




# The Shepherd's Star

*"We have seen (Christ's) star and have come to worship him." -Matt: 2:2b (NIV)*

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**September 2020**

**Sunday school**  
For all ages  
Gathers at  
9:00 am

**Worship Service**  
Every Sunday 10:30 am

**Cephas's Corner**

In this time of fear, spread of hate, destruction of our planet and death of 180,000 plus of our fellow Americans I invite you to reflect on the paraphrase Psalms I wrote to experience and encounter God in another way.

**Psalms 19 Paraphrase**

Lord as I look around my environment and look in heavens, I sees your glory. The sky, stars, oceans, trees etc. proclaim the work of your hand. When day and night come and go, it tells me how great you are. You made the sun, one sun that shines for the entire world at different times in different places, and at the same time in some places. It tells me that you created the world and all that is in it. Its brightness explained your glory and power to me. I see your greatness in it as it rises and shines. God your law is perfect, and each time read it, it revives my sinful soul. Your ordinance is sure, and it humbles me, your commands are right and my hear rejoice. Your commandments enlighten my eyes and teach me your ways. I will fear you Lord, for I know your ordinances are true and righteous. I will seek them day and night though sinful I am. For I know there is a reward in keeping them. Cleans me lord from all hidden faults and made me after your will and not my will.

In paraphrasing the Psalms 19, I get to experience God in a different way, like appreciating the natural thing around me (trees, the ocean flowers etc.) and understanding that God speaks to us through them, and that we can experience God's glory when we observed them and allow god to speak to us in the mood of contemplation.

It also helps me to examine my life and my walk with the Lord. My interaction with the psalms taught me that when we read it by paraphrasing it, we get to encounter God in a different way, and it becomes more personal and edifying to our soul.

Rev. J. Cephas Z. K. Davis, MDiv. MDR

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## The Mission of Easton Place UMC

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Gather in a safe, nurturing Christ-centered way in worship, meetings, and small groups as we...Grow in relationship with Christ; and Go into the world, to share the love of Christ with others.

**As members of the Easton Place UMC,  
we vow to faithfully participate  
in its ministries**

### Asking Jesus into your life:

O God, without you, I am lost-a sinner in a sinful world. Jesus, I believe in you. I need you. Be my Lord and Savior? Receive me-your child. I ask for forgiveness. I ask for guidance. I accept you as my God, my Guide, my Help, and my Hope from this day forward into the very light of eternity. I lift this prayer in the power of Jesus' mighty name. Amen

God's Promise of Forgiveness-1 John 1:9  
 God's Promise of Salvation-John 3:16  
 God's Promise to You-Romans 8:15b-17a  
 All you need to do-Romans 10:9

### EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED News and Calendar for September 2020

<b>September 2</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>EPWU General</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Deborah Circle</b>
<b>September 10</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Easton Service Group(?)</b>
<b>September 11</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Esther Circle</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Mary Circle</b>

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

**September 12**      **8:00 am**      (?)



### PRAY FOR

#### **LOST A LOVED ONE:**

**(Virginia Kimberling's grandson)**

**Taylor Webb**

**719 46<sup>th</sup> St**

**West Des Moines, IA 50265**

#### **HOSPITAL:**

#### **RECOVERING AT HOME:**

#### **NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING**

**RESIDENTS:** Nadine Layton (Brio, Johnston), Anna Mascaro (Mill Pond, Ankeny), George & Jenny Schultz (Afton IA, assisted living), Keith Mascaro (assisted living, group home in DSM), Wimpy Thomasson (ManorCare, West Des Moines)

**KEEP IN PRAYERS:** Ray Olson, Kim Cox, Dennis Bishop

#### **Keep in Prayer for Healing:**

(Remember to let the office or the Pastor know if you are in the hospital)

#### **To start prayer chain:**

**Call Romona Moore 515-262-9489**

### Missions Report

As everyone knows, the Missions Committee has not been able to offer the Free Meal. But we know there is a need for food in the neighborhood.

We are asking the congregation for nonperishable food items, and/or money. We want to put together bags of food, that we can give out I a drive by pantry. If God has laid this on your heart to help, and need more information, feel free to contact the Missions committee, or the pastor.

Thanks

The Mission Committee

**Trustee Notes**

None submitted at this time

**Worship Committee Report**

None submitted at this time



**Finance Report**

7/5/20 - \$2,201.00  
7/12/20- \$1,679.74  
7/19/20 -\$2,742.00  
7/26/20, \$2,047.23  
Total \$8,669.97

8/2/20 - \$3,431.99  
8/9/20 - \$2,193.00  
8/16/20-\$3,592.00  
8/23/20-\$1,801.00  
8/31/20  
Total \$11,017.99

God is Good! What a time this has been the last few months, we know we are all wondering, when will it be "normal" again? The people of Easton Place have been very faithful through all of this, and we are so very thankful for this. As we move forward with the rest of the year, lets continue to be faithful.

In Christ's Love  
The Finance Committee

**Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Received**  
**August \$6,303.97**

**Presence:**  
**August 112**

**September**

Peggy Bishop	9/09
Devan Jeffries	9/10
Karen Baumgartner	9/14
Theresa Lay	9/14
Beverly Ellis	9/17
Barry Tillotson	9/17
Cassie DeYoung	9/19
Sue Bellis	9/23
Ryker Campbell	9/25
Janice Green	9/28
Jeannie Staton	9/28

**PARKING LOT SALE**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Sack Sale**

**Please follow all enter/exit signs**  
**Face masks/coverings required**

**Donations needed**

**Volunteers to help are appreciated**  
**Drop off items at church or call Jan Green and/or Lila Roe if you have items but need help getting them to church**

**Lectionary Scriptures for September**  
**Personal Devotions and Study**

**September 6 Communion**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalms 149 or Psalms 148  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 13**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19-31  
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 20**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalms 78  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

**September 27**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

**Worship Helpers for September 2020**

**September 6, 2020**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Bruce Tillotson  
**Sound:** Mike Hoffman  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Mary Jo Cook and Kathy Fedson  
**Children Message:**  
**Jr. Church:**  
**Nursery:**  
**Offering Counters:** Mike Parsons  
Kay Dilks  
**Communion Stewards:** Midge Tillotson

**September 13, 2020**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Bruce Tillotson  
**Sound:** Mike Hoffman  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Sue Bellis and Leo Warden  
**Children Message:**  
**Jr. Church:**  
**Nursery:**  
**Offering Counters:** Mike Parsons  
Jeannie Staton

**September 20, 2020**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Bruce Tillotson  
**Sound:** Mike Hoffman  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Sue Bellis and Leo Warden  
**Children Message:**  
**Jr. Church:**  
**Nursery:**  
**Offering Counters:** Mike Parsons  
Ellen McFadden

**September 27, 2020**

**Worship Leader:** Romona Moore  
**Liturgist:** Bruce Tillotson  
**Sound:** Mike Hoffman  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** ???  
**Children Message:**  
**Jr. Church:**  
**Nursery:**  
**Offering Counters:** Mike Parsons  
Bryan Dilks

## **Circle Reports August**

### **EPWU General**

Did not meet in August

### **Easton Service Group**

Did not meet in August

### **Esther Circle**

Esther Circle had a great time at Applebee's on Friday, August 14, 2020. There were eight of us in attendance. The food was delicious (especially for those of us who are still without power due to the storm this past Monday). But even better than the food was being able to fellowship together. We were thrilled to hear there will be an EPWU Board meeting in August. Plus, it was announced that our next meeting will be September 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Romona's, who is also the hostess. Diana A.

### **Mary Circle**

Mary Circle met on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Phillips Elementary School common area with 8 members.

Diana presented us all with a selection of miniature pumpkins from Jim's garden.

The minutes were read from our July meeting by Diana.

Jan G. gave our Treasurer's report.

Diana reported the EPWU-Board will hold a meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church parking lot, when they will decide about a General Meeting for September.

Mary Christi presented each member with a book from "Nine Fruits of the Spirit". Thanks Mary Christi!

Mary Circle will meet September 16 at 1pm at Pizza Ranch in Altoona.

Jan G. was our hostess and she served cookies, tea, and lemonade. We then worked on a "special item" for September.

We all enjoyed the beautiful day, wonderful breeze and just being together again. We also had a wonderful gentleman from Phillips that provided us help and way to clear our trash!

At the close of our meeting, we were found by several young children who stopped by to say "hello".

What a blessed day!!!

God Bless

Sandy Fleck

### **Deborah Circle**

Minutes not submitted

Will meet September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Sargent Park (Park behind QT on Hubbell)

## Mark your Calendar September 2020

1. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
(Romona Moore's)  
6:00 pm Education (?)  
7:00 pm Worship (?)
2. **OFFICE OPEN (9AM-1PM)**  
1:00 pm EPWU-General (Phillips School)  
6:00 pm Welcoming/Marketing Committee  
(Zoom)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
7. **LABOR DAY**  
6:30 pm Bible Study (Romona Moore's)
8. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
(Romona Moore's)  
6:00 pm Trustee's
9. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle (Sargent Park)  
6:00 pm Welcoming/Marketing Committee  
(Zoom)
10. 1:00 pm Easton Service Group (?)
11. 1:00 pm Esther Circle (Romona Moore's)
12. 8:00 am UMM (?)
- 13.
14. 6:30 pm Bible Study (Romona Moore's)
15. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
(Romona Moore's)  
6:00 pm SPRC (?)
16. 1:00 pm Mary Circle  
(Pizza Ranch-Altoona)  
6:00 pm Welcoming/Marketing Committee  
(Zoom)
17. 4:30 pm Missions (?)
- 18.
19. 9am-1pm Parking Lot Sack Sale
- 20.
21. 6:30 pm Bible Study (Romona Moore's)
22. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
(Romona Moore's)  
6:00 pm Finance (?)  
6:45 pm Ad Council-Church Parking Lot
23. 6:00 pm Welcoming/Marketing Committee  
(Zoom)  
7:00 pm EPWU Board (?)
24. **Star Articles DUE!**
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
28. 6:30 pm Bible Study (Romona Moore's)
29. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
(Romona Moore's)
30. 6:00 pm Welcoming/Marketing Committee  
(Zoom)