

# BIBLE STUDY

Join us for socially distanced bible study, Wednesdays at 9:30 in the church sanctuary. All are Welcome!

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## JANUARY 2021

### INDOOR WORSHIP!

Session has gone to great lengths to ensure that the Sanctuary will be a safe environment for those who attend in-person. We will also have seating available in Fellowship Hall if you feel you are at greater risk and would like to have more space around you.

### Changes and requirements are as follows:

- Facial masks are required.
- Maintain a "safe" distance, approx. 6', when walking through the church.
- Designated seating areas in pews (Don't sit where the tape is!).
- Hand sanitizer is available at each entrance. Please use it when you enter and when you exit the church.
- Offering trays will be located by the entrances so you can drop your offering off when you arrive or when you depart.
- Both entrances (front and back) to the church will be available for use.

- While seats are not reserved we encourage you to sit in the same spot each Sunday if it is available.
- Bring your own items for communion Sunday as the church will not be providing any.
- Bulletins for service should be printed in advance or viewed on your phone, they will not be available for handout.
- If you wear a coat, please bring it with you to your seat.
- Ushers will help guide parishioners to and from the pews before and at the end of the service.
- Please arrive early as it will likely take a little longer for everyone to get situated before service begins.
- If you are running a fever, or feel ill, we ask that you do not come to church.

For those who are not quite ready to worship in-person, you are still welcome to attend via the parking lot. You can tune in to channel - 87.9FM to listen to the service in the sanctuary, if you live nearby or come to the parking lot. The

online pre-recorded worship services will still be available.

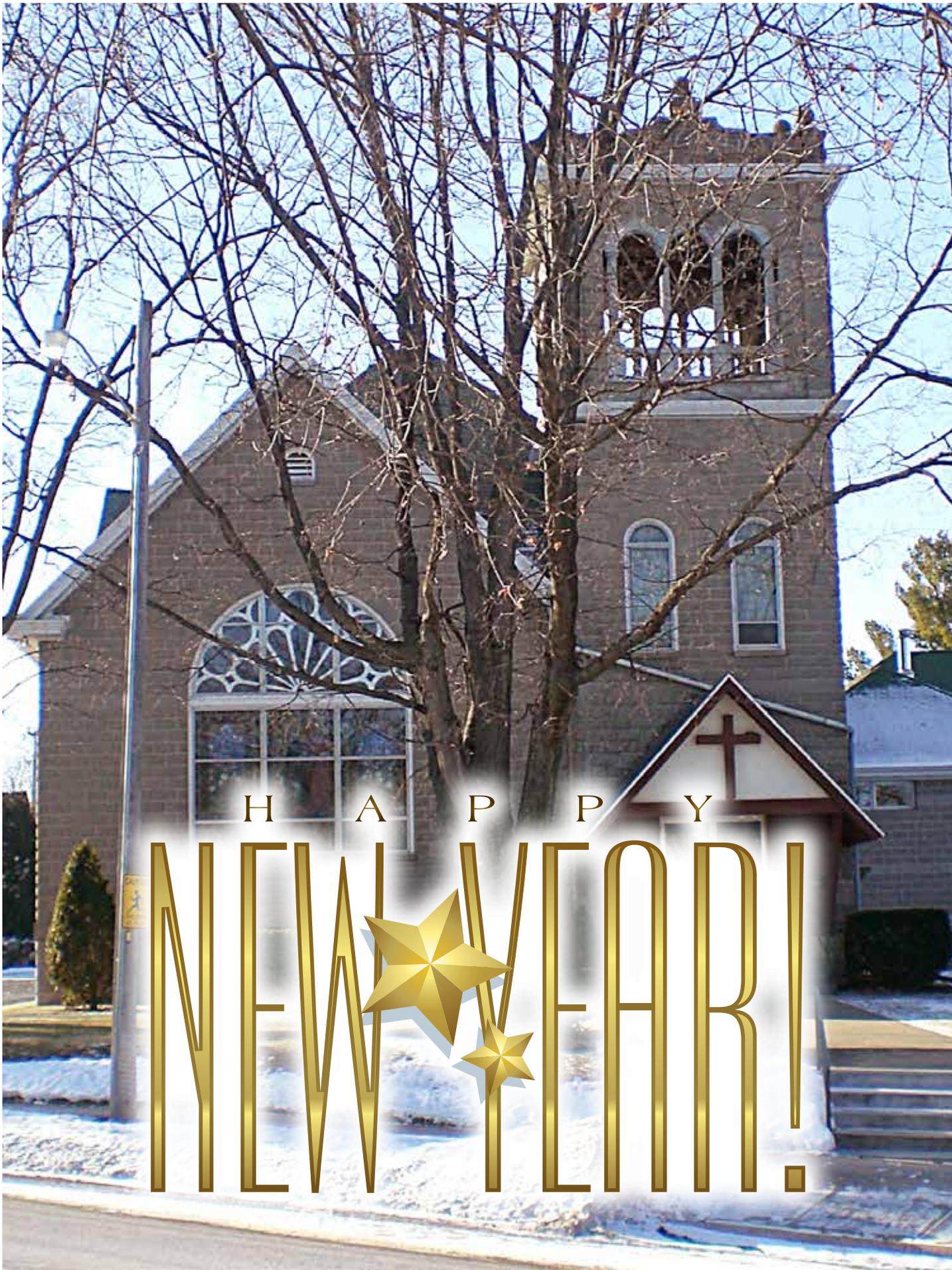
Also, it is important to note that should anyone contract Covid-19 or come in contact with someone who has tested positive, and has attended worship, that you notify the Pastor or church office immediately.

We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together again!

**Sincerely,  
Your Session**

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H A P P Y

NEW YEAR!



My Friends,

We are beginning a new year, full of hope and promise, carrying the weight of our expectations and, possibly, our new year's resolutions. We began last year in a similar fashion only to discover that our expectations would be wildly off base and certainly unfulfilled. Perhaps this year we will release our expectations knowing that the future is always uncertain. Perhaps this year we can commit to being as fully present as possible to each and every moment, seeking and finding the joy in our every day lives. Our lives are richer by far when we open ourselves up to the unexpected, the uncertain, the startling ways in which God's grace, love and joy show up.

This year we've discovered how many people would love to bake their own bread if they had the time. We've found new ways to connect to family and community members across the miles. We've increased the reach of our personal community, our teachers, mentors, even therapists and spiritual advisors, book clubs and so much more, by learning that we can connect in meaningful ways virtually. We've discovered that there are people who may have some barrier to actually coming into the church building who nonetheless long to worship with us. We've learned that much of our work can be done from home and we've watched skies normally polluted by traffic become clear. With all of the grief, loss, chaos, confusion, division and stress of this year, still, there have been moments of joy. There have been new insights. There have been gracious moments where we experienced God-with-us.

Will we have the eyes to see God-with-us in this new year? Can we commit ourselves to seeking and finding those moments of great beauty? We do not know what this new year will bring us. We are newly aware and 'woke' to the fact that our lives exist in this fragile and impermanent world. We do not know from one moment to the next what life will bring us, and few things bring us more pain and grief than our expectations leading us astray, leading us to ground ourselves not in God's loving grace, but in anger and bitterness. We can choose to live telling ourselves, "it's not supposed to be this way!" Or we can choose to live with our hearts wide open, seeing and affirming the love, the beauty, the kindness of strangers, the incredible beauty of the image of God in each person we meet.

The pain of loss, the immensity of grief, is so very real. So is the incredible beauty and joy, the love that we experience in our lives. Pain can absorb our focus, make our view very small until it's all we can see. We have the ability to pull back from the things that hurt, that make us angry, that trigger us, and when we do, our eyes are opened to the incredible beauty and love that surrounds us. Choose to pull back and get some space from the things that hurt. Pain and grief will remain with us, but we do not have to let them make our world small. Choose to pull back, to notice the love, to abide in gratitude. This is our Yes to God's invitation to live a bright, full, compassionate life. This is our Yes to the complete and full experience of a life well lived, with grace and compassion, with love and deep vulnerability holding hands.

This year, may our Yes to God's invitation be full, rich and abundant, as we say Yes to the whole thing, lifting our eyes up from all that is hard, and seeing that there is so, so much more. May you have the courage to release your expectations of what this new year might bring, to say Yes to life in all its complexity, and to live abundantly.

Grateful to serve with you,  
Pastor Cyndi

# FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION REACH OUT LODI NEW SCHEDULE

The **NEW SCHEDULE** will be the **FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY** of the month until further notice. Start time 10am until food all handed out.

Reach Out Lodi has partnered with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and the Lodi School District to bring Mobile Pop up Food Distributions weekly for the past 16 weeks at the Lodi Elementary School, 101 School Street, Lodi, WI. This will continue until further notice with the new schedule being the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month only. This is for anyone in need during COVID-19. Simply open your trunk, volunteers will place boxes of food in your car and drive away. You can also pick up for more than one family, just let the volunteers know. Can't make distribution day or time? Call ROL to arrange a delivery or pickup.

Also with the new schedule, if you find your family needs food in between distributions, and you live within the Lodi School District, call ROL 608.592.4592. ROL helps with food, personal essentials and clothing for people in need in a confidential, non-judgmental manner.

## BAKING ITEMS

Cooking oil  
Flour (all purpose, Maseca)  
Baking Soda  
Baking Powder  
Sugar (white, powdered, brown)  
Vanilla

## BREADS/ BREAKFAST FOODS

Bread, sliced (white/wheat preferred)  
Buns (Hamburger, Hot dog, Brat)  
Cereal

Oatmeal  
Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup

## SOUPS/PASTAS/SAUCE

Soups (all varieties)  
Progresso & Campbells Chunky Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)  
Ramen noodle soup  
Pasta sauce (marinara and alfredo)  
Pasta (spaghetti, noodles, lasagna etc.)  
Macaroni and cheese  
Tomato Paste/ sauce  
Pizza sauce  
Tortillas (corn/flour)

## DESSERTS

Cookies  
Jello  
Pudding  
Brownie mix  
Cake mix/ Frosting

## CANNED FOODS

Canned Vegetables  
Canned meat (chicken, tuna fish, beef, Spam)  
Canned fruit (mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, pears)  
Canned Potatoes/ Box Potatoes  
Spaghettios / Raviolios  
Sloppy Joe sauce  
Baked Beans  
Chili Beans / Kidney Beans  
White Kidney Beans (Cannellini)

## BEVERAGES

Fruit juice (apple, cranberry, grape)  
Hot Cocoa  
Tea  
Coffee

## PERISHABLES

Fresh Fruit  
Fresh Vegetables  
Butter/ Margarine  
Eggs  
Milk / Dairy products  
Beef  
Pork  
Chicken  
Pizza

## SNACK FOOD

granola bars  
fruit snacks etc.

## CONDIMENTS

Pickles  
Mayonnaise  
Catsup  
Mustard  
Barbeque Sauce  
Salt/Pepper  
Salad dressing (Ranch, Italian, French, Western)  
Canned Mushrooms  
Canned Olives (black, green)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A new year, a new beginning! Historically, our thoughts of what we are giving to the church tend to come later in the year when the conversation turns to stewardship, tithing and what we will be offering in financial support for the upcoming year. We would like to encourage you to practice stewardship planning throughout the year. Stewardship comes in many forms. Visualize what you can offer not only financially, but also in time and talent. Think about creating a calendar to help you visualize your giving and how you can make the most of your contribution to the church in the coming year. We will have a monthly article in the newsletter to remind you that stewardship should be something we consider not just at the end of the year, but throughout the year.

**Prayerfully, Stewardship Committee**

### Matthew 6: 25-26

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?  
26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

**Family Order Form**

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in January and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

- 1/3    AUDREY KOHN  
       JIM BROWN
- 1/11    MEDORA RICHARDS
- 1/14    HUDSON BECK
- 1/15    LUKE HUGHEY  
       MATHIAS HUGHEY
- 1/18    ADRIANNE TRITT
- 1/19    GENE SMITH
- 1/24    BRAD BALLWEG
- 1/27    DALTON RICHARD  
       GREG MANNING  
       KIM KREKLOW
- 1/30    HEATHER MULCAHY

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!  
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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, January 20th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.

December 2020

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February 2021

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# January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 (Indoor) Worship, 9 a.m.	4	5	6 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	7	8 New Year's Day	9
10 (Indoor) Worship, 9 a.m.	11	12	13 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16
17 (Indoor) Worship, 9 a.m.	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	21	22	23
24 (Indoor) Worship, 9 a.m.	25	26	27 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	28	29	30
31 (Indoor) Worship, 9 a.m.						

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Choir Director: Position Open  
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein  
Church Secretary: Pat Craig  
Financial Secretary: John Griffing  
Church Secretary's Office Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday  
9:00 a.m.  
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Diane Lukins  
Jean Spataro  
Ron Nelson

**Class of 2021**

Dudley Mehlretter  
DeAnn Richards  
Jeff Leckwee

**Class of 2022**

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2020**

Marcia Brown  
Sandy Deselle  
Dave Heebner

**Class of 2021**

Gale Nelson  
Bobbie Hanson  
Laurie Fryman

**Class of 2022**

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