

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*.

September, Adult Sunday school will be added to that collection.

We do need some help with the production of these videos in order to keep them coming regularly. If you have some experience working with computers and/or video and could help with this outreach ministry, please contact Steve Anderson at 641-753-6186 or the church office. Training will be provided.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

August Memory Verse

And God said, "I will be with you."
Exodus 3:12a

Services and Sunday School Video Recordings

This spring, the Session voted to add video recording capability to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The idea was to give those individuals who cannot make it in to church a tie in to Sunday activities and the life of the congregation.

The video recording installation and production processes are now pretty much worked out, so Services and Adult Sunday school will be available on DVD and from the church website (<http://www.nivlac.org/audio.html>). You can pick up a DVD from the table in the narthex, or you can watch on-line from the website. Some Services are available from July and August. Starting in



Update from the Turks (July, 2013)

Dear Friends,

Greetings from chilly Madagascar!

Our year of transition progresses well. Robert graduated from the American School of Antananarivo on June 6. On June 14, we had a small ceremony with Malagasy friends and colleagues to mark the end of Robert's childhood in Madagascar. It was wonderful to have those who have been a part of his life

since he was 1½ be there to pray for him and send him off.

Robert will be attending Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania this August. We will be in the States briefly this summer to get Robert established. Because of time constraints, we will only be able to visit a few churches this summer. However, we will be on home assignment starting in July, 2015 and look forward to meeting with many of you then.

We are transitioning in work, as well. Dan is now involved in a new project working with several branches of PC(USA)'s partner church in Madagascar, the FJKM. The new project will help the church explore how it can help protect creation and how it can implement innovations in growing fruits and vegetables so that they can benefit pastors, congregations, and branches of the church. The new work builds on the course in practical gardening and growing fruits that Dan and colleagues have taught at the Ivato seminary for the past seven years. As part of that course, new pastors received fruit trees to plant at their new churches. A new component will be the installation of intensive vegetable gardens at the Ivato Seminary to both help the students get good, healthy food and to help them improve their gardening skills. Training will be extended in 2014 to the Fianarantsoa Seminary. Other training will take place in regional synods and for meetings of various branches of the church. At churches, church schools, seminaries, and other church properties, native trees will be planted for beautification and environmental education to help people know about the wonderful world that God created in Madagascar and the need to protect that creation from extinction. Another new component of the project will be follow-up with pastors after they graduate from seminary. The new project will work with some of the pastors who received training in the past to explore how their skills in growing fruits and vegetables can best be used to help the work of the church and surrounding communities.

**Pastor Benja Rakotondrainibe,
Evangelist at Analalava**

Pastor Benja is one of the pastors who will benefit from the new project. Pastor Benja graduated from Ivato Seminary in 2011, and became an FJKM evangelist pastor in Analalava in northwest Madagascar. The following year, he came back to Ivato to get his ten fruit trees to plant.

Unfortunately, on his trip home his bus had an accident, and Pastor Benja returned to the capital in a coma with a fractured skull. Fortunately, he recovered. He got new trees and planted them near the church at Analalava. The existing FJKM church is three km from the town of Analalava and serves a community of believers mostly from outside the area. Pastor Benja is reaching out to the Sakalava people of the Analalava area and will be planting the cornerstone of a new church in downtown Analalava later this year. There are many Sakalava who have become Christian and who have been ostracized from their families. Pastor Benja sees the need to help the ostracized Christians develop sources of income and recognizes the potential of fruits and vegetables to be helpful in his evangelization efforts. Later this year, Dan and colleagues will visit pastor Benja at Analalava to better determine how the new project can be of help.



Pastor Benja and his wife, Ihary, are currently staying at the Ivato Seminary waiting for Ihary to give birth. She has had some complications during

pregnancy and needs to give birth at a large hospital.

Please pray:

-for Robert as he heads off to college

-for us as we adjust to having Robert an ocean away

-for Dan and colleagues and the new project

-for Pastor Benja in his evangelism efforts among the Sakalava

-for a safe delivery for Pastor Benja's wife, Ihary

-for the country of Madagascar as it seeks to recover from the post-coup crisis

-for the leaders of the FJKM church as they seek to share God's love and promote reconciliation

Thank you very much for your support of PC(USA)'s mission efforts in Madagascar and for us as mission co-workers here. Without your prayers and financial support, we would not be able to minister as we do. Together in partnership, we are helping to share God's love and abundant life.

Peace in Christ,

Dan and Elizabeth Turk

Piano Concert



Cynthia Salasek-Marlette will present a piano concert at Hope United Methodist Church 2203 S. 3rd Ave., Marshalltown, on Saturday, September 6, at 7 p.m.

The program will feature Chopin, a piano a quartet, vocals, contemporary arrangements of sacred hymns and more.

A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

One-Night Reader' Theatre Performance

Marshalltown Community Theatre (MTC), 709 S. Center St., presents a **free**, one-night **Readers' Theatre "night, Mother"** by Marshal Norman on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 p.m.

What would you do if someone you loved sat down with you one night and calmly told you that they were going to end their life before morning?

Join MTC for this eloquent, enthralling and ultimately life-shattering play. **It is free** to the public and will conclude with a panel discussion and community dialogue about suicide prevention.

Contact the theatre for more information at 641-752-4164.



PWC News

Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge. Kathryn Schaudt will give the devotions, and Marylou Beckmann will lead lesson 8 on I Peter, II Peter and Jude. Hostesses are Susan Lawyer and Lola Rinnan.

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

PWC General Meeting will be taking a road trip Thursday, September 4, to **Görtz Haus Gallery** in Grimes, Iowa to have lunch with Zaida Haight. The group will carpool from the church parking lot, and will **plan to leave at 10:00 sharp!**

Aiddy Phomvisay, MHS Principal, will be the October 2, speaker at the PWC dessert luncheon at 1 p.m. He will talk about education. Everyone (men & women) are invited to attend.

PWC-CT will meet Tuesday, September 23, at 1 p.m. in the Lower Lounge.

The PWC is looking for two volunteers to work with Edith Rankin to coordinate funeral luncheons. Please contact Marylou Beckmann at 752-5706 if you are interested.



Meals on Wheels of Marshalltown needs you as a volunteer! Volunteers deliver meals to the elderly and convalescing, which is a worthwhile and rewarding service.

You would deliver 12 - 20 meals one day each month to appreciative patrons. It takes 1-1½ hours. Pick up meals at MMSC at 11 a.m.

To volunteer or get more information, please contact Jan Stubbs at 641-752-4953.

Financial Report for July

JULY '14	Actual
Regular Offerings	23,458.75
Other Receipts	423.92
Total Receipts	23,882.67
Year to Date:	
Regular Offerings	204,911.59
Other Receipts	<u>5,593.97</u>
Total Receipts	210,505.56
Total Expenditures	<u>(230,343.77)</u>
Net Receipts–Expenditures	(19,838.21)
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>59,797.05</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>39,958.84</u>

Church Women United will meet Friday, September 5, at 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. The program will feature Detective Sadie Weekley of the Marshalltown Police Department.

Child Protection Policy Training

Attention Sunday school parents! We would like you to know about the policies and procedures we have in place to keep your children safe while they are here at church. We are offering Child Protection Policy training on Sunday, September 14, during Sunday school to review these steps with parents. At the end of the training you may decide whether or not you wish to be added to the list of trained adults. You must be a trained adult to volunteer to work with children nursery through 18. Please join us for this informative class.

Sunday School Kickoff



Sunday school will get underway for the fall on Sunday, September 7. Everyone, child and adult, is invited to a special Gathering in the Sanctuary following worship to kick off the new year. After

Gathering, the children and parents will tour the classrooms for an overview of the rotation model. Parents are also welcome to join us in the Gathering Place for some fun and games following the tour. The blueberry jam the kids made this summer will be served!

Sunday School – August Review

During August the children in Sunday school learned about the Great Commission and why Jesus' last instructions are so important for us to follow. Wynona Anderson taught them a new-to-them song that you may know – “Go! and Make Disciples.” The children also learned about the Ascension and made a craft to show how Jesus went up to Heaven. Ashley Johnson & Amber Young showed them how important sharing the Good News is by using milk, oil, food coloring and soap! The youth taught the class about their mission trip and helped the children think of ways they can do mission work right here. Be looking for more on that in the future.

Awesome Presbys At Sky Zone



The Awesome Presbys were high-flying on Wednesday, August 6. They enjoyed a field trip to Sky Zone. Dodge ball was by far the group's favorite activity, though slam dunking a basketball was fun, too! We will begin our regular weekly meetings on Sunday, September

7, at 2:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. All youth in grades 5 – 8 are welcome. Bring your ideas and bring a friend!



Nursery Items Needed



The nursery is lacking some baby items. Items needed include: pack n play, an exersaucer, bouncy seat, swing and large blankets (all in good shape). If anyone has any of these items you'd be willing to donate, they would gladly be accepted.

Backpack Blessing

What do kids carry with them everywhere every day? God of course! What else do kids carry during the school year? Their backpacks! On the Sunday before school started Pastor Dave blessed the children's backpacks during worship.



The children were also given key chains to put on their zipper pulls to help remind them that God is with them wherever they are. Kids who were at the church campout weren't left out. Pastor Rich blessed their backpacks during worship there.

Wednesday Club Story

One of the things I love about Wednesday Club is the way it fosters growth for all involved and allows unlikely relationships to develop. This is truly God working through the people participating. Last spring, a sweet little girl started having problems with some of the other girls. The problem grew until she had to be separated from the group so she could calm down. One of our youth helpers sat quietly with her. Picture one little girl, arms crossed, head down, with a scowl on her tear-stained face. She's breathing heavy on one end of the pew. On the other end is our youth helper, just sitting quietly, looking at a book of Bible stories. A few minutes later her quiet presence had transformed the situation. The two girls were kneeling side by side on the floor, the older one sharing her understanding of how awful it feels to be angry, how easy it is to become angry, and how difficult it is to calm down. She spoke from the heart, of her own struggle. The

younger girl looked up at her with a knowing look, and they continued to talk. I was blown away by the feeling of the presence of God in that room as I walked by.

We will likely never know the full impact the encounter had on the little girl, but I know it was an important step in the older girl's journey. You never know what might happen with God!

Wednesday Club volunteers

It's that time of year again! Wednesday Club will be starting October 1, and volunteers are needed to help with this outreach ministry. Think it over, pray about it, and see if God is leading you to be someone who points a child in His direction.



The **Emergency Food Box** would like to thank you for your recent donations. Your kindness makes it possible for us to help meet the emergency food needs of people in

Marshall County who are referred to us.

If you have excess produce from your garden and would like to share it with us, we'd love to have it.

Many families in Marshall County receive food from EFB and are very grateful for your generosity.

EFB is run by an all-volunteer staff, and all food items are donated or purchased from the money contributed. We could not provide food to so many people without your help!

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB any weekday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. If you would like to give a monetary donation, you may send or drop off a check/cash at any time. We are located at 109 S. 3rd St. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box*.

Our address is: *EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158*. These funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

We could not provide food to so many people without your help! We are grateful that you have chosen to be part of this program.

Luke's Ministry Message Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS)

Restless Leg Syndrome is a neurological condition that is characterized by the irresistible urge to move the legs. In order to be officially

diagnosed with this disorder, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You have a strong urge to move your legs which you may not be able to resist.
2. The need to move the legs is often accompanied by uncomfortable sensations such as itching, creepy-crawly feelings, tugging or gnawing.
3. Symptoms become worse when resting. The longer you are resting, the greater the chance the symptoms will occur and the more severe they are likely to be.
4. Your RLS symptoms get better when you move your legs. The relief can be complete or only partial, but generally starts very soon after starting an activity. Relief persists as long as the motor activity continues.
5. Symptoms are worse in the evening especially when you are lying down. Activities that bother you at night do not bother you in the daytime.
6. There is difficulty in falling asleep or staying asleep, which is usually a chief complaint.
7. Periodic limb movements or jerks that occur every 20 to 30 seconds throughout the night. This can cause partial awakening throughout the night, thus sleep deprivation can occur.

Researchers estimate that RLS affects as many as 12 million Americans. However, others estimate a much higher occurrence is thought to be under diagnosed and in some cases, misdiagnosed.

RLS occurs in both genders, although the incidence may be slightly higher in women. Although, symptoms may begin at any age, even as early as infancy, most persons who are severely affected are middle-aged or older. The severity of the disorder appears to increase with age. Some experience symptoms more frequently and for a longer period of time. Exact cause is unknown, but causes of RLS are felt to be:

1. Heredity
2. Low iron levels
3. Other chronic diseases e.g. kidney failure, Diabetes or Parkinson's
4. Certain medications e.g. anti-nausea drugs or anti-seizure drugs, etc.
5. Caffeine, alcohol and tobacco may aggravate or trigger symptoms
6. Last trimester pregnancy

The diagnosis is difficult to make and relies largely on a person's description of symptoms, family history, and current medical history and medications.

Treatment for RLS:

1. Medication
2. Avoidance of caffeine, alcohol and tobacco
3. Treating underlying illness e.g. Diabetes or Peripheral Neuropathy
4. Hot baths, heating pad or ice packs
5. Supplements to decreased deficiency in iron
6. Moderate exercise

Research continues on this particular problem, but see your physician if these symptoms exist.



Thanks.

Thank you so much for all the support you have offered to my family and me during this difficult time. Your kind expression of sympathy means so much.

---Rollie Freel & Family

The family of Jim Ziegenbusch acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement and for all of your thoughts and prayers for my dad and mom. You have always been a wonderful source of comfort and joy to my parents. I can't begin to thank you for all you have done.

---John Ziegenbusch

To First Presbyterian Church,

Thanks so much for all of your kind words and deeds shown to us during the loss of Miss Ada. The peace lily plant you sent was beautiful.

We appreciate everything so much.

---Doug & Vickie Poole & Family of Ada Spencer

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to camp. I learned that God is our Savior. I really liked canoeing.

Thank you, church family.

Your friend,

---Thomas Wilkinson

Dear Church,

Thanks to the church for sending me to my first camp. I had a great time at camp, made new friends and met new people. I hope I can go back to camp next year to meet my new friends again. I really miss them. The best thing I liked about camp is the chapel, energizing, gaga ball and nine-square. Thanks very much.

---Koffi Vivien Tengue

Thank you to the First Presbyterian Church's Sunday school for the blueberry jam. It was very good. Thank you also to Fran Smith for bringing the jam, and for her visit.

---Bill & Marilyn Hatcher



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

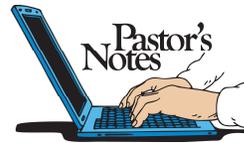
---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of August: **Marylou**

Beckmann, Shirley Egli, Kari Hancock & Kids, Joe Holubar, Ed Jackson, Edith Rankin, Roger & Karen Schoell, Ken & Fran Smith, Agnes Ward, Carolyn Wilkinson, David Wilson, and Don & Donia Wilson.

--- **Wynona Anderson, Marylou Beckmann, Janell Dommer, Mary Hemming, Ashely Johnson, Amber Young, the mission trip youth** for being Sunday school teachers in August.

---**Craig Henze** for chaperoning the Sky Zone trip.

---**Paul & Karin Podhajsky** for cleaning the Sunday school rooms.



As Presbyterians, we follow the thought and theology of John Calvin known as Reformed Theology. This system of thought centers on a

profound trust in a sovereign God who has done for us in Jesus Christ what we could not do for ourselves. We are sinners in desperate need of God's grace. Through the sacrifice of Christ, God freely offers humanity salvation. When we accept this gift, God gathers us into a community of faith which is in the process of becoming more like Christ. When Jesus saves us, He empowers us to live and thrive as we work together for His Kingdom.

Last winter/spring I began a course on the basic of the reformed faith. We still have three sections to go and I would invite you to join us for the rest. The three topics yet to be covered include: "The Covenant Life in the Church," "Faithful Stewardship of All of Life" and "Living in Obedience." These three topics will take us through the fall. If there is interest we can go back and restart the course. Those topics include our understanding of scripture, the Trinity, the incarnation, God's grace in Christ and election.

The class will begin on Wednesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. It will be one hour in length and will meet in the Lower lounge. Please come and join us!

Pastor Rich



"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be

thankful."

Colossians 3:14-15 ESV

There is a common thread running through the conversations I have with the people I visit on behalf of the church; gratitude for inclusion in the body of Christ. Oh sure, we look through pictures, and we talk about family members and reminisce about the good old days. However, the conversation usually wanders back to whatever it is that's keeping them in their homes and/or away from the church family they love so much. For some it's a physical ailment, for some it's emotional, and for some it's a spiritual distance that is difficult to navigate.

To a person, these church family members reassure me that they pray for the church. Not just individuals, (they do that too) but the church as a whole. From their perspective, the church is not just a gathering of individuals but a destination they can no longer attain on a regular basis. The church is a body from which they feel removed because of whatever it is that's keeping them away. One delightful lady I was visiting told me, "Thank you so much, I feel like I'm part of the church when you visit. I'll come visit you with my prayers."

The passage from Colossians reminds us of the harmony that comes from seeking peace and unity in our interactions with each other. When we visit with one another through prayer and love, great distances in opinion, geography, and theology can be overcome. Going forth to seek the health of our individual relationships through love brings about a healthier body of Christ.

If you know of anyone who is in need of pastoral care, please don't hesitate to call the church office so that we may minister with love to the whole body.

Pastor Ian

Get Over Your Selfie

Many of us in the church are reading John Ortberg's book "*Soul Keeping*" where John admonishes us to focus on the health of our souls rather than self. In the Opinion section of the Wall Street Journal, August 20, 2014, Ryan Dobson, the son of James Dobson of "Focus on the Family" fame wrote this very insightful article. I think it highlights well the focus modern society has on the "Self." Ryan's observations articulate well the difference. Take particular note of the Peter Drucker quote in Ryan's conclusion – it is a quote that will bring life to your soul.

The headline made me laugh. "Morning Joe Thinks Kim Kardashian's New Selfie Book is a Sign of the Apocalypse." Yet Ms. Kardashian's "Selfish"—a collection of pictures she took of herself—is no joke. Some enterprising publisher is betting "readers" will pay \$20 per to flip through 352 pages of bad lighting and self-absorption. And if it does sell well, maybe the end really is near.

Another selfie made the news this week for a tragic reason. On the coast of Portugal, a Polish couple climbed over the guardrails to snap themselves with the sea as backdrop. While their two young children watched, mom and dad backed off the cliff and fell hundreds of feet to their death.

What's with this culture of all-me-all-the-time? More important, what's the alternative, and does anyone have a picture of that?

A Facebook timeline goes back to 2007. The timeline for my father, James Dobson, goes back four generations to his great-grandfather. My great-great-grandfather was on his way to kill a man when he was diverted to a tent revival in a small Texas town. Instead of taking a life that night, M.V. Billingham gave his life to God. He left his gun on the altar. M.V. was unarmed, but after that he habitually deployed a secret weapon. For most of his adult life, he routinely prayed for his son, for his son's children, and for their children to the fourth generation . . . all the way to my dad. Whatever a "selfie" says about a person, this man was the opposite. With a strong sense of "more than me, more than now," more than a century ago, he prayed for people he'd never meet. Did it make a difference? My family says yes. Among other things, my dad grew up aware of his place in a bigger story. He knew the next leg of the race was his to run; the baton was his to hand off. Who's going to drop out of a relay like that? Not me. Once I grew up—I mean, once I matured

enough to be humbled by his unselfishness—I committed to the intergenerational prayers, too.

I won't say every Millennial is stranded in adolescence, glued to screens, thumb-calloused from texting or unable to think past the end of Grand Theft Auto. But we're losing the habit of thinking past ourselves. As we do, we lose our best selves and our best chances to help shape what comes next. We drop the baton.

While I was dating, before I met my wife, dad would ask me about the women I was seeing. I'd say this woman made me feel good; so-and-so seemed to support me, that sort of thing. My reasons for dating, he told me, seemed selfish. He said, "Do you make each other better people?" Of course, now I see how right he was. Marriage isn't about me; it's about us. And very soon it's us with children.

So page after glossy page of Kim Kardashian in her mirror may ring up dollars for a woman who hardly needs the change, but what's the point of 15 minutes at the epicenter of attention?

As the great writer Peter Drucker said to social entrepreneur Bob Buford: "The fruit of your work grows on other people's trees." When a couple takes the hard road to stay together, when parents can manage a strong-willed child without breaking her spirit, when adults feel the pain in a child's outrage and not a reflex to punish, when families live for more than themselves, when unwanted babies get to the parents who want them, the baton is passed, and the lesson is learned: A great life is less like a selfie, more an album of group photos.

Pastor Dave



How do we know that the Bible is God's Word? How can we trust it to be true? Why is the Bible necessary? Most of us have asked ourselves these questions or may be asking them right now. These are valid questions and fortunately with a little digging and focus we can find good answers to them.

I want to invite any interested adults to join the Sr. High Sunday school class during the month of October to join us in a beginner's course in "Systematic Theology." This simply means "what does the whole Bible teach us about a subject?" During October, we will study the first of the seven major doctrines of the church: The doctrine of the Word of God.

This would be great for anyone looking to take a deeper look at how the Bible is the unique and authoritative Word of God, or for anyone wanting to join in a learning opportunity with our students. As a bonus we will have a "test" at the end of the series followed by breakfast together.

I encourage you to consider joining us as we uncover the reasons why Scripture is so valuable and worthy of being called God's Word. We will meet each Sunday in October in the Gathering Place from 10:15 to 11:15. Hope to see you there!

Jon Rottink

AUGUST SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session Meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7:08 p.m. in the Lower Lounge.

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

Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 Stated Meeting as printed.

Motion prevailed to remove **Melvin James Wolfe and Betty Elaine Freel** from the roles due to their deaths 7-22-2014. **Memphis Lee Reed** was baptized 7-27-2014.

Financials - Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investment reports. July giving was down and was behind the three-year giving. July spending was higher than normal due to some of the work done at the church by the Property Committee. A gas shut-off valve had to be installed in the kitchen, the stove and pizza oven were cleaned in the kitchen, the carpets were cleaned, and we are paying additional staff. There was a little bit of interest earned from the investments.

Missions – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

W & M - No report.

Communion —131 on July 6, and 163 on August 3. Home Communion was taken **Heidy Boucher, Jean Brennecke, Dorothy Dunham, Betty Emmons, Bette Etter, Jean Evans, Doris Flanagan, Mavis Gray, LaVone Lee, Nathalie Lynch, Lavine Meyer, Irene Sheeler and many residents at Glenwood Place.**

Evangelism – No report.

Christian Education - A written report was distributed. The mission trip went well. Jon Rottink will be teaching a "Systematic Theology" class for

anyone interested. Teachers for Sunday school are in place with Sunday school starting September 7. A teacher Training and Review will be held August 24, followed by Child Protection Policy training for those who need it. Third graders will receive their Bibles September 21, along with any student over third grade who hasn't received a Bible. Four children attended summer camp.

A & P Committee – Mike Miller reported that committees need to start looking at their budgets and planning for the 2015 budget. Past budgets were distributed to committee chairpersons. The committee would like to have the budget completed by the October Session meeting. The committee is working on a wedding policy stating our church's Biblical definition of marriage.

M & I Committee – No report.

Property - No report.

Other Business – An open discussion was held concerning: 1) people having concerns about staff responsibilities and needs being met, and the hiring of a quarter-time Pastoral Care Pastor; 2) issues of how First Presbyterian Church beliefs relate to the PCUSA denomination; and 3) the issues of Dave Beckmann's up-coming retirement and leaving the church. These items will remain on the Session agenda as long as it is needed. If people have questions or concerns, they should contact the pastors and/or Session members. Session members include: **Bob Boeyink, Doug Boyd, Roger Bristley, Rich Daniels, Dave Freel, Jim Grimmus, Pat Hala, Tedra Henze, Kurt Lynch, Mike Miller, Karin Podhajsky, Brenda Severson, Chris Tullis, Bruce Wirin and John Wise.**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Reminder:

Sept. 1—Labor Day - Office Closed

Sept. 6—Sunday school Kick-off Activities

Sept. 7—National Grandparents Day

Sept. 7—Christian Education Week Begins

Sept. 11—Patriots Day

Sept. 16—Deacons

Sept. 16—SESSION

Sept. 21—International Day of Peace

Sept. 22—Native American Day

Sept. 23—First Day of autumn

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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**Newsletter deadline with
OCTOBER information is SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2014.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	2 9:00 a.m. Staffing	3 6:30p Discipleship 6:30p Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	4 8:30 a Flapjacks 10:00 a.m. PWC— Leave church for Luncheon Meeting— Grimes, IA 12:00 p.m. Oasis	5 9:15 a.m. CWU St. Mary's Church	6
7 Communion 9:00 a Worship 10:05 a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a Sunday school—all ages 10:15a Confirmation 2:00p Awesome Presbys	8 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 8:30 p.m. M & I	9	10 6:30p Discipleship 6:30 p.m. Yth. 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	11 8:30 a Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle - L. L.	12	13
14 Chancel Choir 9:00 a Worship 10:05 a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a Sunday school—all ages 10:15a Confirmation 2:00p Awesome Presbys	15	16 9:00 Staffing 9:15 a.m. Sarah Cr. 6:00 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m. Session	17 6:30p Discipleship 6:30 p.m. Yth. 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	18 8:30 a Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis	19	20
21 Bells 9:00 a Worship 10:05 a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a Sunday school—all ages 10:15a Confirmation 2:00p Awesome Presbys	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 1:00 p.m. PWC-CT	24 6:30p Discipleship 6:30 p.m. Yth. 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	25 8:30 a Flapjacks 12:00 p.m. Oasis Oktemberfest	26 Oktemberfest	27 10 a.m. Parade Oktemberfest
28 Chancel Choir 9:00 a Worship 10:05 a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a Sunday school—all ages 10:15a Confirmation 2:00p Awesome Presbys Oktemberfest Ends	29	30				



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10:05 a.m. Gathering/Fellowship Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, all ages
10:15 a.m. Confirmation

September 2014 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jinita Boyd Susan Turbiville	2 James Reed	3 Matt Tullis	4 Char McGrew	5 Bill Eilers	6
7 Jim Mosher Cary Nason	8 Marvin Hawkins Irene Sheeler Steve Strand	9	10 Bea Lebuda	11	12	13
14 Rose Muschick	15 Bryce King	16	17	18 Hank Bradbury Rose Elsbecker Barb Hawkins	19 Julie Batterson Karin Podhajsky Naysa Rottink Cathy VanStaalduine	20 Dick McBride
21 Madelyn Irvine	22 Joan Gerbo Jim Grimmus Case Hegeman	23	24 Loren Vogt	25 David Butler Ross Turbiville	26 Margaret Meyer	27 Laura Johnson
28 Diane Oleson Blake Ostrem Noel Vogt	29 Blair VanStaalduine	30				

Sunday Morning Servants

Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.

Sept. 7**Sept. 14****Sept. 21****Sept. 28****Worship Leader...**

9:00 Bill Eilers

Mike Tullis

Roger Anders

Greeters 9:00..... Joe & DeLoris Holubar

Bill Eilers

Ruth Hayes & Susan Hibbs

Fellowship Hosts... G. & K. Schaudt

Kurt Lynch

Cup Washers..... Becky Sharpshair

Darrell Meyer

Nursery Deb Williams &

Bethany Wirin &

Donita Anders &

R. & L. Kauffman

Deb Williams

Deb Williams

Tedra & Malory Henze

Deacons..... S. Bryant/B. Miller

Keith & Diane Oleson

Pat & Nancy Kremer

Joe & Shala Ludley

Donuts Marge Wolfe

Rose Muschick

T. & R. Buzbee

Roger & Karen Schoell

Flowers Jim & Brenda Mosher

Ron & Linda Kauffman Steve & Wynona Anderson

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**

Hank Bradbury

Donita Anders

Pat & Mary Hemming

Bonnie Bradbury

Doug & Karen Bacon

Ed Jackson

Roger Anders

Ron & Linda Kauffman

Shirley Egli

Doris & Orlyn Langenbau

Harlan Quick

Stan & Nancy VanWyk

Betty Jacobs

Steve Strand

Larry Schrum

Barb Vovos

Mary Lovig

Jerry Rakowicz

Don Turbiville

Dennis & Tracy Ostrem

Usher Alternates in alphabetical (9:00 a.m. – All Year)

Roger Bristley

Kelli Grabau

Joe Holubar

Harlan Quick

Matt Tullis

Doug Butler

Ted Grabau

Doris Langenbau

Marcia Quick

Barb Vovos

Brinda Evans

Jim Grimmus

Orlyn Langenbau

Jerry Schaudt

Dale Wedgwood

John Evans

Craig Henze

Mary Lovig

Don Smith

Dorothy Wilson

Clyde Evers

DeLoris Holubar

LaVern Paul

Yasuyo Smith

Ron Wilson