

WEEKLY EMAIL -- Oct. 14/14

Grace and Peace to you today!

I hope you are still finding things to be grateful for. The weekend gave us such perfect weather and our sanctuary was simply gorgeous on Thanksgiving Sunday.

This weekend coming up, we will focus on the need for peace between Israel & Palestine. Saturday evening we begin with a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a film "Five Broken Cameras". [la-et-mn-5-broken-cameras-capsule-20120914](#)

I hope you can join us for this learning and fellowship event. Just give me a call or send an e-mail if you can come so we know how many to prepare for. Sunday, October 19th, Rev. Steve Berube, from St. Paul's U.C. in Riverview, will be our guest preacher.

Worship Committee met today and we are in a busy season at the church! Next week Trustees and Council meet as does the Financial Planning Working Group.

Please be sure to let Ellen or me know if you would like a visit, or if there is someone you know that would. We are always ready to reach out to those in need.

Looking ahead, please think about baptism. We will likely have a service with baptism during Advent. So any adult or child that would like this opportunity is welcome to let me know. There is always some preparation time needed before the celebration on a Sunday.

Wilmot on the Move Steering Group will meet Saturday to plan for the next congregational event in early November. We are moving closer to the time for budget planning and nominations.

If you wish to prepare ahead, there will be a small group book study during Advent using Philip Newell's new book The Rebirthing of God (May 2014). This book can be ordered from Westminster Books.

Please think about making this part of your Advent discipline.

It is a busy and somewhat challenging time for our congregation. There have been several deaths in the congregation and there is some uncertainty for us all about the future course. It is very important then that we listen carefully to one another, that we are compassionate and supportive, and that we remember to trust in God's presence in and through all that we know.

If we focus on the gratitude and praise we offer to God each day, we will be strengthened and empowered to move forward into the wilderness of the unknown. Our biblical story reminds us that in the wilderness wanderings of our lives, we meet God. Let us open our hearts and minds to the surprising new thing God invites us to.

In Peace,

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