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Worship for October 10, 2021 “Renewed! By Hope”

Serving in Worship
Lay Reader: Kelly Quick
Ushers: Joan Dailey, Susan Thomas
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-11



In-Person, at church, live worship at 9:30 A.M.
and will be livestreamed onto our Facebook page.

A recording of this version will be available on YouTube later in the day. A pre-recorded, abbreviated version of this service will be available on NBC at 9:30 A.M. (note that it may be on your TV guide as something other than our church’s worship service.)

For those who will be worshipping in person at church, remember to wear your face mask and plan to observe physical distancing. We are also continuing to register everyone upon arrival and will keep the ventilation system running. We appreciate everyone’s efforts in helping us maintain a safe environment for gathering.

If you attend our in-person worship and test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19 up to 48 hours afterwards (by Tuesday evening), please contact Rev. Lynne so we work together to do contact tracing.



Trunk or Treat- Helpers Needed!

Boo! It’s almost time for ghosts and goblins and princesses and pirates! The Christian Education Board would like to reinstate Trunk or Treat this year! Trunk or Treat is a form of trick or treating where a group of people bring decorated cars to a safe and secure parking lot to provide a one-stop opportunity for kids to trick or treat in a protected and controlled environment. The event will take place on **Saturday, October 30th from 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.** But we need your help. ***To make this a fun and successful activity, we need a minimum of 10 decorated cars to circle up in the church parking lot to provide a safe, controlled, day-time trick or treat opportunity.*** So far, we have three cars signed up—that’s a great start! ***In order to promote our Trunk or Treat, please sign-up by October 17th.*** Trunk or Treat will be held outside weather permitting. We will cancel if the weather is too bad. **Contact Janet Koostra at 727-8443 or janetkoostra@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.** We hope to invite kids from both churches as well as from West and Lincoln Elementary schools. Let’s make it a boo-tiful Halloween!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



† A memorial service for **Lorri Keith** will be held at church on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00 A.M.
† Thank you all so much for your care and prayers for my mother and family during her recent health scare. She’s doing well and looking forward to getting a few stents placed in her coronary arteries on October 14th. **Rev. Lynne**
† Congratulations, Hank! Our own **Hank Branom** has been inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers! His actual induction was last year but, due to COVID-19, there was no formal ceremony. Hank and Sara were able to travel to Chicago last week for the annual celebration where Hank was formally recognized by his peers. The American College of Trial Lawyers is recognized as the preeminent organization of trial lawyers in North America, dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics and the administration of justice.



Christian Education News

This week children will begin in worship. Sunday school will have new teachers. **Liz Lee will take over the younger elementary class. Janet Koostra will step in to the 5th - 8th grade group.** All participants will wash /sanitize hands and have their temperatures taken at the start of class. Masks are required.

Unfailing Love- Neighbors In Need

This year's offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors and communities. One-third of Neighbors In Need (NIN) funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.



Our special offering comes on October 31st. Donations can be mailed to the church with the memo NIN, donated through the United Church of Christ national website: <https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>, or through our own Great Falls United Church of Christ website with the memo NIN, <https://greatfallsucc.org/>.



Gay Straight Alliance at East Middle School

The Christian Service Board has become aware of a club meeting at East Middle School. **The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) currently consists of 15-20 students who attend monthly meetings. Funding through the PTA is not available** and with the GSA aligning perfectly with our Open and Affirming mission and outreach, the Christian Service Board is seeking donations that would provide snacks, supplies, tickets for different events, etc. **Donations can be sent to the church at PO Box 6303 with the memo GSA or through the website at greatfallsucc.org.**



*We will observe **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** with special recognition during our **9:30 A.M. worship service on October 31st.** If you experienced the loss of a loved one this past year and would like them acknowledged in the service, please let Holly in the office know **by Wednesday, October 27th.***
