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The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G** Growing in Christ through *worship*.
- R** Reaching out in *fellowship*.
- A** Affirming faith through *discipleship*.
- C** Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.
- E** Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10. Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 9.

Holy Week Events Scheduled



HOLY WEEK

Several events and worship services have been planned for Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church.

On March 28, a **Mundy**

Thursday soup supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by a Communion service.

On March 29, First Presbyterian Church will be holding a **Good**

Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

On March 31, an **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held at 7:00 a.m. followed by a **breakfast** in Fellowship Hall. **Easter Service** will be held at 9:00 a.m. March 31.

Lenten Breakfasts



The Lenten breakfasts continue each Wednesday of March. There will be a fellowship and worship service every Wednesday morning.

Breakfast will start at 6:30 a.m. followed by a Lenten message. Hosting congregations are asked to conclude by 7:15 a.m. The suggested theme for this season will be, **“Let Our Light Shine throughout Our Community.”**

Both the breakfast and message are sponsored and conducted by lay members of the host congregations.

The Lenten Breakfasts continue at the following churches:

- March 6 **St. Mary’s Catholic Church**
11 W. Linn Street
- March 13 **Central Christian Church**
300 W. Main Street
- March 20 **Our Savior Lutheran Church**
3001 S. 6th Street
- March 27 **Trinity Lutheran Church**
1011 S. 3rd Avenue

Enrich your Lenten season by making plans to attend each of these breakfast meetings. All are welcome.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHOS) to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work

together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

We will take an offering for OGHOS on Palm Sunday and Easter here at First Presbyterian Church. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews or in the Narthex.

The Symbolism of Ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament,

ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Once again we will dress the chancel for Easter. You may sponsor one or more of the approximately 40 Easter Lilies wrapped in gold foil that will be on display. **The cost of each plant**

is \$10.00. You may pick up your plant any time after the 9:00 worship service Easter morning. You might take your plant to someone you think would enjoy receiving it.

Please return this form to the church office with your check by Sunday, March 24.

Check one: _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____

Given by: _____

Financial Report for January

JAN. '13	Actual
Regular Offerings	23,458.55
Other Receipts	271.54
Total Receipts	23,730.09
Year to Date:	
Regular Offerings	23,458.55
Other Receipts	<u>271.54</u>
Total Receipts	23,730.09
Total Expenditures	<u>(34,119.00)</u>
Net Receipts–Expenditures	(10,388.91)
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>44,053.86</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>33,664.95</u>

Session Committees

The following committees for 2013 have been named with Session members as chairpersons:

Admin. & Personnel	Lee Wilkinson
Christian Education	Jon Rottink
Evangelism	John Wise
M & I	Diane Broshar
Missions	Judy Erion
Property	Pat Hemming
Stewardship	Bruce Wirin
W & M	Mike Miller
Nominating	Tedra Henze
Investment Liaison	Bruce Wirin
Clerk	Dave Freel

If you would like to serve on CE, Evangelism, M & I, Missions, Property, Stewardship or W & M, please contact the chairperson of those committees. They can let you know when their committee meets and how you could serve.

PWC News



Elizabeth Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, in the Lower Lounge.

Sarah Circle will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, in the Lower Lounge. Hostesses are Valerie King & Edith Rankin. Jinita Boyd will give the program on "The Differences in Islam."

PWC will meet March 1, at 1:00 p.m. for a dessert meeting and pledge dedication. Vicki Hansen will present the program on "The Fudge Lady." Vicki makes fudge and then sends it to our soldiers in Afghanistan. She will be bringing some of her fudge! **She is always in need of metal tins to put the fudge in to mail.** Please bring one if possible so we

can give them to her. They are available at the Dollar Tree or similar store! Rose Muschick will present the devotions. The serving committee consists of Marylou Beckmann, Doris Langenbau and Kathryn Schaudt.

The **PWC-CT** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26.

PWC Spring Gathering

Women of the church are invited to attend the PWC Spring Gathering at Grundy Center Bethany Presbyterian Church, 315 G Avenue, on Saturday, April 20. The theme for the day is "Safe in the Shadow of God's Wings." Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start at 9:00 a.m.

A dramatic presentation by Deb Nuss and a Bible study will be available. The noon luncheon will cost \$5 each. An offering will be taken to support the Presbyterian Camp at Okoboji and the Presbyterian Village at Ackley, Iowa. Please contact Kathryn Schaudt at 752-1728 if you are interested in attending.

Church Women United will meet Friday, March 1, at 9:15 a.m. at Central Christian Church 300 W. Main Street for World Day of Prayer. All women are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Club

Did you know that when you read this there will only be seven weeks of Wednesday Club left for this year? That's seven opportunities to have fun and share God's love and grace with some wonderful, curious, and yes –rambunctious children who are hungry for that love and want to know more about Jesus*. If you have been planning to help in some way but haven't yet had the chance, please sign up on the clip



board during Sunday school or talk to Michelle (wilkinson@partnercom.net or 483-2030). Come, see and be a part of the adventure before the season is over!

In February, we finished our curriculum "Happy Birthday, Jesus" and recycled a fun lesson from last year on how God wants us to all run the race of life like winners. We will be learning more about Jesus' life and teaching throughout March and April.

Thank you to our awesome, wonderful, faithful, patient, kind, loving, stupendous volunteers for February: Bus driver **Orlyn Langenbau**. Bus riders:

Joan Gerbo, Fran Smith, and Marcus Henze. Snack providers: **Jan Faber, Angie Pietig, Fran Smith and Cindy Wise.** Helpers: **Doug Bacon, Marylou Beckmann, Joan Gerbo, Barb Hawkins, Chad Pietig, Jon Rottink, Fran Smith, Bethany Wirin, and Cindy Wise.** Youth Helpers: **Marcus Henze, Ellen Podhajsky, Addie Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson, and Sam Wilkinson.**

*God IS working in this ministry! Please pray for the children that God will open their hearts to make a space for Him.

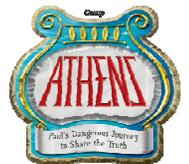


VBS is coming to First Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 9, through Thursday, June 14. We will be following Paul on his dangerous journey to spread the truth about God. Volunteers are needed for all sorts of things from helping in the kitchen and

nursery to being Oikos (family) leaders and leading crafts. We also need people to help transform the church into Athens. If you can help for a night or all week, we have something for you! We are also looking for people to lead adult classes during the week. If you have an idea for a class or Bible/book study, please let Michelle, Angie, or Jon know.



VBS is coming! This year we will be turning our church into Athens following Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth about God. In order to do this, we are asking the congregation to lend or donate many items for the week of June 9th. We need several of each of these items:



- EZ-up type canopy tents
- Plain and striped sheets
- Woven blankets
- Baskets and terra cotta pots
- Greenery and large potted plants
- Old greenery that is in poor shape (and you don't want back)



Be looking for our donation column in the Narthex for more things you can donate to help make this a truly awesome VBS experience. Please contact Michelle Wilkinson or Angie Pietig if you have any questions.

Emergency Food Box



Help us to serve those in need.

The Emergency Food Box has seen an increase in the number of families throughout all of Marshall County needing help. Your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned

items) and/or **cash donations** are greatly needed and appreciated. The Food Box is solely supported by the contributions of generous people like you.

Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **macaroni and cheese, corn, peas, green beans, carrots, stewed tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, and pork & beans**. Other items needed are **canned chicken, tuna, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, applesauce and pineapple**. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may send a check or cash at any time. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box**. Money may also be placed in your offering plate or mail to: **EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158**. These funds are used to buy needed items locally or, if available, from the Food Bank and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again, thank you for your past contributions and please consider the increased need for food and/or contributions. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

Registration is now OPEN!

Register on-line! Go to www.presbycamp.org and click on the summer camp tab. Registration is easy! Register now before camps fill up! If you have questions, call us 712-337-3313



- June 15 Fun Day PreK-1st grade
- June 16-22—The Gospel According to Harry Potter 5th—**Adult**
- June 23-28 **Art Explosion 5th-12th**
- June 23-28 Discovery Camp 1 3rd/4th
- June 23-28 CAMP 5th-8th
- June 30-July 3 **ARK Adventures Mission Camp** 9th-12th
- June 30—July 3 Lil' Campers 1st-3rd
- June 30-July 3 Grands Camp K-4
- July 5-6 Super Duper Sleepover 1st-3rd
- July 7-12 High Challenge Week 7th-12th
- July 7-12 CAMP 5th-8th
- July 14-18 Family camp**
- July 14-19 Saddle Paddle Zip 5th-8th
- July 14-19 Discovery Camp 2 3rd/4th

July 19-21 **Sheep & Shepherds at their own time**

Prek – 3rd

July 21-26 CAMP 5th-8th

July 28-Aug 2 Night owls

Week-long camps begin on Sunday and end on FRIDAY unless otherwise noted.

Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji

1864 Hwy 86

Milford, IA 51351

www.presbycamp.org

712-337-3313

"a sacred space where all may come and experience God."

News from Our Missionaries

Feb. 4, 2013

It's snowing on the Kandern hillside as we look out the window.

My Mom increasingly struggled with her breathing these past 3 years. Two weeks ago she made her third and final trip to the ER in an ambulance. My family gathered last week in St. Paul, MN, on my Mom & Dad's 61st wedding anniversary, to share sweet memories of Beverly Dion Adams, mother of 8, grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother to 14 children.

My Mom's devotion to God, evidenced by her Faith, Hope & Love will never be forgotten; rather they will be carried forth through the hands of each family member and loved one. Nancy & I were blessed to be with family last week. Nancy & I have now returned to Germany to carry forward these Christian virtues to which we've all been called.

I'm keeping busy with my role in BFA/Kandern Community Relations and the two Habitats for Humanity Projects I launched in partnership between BFA and 2 different German high schools. There is a tremendous amount to do before the actual projects take place over Easter Break in March as students & staff work on Team Building and Fund Raising for the next 5 weeks. Many of the logistics on the ground in Romania are taken care of by local Habitat for Humanity staff, which is tremendous.

One team of 22 students & staff will build a house for orphaned young adults in Romania, and the other team of 35 is building a home for a homeless Roma (Gypsy) family with young children, also in Romania. As we pray and work for funds for building materials and travel expenses (each trip needs over \$31,500) this past week we contacted 171 local businesses asking for their participation. There is an urgent need for prayer as we follow up these businesses by phone and face to face visits, as well as pack groceries next week.

Both projects at the three schools involved occur during the same week immediately before Easter so I

can only go on the trip to help the Roma People: To be sure, I'll be pounding some nails but my primary responsibility is Project Leader & "Photo-Journalist".

Nancy has been invited to a university in England who has approved her thesis proposal for a PhD. In addition, this week she has appointments with professors at a university in Germany. Nancy deeply appreciates your prayers as she seeks to learn God's will and do it.

Oh, and I'm involved with arrangements for Scott Morton of the Navigators who comes in four weeks to present a Funding your Ministry Seminar to the entire BFA staff.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" seems appropriate for both Nancy & I...and perhaps you as well. We continue to pray for you. Please stay in touch with current prayer requests.

Grace and Peace. As Lent and this season of repentance begins we can claim reconciliation: He's Alive!

Jay & Nancy Adams, PCUSA
Black Forest Academy
HammersteinerStrasse 50
79400 Kandern
Germany

Luke's Ministry Message Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a not-contagious common skin condition that causes rapid skin cell reproduction resulting in red, dry patches of thickened skin. The dry flakes and skin scales are thought to result from the rapid build-up of skin cells. Psoriasis commonly affects the skin of the elbows, knees and scalp.

Some people have such a light, faint skin change they don't even suspect they have a medical problem, others have very red, thick, dry patches.

Psoriasis is not curable and is considered a long-term chronic skin condition. It has a variable course, periodically improving and worsening. Sometimes it may clear for years and stay in remission, while other times it worsens.

Some people have worsening in the colder winter months. Many people report improvement in warmer months, climates, or with increased exposure to sunlight.

It is more commonly found in members of the same family, more often in men than women.

Psoriasis affects 1-3 percent of the population. Psoriasis is associated with joint problems in 10-35 percent of patients.

Treatment must be individually prescribed by a physician and depends in part on the type of disease, the severity and the total body area involved. There

are numerous methods of treatment that a physician can utilize.



I want to thank all those who came and sang Christmas carols to me. It was beautifully done, and meant a great deal to me. Thanks, also, to Bert Permar for his visits, and to the church Deacons for the poinsettia. I appreciate very much our wonderful church family.

---John Sheeler

Thank you to the Board of Deacons for the lovely peace lily in honor of my mom, Imogene Greeno. It was very thoughtful and very fitting, as my mother loved plants.

Thank you also to everyone who remembered us with cards and notes during this time. Your remembrances mean so much to us.

May God bless you!

---Nancy and Pat Kremer

Thank you to Barb McBride for her many visits; to Marcia and Harlan Quick for the Valentine candy, which was very good; and to Clyde Evers and Leonard Stubbs for bringing the bouquet of flowers. I am really enjoying them.

---Betty Emmons

Just a note to say "thank you" for the many beautiful cards I received. Heartfelt messages sent by God through each of you. Therapy is tough, but each day is getting better. I will move to an Assisted Living apartment in March.

Thank you again, for thinking of me. It is deeply appreciated.

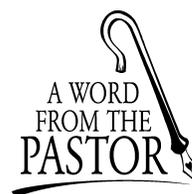
---Zaida Haight



---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of February: **Ed Jackson, Brenda Miller, Edith Rankin and Carolyn Wilkinson.**

---Barb & Dick McBride and Darrell Meyer, who were the faithful HOC shelter monitors in February.

The Sweetheart Banquet Recipes:



The Lasagna: use the "Holier Than Thine Spaghetti" recipe from the church cook book for the sauce. Put sauce on the bottom then layer noodles sauce cottage cheese and mozzarella cheese and repeat twice topping it with parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 for an hour or until cheese is melted and browning.

Cover pan with foil and let rest twenty minutes then cut with electric knife.

Antipasto Salad

From Cook's Country
February/March 2006

WHY THIS RECIPE WORKS:

An Italian meal often starts off with antipasti, a selection of meats, cheeses, and preserved or pickled vegetables. Why not combine a complementary selection from the antipasti spread into a main course salad? To do so, we prepared a vinaigrette by blending prepared pesto (or homemade if you have a favorite recipe) with red wine vinegar. We used full-flavored, crisp-textured romaine lettuce, as softer lettuces tend to collapse under the weight of the salad's other ingredients. We also tossed lots of fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces, into the Antipasto Salad.

Serves 4

If you have homemade pesto on hand, by all means use it. Otherwise, store-bought pesto is fine for this recipe. We prefer the kind found in the refrigerated section of the supermarket (usually next to the fresh pasta).

INGREDIENTS

- **2** cups grape tomatoes or cherry tomatoes, halved
- **1 1/2** pound mini mozzarella balls, drained and halved
- **4** tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- **1/4** cup prepared pesto
- **2 1/2** tablespoons red wine vinegar
- **1** package romaine hearts (3 heads) torn into bite-sized pieces (about 14 cups loosely packed)
- **1/2** cup loosely packed torn fresh basil
- **8** thin slices prosciutto
- **8** thin slices capicola or salami

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Toss tomatoes, mozzarella, and 1 tablespoon oil together in medium bowl and season with salt and pepper.
2. Whisk pesto, vinegar, and remaining 3 tablespoons oil together in large bowl. Add romaine hearts and basil, toss to combine, and season with salt and pepper.
3. Divide salad among 4 plates and drape 2 slices of each meat over greens. Mound portion of tomato-mozzarella mixture on top. Serve.

Magic Strawberry Ice Cream

(I substituted raspberries)
From Cook's Country
August/September 2011

WHY THIS RECIPE WORKS:

In the past, we nailed a machine-free method for homemade vanilla and chocolate ice creams using a base of sweetened condensed milk, melted chocolate chips (white or semisweet), and whipped cream. Could we complete the Neapolitan trifecta with a strawberry version? The moisture-rich berries provided more of an icy challenge than we'd imagined, but a small amount of vodka kept the crystals at bay and let the fresh berry flavor shine.

Makes 1 quart ice cream

You can use 6 ounces of thawed, frozen berries in place of fresh ones and bar white chocolate in place of the chips—chop it finely before melting it. If you plan to store the ice cream for more than a few days, place plastic wrap directly on its surface.

INGREDIENTS

- **8** ounces strawberries, hulled (1 1/2 cups)
- **1/2** cup sweetened condensed milk
- **1** ounce white chocolate chips
- **1** tablespoon vodka
- **1/2** teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch salt
- **1 1/4** cups heavy cream, chilled

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Process strawberries in food processor until smooth, about 30 seconds (puree should measure about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup). Microwave sweetened condensed milk, white chocolate chips, and vodka in large bowl until chocolate melts, about 1 minute, whisking halfway through cooking. Whisk in strawberry puree, vanilla, and salt.

2. Using stand mixer fitted with whisk, whip cream on medium-low speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Increase speed to high and whip until soft peaks form, 1 to 3 minutes. Whisk one-third of whipped cream into strawberry mixture, then gently fold in remaining whipped cream, 1 scoop at a time, until combined. Freeze in airtight container until firm, 6 hours or up to 2 weeks. Serve.

Artichoke Alfredo Sauce

From Cook's Country
October/November 2005

WHY THIS RECIPE WORKS:

Sour cream added a tanginess to the Artichoke Alfredo Sauce that balanced the sauce's heaviness. Imported Parmesan cheese had the best flavor of cheeses we tested and was well worth tracking down. We preferred to purchase a whole chunk and grate it as needed to keep its flavor fresh. Pregrated cheese dried out and lost much of its flavor.

Makes enough to sauce 1 pound of pasta

INGREDIENTS

- **4** tablespoons unsalted butter
- **1** small onion, chopped fine
- **1** clove garlic, minced
- **2** (8-ounce) cans artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed, and chopped coarse
- **1 1/2** cup sour cream
- **1 1/4** cups heavy cream
- **1 1/2** cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- **1 1/2** teaspoon grated lemon zest plus 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper
- **1/4** cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
- **2** tablespoons chopped fresh basil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Increase heat to medium-high, add artichokes, and cook until slightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream, 1 cup heavy cream, Parmesan, and lemon zest and juice. Cook over low heat (do not boil) until ingredients are heated through, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Toss sauce, remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cream, parsley, and basil with cooked pasta and serve.

Raspberry Fudge Brownies

"These moist chocolate brownies are topped with a rich fudge layer and a fluffy raspberry cream cheese frosting. To make them even prettier, I like to garnish them with chocolate curls."

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup white sugar	1/2 cup evaporated milk
2 eggs	1 egg yolk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract	4 (1 ounce) squares semisweet baking chocolate, chopped
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted	6 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup all-purpose flour	2 tablespoons seedless raspberry jam
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed
1/4 teaspoon baking powder	2 drops red food coloring (optional)
1/4 teaspoon salt	16 chocolate curls (optional)
1/2 cup miniature chocolate chips	

DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line an 8 inch square baking pan with aluminum foil.
- 2.** In a large mixing bowl, beat the sugar, 2 whole eggs, and vanilla until combined. Mix in butter. In another bowl, combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt; stir into butter mixture, mixing just until incorporated. Fold in the chocolate chips. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
- 3.** Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumbs

attached, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool pan on wire rack.

4. Whisk together the evaporated milk and egg yolk in a small saucepan. Heat over medium low, stirring constantly, until the mixture is very hot and thickens slightly; do not boil. Place the 4 ounces of chopped semisweet chocolate in a medium bowl, and slowly pour in the hot milk. Stir until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Pour the filling over the cooled brownies; refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.
5. Beat the cream cheese with the raspberry jam in a large bowl until smooth. Fold in the whipped topping, and add the food coloring if desired. Top the cooled brownies with the frosting, using a cake comb to create a design. Cut brownies into 16 squares, then cut each square in half diagonally to form triangles. Garnish with chocolate curls if desired.

Pastor Rich



I want to thank everyone that made our annual Sweetheart Banquet a success.

Thanks to the **kitchen crew**: Rich and Valerie King, Paul and Karin Podhajsky, Craig and

Tedra Henze, Lee and Michelle Wilkinson, Matt Broshar, Dave Freel, Roger and Donita Anders, Brenda Mosher and Leah and Lauren. Thanks to the **decorations group**: Cindy Butler, Wynona Anderson, Jeff and Amy Drummer, Diane Kueney; **Child Care**: Heather Rottink and middle school girls.

People keep asking me how we manage to pull off such a great event year after year. The answer is due in huge part to the names of those above. It would be impossible to make it happen without the great support of others.

Another thing that makes this so successful is that the students and I don't view the Sweetheart Banquet as just a fundraiser, but a ministry opportunity. Great thought and care is placed on listening to the message God has for us, and delivering it in a thoughtful and purposeful way.

Lastly, the students continue to impress me year after year. I am so thankful for the great kids I have the privilege of working with. They are clearly seeking to honor God with their lives and the talents He has given them. What a great testimony and example of the care and teaching that our church has given to them over the years!

This year our offering was nearly \$2700. Our largest ever! For that I thank you! I am so excited to see how God will use us for His glory at the All Saints Camp in the Bahamas. We will be helping to rebuild a former leper colony and the 40 20x20 homes there for residents with no place else to go. This will truly be

life changing work for the residents and members of our team!

Thank you for your continued support and continue to pray for our group as we plan and prepare for the work that God has placed before us.

Jon

JANUARY SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge at 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Rich King opened the meeting with Bruce Wirin leading the devotions and giving the prayer.

Motion prevailed to approve the January 15, 2013 minutes as written.

Cleo Jordan was removed from the roles due her death, February 6, 2013; **Jean Elliott** was removed from the roles due to her death February 18, 2013.

Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investment Committee reports. January giving was where it needed to be to meet budget expenses. It was a three-week giving month since church was cancelled one week due to ice. Spending is in line with the budget, but the utilities are higher this winter. Matt distributed a Memorial Money Report showing all the memorial money that has come in for the past 10 years or so. He showed which memorials have been designated. He made recommendations to Session as to where the undesignated money could be spent. **Motion prevailed** to approve the recommendations Matt proposed for using the undesignated memorial money.

Missions - A written report of the Missions Committee activities was presented. Karin Podhajsky is an Elder assigned to their committee. Carter Strand updated the committee on the Central African Republic orphanage.

W & M - Mike Miller reported noting that the I Corinthians sermons have been well received. Communion preparers have been recruited for the year. Upcoming special services were reported as follows: Ash Wednesday services Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m.; Maundy Thursday services March 28, in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m., with a soup supper followed by the services and Communion; Good Friday services March 29, at 7:00 p.m.; Sunrise service March 31, at 7:00 a.m., with a breakfast to follow; Easter services March 31, at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Communion—156 on January 6, and 181 on February 3. No Home Communion was taken. No home Communion was taken.

Christian Education - Jon Rottink reported that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for June 9-13, using "Athens" as the theme for the week. Michelle Wilkinson and Angie Pietig will coordinate VBS. The committee is looking into having some adult classes for VBS. Confirmation will be Sunday, April 28, with a brunch for the confirmands, family and sponsors April 16, during the Sunday school hour. Recognition of the graduates will be Sunday, May 19, and Teacher Appreciation will be May 26.

A & P Committee - Rich King reported that the committee has some policy and procedures changes, and will present them to Session next month. The committee has a 403b pre-tax Retirement Plan through Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for employees who work at least 25 hours per week, and have worked at the church for six months or more. Lee Wilkinson, A & P Committee chairman, has to sign the letters to explain the retirement plan. A packet will be given to the employees who qualify for the program, and each person will decide if they want to participate. The church will not contribute to any of the retirement plans, but the employees can defer money from their checks to add to this account. Amounts withheld can be changed when the employee wants to change them.

M & I Committee – No report.

Property - Pat Hemming reported that the Fire Marshall has checked the Gathering Place. The number of people who can be in that building at one time needs to be lowered to 288 from the current number posted. An electrician is working on the wiring and moving the lighting system to the sound system board. The committee is looking into an Infra-Red system for the hearing impaired people, and they continue to look for a new camera for the Sanctuary.

Other Business - A memorial service is being planned for Jean Elliott at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with small group prayer.

Newsletter deadline with APRIL information is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013.

Reminder:

March 1-31—Women's History Month

March 1—World Day of Prayer

March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 10—Girl Scout Sunday

March 17—Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17—St. Patrick's Day

March 19—Deacons' Meeting

March 19—SESSION

March 20—First Day of spring

March 24—Palm Sunday

March 28—Maundy/Holy Thursday

March 29—Good Friday

March 30—Holy Saturday

March 31—Easter Sunday

Members in mission making a difference.

GOOD NEWS from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Confirmation	4 5:30 p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. A & P 7:30 p.m. Property 7:30 p.m. CE	5 9:00 a.m. Staffing (all staff) 12:15 p.m. Prayer	6 6:30 a.m. Lenten Br. St. Mary's Church 3:00 p.m. Wed. Club 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	7 8:30 a.m.. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group 1:00 p.m. PWC Dessert Meeting	8 9:15 a.m. CWU World Day of Prayer—Central Christian Church	9 Turn clocks ahead one hour In the evening
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins Chancel Choir 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Confirmation	11	12 12:15 p.m. Prayer	13 6:30 a.m. Lenten Br. Central Christian Church 3:00 p.m. Wed. Club 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	14 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle—LL	15	16
17 Bell Choir St. Patrick's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Hymn Sing	18 Rich to Camp for Barnabas Series	19 9 am Staffing (Full-time Staff) 9:15 a.m. Sarah Cr 12:15 p.m. Prayer 6 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m. SESSION	20 6:30 a.m. Lenten Br. Our Savior Lutheran Church Newsletter articles due 3:00 p.m. Wed. Club 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	21 Spring begins 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group	22	23
24 Chancel Choir Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Confirmation	25 Spring Break Marshalltown	26 9:00 a.m. PWC—CT 12:15 p.m. Prayer 5:15 p.m. M & I	27 6:30 a.m. Lenten Br. Trinity Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	28 Maundy Thursday 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group 6:00p Soup Supper/ Maundy Thurs.	29 Good Friday 7p Good Friday Services	30 9:00 a.m. Easter Lilies Delivered to Church
31 Easter 7:00 a Sunrise Service w/ breakfast to follow 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15a SS 10:15 a.m. Confirmation						



March 2013 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Joe Holubar	2
3 Marlene Hall Ronald Kauffman	4	5 Rhonda Buzbee Verdel Vajrt	6 Charlotte "Hoke" Farr Arion Hancock	7 Floyd Jury	8 Jessica Broshar— Severa	9
10 Zaida Haight Joe Ludley	11 Adam Johnson John Johnson	12 Ronald Eggers	13	14 Dominic Severa	15 Carolyn Bell Rich Lange	16 Brian Bacon Blessing Banisson
17	18 Doris Flanagan	19 Jared Kriegel Elizabeth Schrum Georgia Smith Jack Stickfort	20 Chad Tiller	21 Shirley Jury	22 Carolann Ballenger	23 LaVerne Paul
24 Don Smith	25 Scott Johnson	26	27 Chris Nason	28 Marcia Quick	29	30
31 Roger Schoell Lillian Tovar					Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.	

Sunday Morning Servants

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Worship Leader...	9:00 Jim Grimmus	Mike Miller	_____	Lee Wilkinson	_____
Greeters	9:00..... Marv & Diane Josten	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fellowship Hosts...	Norm & Shirley Egli	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cup Washers.....	Becky Sharpshair	Roger & Marsha Bristley	Joe & DeLoris	Ron & Linda Holubar Kauffman	_____
Nursery	Jan Faber & Bonnie Grimmus	Barb Hawkins & Doris Strand	_____ & _____	_____	_____
Deacons	Sue Bryant & Brenda Miller	Keith & Diane Oleson	Joe & Shala Ludley	Connie Montover & Barb Wollam	Barb McBride & Barb Schrum
Donuts	Bert & Carole Permar	Terry & Rhonda Buzbee	_____	_____	No Donuts/Easter
Breakfast					
Flowers	Craig & Tedra Henze	Mike & Joan Gerbo	Doug & Jinita Boyd	Dick & Barb McBride	Easter Lilies
Ushers	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
Team Captain	Terry Buzbee	Matt Tullis	Roger & Karen Schoell	DeLoris Holubar	Dick & Barb McBride
	Ed Jackson	Donita Anders	Pat & Mary Hemming	Bonnie Bradbury	Doug & Karen Bacon
	Jim Perkins	Roger Anders	Ron & Linda Kauffman	Shirley Egli	Doris & Orlyn
Langenbau	Harlan Quick	Stan & Nancy VanWyk		Craig & Tedra Henze	Steve Strand
	Larry Schrum	Barb Vovos		Betty Jacobs	Jerry Rakowicz
	Don Turbiville			Mary Lovig	
Usher Alternates <u>in alphabetical</u> (9:00 a.m. – All Year)					
Tim Bell	Clyde Evers	Craig Henze	Mary Lovig	Yasuyo Smith	
Roger Bristley	Kelli Grabau	DeLoris Holubar	LaVern Paul	Matt Tullis	
Doug Butler	Ted Grabau	Joe Holubar	Harlan Quick	Barb Vovos	
Brinda Evans	Jim Grimmus	Doris Langenbau	Marcia Quick	Dale Wedgwood	
John Evans		Orlyn Langenbau	Jerry Schaudt	Dorothy Wilson	
		Don Smith	Ron Wilson		