

Fern Prairie United Methodist Church September-October 2023 Newsletter

Greetings friends and church family! Hopefully you have all enjoyed some rest and rejuvenation time this summer. We have been praying for all those traveling and others on personal life journeys. We remember the words of Henry David Thoreau: "It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." Praise God for that heartening perspective!

We spent some time in July and August exploring in our study sessions what it means to be imbued with spiritual gifts and how they move us to serve others. We enjoyed listening to the memories of pastors who have served our church in the past: Carl Landerholm and Rev. Keith Hackett. We are grateful for their inspiration and leadership! It keeps us looking forward to ways we can further our ministry here at Fern Prairie. Are there ways we can better serve each of you? Visits, calls, prayers, transportation requests? Please reach out and let us know! You can send messages through our website: fernprairieunitedmethodist.org or by contacting any of our council members. We are blessed and happy to serve in any way we can. Peace to you all in the upcoming months!

P. S. Our online giving link is:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA35>

Upcoming schedule of events

September

3: Carl Landerholm, guest speaker

Saturday, 9th: "Earth Inspiration" United Women in Faith Area Program 10:30am-Noon at the church-all welcome
(See additional information following)

10: Rev. Keith Hackett "Remembering Rev. Ruth Mathis 2007-16"

Wednesday, 13th: 6:00pm Ministry Safe Church Training at the church, pizza included!

17: Marilyn leads service

24: Rev. Carol Davies, Holy Communion

*Church Family Meal following service

October

1: Carl Landerholm

Monday, 2nd: 6:00pm Katherine Parker, GBGM Missionary in Nepal- Shared meal, everyone welcome (See additional information following)

8: Kathy leads service

15: Joan Hackett "Remembering Dorothy Northcutt 1961-70" *Council Meeting following service

22: Rev. Keith Hackett, Holy Communion

*Church Shared Meal following service

29: Marilyn leads service

Additional Information:

Saturday, September 9th : 10:30- noon "Earth Inspiration"

United Women in Faith Area Program on Environmental Issues

Featured speakers: Marilyn Oltmann on "How and why I planned an Earth Day Event this year" & Don Steinke who is a member of the UCC church and lives in Camas. He taught physics and math at Camas High School back in the 70s and then for many years at FVHS. He is a climate justice activist.

Everyone is welcome!

Monday, October 2nd : 6:00pm Shared Meal & Program by Missionary from Nepal- Katherine Parker

Katherine T. Parker is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church to Nepal. In Nepal since 2013, she was previously in Cambodia. She has been a missionary since 2004 and was a mission intern for three years beginning in 2000. Katherine's work in Nepal is focused in three areas: 1. Adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights and menstrual hygiene; 2. Maternal and child health; 3. Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Katherine comes from a family with deep roots in United Methodism on the West Coast of the United States. Two grandfathers, a great-grandfather, an aunt, and several cousins have served as United Methodist clergy.