

THE GOOD NEWS OF

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 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*.

## April Memory Verse

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” – Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)

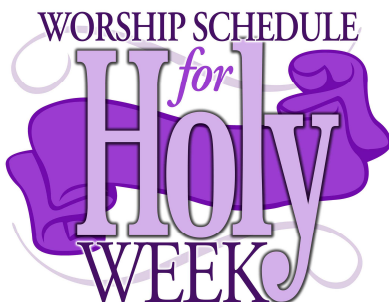
On **Good Friday**, April 3, the youth will lead worship for the service that will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An **Easter Sunrise Service**, led by the Confirmation class, will be held on April 5, at 7:00 a.m.

The Flapjacks will serve a **Pancake Breakfast** in Fellowship Hall at 7:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Easter Service with Communion**, led by Pastor King, will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Sunday school** for all ages and **Confirmation** will be held at 10:15 a.m.



Holy Week begins with the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, which is **Palm Sunday**, March 29. The service will begin at the regular time, 9:00 a.m.

The Worship and Music Committee will be preparing and serving a **Maundy Thursday** “Taco Bar” that will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The W & M Committee will provide the taco supplies, drinks, and table settings. Pastor Dave Beckmann will lead the Maundy Thursday service followed by a Communion service at 7:00 p.m.

## The Ultimate gift

If God didn't withhold from us His very own Son, will God withhold *anything* we need? If trust must be earned, hasn't God unequivocally earned our trust with the bark on the raw wounds, the thorns pressed into the brow, your name on the cracked lips? How will He not also graciously give us all things He deems best and right? He's already given the incomprehensible.



---Ann Voskamp, *One Thousand Gifts*

## Attention 2015 High School & College Graduates



First Presbyterian Church would like to celebrate your achievement during the worship service Sunday, May 17.

If there is a graduate in your family (**high school or higher education**), please phone the church at 753-5929 or fill out the information below and bring it along with a picture to the church office **by May 10**. Include the name of the student on the back of the photo so it may be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hemming at 641-751-9596 or at [hemming5@heartofiowa.net](mailto:hemming5@heartofiowa.net); or Barb McBride at 641-751-5779 or [bfmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:bfmcbride@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/Degree (post high school):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday Musical Two-Piano Concert



Tuesday Musical invites you to a two-piano, 4 and 8 hand concert Tuesday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fisher Community Center, Art Gallery. Pianists are Kay Beach, Marsha Bristley, Audrey Hafar and Jan Randall. Admission is

free and refreshments will be served following the program. All are invited to attend.

## Awesome Presbys

Awesome Presbys is, straight-up, an awesome group of kids. They support each other and are eager to share their faith with others through action. They went to see "Do You Believe?" and are working through ways to put their faith into action. Even before they saw the film, they were eager to be a part of Hope 4 You – Hope 4 Iowa. They will

be distributing Bibles as part of that effort on Saturday, April 11.

## Wednesday Club

This month, Wednesday Club kids learned that nothing is impossible with God. We played a game to feed the 5000, and then made baskets to collect the leftovers during craft time. We also learned that Jesus could walk on water. The kids had fun trying to do several things that are impossible for most of us, such as licking our elbow or turning our right leg counterclockwise while drawing a "6" in the air with our right hand (try it- your leg will change directions). The last Wednesday Club will be April 22, so sign up to help soon if you don't want to miss the fun.

Thank you to our March helpers: Bus driver Orlyn Langenbau, bus riders Jinita Boyd & Barb Hawkins, snacks Mary Hemming, Susan Lawyer, Barb McBride, Jan Stubbs. Wynona Anderson, Marylou Beckmann, Jinita Boyd, Suzanne Brown, Dee & Rich Daniels, Mary Hemming, Heather Rottink, Fran Smith, Nancy VanWyk, and Cindy Wise; and youth Caroline Kauffman, Bryce and Carissa King, Ellen Podhajsky, Addie, Peter, and Sam Wilkinson. --

Thanks to Jack Stickfort for doing a special woodworking activity with the kids, and to Orlyn Langenbau for filling in, at the last moment, as Peter in the lesson.

A special thank you to Leonard & Jan Stubbs and the Lions Club for their donation of drink mix.

## VBS News



VBS will be held Sunday, June 21, through Thursday, June 25. The theme is "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus

was a Kid." This year, our church will be transformed into the village of Nazareth, and Mary and her nosy neighbor Eunice will be our storytellers. There will be learning and service opportunities for men and women as well, though we will not have traditional adult classes this year. Once again, many volunteers will be needed, so please consider how you can contribute to our exciting VBS. After Easter there will be a donation pasture in the Narthex. Check out the sheep to see what items you can lend or donate to this year's VBS.

## Sunday School Activities

**Rotation Sunday school** studied Paul's conversion in March. In April they will be learning about sin and forgiveness. Preschoolers learned about their five senses.

The **Mission Bucket** giving total is \$89.60 through February. Check the map outside Michelle's office to see how far this will get the youth on their trip to West Virginia in June.

**Preschool Helpers** - our children's ministry helpers in March; preschool: **Shirley Egli, Valerie King.**

**Children's Church Helpers: Mike Hancock, Barb Hawkins, and Barb McBride.**

More people are needed to help with Children's Church.

## Summer Camp



Now is the time to register for camp at Okoboji. The Christian Education committee wants kids to experience camp and the fun and spiritual growth that happens there. The committee

has funds available to help those who apply.

Campership forms are available through the camp link on the church website ([www.nivlac.org](http://www.nivlac.org)) and in the church office. They need to be completed and returned by Sunday, May 3. If you have questions please see Michelle Wilkinson.

Information on 2015 camp offerings for children and families is available on the Lakeshore Center at Okoboji website, <http://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/SummerCamps/Overview.aspx>

Check the "summer camp" tab at the top. There is also a calendar showing the weeks when different ages can attend camp on the church website and on Michelle's door. We will try to arrange car pools for kids attending camp, especially during the week of July 12.

**Church Women United** will meet at the Salvation Army Friday, April 3, at 9:15 a.m. for a forum meeting. Pam Blake will be talking on "Our Beautiful Dump." All are invited to attend.

## PWC News



**Elizabeth Circle** will meet Thursday, April 16, (note date change) at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge. Bonnie Bradbury and DeLoris Holubar will serve as hostesses. The lesson (Chapter 13) will be presented by Rose Muschick.

**Sarah Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 21, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Lounge. All women are welcome. Hostesses will be: Karen Schoell and Mary Hemming. Devotions will be given by Arlene Lange. Our program will either be Roger Hatch or his daughter informing us about the orphanage in Sierra Leone.

**PWC** will meet Thursday, April 9, (note normal date change) at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a dessert meeting and the birthday offering dedication. Marty Mitchell will present the program. Devotions will be given by Rhoda Bender and the serving committee will be Doris Langenbau and Jan Stubbs. All women are welcome to attend.

**PWC-CT** will meet Tuesday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Lounge.

## Thrift-Bake-Craft Sale



PWC will have a Thrift-Bake-Craft sale Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13. Please mark these dates on your calendars. Start saving your gently used clothes, kitchen utensils, furniture & other items you might have for this sale.

In addition to the donations of these items, they will also have a table for crafts that you have made and would like to donate. If your craft item doesn't sell, it will be returned to you. There will also be a bake sale.

If you have any large furniture or unusual items you want to donate for this sale, please contact Karen Schoell at 752-6423 or Susan Hibbs at 750-1490 as they may want to include these items in their advertising. Karen and Susan can be contacted if you have any further questions or concerns.

More information will be included in the April/May newsletter.

# Financial Report for February

FEB. 2015	Actual
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$29,800.44</b>
Budget	32,302.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$38,496.64</b>
Budget	35,857.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$54,446.38</b>
Budget	64,605.00
Difference	(10,158.62)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$72,872.36)</b>
Budget	(72,909.00)
Difference	36.64

## Luke's Ministry Message

### Lyme Disease:

Lyme disease is an infection that's spread by Ixodes Ticks (black-legged or deer ticks). They carry the bacterium, *Borrelia burgdofer's*. These ticks acquire the bacteria from mice and infect humans by biting them and passing the bacteria in the person's bloodstream.

The majority of Lyme disease occurs in the Northeastern and upper Midwestern as well as the Pacific Northwestern areas of the United States. The most cases are in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Canada. Lyme disease is the leading tick disease in the United States.

The disease causes an inflammation of skin, joint and muscle soreness, and headaches. Sometimes there are severe flu-like symptoms with fever, nausea, and vomiting. In early Lyme disease there may be a localized red rash or a solid red blotch.

Treatment includes Quinine (a drug for Malaria) and antibiotics. Symptoms usually appear within a week of infection but may develop up to 30 days after the tick bite. Lyme disease is no contagious from person to person. Domestic animals like dogs and cats may become infected and bring ticks back to where humans live. Avoid tick habitats whenever possible, avoid entering areas that are likely to be infected with ticks, particularly during the spring and summer months when ticks feed.

If you are going to an area that is tick infested, wear light colored clothing so they can be spotted more easily. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into boots as they are usually located close to the ground, so wearing high rubber boots

may be helpful. Apply DEET to exposed skin and clothing. Perform a tick check daily and promptly remove any attached ticks.

Embedded ticks should be removed by using fine-tipped tweezers. **Do not** use petroleum jelly, nail polish, or a hot match. Grasp the tick firmly and as close to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. The tick's mouth parts may remain in the skin, but the bacteria is in the tick's mid-gut or salivary glands. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic. Early diagnosis and treatment with proper antibiotics are important strategies, so see a physician immediately.

### West Nile Virus:

West Nile Virus is a mosquito borne disease that can cause encephalitis (a brain inflammation). Mosquitoes pass the virus to birds, animals, and people during mid-summer or early fall usually from April thru October. Persons over 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

Symptoms are: headaches, high fever, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, disorientation, stupor, or coma. The disease generally lasts a few days to several weeks, although neurological effects may be permanent. There is no specific treatment for West Nile Virus. Most recover from the illness. If very serious, they will require intensive care in the hospital.

### How to protect against this disease:

1. Have no stagnant water on the property in wading pools, buckets, swimming pools, or birdbaths, etc.
2. Have screens on all windows and doors.
3. Consider using insect repellent with DEET applied properly.
4. Wear clothing to fully cover the body if in an area mosquitoes for a prolonged time.
5. Clean clogged roof gutters annually.
6. Remove weeds, tall grass, shrubbery, and discarded tires from the property. Avoid dead birds-report them. Call 1-877 PA HEALTH.

All states have reported West Nile Virus with the exception of Maine. In 2005 Iowa had a bird test positive in Linn and Clarke Counties.

# A Message from the Turk's

January 29, 2015

Dear Friends,

Hard to believe, but 2014 is now past and a new year is beginning. One of the first things we want to do this year is let you know how important your prayers and support are to us. For many of you, your support has been ongoing for a number of years, for others this is a new partnership. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF THE WAYS THAT YOU HAVE SUPPORTED US!!** Please know that no gift or prayer is too small – God combines them all to further His kingdom in Madagascar and let people know of His love and salvation.

This is a brief letter to say thank you and to review a few of the major events that occurred last year as we served as PC(USA) mission-coworkers with PC(USA)'s partner church in Madagascar, the Fiangonan'i Jesoa Kristy eto Madagasikara (FJKM). **We also want you to know we will be on home interpretation assignment from July 2015 to June 2016.** Please let us know if you would like us to visit your church during this period. Our best contact is [daniellturk@hotmail.com](mailto:daniellturk@hotmail.com).

**Milestones, transitions, new beginnings** – these characterized our lives and ministry in 2014.

**\*Robert's graduation from high school in Madagascar and beginning college studies in the USA.** This was by far the biggest milestone & transition last year. Robert is doing well (and so are we). Thank you to all who have assisted in this, whether through prayers or other ways.



**\*A new project with the FJKM began – The Fruit, Vegetable, and Environmental Education Project.** This project helps student pastors, new pastors, and Christians grow vegetables and fruits to put food on the table and to help reduce poverty in their communities. The project is also addressing the need to help preserve Madagascar's unique biodiversity.

**\*Conclusion of the 5-year Fruit Tree and Environmental Extension Project.** This project brought many benefits to rural farmers through trainings and the introduction of new & improved fruit tree varieties. A follow-up project is still in

discussion. Pictured is a farmer from Antanetibe where the whole community was trained to grow citrus and supplied with top quality varieties.



**\*Revision of the Youth Peer Education Program.** These revisions will help participating youth be more effective in sharing with their peers how to lead lives that are healthy, productive, and in line with God's teachings.

**\*Expansion of FJKM AIDS training to reach all 4 FJKM seminaries.** The AIDS Committee now has more time with seminary students to teach counseling techniques as well as to educate them in other aspects of AIDS prevention and treatment.

**\*Training local health committees in water and sanitation.** Ongoing trainings were carried out by the development department with community members in how to manage the new water and outhouses that were built in the last five years. As a result of the new water sources and outhouses, diarrhea has decreased, cleanliness has increased, and women have more time for other household and economic activities.

**\*Receiving "Chevalier de l'Ordre National" awards.** On November 29, 2014, we received 'Knight of the National Order' awards during the 40th year celebration of the FJKM Development Department in recognition of our service to the church and country. We are humbled and appreciative of this honor.

Although national elections occurred in late 2013, the people of Madagascar are still suffering from the effects of the 5 year economic and political crisis. This makes the work of the church in evangelism, development, and reconciliation all the more important. People need help, hope, and healing. Following the example of Christ, the FJKM church is ministering in all of these areas.

**Again, we want to thank you for partnering with us and the FJKM church in the ministries of health and environment in 2014 and helping to change lives.**

There is still much to be done, but together we can help the church share God's love in tangible ways. We would appreciate your prayers and

financial support in 2015. Without your support, we cannot carry out these ministries. Please join us in prayer and support so that this year even more people in Madagascar will benefit from God's plan to bring abundant life (John 10:10).  
Peace in Christ,

*Dan & Elizabeth Turk*



**Lucas and Ashley Johnson** are the proud parents of another son, Henry Owen Johnson, born at 4:26 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Henry weighed in at 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. Henry was

welcomed home by big brother, Preston and big sister, Lily.

Proud grandparents are **Terry & Rhonda Buzbee**. Congratulations to you all.

**Congratulations to Barry and Sue Bryant** as they welcome a new granddaughter, Caroline Marie Meyers to their family. Caroline was born to Sue's daughter, Heather and her husband, Monday, March 9, 2015 and weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.



Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offered following Stu's death.

Thank you so much to the Deacons for the lovely Peace Lily. It will be a reminder of great friends at First Presbyterian Church

**---Carolyn and the Family of C. Stu Bell**

To God be the glory! Just a note to thank the many of you who sent cards, prayed for me, made a phone call or stopped in with food and a visit. Thank you to Tracy Ostrem for bringing me the altar flowers. A special thanks to the women who were responsible for the prayer shawl - it too meant a lot. God bless you.

**--- Lyn Rakowicz**

Thank you to all those who have sent cards and have been praying for me since my fall. Thank you to Joyce Andregg and Barb McBride for their visits and for bringing food out to me. A special thanks to Pastor Dave for coming to the ER and for his prayers and to Pastor Ian for his visits.

**---Mavis Gray**



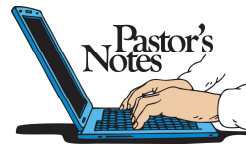
---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of March: **Marylou Beckmann, Pat & Mary Hemming, Joe Holubar, Ed Jackson, Darrell Meyer, Estelle Perkins, Carole Permar, Roger Schoell, Carolyn Wilkinson, and Barb Wollam.**

---those who give flowers that are enjoyed in the worship service and then bring enjoyment to the shut-ins or those recovering from illness or surgery. Through the flowers they are reminded of the caring of our church family.

---**Eric Voss** for donating two days of his time to clean the church.

---**all those who helped clean and re-wax floors** in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.

---**Bonnie Bradbury** for designing and sewing a costume for Christian education.



## Sweet Heart Banquet Recipes

**French style Pot Roast with Red wine mushroom sauce**

(serves 6-8).

- 1 (4-5 pound) boneless beef chuck-eye roast, pulled apart at seams and trimmed
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 (750-ml) bottle red wine
- 10 sprigs fresh parsley, plus 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into ¼-inch pieces
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 cups beef broth
- 4 carrots, peeled and cut on bias into 1½" pieces
- 2 cups frozen pearl onion, thawed
- ¾ cup water
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup sugar
- 10 ounces white mushrooms, trimmed and halved if small, and quartered if large
- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin

1. Season pieces of meat with 2 teaspoons salt, place on wire rack, sit in rimmed baking sheet, and let rest at room temperature for 1 hour.

2. Meanwhile, bring wine to simmer in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook until reduced to 2 cups, about 15 minutes. Using kitchen twine, tie the parsley sprigs, thyme sprigs and bay leaves into a bundle.

3. Pat beef dry with paper towels and season generously with pepper. Tie 3 pieces of kitchen twine around each piece of meat to keep it from falling apart.

4. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 300°. Cook bacon in Dutch oven over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until crisp, 6 to 8 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate and reserve. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons fat; return Dutch oven to medium-high heat and heat until fat begins to smoke. Add beef to pot and brown on all sides, 8 go 10 minutes total. Transfer beef to a large plate and set aside.

5. Reduce heat to medium; add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to soften, 2 to 4 minutes. Add garlic, flour, and reserved bacon; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add reduced wine, broth, and herb bundle, scraping bottom of pot to loosen browned bits. Return any accumulated juices to pot; increase heat to high and bring liquid to simmer, then place large sheet of aluminum foil over pot and cover tightly with lid. Transfer pot to oven and cook, using tongs to turn beef every hour, until fork slips easily in and out of meat, 2½ to 3 hours, adding carrots to pot after 2 hours.

6. While meat cooks, bring pearl onions, ½ cup water, butter, and sugar to boil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium, cover, and cook until onions are tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Uncover, increase heat to medium-high, and cook until all liquid evaporates, 3 to 4 minutes. Add mushrooms and ¼ teaspoon salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are browned and glazed, 8 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Place remaining ¼ cup water in small bowl and sprinkle gelatin on top.

7. Transfer beef to carving board; tent with foil to keep warm. Let braising liquid settle, about 5 minutes; using large spoon, skim fat from surface. Remove herb bundle and stir in onion-mushroom mixture. Bring liquid to simmer over medium-high heat and cook until mixture is slightly thickened and reduced to 3¼ cups, 20 to 30 minutes. Season sauce with salt and pepper to taste. Add softened gelatin and stir until completely dissolved.

8. Remove twine from roasts and slice meat against grain into 1/2 -inch-thick slices. Divide beef

among warmed bowls or transfer to platter; arrange vegetables around meat, pour sauce over top, and sprinkle with minced parsley. Serve immediately.

**TO MAKE AHEAD:** Follow recipe through step 7, skipping step of softening and adding gelatin. Place meat back in pot, cool to room temperature, cover, and refrigerate for up to 2 days. To serve, slice beef and arrange in 13 by 9-inch baking dish with vegetables around meat. Bring sauce to simmer and stir in gelatin until completely dissolved. Pour warm sauce over meat, cover with foil, and bake in 350° oven until heated through, about 30 minutes.

## Cherry Clafoutis

### Ingredients

1 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened  
1¼ cups milk  
6 tbsp. sugar  
2 tbsp. kirsch (cherry brandy)  
1 tbsp. Vanilla extract  
6 eggs  
Salt to taste  
¾ cup flour  
3 cups black cherries  
Confectioner's sugar, for dusting

### Instructions

1. Heat oven to 425°. Grease a 9" cast-iron skillet or baking dish with butter; set aside. Combine milk, sugar, kirsch, vanilla, eggs and salt in a blender. Blend for a few seconds to mix ingredients, then add flour and blend until smooth, about 1 minute.
2. Pour batter into buttered skillet, and then distribute cherries evenly over the top. Bake until a skewer inserted into the batter comes out clean and a golden brown crust has formed on the top and bottom of clafoutis, about 30 minutes. Dust with confectioner's sugar before serving.

## Sour Cherry Compote

### Ingredients

6 tbsp. sugar  
2 tbsp. rum  
Vanilla (seeds from ½ of a pod, or 2 tsp. extract)  
1 lbs. sour cherries, stemmed and pitted. (fresh or canned drained)

## Instructions

Combine sugar rum and vanilla with  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water in a saucepan and bring to boil. Cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is reduced to a thin syrup. Add sour cherries, reduce heat and simmer until cherries are tender. Allow compote to cool before serving.

Compote will keep, covered and refrigerated, for up to two weeks.

## Chocolate Ganache

### Ingredients

9 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped  
1 tbsp. rum (optional)  
1 cup heavy cream

### Instructions:

1. Place the chocolate into a medium mixing bowl. Heat the cream in a small sauce pan over medium heat. Bring just to a boil, watching very carefully because if it boils for a few seconds, it will boil out of the pan. When cream has come to boil, pour over the chopped chocolate, and whisk until smooth. Stir in rum if desired.
2. Allow the ganache to cool slightly before pouring over a cake. Start at the center of the cake and work outward. For fluffy frosting or chocolate filling, allow it to cool until thick, then, whip with a whisk until light and fluffy.

*Pastor Rich*

## Now that Easter is over, Easter can begin



Holy Week is a busy and sometimes stressful time for church staff and clergy. I must have been showing some signs of

exasperation when my smarter-than-me daughter asked, "You do realize, don't you dad, that Easter Sunday is *not* the end of Easter season, right?"

Clearly she is not as impressed with my Master of Divinity degree as is the broader church. I replied, "Tell me more, O Wise One."

She went on to explain that Easter Sunday is the end of *LENT* and is also the first day of the Easter season - a season of 50 days until Pentecost. Her reminder - and condescending pat on the knee - helped me to look closer at the text I

was using to prepare my Easter message, Matthew, Chapter 28.

Not only is it one of the most important chapters in the Bible because it recounts the resurrection of Christ AND the Great Commission, it's one of the most exciting. Really, read Matthew 28, it has it all; earthquakes, angels, open graves, lightning, soldiers fainting of fright, hysterical groupies, a massive church scandal, and a motivational speech at the end that spawns a worldwide movement. Someone should make a movie about this stuff!

I can hear someone like William Shatner narrating the final line, "And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Inspirational music, fade to black, roll credits....

But wait, there's talk of a sequel, "The Book of Acts: A Dawning Hope" to be premiered at Pentecost. Easter Sunday isn't the end of the story, it's the beginning of Easter Season and our new lives in Christ! We find ourselves today in Marshalltown, Iowa identifying with the first followers as they rise from their trembling knees that Easter morn to go forth and spread the good news EVERY. DAY. OF OUR. LIVES.

Last year, renowned Presbyterian poet and pastor Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd penned an Easter poem entitled "Easter Essentials" (Use your best William Shatner voice).

### Easter Essentials

*Strip away the perfect lilies massed along, across the chancel steps, the bright reflecting sight and sound of brasses, and the white and gold of paraments and stoles. Set aside two thousand years, almost, of holy words and gestures, the jostling flotsam of an epic tidal surge of global custom and conviction, conquest too. Try to ignore this new spring sunlight, the steady warming of the soil, the waking birdsongs, green and early fragrant air. Reject all this and you are left with a report, some blood-stained bandages in a vacated garden cave, several startled temple guards, a gaggle of bewildered witnesses, and through all this a dawning hope, so strange yet sure it drives you to your trembling knees, groping for fresh syllables and sounds to shape this ever new, yet ancient cry. The Lord is risen...risen indeed!*

Grace to you and peace,

*Pastor Ian McMullen*



## MARCH SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015, in the Lower Lounge.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the meeting and Doug Boyd presented the devotions and opening prayer.

**Motion prevailed** to approve the minutes as written of the February 17, 2015 Stated Meeting.

**Motion prevailed** to remove **C. Stuart Bell and Marvin H. Josten** due to their deaths on February 18, 2015.

**Financials** - Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investments reports. February giving was up over January giving. A one-time donation was received to help bring the donations up for the month. A charitable gift was received that was designated to the Building Fund, Youth activities, and Jonathan's House. There was a negative cash flow this month. Our missionaries, the Adams' and the Turks' have been paid for the first two months of this year. There is still money coming in for the Building Fund. A little bit of interest money was earned from the CD's.

**Missions/Evangelism** - Doug Boyd presented a printed report noting the mission's budget was reduced this year. There is a need for better communications to the congregation regarding the need for an increased focus on missions as the work of the church. The committee voted to donate \$1,000 for Bibles for the Hope for You-Hope for Iowa campaign. David Butler's 10-week mission project in Chicago this summer was discussed.

**Finance & Stewardship** - Rich King reported that this committee is now meeting, and will discuss congregational giving.

**W & M** - Brenda Severson reported on the printed report that was distributed noting they received positive responses from the Ash Wednesday service. Pastor Dave will lead the Maundy Thursday service following a taco supper, the youth will lead the Good Friday services, the Confirmation class will be in charge of the Easter Sunrise service, Flapjacks will serve the Easter breakfast and Pastor Rich will lead the Easter service. An offering for One Great Hour of Sharing will be taken on Palm Sunday and Easter. The PWC held a soup supper fundraiser preceding the March 15, Olde Tyme Hymn Sing. The organ will be tuned before Easter. Palm leaves and lilies have been ordered to decorate the church for Holy week.

**Communion**—178 were served on Feb. 8, and 185 on March 1. Home Communion was taken to **Jean Brennecke, Betty Emmons, Bette Etter, Jean Evans, Doris Flanagan, Mavis Gray, Nathalie Lynch, Lavine Meyer, Rose Muschick, Connie Montover, 16 Embers residents and 20 residents at Glenwood Place.**

**Christian Education** - Karin Podhajsky reported that Rotation Model was discussed and plans are being made to get new computer tablets for the fall start of Sunday school. Applications will be taken for summer camp scholarships.

**A & P Committee** - No report.

**M & I Committee** - No report.

**Property** - Kurt Lynch reported that Eric Voss cleaned the church one week, but has since been called back to his regular job so can't clean in the future. He donated his time for two days of cleaning. The date for cleaning closets and rooms at the church will be scheduled at a later date. Jon Rottink and Michelle Wilkinson gave the committee a vision plan for the Gathering Place to know how to remodel in that area. The Fellowship Hall floor was cleaned and re-waxed.

**Other Business** - Presbytery will meet at Garner on March 3, and Doug Boyd can possibly go to the meeting with Pastor Rich to vote on the proposed amendments to the Constitution. More leaders are needed to help distribute Bibles Saturday, April 11, for Hope for You-Hope for Iowa. Kurt Lynch will make an announcement at church to see if anyone else would be interested in attending the youth mission trip instead of him. He will go if no one volunteers to go in his place.

The meeting was closed with small group prayer.

**Newsletter deadline with MAY  
information is MONDAY,  
April 20, 2015.**



Reminder:

March 1—Second Sunday in Lent  
March 6—World Day of Prayer  
March 8—Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8—Daylight Saving Time Starts  
March 8—Girl Scout Sunday  
March 15—Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 17—Deacons  
March 17—SESSION  
March 20—First Day of spring  
March 22—Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 29—Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 29-April 4—Holy Week



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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## APRIL 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p><b>*REGULAR FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>                      9:00 a.m. Worship                      10:05a.m. Fellowship Time/Gathering                      10:15 a.m. Sunday school—all ages                      9:00-11:15 a.m. Child care Provided</p> </div>			<p><b>1</b> 6:30 a.m. Lenten Br.                      St. Mary's Church                      2:30p Wed. Club                      5:30 Disciple Class                      6:30 p.m. Youth 101                      6:30 p.m. Bells                      7:30 p.m. Choir                      8:30 p.m. Praise                      Team Practice</p>	<p><b>2 Maundy Thursday</b>                      8:30 a.m. Flapjacks                      12:00 p.m. Oasis    <b>6:00pm Taco Supper/                      Maundy Thurs. Srvs.</b></p>	<p><b>3 Good Friday</b>                      9:15 a.m. CWU                      Salvation Army    <b>7:00 p.m.                      Good Friday                      Services</b></p>	<p><b>4 Holy Saturday</b></p>
<p><b>5 Easter</b>                      Communion                      7:00a Sunrise Service                      7:45 a Easter Breakfast                      9:00 a.m. Worship                      10:05 a.m. Gathering &amp;                      Fellowship Time                      10:15 a.m. SS                      10:15 a Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      5:30 p.m. Missions                      6:30 p.m. W &amp; M                      7:30 p.m. A &amp; P                      7:30 p.m. Property                      7:30 p.m. CE</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      9:00 a.m. Staffing                      5:00 p.m. M &amp; I</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      2:30 p.m. Wed. Club                      5:30p Disciple Class                      6:30 p.m. Youth 101                      6:30 p.m. Bells                      7:30 p.m. Choir                      8:30 p.m. Praise                      Team Practice</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      8:30 a.m. Flapjacks                        12:00 p.m. Oasis                      Prayer Group  <b>1:00 PWC Dessert                      Mtg/Fellowship                      Hall</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>                      9:00 a.m.  <b>City-wide Bible                      Distribution</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> Chancel Choir                      9:00 a.m. Worship                      10:05 a.m. Gathering &amp;                      Fellowship Time                      10:15 a.m. SS                      10:15 a Confirmation  <b>11:30 Pulled Pork                      Fundraiser-Camperships</b>                      2:30p Awesome Presbys</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>                      2:30 p.m. Wed. Club                      5:30p Disciple Class                      6:30 p.m. Youth 101                      6:30 p.m. Bells                      7:30 p.m. Choir                      8:30 p.m. Praise                      Team Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      8:30 a.m. Flapjacks                      12:00 p.m. Oasis                      Prayer Group                      1:30 Elizabeth Circle-                      Lower Lounge  <b>6:00p Eagle Scouts                      Soup Supper                      Fellowship Hall</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> Bell Choir                      9:00 a.m. Worship                      10:05 a.m. Gathering &amp;                      Fellowship Time                      10:15 a.m. SS                      10:15a Confirmation  <b>6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Newsletter Articles are                      Due</b>                      10:00am Macedonia                      Ministries E. @ Waterloo                        6:30 p.m. Stewardship                      &amp; Finance</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      9:00 a.m. Staffing                      9:15 a.m. Sarah                      Circle—LL  <b>5:30 p.m. Meal &amp;                      Worship with                      SESSION to                      follow</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 2:30 p.m. Wed.                      Club w/BBQ                      5:30p Disciple Class                      6:30 p.m. Youth 101                      6:30 p.m. Bells                      7:30 p.m. Choir                      8:30 p.m. Praise                      Team Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      8:30 a.m. Flapjacks                        12:00 p.m. Oasis                      Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> Chancel Choir                      9:00 a.m. Worship  <b>Confirmands Join Church</b>                      10:05 a.m. Gathering &amp;                      Fellowship Time  <b>10:05a Confirmation                      Brunch</b>                      10:15 a.m. SS                      2:30p Awesome Presbys</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>                        1:00 p.m. PWC-CT                      Lower Lounge</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      5:30p 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</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>		



# April 2015 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

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

*Sunday Morning Servants*

**April 5****April 12****April 19****April 26****Worship Leader...**

9:00 ..... Mick Gerbo

Angie Pietig

Carole Permar

Bethany Wirin

**Greeters** 9:00.....Bill Eilers

Mike &amp; Kari Hancock

**Fellowship Hosts**...Jan Faber

Kurt Lynch

G. &amp; K. Schaudt

Betty Jacobs &amp; Loren Vogt

**Cup Washers**..... Darrell Meyer

Ron &amp; Linda Kauffman

**Nursery** ..... Tressa Voss &

Heather Rottink &amp;

&amp;

**Deacons**.....M. & K. Hancock

Sharpshair/Sudenga

C. Evers/L. Stubbs

O. &amp; D. Langenbau

**Donuts** ..... R. & K. Schoell

the Cooper Family

Mavis Gray

Ruth Hayes

**Flowers** ..... EASTER LILIES

Matt &amp; Diane Broshar

M. &amp; K. Hancock

Fran Smith

**Ushers** ..... FIRST SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY

**Team Captain****Terry Buzbee****Brenda Severson****Roger & Karen Schoell****DeLoris Holubar****Dick & Barb McBride**

Hank Bradbury

Donita Anders

Pat &amp; Mary Hemming

Bonnie Bradbury

Doug &amp; Karen Bacon

Ed Jackson

Roger Anders

Ron &amp; Linda Kauffman

Betty Jacobs

Doris &amp; Orlyn Langenbau

Harlan Quick

Stan &amp; Nancy VanWyk

Dennis Ostrem

Steve Strand

Larry Schrum

Barb Vovos

Tracy Ostrem

Jerry Rakowicz

Don Turbiville

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

Roger Bristley

Jim Grimmus

Doris Langenbau

Harlan Quick

Barb Vovos

Doug Butler

Craig Henze

Orlyn Langenbau

Marcia Quick

Dale Wedgwood

Brinda Evans

DeLoris Holubar

Mary Lovig

Jerry Schaudt

Dorothy Wilson

John Evans

Joe Holubar

LaVern Paul

Don Smith

Ron Wilson

Clyde Evers

Yasuyo Smith