual Appreciation Baskets Delivered

Donna Granath and Nancy Bielema, representatives from our Fellowship Committee, delivered Appreciation Baskets to the Rockton Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. We have established a special relationship with the firefighters over the past many years and they look forward to our gifts each year at this time!

I Am Enjoying the book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations"

Have you ever made the statement "We need to find a way to bring younger people into the church." ? I know that I have!! And then I read the introduction and Chapter 1 of the book that Pastor Howie is using as a guide for his sermon series and study groups. I immediately called Howie and told him it was a wonderful choice and it had supported thoughts I had been having for the past few years.

If you have not signed up for one of the study groups, I encourage you to do it now! If you're not sure about joining a study group, at least buy the book on Sunday morning and read it on your own. You can always join one of the groups in the future if you want to hear what others have to say. I think you will enjoy and be excited about hearing new thoughts about making disciples for Jesus Christ!

Gail Johnson

Order of Worship

October 18, 2020

Prelude – via CD

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The goodness of the Lord passes before us;
The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear.
God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses;
Show us your glory, O Lord, we pray!

[by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet. <http://worshipcloset.com/words-for-worship-18th-sunday-after-pentecost/>]

Passing the Peace with Sign Language

Brothers and sisters, Christ is present in the eyes of a stranger. As beloved children of God, Christ is recognized as we speak with our hands to one another. Turn to each other, seeing and receiving Christ as we share the peace of Christ.

Worship in Song

More of Your Mercy

We desire for you to break our hearts, And pour them out upon the land
We desire for you to rend the veil that blinds us to our fellow man
That your Kingdom may go forth, That your Spirit may give birth
To a fire that spreads through our hands

Chorus:

More of your mercy, more of your loving kindness
More of what you have is more of what we need
More of your mercy, more of your steadfast love
Exploding from our hearts, to those we see in need
More of your mercy

We believe that you have filled our hands with bread and wine for those who mourn
We believe that you have told your Church to cast it wide forevermore
That your Kingdom may go forth, That your Spirit may give birth
To a fire that spreads through our hands

Prayer

We walk with hope, O God, with an engaged faith.

By paying attention to your grace already at work in every life.

Wherever we meet those made in your image, we share stories of the grace that has re-shaped our own lives.

As we come to see resonant patterns of grace, we find you repairing the world's shattered wholeness.

For a new resolve to listen to the stories of people made in your image.

God, hear our prayer.

With all who are called to become all love through your son, Jesus.

God, hear our prayer.

For those whose loneliness and isolation call for listening love.

God, hear our prayer.

With friends in faith who serve and witness through deeds and words that heal and free.

Savior, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, O God, and help us embody your glory and presence – vessels of grace bringing mercy and justice to your world.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 58:6-8 Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon The Practice of Radical Hospitality *Pastor Howie Snyder*

Offertory Prayer

God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity,
help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways.

Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us.

Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now.

In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Go from this space with the confidence that you are God's beloved children.

We go, to labor in love with all we meet.

Go out into the world with steadfast hope and joyous trust.

We go, remembering our faithful God who goes before us.

In God's love, the Spirit's power, and the peace of Christ, go now in peace.