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LECTIONARY READINGS

October 4
18th Sunday after
Pentecost
Charge Conference
12:15 pm

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11
19th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18
20th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thess 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25
Reformation Sunday

Deut 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thess 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Happy New Year!

What? Wrong season? Not biblically.

The biblical new year, based on the date of creation, (also known as the Jewish New Year), was celebrated September 18-19.

Christians might know it better as Feast of Trumpets. Ten days after Feast of Trumpets is Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. It's a one-day fast, which this year was celebrated September 27-28.

Coming up next on the Bible calendar is Feast of Tabernacles. United Methodists are familiar with another term it goes by, Ingathering.

Tabernacles is a seven-day festival that lasts eight days. We find it in Leviticus 23:33-36:

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel,’ saying ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month [a month that generally lines up with our September and October] shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation to you: and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no servile work therein.’”

So the 15th day of the biblical month that usually starts in our September and ends in October is a Sabbath. Then on the 22nd of the month is another Sabbath.

So what do we care? These are Jewish festivals; we aren't Jewish.

No. These are Festivals of the LORD and we are the LORD's.

We don't celebrate them now, but they are God's tools to teach His people about Him.

Trumpets is a wake-up call. God gives us a warning shout to tell us to get ready. Time is short. It may seem like God isn't doing anything. It may seem like we've got all the time in the world to accept Jesus or to get our lives in order.

There are lots of people—including God's people—who don't think Jesus is coming back because there's no evidence of God's judgment.

“In the last days, scoffers will be saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (2 Peter 3:4)

God tells us in 2 Peter 3:9:

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

God's waiting as long as He can to wrap things up because He doesn't want to leave anyone behind. Even if Jesus doesn't come back in your lifetime, you'll still leave this earth some way—probably sooner than you think. (Continued on page 2)

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So Trumpets is a call to wake up; time is short.

Shortly thereafter is Day of Atonement. It, again, teaches us that there's a day of reckoning. Everyone must get right with God. You may think you have all the time in the world, but one day, it'll be too late to get right with God.

Okay, on this year's calendar, those dates are past. What about the next one—the last of the biblical fall festivals—Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering.

It looks forward to the time when we will live with God. In the wilderness, God ordered a Tabernacle built as a place of gathering and worship. The peoples' tents were pitched around it.

God said that was done so He could dwell among His people.

Then John 1:14 says that Jesus "tabernacled among us" when He walked here in the flesh. He was called Immanuel—God With Us. And, truly, when He was here, God was with us in the flesh.

One day we'll all be gathered together (the ingathering) and live in God's presence forever!

Tabernacles is the most exciting, joyful time of the year. We're commanded to be joyful in the season. It points to heaven, to the millennial reign, and to eternity.

We think Christmas is the happiest time of the year. That's mainly because of the family, food, and presents, not because of Jesus' birth. How much more important Jesus' birth should be! On

the first Christmas Day, Jesus tabernacled with us.

But we're coming to a time when He won't just tabernacle with us—that is, temporarily dwell with us—very soon we'll dwell in His presence for all eternity.

What could be more exciting than that?

Happy New Year!

USHER SCHEDULE

Schedule for October:

4th: Karen Evans, Bob & Dixie Lee, Barbara McClary and Scott McClary

11th: Bill Bain, Jim & Gail McKnight, and Ken & Laurie Beckwith

18th: Patsy Weidanz, Debra Lutz, Steve & Shirley Sutay, Neva Erickson and Chris Lang

25th: Brenda Smith, Kathy Williamson, Greg & Edie Calaway and Eric Jolly

If you are interested in joining the usher team please call Linn Meseke at 884-6693. Anyone is welcome.

Liturgists for October: Mike McAllister, Brenda Smith, Marge Fleischer and Deena McAllister

Communion Servers: Gail & Jim McKnight and Neva Erickson

October Greeters: Debra Lutz

Substitutes: Dixie Lee and Barbara McClary.

FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR OCTOBER

The Sutay's, Strang's and Hookman's are responsible for fellowship time in October.