



THE GOOD NEWS OF
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 CHURCH**

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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*.

prepared to care for His children. Eight orphans now live at the orphanage in Sibut. Nutritious food became hard to find during the worst times of the rebel crisis, so a barn for chickens and goats was built next to the orphanage in July. Twelve chickens and ten goats now live at the orphanage. Several of the chickens are laying eggs, and the ones that don't start laying soon will make a tasty soup.... To the delight of the orphans and staff, twin baby goats were born in late August.



Show your appreciation to your Pastors, Ministers, Priests, Youth Pastors, Worship Directors, and all who help make a difference. Reaffirm God's special call

on their lives with your prayers or a special gift and card specifically for those who serve.

Sunday, October 13, is Pastor Appreciation Day!

Jonathan's House for Orphans, Sibut, Central African Republic:

Due to the rebel takeover of the government in March, 2013 has been a challenging year to do anything in Central African Republic. The rebels are from the Muslim countries of Chad and Sudan, and they have taken over control of Central African Republic, which Christianity is the dominant religion. Christian churches have been burned or bombed, and Christians have been killed. Earlier in the year, looting, violence, and killings were common in the country. While things seem to be settling down a bit, the future appears to offer danger and uncertainty, and the country may be approaching anarchy as a failed state. Fortunately, the Lord has offered protection to the orphanage, so we have cautiously pressed on to become better



The government schools closed in December of 2013, and it is not yet certain when they will re-

open. Jonathan's House for Orphans decided to re-open an old Christian School about half a mile from the orphanage. This school had been closed for several years after a burglary left the school without school desks. This summer, new desks were built, the school was painted inside, and new doors were installed. The school year started on September 10, 2013 for grades 1 – 4. Currently, 60 students are in attendance and new children are arriving daily. It is a great blessing to extend a Christian education to the children of Sibut. With the orphanage firmly in place in Sibut, we will continue to look for new opportunities for Christian outreach as the Lord presents them.



The political and humanitarian crisis in CAR offers a reminder of how great a God we serve. In the middle of some of the worst conditions imaginable, He heard our prayers and offered protection to His children. Recently, He made it possible to open the Christian school. He continues to show us that while we are powerless, all things are possible through HIM. Thank you for your prayers and support- Carter Strand

A True Original

A real Christian is an odd [individual]. He feels supreme love for one whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge.

The man who has met God is not looking for anything; he has found it. He is not searching for light, for upon him the light has already shined. ... He is not a copy, not a facsimile. He is an original from the hand of the Holy Spirit.

—A.W. Tozer

Financial Report for August

AUGUST '13	Actual
Regular Offerings	28,801.41
Other Receipts	468.37
Total Receipts	29,269.78
Year to Date:	
Regular Offerings	238,112.04
Other Receipts	<u>5,187.62</u>
Total Receipts	243,299.66
Total Expenditures	<u>(240,267.73)</u>
Net Receipts–Expenditures	3,031.93
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>44,053.86</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>47,085.79</u>

God's Highly Valued Investment

Someone once asked IBM founder Thomas Watson if he would fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$60,000. To the questioner's surprise, Watson replied, "Why would I fire someone in whom I've invested \$60,000 in training?"

Neither will God "fire" or in any way dismiss us for our mistakes and failures. He has invested far too much — even His own Son's life! — in each of us for that.

Don't hold back for fear of failure. Serve the Lord boldly. Try something new for the sake of the Gospel, and when you make a mistake, bring it honestly to God in prayer. Be open to the Holy Spirit, who provides "continuing education" — in Scripture, through other Christians and by connecting directly with your heart — to improve your skills and gifts every day.

PWC News



Elizabeth Circle will meet

Thursday, October 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge. Bonnie Bradbury will present the Bible study lesson, and Doris Langenbau will present the devotions. Susan Hibbs and Mavis Gray will be the hostesses.

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

PWC will meet Thursday, October 3, at 1:30 for a Dessert Meeting in the Lower Lounge. The program will be presented by Barb Hawkins on "Give a Gift of Caring: Alternative Gift Fair." Ruth Hayes will present the devotions, and the serving committee consists of Mavis Gray, Mary Lovig and Barb McBride.

The **PWC-CT** will meet at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 22, in the Lower Lounge.

A Call to Serve

Ruth M. Walsh wrote: "I was naked, and you questioned my lack of modesty in my appearance. I was imprisoned, and you debated the legal aspects of interference. I was penniless, and you discussed tax-deductible donations from your wealth. I was sick, and you thanked the Lord for the blessings of your health. I was hungry, and you formed a committee to study malnutrition. I was homeless, and you said God's love was shelter under any condition. I was lonely, and you left me by myself while you and your friends prayed. You seem so holy and close to God, yet I'm still sick and alone and afraid!"

By contrast, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV). When we fail to serve our neighbors, we fail to serve Jesus. Yet when we feed the hungry, we're

actually feeding Jesus. When we visit the sick, we're actually visiting Jesus. And when we love one another, we are actually loving Jesus.

Church Women United will have a Celebration Meeting Friday, October 4, at 9:15 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church. Joann Neven will present the program on "Art Calendars-Yesterday & Today."

Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box (EFB) provides temporary help to people in Marshall County in need of basic food supplies.

The EFB is open 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dedicated volunteers from local churches staff the EFB each weekday afternoon and serve in a variety of support functions.

The people receive a nutritionally balanced four-day food supply based on family size, which includes milk and bread.

The food comes from donations from churches, individuals, clubs, organizations, businesses, schools and local food drives in Marshall County. Twice a month, food items we can use are ordered from the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines for \$.14 per pound handling charge.

First Presbyterian Church collects a food or cash offering for the EFB on Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of each month.

Donated food or cash donations may be brought to the EFB at 109 S. 3rd Street any weekday afternoon, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box.**

Money may also be placed in the 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.

Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **corn, peas, green beans, carrots, 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 are needed.

Everything is greatly appreciated.

House of Compassion

The House of Compassion Supply Closet Team wants to thank you for contributing school supplies at the bus and at your church. It helped make the School Supply Project successful again this year. We were able to give out school bags to children who would have otherwise gone without or, at the very least, found it a hardship for the family to buy what they needed. With your help, we were able to collect supplies and give out 797 backpacks/bags at St. Paul's and upwards of 160+ additional Ziploc bags filled with supplies at HOC the following few weeks (no backpacks). Families expressed gratitude and hundreds of thank you notes were left from students and parents alike. Thanks so much for helping to make the beginning of school so much more enjoyable for many students!

Sincerely,

---The HOC Supply Closet Team

Luke's Ministry Message Cholera

Cholera is a bacterial disease spread through contaminated water, shellfish and uncooked fruits and vegetables. Cholera causes severe diarrhea and dehydration and if untreated, can be fatal in a matter of hours.

Modern sewage and water treatment have virtually eliminated Cholera in industrialized countries. The biggest major outbreak in the U.S. was in 1911. Cholera is still present in Asia, Latin America, India and Sub-Saharan Africa. The risk of a Cholera epidemic is highest where poverty, war or natural disasters force people to live in crowded conditions without adequate sanitation.

Most people exposed to the Cholera bacterium known as (*vibrio Cholerae*) don't become ill and never know they've been infected. Yet, they shed Cholera bacteria in their stool for 7 to 14 days and can still infect others.

About one in ten infected people develops the typical signs and symptoms of Cholera which are:

1. Severe, watery diarrhea - usually 1 -5 days after infection
2. Nausea and vomiting
3. Muscle cramps
4. Dehydration

Children have the same symptoms as adults and may even experience extreme drowsiness, even coma; fever and convulsions.

Immediate medical care is required to prevent dehydration.

Treatment consists of:

1. Rehydration - replace fluids and electrolytes
2. IV fluids
3. Zinc supplements
4. Antibiotics

Prevention:

1. Frequent hand washing
2. Drink only bottled or safe water
3. Eat only foods that are completely cooked and hot
4. Make sure all fruits and vegetables are cooked or have thick skins that you peel yourself
5. Avoid dairy products unless made with pasteurized milk



Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, love and support following the death of Joe's sister, Doris Wilkening. Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful Peace Lily.

We are blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

---Joe & DeLoris Holubar

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful Peace Lily plant sent following the passing of my father, Don Kusian. Thank you to our church family for the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy and concern. Your kindness and support has been greatly appreciated.

With love and thankfulness,

---Donita & Roger Anders & Family

Words can hardly express the gratitude and love my family and I feel for this church body. Thanks to the men and women working to finalize the kitchen update, the flowers, prayers, cards, the luncheon and the love and support of this congregation.

God bless you all.

---Char McGrew & Family

Thank you to our wonderful church family for your prayers during Cindy's illness, which kept her with us 2 ½ years. Thank you for the beautiful plant. We are so grateful. In His Name.

---Denny & Jean Abbas

Many thanks for the cards and the kindnesses in the loss of Marvin's mother, Mildred. Also, special thanks to the Deacons for their visits to her and the beautiful plant given to us. God has richly blessed us with our church family.

---Marv and Barb Hawkins

Thank you to my Deacon, Barb McBride for her visits, and to Marcia Quick for the lovely card.

---Betty Emmons

Marshalltown First Presbyterian Church

We pray that God will bless you s much as you've blessed us. We thank Him for your gifts, shared from a heart of love.

We pray that God would touch you in a very special way, and fill your hearts with His love, each and every day.

We are blessed by your charity and love to share your showers with us during our Walk to Emmaris retreat over Labor Day weekend.

---Cedar Rapids Chrysalis



Joe Holubar, Darrell Meyer, Estelle Perkins, Edith Rankin, Agnes Ward and Carolyn Wilkinson.

---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of September: **Marylou Beckmann, Carolyn Bell, Roger & Marsha Bristley, Shirley Egli,**



other words, things can change quickly. Obviously, it can be quite frustrating, having to plan two outfits for the same day. It can, in fact, be quite dangerous in cases such as flash floods and tornadoes.

The truth is, that we live in a volatile world. Things change, and can be quite scary very quickly. In a world of constant change, we can take hope in the fact that we have a loving, powerful and merciful God that does not change. Malachi 3:6 says: "I the Lord do not change." Unlike the weather here in Iowa, God doesn't change His ways or His mind depending on the day. His justice is pure, His love is eternal, and His ways are

Living in Iowa, we all know the saying: "that's Iowa weather for ya." Depending on the day, you may have your air conditioner and furnace running in the same 24 hour period. In

perfect. Whether we look out the window to see rain or shine, we know His unfailing love is with us.

As the leaves begin to turn and the seasons shift again, take time to give thanks to God for being the one solid rock in this life that we can always turn to.

Jon

SEPTEMBER SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session Meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge at 7:11 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the meeting, and Lee Wilkinson presented the devotions and opening prayer.

Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Stated Meeting as printed.

A quorum was present.

Motion prevailed to remove **Roger McGrew** from the roles due to his death September 3, 2013.

A thank you note with a check for \$75 was received from the Chrysalis Group for using the church showers during their retreat.

Financials - Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investment reports. August giving was strong. We are ahead of budget. The Mission Trip report is not updated as of now, but will be done for the October meeting. A CD will mature in October. **Motion prevailed** to pay the last quarter of the Benevolence giving to PCUSA. Matt also reminded committee chairperson's to discuss their budget at their next meetings.

Missions - Judy Erion reported that they would like to increase their budget for next year. The committee would also like prayers for Tom Bower as he travels to Egypt. Bruce Wirin approached the committee and asked that some money be contributed to the building of the new Christian School in town.

Stewardship - No report.

W & M - Communion—155 on August 4, and 164 on Sept. 1. No home Communion was taken.

Evangelism - No report.

Christian Education - Jon Rottink reported that the Sunday school rotation model has started, and is going well. New computers have been donated to the church, and Matt Tullis is looking into getting new software for them. The committee discussed giving Bibles to 3rd graders. The Christmas program and the budget were discussed.

A & P Committee - Lee Wilkinson reminded committee members to discuss budgets, and get information to Matt Broshar so it can be ready for the October session meeting.

M & I Committee – Diane Broshar reported the Indoor Picnic was a success with approximately 90 people signed up and approximately 130 people attended. The next event will be the Soup and Sing on December 11. There is also a need for an Inquirers' Class.

Property - Kurt Lynch reported that some of the ladies from PWC attended the meeting to report on the kitchen project. The sanctuary lighting is almost done. There was discussion on the need for a security system for the church. A meeting with Howgan Electric & Security will be held soon to discuss a buzzer at the door to gain access. The new Gathering Place doors will be installed on Thursday, September 19. There is a need for new air conditioning units for the sanctuary.

Other Business – Budgets need to be discussed at the next committee meetings. The Congregational Meeting was set for Sunday, December 15. The Annual Meeting was set for Sunday, January 19. The Chili Cook-off sponsored by the youth group will follow the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with small group prayer.

Members in mission making a difference.

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**Newsletter deadline
with NOVEMBER information is
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013.**

Reminder:

- Oct. 6—World Communion Sunday**
- Oct. 13 – Pastor Appreciation Day**
- Oct. 14 – Columbus Day Observance**
- Oct. 16 – World Food Day**
- Oct. 17— SESSION**
- Oct. 24— United Nations Day**
- Oct. 27 – Reformation Sunday**
- Oct. 31 – Reformation Day**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 a.m. Staffing (All staff) 12:15 p. m. Prayer Group	2 2:30-5p Wednesday Club 6:30p Discipleship Class 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	3 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 1:30 p.m. PWC Dessert Mtg.	4 9:15 a.m. CWU Hope UMC	5
6 World Communion Sunday 9:00a Worship 10:05a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a Sunday school— all ages 10:15 a.m. Confirmation	7 5:30 p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. CE 7:30 p.m. A & P 7:30 p.m. Property	8 12:15 p.m. Prayer Group	9 2:30-5p Wednesday Club 6:30p Discipleship Class 6:30 p.m. Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	10 8:30 a.m. Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle	11	12
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October 2013 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.		1 Ruth Hayes Megan Carmicheal	2	3 Nancy Diggins Cory Walker Yawo Sassouvi	4	5 Penny Kriegel
6 Angie Pietig	7 Blake Oleson Katie Snider	8	9 Marsha Bristley	10	11 Dennis Abbas Dana Bresler	12 Karen Bacon Katie Lynch
13 Andrew Johnson	14	15	16	17	18 Karen Colwell Bonnie Grimmus Shala Ludley	19 Doug Reese Sierra Vogt
20 Edith Rankin	21 Bonnie Bradbury Yasuyo Smith	22	23	24 Jerry Rakowicz	25	26 Addy Wilkinson Peter Wilkinson Sam Wilkinson
27	28 Karen Madison	29 Karen Johnson	30 Brenda Miller	31 Nicole Anders		

Sunday Morning Servants

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	
Worship Leader...	9:00Bryce King	Craig Henze	Doug Boyd	Angie Pietig	
Greeters	9:00..... Mike & Kari Hancock	John & Audrey Bailey	B. Jacobs & R. Hayes	_____	
Fellowship Hosts...	_____	Bert & Carole Permar	G. & K. Schaudt	_____	
Cup Washers.....	_____	_____	_____	Ron & Linda Kauffman	
Nursery	Heather Rottink & _____	_____ & _____	Karin & Jill Podhajsky	Chris & Brooke Tullis	
Deacons	B. McBride/B. Schrum	Fran Smith/Bert Tice	Harlan & Marcia Quick	Clyde Evers/Leonard Stubbs	
Donuts	Ken & Fran Smith	Bert & Carole Permar	J. Anderegg, B. Vovos M. Sponseller	Ron & Dorothy Wilson	
Flowers	Mavis Gray	John & Audrey Bailey	Betty Jacobs	_____	
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 Grimmius	Doris Langenbau	Marcia Quick	Dale Wedgwood
	John Evans		Orlyn Langenbau	Jerry Schaudt	Dorothy Wilson
				Don Smith	Ron Wilson