

THE GOOD NEWS OF
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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*.

Camp Scholarship Fundraiser



Pastor Rich's Bible Study group is planning to hold a "Pulled Pork" luncheon to raise funds for camp scholarships. The fundraiser luncheon will be Sunday, April 14, at

11:30 a.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

Plan to attend and help our youth go to camp this summer.

The Scent of Prayer

It sometimes happens that in a plot of unclean and filthy ground, flowers spring up and flourish, and the sweet scent of the flowers overpowers the evil smell of the place. The plants, turning toward the sun, receive from it light and heat, and the filth instead of being hurtful to the plants fertilizes them and helps them to grow and flourish. So, too, the man of prayer as he prays turns his heart to God, and receives from Him light and warmth. Amidst the ill odors of this evil world, the sweet scent of his new and holy life glorifies God, and there is produced in him not sweet odors only, but also fruit that shall abide forever.

—Sadhu Sundar Singh, *At the Master's Feet*

Wednesday Club

The weather has not been our friend lately. We've missed two Wednesday Clubs due to the



snow, and we weren't sure the bus was going to be able to be freed from the snow pile in the parking lot. Thank you to all who worked to get it out, time

and time again.

We had our movie day this month, and the kids enjoyed the "Veggie Tales" and learned about Samson. They also learned the Easter story. We will continue that the first week in April.

Thank you to our superlative volunteers for March: bus driver, **Orlyn Langenbau**, bus riders: **Dave & Marylou Beckmann, Fran Smith, and Marcus Henze**; snack providers: **Jan Faber, Susan Lawyer and Carole Permar**; helpers: **Dave Beckmann, Marylou Beckmann, Joan Gerbo, Barb Hawkins, Fran Smith, Bethany Wirin, and Cindy Wise**. Thanks to the youth helpers: **Marcus Henze, Ellen Podhajsky, Peter Wilkinson, and Sam Wilkinson**. A special thank you to **Bonnie Bradbury** for watching Ben and Betsy so Bethany can help.



HOC Supply Closet



April is the month that First Presbyterian Church is responsible to provide items for the **Supply Closet** at the **House of Compassion**. A few of the items that are needed most are toilet tissue, dish soap and dishwasher soap.

Grocery sacks with a list of needed items will be available in the Narthex after April 1. Fill a bag and return it to the church during the month of March, and all items will be taken to the House of Compassion Supply Closet.

Thank you for your support of this project.

“Little seeds”

Raindrops tumble to the ground
 'cause God directs them to come down.
 Little seeds sprout from the ground
 'cause God directs them up, not down.
 Tender roots sink in the ground
 'cause God directs them to go down.
 Pretty flowers will be found
 where raindrops tumbled to the ground.

—MaryAnn Sundby



Financial Report for February

FEB. '13	Actual
Regular Offerings	32,340.00
Other Receipts	560.42
Total Receipts	32,900.42
Year to Date:	
Regular Offerings	55,798.55
Other Receipts	<u>831.96</u>
Total Receipts	56,630.51
Total Expenditures	<u>(66,075.70)</u>
Net Receipts–Expenditures	(9,445.19)
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>44,053.86</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>34,608.67</u>

PWC News



Elizabeth Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, in the Lower Lounge. Linda Moore will present the lesson. Devotions will be given by DeLoris Holubar. Hostesses include

Rhoda Bender and Linda Moore.

Sarah Circle will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in the Lower Lounge.

PWC will meet Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m. for a dessert meeting **in the Lower Lounge**. The program will be presented by Karen Frowhein the new Executive Director of the House of Compassion. Rhoda Bender will present the devotions. The serving committee consists of DeLoris Holubar, Doris Langenbau and Susan Lawyer.

The **PWC-CT** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, in the Lower Lounge.

Upcoming dates for your calendar: **The PWC Thrift & Bake Sale** will be held Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4.

PWC Thrift & Bake Sale

The PWC will sponsor a “**Thrift & Bake Sale**” on Friday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gathering Place.



Please start saving gently used clothes (please no clothes that are torn or dirty items) and household items that you no longer need. Bring them to the game room in the Gathering Place any time prior to the sale so they can be sold to help raise money for a mission project.

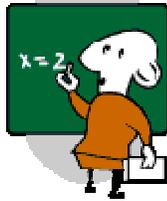
Anyone in the church is welcome to make and bring baked items to sell at this sale.

Church Women United will meet Friday, April 5, at 9:15 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 107 W. State Street. A special musical program of piano and song will be performed by West Des Moines freelance musician, Brian Hutzell, with an Easter theme. All women are welcome to attend.

Staff Transitions

VBS is coming to First Presbyterian Church **Sunday, June 9, through Thursday, June 13.** VBS is for the whole family, children and adults alike. We are also looking for people to lead adult classes during the week. If the idea of leading a class for the whole week seems like too much, or if you can't commit that much time, don't worry. We would be happy

to have a series of short, unrelated classes as well as a week-long one. If you have an idea for a class or Bible/book study, please let Michelle Wilkinson, Angie Pietig, or Jon Rottink 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)



Our donation column will be set up in the Narthex soon. Please check it out to see if there is anything you can help us with. Thank you! Please contact Michelle Wilkinson or Angie Pietig if you have any questions.



As many of you are already aware, Pastor Dave has reduced his position to part-time. For the past year, God has led him to participate more and more speaking engagements for Emerson and other related companies world wide. These unique opportunities to address the managers and executives of the oil industry have become his priority. He is in essence our missionary taking the gospel and the leadership practices of Jesus out into the world to places and audiences where the gospel is typically, if ever, spoken out loud.

Pastor Dave will continue to be committed to teach the adult Sunday school class, facilitate the Flapjack group, the Oasis gathering and work with our Africans. He loves this church, the people in it and remains committed to it, but his time in the office and his availability to do counseling and visitation have now become very limited.

This reduction in staff availability has forced Pastor Rich to prioritize the pastoral care needs of the congregation. He gives the highest priority to emergencies, end-of-life issues, and hospitalizations. Along with the rest of his responsibilities and functions, he will also try to balance the needs of the chronically ill, shut in, nursing home, counseling and general visitation.

In the near future, the Board of Deacons will be assisting in pastoral care activities by bringing home communion to their "friends". The Administration and Personnel Committee is watching the situation closely. Consideration may be given to change the job descriptions and activities of our current staff, as well as the potential of hiring part-time Pastoral staff to help cover the need for pastoral care. During this time of staff transition, please understand that our current staff will do everything in their power to continue to show you the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

The Administration and Personnel Committee, along with all the staff of First Presbyterian church of Marshalltown, want the congregation to be aware of these changes in our staffing patterns. It is our hope that our whole staff will continue to offer you all the support that you need.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas please contact a member of the administration and personnel committee.

Lee Wilkinson, A&P Chairperson
Pastor Dave
Pastor Rich

Voice Recognition

I was preaching on the fourth Sunday of Easter, when many churches hear the gospel about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. I explained how Middle Eastern shepherds, of old and today, call their sheep from a commingled flock; across the hillside in various tones is heard: "Manah! Manah!" — Arabic for "Follow me!"

I imitated this call throughout my sermon, pointing out that Jesus also calls us in a distinct voice. Suddenly, from the back of the sanctuary, my 16-month-old son unexpectedly helped make my point. He answered my fourth or fifth "Manah!" with his own little "Manah!" and the congregation — and preacher — burst into laughter.

My son recognized his mommy's voice from the pulpit, and I, without a doubt, knew the response came from my child, not another. Likewise, Jesus knows us individually. We learn His voice by listening to it daily, and there is true delight each time Shepherd and sheep come together.

—Heidi Mann

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 mailed 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.

Thank you for your past contributions and please consider the increased need for food and/or contributions. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Luke's Ministry Message Seborrheic Dermatitis

Seborrheic (Se-o-REE-ik) Dermatitis is a common skin disorder that mainly affects the scalp, causing itchy, red skin and stubborn dandruff. For infants, dermatitis of the scalp is known as cradle cap. Seborrheic Dermatitis can also affect the face, upper chest, back and other oily areas of the body. It is most often seen in babies younger than 3 months old and adults from 30 to 60 years of age.

Seborrheic Dermatitis is not harmful but it can be uncomfortable and unsightly. The exact cause is unknown. The cause may be different for both infants and adults. It may be related to hormones because the disorder often appears in infancy and disappears before puberty. Or the cause might be a fungus. It is also linked to neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease. The reason for this relationship is not known. Some symptoms include:

- Patchy scaling or thick crusts on the scalp
- yellow or white scales attach to hair shafts
- red, greasy skin
- itching or soreness
- skin flakes or dandruff

Treatment depends on the person's age and where it is located.

Babies are treated with mild shampoo and brushing scalp with a soft brush. Be gentle when massaging or brushing a baby's scalp to prevent any breaks in the skin which could be vulnerable to infection.

Adolescents and adults can use over the counter medicated shampoos or stronger shampoos prescribed by a physician. Those shampoos that contain salicylic acid e.g. Scalpicin, V-Seb, etc, or shampoos containing coal tar such as Neutrogena T-Gel, Polytar, Selsen, DHS Zinc, etc. When using shampoo, rub it thoroughly into the hair and scalp and let it stay on at least five minutes before rinsing for maximum treatment.

Steroid lotions can be used on skin for adolescents and adults; gentle steroids for infants. See a physician for the appropriate treatment.



Dear Church Family

Words cannot express how grateful we are to all of you. Your kind expression of sympathy and love by phone calls, cards and e-mails were received with most appreciation. We are so blessed to belong to this church family.

Also, thank you for the lovely plant which was sent by the Deacons to the funeral of our daughter, Pam Cripps in Crosslake Minnesota.

With much appreciation.

---Don and Yasuyo Smith

A special thank you to all who have recently helped with the memorial and funeral meals. Many of you have furnished food and helped each time. A special thanks to the men for set-up and clean-up for each meal. All of you being willing to serve in this way is greatly appreciated.

---Linda Moore & Edith Rankin, PWC

I'd like to thank my Deacon, Barb McBride, for calling on me and visiting with me. I look forward to her visits so I can keep up on the church news and other aspects of life in general. Happy Easter to all.

---Carol Ploeger

Dear First Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended my Eagle Scout ceremony. It means a lot to me that many of you came. I appreciate all of the cards I was given. You all have been good influences in my life.

Sincerely,

---David Butler

Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer.

Thank you for the beautiful plant sent to the service for John. We also appreciated the delicious meal served by the PWC. Our church family is absolutely a wonderful example of love and caring.

---Irene and the Family of John Sheeler



---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of March: **Marylou Beckmann, Carolyn Bell, Joe Holubar, Darrell Meyer, Brenda Miller, Connie**

Montover, Rose Muschick, Estelle Perkins, Edith Rankin, Liz Smuck, Agnes Ward, Barb Wollam and Carolyn Wilkinson.

---Tom & Jean Bower, who were the faithful HOC shelter monitors in March.

--- the **12 women who made 37 quilts this year**. All the quilts will be sent to the children in need at "Real Hope for Haiti."



Easter is over. All the extra services have been completed and holy week is passed. Now life goes on just as it did before, or does it? Is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus really over? No it is not! The early Christians worshiped on Sunday instead of Saturday, the traditional Jewish

Sabbath, because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday. Every Sunday worship service is in remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus. Without the resurrection there is no salvation, nor is there any Christianity. The heart of our faith is the power and the hope of the resurrection.

As we move forward from the celebration of Easter it should remind us to live in the power of the resurrection. It is the power that changes our lives, sets us free from bondage to sin, and gives us a hope of eternal life. May we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every Sunday!

Pastor Rich

MARCH SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Rich King opened the meeting, led the devotions and gave the prayer.

Motion prevailed to approve the February 19, 2013 minutes of the Stated Meeting as written.

Margaret VonKrog was removed from the roles due her death, February 24, 2013; **John B. Sheeler** was removed from the roles due to his death March 13, 2013. **Motion prevailed** to transfer **Royce & Edie Fichtner's** membership to Ankeny First United Methodist Church.

Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investment Committee reports. February giving was the highest giving in the last 10 years and ahead of the budget. There were several special gifts that came in February. We have a positive cash flow this month. Some money came in for the Building Fund. Money from memorials has been transferred to the Building Fund. We received the quarterly dividend from the Annaly Capital Management Fund.

Missions - Judy Erion reported they have funds from last year that could be used for the youth mission trip. Zaida Haight requested that \$200 of Virgil's memorial money go to the Missions Fund. Some memorial money has been

transferred to the Missions account. Dick McBride gave an update on the new Executive Director of the House of Compassion.

W & M - Mike Miller reported there will be a lot of soup for the Maundy Thursday meal. People are needed to help set up Thursday afternoon for that meal. Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. The offering money from the Sunrise Service will go towards camp scholarships. Different people will give a short message for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The Easter Lilies will be delivered to the church Saturday, March 30, at 9 a.m. Two new plates with a dome have been purchased for the gluten-free wafers.

Communion—181 on February 3, and 169 on March 3. No home Communion was taken.

Evangelism - Rich King reported that the Elders training is April 20, here. The Presbyterian Women will provide the lunch at a cost of about \$10 per person.

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. On Easter Sunday, there will be one Sunday school for youth of all ages and led by the Sr. High students. The committee will evaluate how Rotation Model is going. Fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing were distributed during Gathering and will be returned on Easter Sunday. The elementary students will wave palm branches on Palm Sunday.

A & P Committee - Lee Wilkinson presented some policy and procedures changes for the payment of expenses. **Motion prevailed** to approve the updating of payment of expenses and who would be responsible to sign for expense bills. **Motion prevailed** to approve the changes in the Communion elements preparations and table set up. The Policy and Procedures Book needs to be updated.

M & I Committee – No report.

Property - Pat Hemming reported that he had the electrician put aerators on the kitchen faucets. Pictures of the old wiring above the Sanctuary were passed around. They showed what needs to be replaced. **Motion prevailed** to move forward with the above ceiling wiring project. The committee discussed replacing the lighting board in the hall and put it by the sound board so lights can be controlled as needed by the sound person. They will go from nine to twelve circuits for future expansion. Kurt Lynch met with the state inspector to see what changes could be made in the kitchen. They can do small changes at a time to keep it from being considered a major renovation project. The

inspector recommended a smooth surface for new counter tops so they won't chip or harbor bacteria. The ceilings need to be dry walled and the cupboards could be painted.

Other Business – None.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with small group prayer.

Newsletter deadline with MAY information is SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013.

Reminder:

April 1—April Fool's Day

April 16—Presbytery Meeting

April 16—SESSION

April 20—Elder's Retreat - Here

April 22—Earth Day

April 24—Administrative Professionals Day

Members in mission making a difference.

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	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
Worship Leader...	9:00 _____	Jan Faber	_____	Matt Tullis	
Greeters	9:00..... Pat & Mary Hemming	Mike & Brenda Miller	Carter Strand Family	_____	
Fellowship Hosts...	_____	Mike & Carole Tullis	R. & D. Anders	_____	
Cup Washers.....	Darrell Meyer	Jim & Brenda Mosher	Joe & DeLoris Holubar	Ron & Linda Kauffman	
Nursery	Jan Faber & _____	Tedra & Mallory Henze	_____ & _____	_____	
Deacons	Fran Smith & Bert Tice	Harlan & Marcia Quick	Clyde Evers & Leonard Stubbs	Richie & Michelle Ritter	
Donuts	Gerald Schaudt	Steve Strand	Ken & Fran Smith	Roger & Karen Schoell	
Flowers	Norm & Shirley Egli	Matt & Diane Broshar	Mike & Kari Hancock	Ken & Fran Smith	
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	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 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	2 9:00 a.m. Staffing (All Staff) 12:15 p.m. Prayer	3 3:00p Wed. Club 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	4 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis 1:30 PWC Dessert Meeting— Lower Lounge	5 9:15 a.m. CWU Salvation Army	6
7 Communion 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a Confirmation 1:30p Adam Podhajsky's Eagle Scout Ceremony	8	9 12:15 p.m. Prayer	10 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 Practice	11 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group 1:30 Elizabeth Circle-LL	12	13
14 Chancel Choir 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15 a Confirmation 11:30a Pulled Pork Lunch – Camper Fundraiser	15	16 9:00 a.m. Staffing 9:15 a.m. Sarah Circle—LL 12:15 p.m. Prayer 7:00p SESSION	17 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 Practice	18 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due 8:30-3:30 Presbytery Retreat for Elders HERE
21 Bell Choir 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:15a Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Olde Tyme Hymn Sing	22	23 9:00 a.m. PWC Board—Lower Lounge 12:15 p.m. Prayer 5:15 p.m. M & I	24 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 Practice	25 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Prayer Group	26	27
28 Chancel Choir 9:00 a.m. Worship Confirmands Join Church 10:05 a.m. Gathering & Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS 10:05a Confirmation Brunch	29 10:00 a.m. Cluster Meeting - Here	30 12:15 p.m. Prayer 2:00p Presbytery @ Jefferson				



April 2013 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Ann Bresler Christey, Doug and Patrick Sharpshair Tom Wilkinson Shirley Ziegenbusch	5 Michele Hala	6 Amy Drummer Bethany Wirin
7	8 Kelli Grabau	9	10 Emily Bradbury	11	12	13
14 Aaron Anderson	15	16 Barry Bryant Robin Curler Carter Strand	17 Ellen Podhajsky	18	19 Brenda Severson	20
21 Judy Erion	22	23 Lee Duff	24 Ken Brandenburg Ryan Grimmius	25 Betty Emmons Drew King	26 Doug Bacon Alaina Severson	27
28	29	30 Charlotte Woollard			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed. </div>	

Sunday Morning Servants