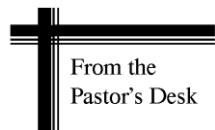


Pilgrim's Progress

October 2026

"The purpose of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ, for the object of sharing in the worship of God and in making His will dominant in the lives of men and women, especially as that will is set forth in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."



2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Most churches hold regular Bible studies, either at people's homes or in the church building, and these verses have a lot to do with it. Studying Scripture is like food for the soul. It brings wisdom and increases faith. It is helpful for several other reasons; for what we believe, to clarify when we are on the wrong path, to confirm what is the right path and that we would be whole and ready for every good opportunity. It also says that the Scripture is "profitable." Like a good tool, it comes in handy and gives us an advantage in life. Some people read it, some people listen to it, but incorporating Scripture into your life adds to the quality of your life in several ways. Be sure to take advantage of reading Scripture together when you can.

-Pastor Dan

Sermons for October

October 4	<i>"The inheritance of the Saints"</i>	Ephesians 1:3-6; Colossians 1:9-14
October 11	<i>"The Fullness of Christ"</i>	John 1:14; Colossians 2:6-10
October 18	<i>"Seek the Things Which Are Above"</i>	Ephesians 1:15-22; Colossians 3:1-11
October 25	<i>"Redeem the Time"</i>	Matthew 10:16-20; Colossians 4:1-16



Please keep our Members in Care Facilities in your thoughts & prayers:

Bickford: Joanie Smith-Legg #108

Glenwood Place: Elenor Tjossem #160

State Center Specialty Care: Lenora Brown





Arch & Julie Allison	October 10, 1998	28 years
James & Katie Lundberg	October 17, 2009	17 years
Greg & Kristin Meyer	October 18, 2003	23 years
Daniel & Sharon Propst	October 20, 1980	46 years
Doug & Krystal Randall	October 27, 1984	42 years



October 1	Julie Lavender	October 17	Bill Maas
October 6	Julianne Packer	October 18	Melanie Brandt
October 8	Cherryl Woltjer, LaRae McGahuey	October 20	Joan Smith-Legg
October 10	Gary McKibben	October 22	Destiny Gepford
October 12	Bob McGregor, Mallory Fowler	October 26	Steven Strojohann
October 14	Bob Hibbs	October 27	Leiah Paustian
October 15	Lincoln Lavender	October 29	Bob Nott, John Blabaum



Meals On Wheels



The mission's team is still committed to doing our part for Meals on Wheels in Marshalltown! Our part is, one Saturday a month (the fourth Saturday) and we do the east route. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office (641-752-4239) to volunteer. You will be making a difference for someone that day and it feels good to help. Any questions please call me Kristi Hassler 641-750-3946 or Doris McCarty 641-752-7604.

- Did you know that Meals on Wheels is a non-profit, is self-funded, it does not receive state or federal assistance, the meals are paid by the client, and insurance does not cover meal charges? The organization provides healthy meals 365 days a year. Clients can choose daily delivery or customize for certain days a week.
- Did you know drivers are the heart of the program and you can volunteer as an individual or a group? First Congregational Church provides a driver the 4th Saturday of every month. Check the clipboard in the Narthex for opportunities to deliver. There are still some months to cover in 2026!
- Did you know monetary tax-deductible donations are always accepted and appreciated? Donations may be used to offset meal charges for some clients in need. Donations can be mailed to Carrie Loney, Meals on Wheels of Marshalltown, 2615 Smith Ave, Marshalltown, IA, 50158.
- Did you know they have a website www.mealsonwheelsofmarshalltown.com?

Thank you to all of our volunteers and for any consideration you can give to this organization.

-Doris McCarty & Kristi Hassler, BMC



Missions and Benevolence



Mission and Benevolence Christmas Angel Tree Charity Proposal By: Jonna Wagar, Christmas Angel Tree Chairperson

Get excited, take a deep breath and shout Hallelujah! Sing a Christmas song! **Christmas is coming!** The Missions and Benevolence committee wants to share the excitement of Christmas Spirit with our church family this year. We want all of you to join us to pray to get into the Spirit of Christmas. Help our wonderful committee make the decision to choose the annual Christmas Angel Tree charity for 2026; The choices are:

1. Adopt a Family (House of Compassion)
2. Salvation Army Christmas Drive
3. Our Community's Homeless (Triumph Center)

Come to church on October 18th to hear about all the details and vote your heart for this year's giving. The Excitement Builds! I will share all the details on the 18th of October, so please be in prayer and ask God how you should vote. You will be voting for one. My suggestion is to contemplate these points when making your gift decision:

God's incredible gift of His Son

Consider God's abundant grace towards us

Giving can be joyful by helping others

Be a blessing



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Will meet October 5th at 5:30. We will enjoy fellowship and discuss plans for the next several meetings. We are open to your suggestions. Please join us! Bible Study with Jane continues the study of Hebrews on Monday October 12th and October 26th at 5:30 in the library. We will be choosing a new study soon. Your ideas are important to us. There is always room for you.



Choir

Choir will meet Friday October 2nd at 5:30 to prepare for singing on Worldwide Communion Sunday which is October 4th. We have a chair and music for you!

Youth Group News

Our youth group had the opportunity to put up American Flags around Marshalltown for Labor Day as a fundraiser with the Optimist Club. What a blessing this is to be a part of.



In September some of our youth attended FaithFest, a Christian youth rally, in Ankeny. It was a gathering to engage young people in Christian fellowship and biblical teaching. It was an awesome experience for our group!



What a wonderful Rally Day Youth Service we had in September! Our youth shared their gifts and talents and their faith in Jesus with our church, and it was such a blessing! We also had an amazing meal at fellowship time after the service.



Our confirmands and their mentors got together in September to have some fellowship and do some service projects together.



We are very excited to celebrate with our confirmation class of 2026 at Confirmation Sunday on October 11th during the 10:30am service.

It is that time of year again! We are thrilled to kick off our new season of Youth Activities at First Congregational Church! We can't wait to study God's Word, grow deeper in our walk with Jesus, and have some fun together!

- Sunday School kickoff Sunday, September 27th, 9:15am for Preschool (age 4) - 12th grade.
- DOG's (Depend on God) kickoff Tuesday, September 29th, 5-6pm for preschool (age 4) - 4th grade.
- Jr PY (Pilgrim Youth) kickoff Wednesday, September 30th, 4:45-6pm for 5–8th grade.
- PY (Pilgrim Youth) kickoff Sunday, October 4th, 7:30-8:45pm for 9–12th grade.

Sunday School: October 4, 11, 18, 25

DOG's: October 6, 13, 27 (Not the 20th)

Jr PY: October 7, 14, 28 (Not the 21st)

PY: October 4, 11, 18 (Not the 25th)







FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS!
Sunday Worship Services:
 8 am & 10:30 am in person
 10:30 am Service is also on You Tube

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Monday-Friday 9am-Noon 641-752-4239					
				1 Prayer Meeting @ 11 AM Bell Choir practice @ 5:30 PM	2 Chancel Choir practice @ 5:30 PM	3
4 Communion In-Person Worship 8am and 10:30 svcs In Sanctuary 10:30 Svc/YouTube Fellowship follows Power Hour 9:15-10:20 AM PY: 7:30-8:45 PM	5 Women's Ministry @ 5:30 PM	6 DOG's: 5-6 PM	7 Men's church coffee 8 AM Hy-Vee Jr.PY: 4:45-6 PM	8 Prayer Meeting @ 11 AM Bell Choir practice @ 5:30 PM	9 IA/NE Association Fall Meeting	10 Confirmation Banquet @ 6 PM IA/NE Association Fall Meeting
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