

**You Are Invited to Worship With Us!**  
**Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor**

**Sunday, Oct. 3** - Music by Adult Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader is Rev. Carol Teare.  
**Sunday, Oct. 10** - Music by Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader is Sandee Harmon.  
**Sunday, Oct. 17** - Music by Children's Celebration Choir. Worship Leader is Chuck Stilwill.  
**Sunday, Oct. 24** - Music by Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader is Anne Lange.  
**Sunday, Oct. 31** - Music by Band of Light. Worship Leader is Lizzie Zondo.

**Tithes and Offerings**

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the communion offering. Make out a separate check for the regular offering from special offerings such as communion and mission offerings.

Please mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist, 434 Baltimore St., Waterloo, IA 50701.

If you do online banking, set up a recurring payment of your offering mailed directly to FBC.

**Financial Report**  
(as of 9/30/2021)

Checking/Savings \$72,142.98  
Sept. Contributions \$14,923.33  
Sept. Expenses \$15,745.22  
RBC \$67,748.57  
Ameriprise \$83,825.52

*Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for over 167 years.*

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**Body Builder**

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**First Baptist Staff**  
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*Pastor*

Susan Price  
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Rev. Carol Teare  
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Abigail Agan  
*Youth Coordinator*

Dr. Randall Harlow  
*Organist/Accompanist*

Don Huff  
*Lay Pastor*

Bishop Barnes  
*Custodian*

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Sunday:**  
**9:00 a.m. Connect**  
**10:15 a.m. Worship**

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# The Messenger - October 2021

## No-see-ums

I currently have ten bug bites on my body. From one on my ring finger, which required removing my wedding ring for a week, to four on my left arm (none on my right) and five on my lower calf I have the signature itchy red bumps from the *ceratopogonida*, otherwise known as biting midges. Much more annoying than simple mosquitos, these little bugs are silent, barely visible and bite you to see if you are food. We aren't, so they stop. Thanks for that... It would be easier if we could see them coming. It's hard to prepare for troubles you can't see. Turns out they don't like vanilla extract, so I'm ready for my next outdoor attack, even if I can't see it.

As followers of Jesus, one of the good things about gathering together is that we are able to see more clearly together. Please look through the following pages for some really interesting happenings at First Baptist Church of Waterloo. From Sunday Connect gathering centering on our mental health, to Wednesday night programming that include a meal and fun times for our kids and musical opportunities for parents. I hope to see you there.

For almost nine years, Sara and I have lived on Cape Cod, outside of the range of No-see-ums, and the Cape also had what seemed to be a geographical exemption from mosquitos. Hence my foolish mistake of standing outside at dusk in October... with shorts rather than long pants. Lesson learned. Sometimes we learn habits that are not necessarily bad, but just not helpful. For me it was shorts at dusk in October, for many of us our time of isolation and aloneness of COVID moved from being an irritation to normal. We couldn't do things and now we just don't. Don't allow that COVID creep!

Our church is stronger with you a part of it! Make a point of getting up early to come to church, or an extra hour early to come to Sunday Connect. Come to Wednesday night programming, and join me in choir. We need to shake off the COVID duldrums and enjoy together.

I hope to see you there. I will be wearing pants ☺

Jon

**World Mission Offering**  
**Goal \$2,000**

October is the time we take up the World Mission Offering. It provides funding to support our Global Servants around the world and is crucial in helping them represent us in the field, and to shine through as a Christian presence. WMO also supports areas such as agriculture, medical care, clean water, housing, and meeting other needs. Please consider giving generously to this very important offering this month.



**Pastor Appreciation Month**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. What can you do to show your appreciation and support to Pastor Jon & Sara? Send a card, offer them words of encouragement and thanks, pray for them, or take them out to eat at a local restaurant. Get creative as we say "Thank You" this month and every month!

**October Communion Offering**

Support our local food bank and the recent CROP Walk for Hunger by giving to the October Communion Offering. Thanks to those people who participated in the CROP Walk and for you who support the NE Iowa Food Bank which helps us when we offer our community meals and feed the children and youth on Wednesday nights.

**Youth Bake Sale**

**Sunday, October 17**

Help us raise funds for R.Y.E., our Region Youth Event!

You can help by BUYING baked goods and snacks before and after worship on **Sunday, October 17th!**

So bring your cash/checkbooks and Come see our smiling faces and yummy treats!

**AB Women's Ministries**

**Area IA East Fall Event**

**Saturday, October 30th, FBC Marion, IA**  
**Registration 9:45 a.m. / Welcome 10:00 a.m.**

We will explore our new theme, "Let the Walls Fall Down" through Bible study, devotion, music, and sharing. Come celebrate the 70th birthday of ABWM and hear from past region presidents. Learn about AMOS, our region project and hear updates on White Cross and Operation Planting Hope. Contact the church office with your reservation.

**Get Involved Today!**

Unity Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Friendly Stars Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of the month over the noon hour with a different meeting place each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 1st Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 20.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Room 20.

Mom's Group meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

**Drive Up Community Meal**

**Wednesday, October 27, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to help with the drive up community meal this month. Sign up on the hallway board to help prepare the food, help package and hand out meals in the entryway or bring a pan of bars or a couple dozen cookies for the dessert.

**October Birthdays**

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Connie Drewes   | 15 - Carolyn Vandeventer |
| 1 - Greg Hoepfner   | 21 - Leonard Harmon      |
| 4 - Dwayne Price    | 24 - Jackson Satterlee   |
| 5 - Karder Bravener | 27 - Rick Anderson       |
| 10 - David Shafer   | 27 - Ed Murray           |
| 11 - Sandee Harmon  | 27 - Colin Satterlee     |
| 12 - Donna Huff     | 28 - Andrew Nielsen      |
| 13 - Patty Stilwill | 30 - Wanda Hoepfner      |
| 14 - Bonnie Ishman  | 31 - Dan Bravener        |

**October Anniversaries**

- 11 - Brenda & Ed Murray

**A BLAST FROM THE PAST**

The following entry was found in the 75th History of FBC & was written by Edwin Mesick, Oct.1929:

I recall a Sunday School excursion, the most popular one ever conducted because it was free. All the children were invited. It was in 1862. Of course, all the children attended and the train was so loaded up that the boys took passage on flat cars with planks for seats. I well remember the day. Ominous clouds overspread the sky that morning. The destination of that train was Manchester, but before we reached our destination the heavens broke loose and it rained about all the balance of the day, many never leaving the cars.

**60 Year Members of FBC**

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| 81 years | Maxine Stone      |
| 76 years | Grace Elliott     |
| 75 years | Bonnie Ishman     |
| 69 years | Donna Nelson      |
| 67 years | Verner Nelson     |
|          | Dorette Heideman  |
| 64 years | Marlene Bown      |
|          | Margaret Kauten   |
|          | Patricia Stilwill |
| 63 years | Paula Nielsen     |
| 61 years | Bob Jenkins       |
| 60 years | Larry & Bev Moser |

*Well done, good and faithful servant...*

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who responded to the needs of Bethel Neighborhood Center by donating items. Our offerings plus those from other churches filled a small pickup truck. Rev. Sonna and his wife thank you for your part in helping with this ministry.

Thank you to all for the calls and cards recently sent to me during my recovery from RSV.

-Jean Vaux

Dear First Baptist Family,  
 Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and concern shown to me since my cancer diagnosis. It means a lot to me that I am not alone in this journey—that you and God are beside me.

Thank you, Pastor Jon, for your visit and calls, and for the helpful book. Thanks for the prayer shawl (my favorite color of blue) which reminds me I am not alone.

-Gwen Ramsey

Dear First Baptist Family,  
 Thank you so much for all your prayers, concern, and cards. Thanks especially to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl! Also to Pastor Jon for his comforting words and prayers.

-Donna Huff

**Congratulations** to Spenser & Heidi Gruis on the birth of their son, Sullivan John born Oct. 7th. Proud grandparents are Chris & Diane Iehl.

**Condolences** to the family & friends of Brenda Lemper who passed away on September 17th.

**The Rainbow Fish Musical**  
**Sunday, October 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Get your free ticket to Black Hawk Children's Theatre musical, *The Rainbow Fish Musical!* Rainbow Fish sets off on a journey of discovery finding that sharing and friendliness are choices that may earn friends. Contact Susan in the office to reserve your ticket today!