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Reminder:

- Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan. 6 – Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan. 8 – Child Protection Training**
- Jan. 15 – Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Jan. 15 – Chili Cook-off**
- Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 17 – Deacons**
- Jan. 17 – Session**

Words of Wisdom from Pastor Bryan Kunz



As the year draws to a close, I have been thinking and praying a lot about what we should be focusing on in the next year. I didn’t plan it out, but Adult Sunday School finished looking at *Confronting*

Christianity around the same time that Flapjacks finished studying Revelation. Of course, Christmas brings the end of our Advent sermon series. With all of these things ending and the new year coming, it felt like an opportunity to choose corresponding things to study in these different groups.

As I thought and prayed, I really felt we need to go back to focusing on the life of Jesus. Of course, we get occasional stories of his life through the lectionary or through whatever series we are studying, but I want to go back and focus on those stories again, to see again the profound and world changing life of Jesus. Therefore, the Adult Sunday school class will be studying the book of John (per request). The Flapjack group will be watching the “The Chosen” which is a dramatic TV series based on the life of Jesus and discussing each episode (we will start this series on January 5 or 12 and any men are welcome to join). The first series of

sermons of the new year will come from Matthew. Our Lent series will be looking at the Sermon on the Mount. Following Easter, we will look at stories of Jesus’ disciples from the book of Acts.

I think it is vitally important for us to regularly hear and consider the stories of Jesus’ life again. I am excited to study these stories again together and consider how we are called to live and who we are supposed to be as Christians. I anticipate the growth and discipleship that will come from again walking the roads of Israel with Jesus and the disciples and watching and listening to Jesus as he teaches, heals, drives out demons, and brings hope to our hurting world.

—Rev. Bryan Kunz



ANNUAL MEETING



The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 15, 2023**, immediately following worship in person and via Zoom. All are encouraged to

attend this important meeting. The Zoom link will be sent by email.

A shortened Sunday school time will follow the Annual meeting, with the **Chili Cook-off** starting at 11:15 a.m.



Elders and Deacons Nominations

The 2022 Nominating Committee is excited to present the following people for nomination for Deacons, Elders and Nominating Committee. This slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2023.

Class of 2025

Doug Boyd – deacon
Jinita Boyd – deacon
Judy Erion – deacon
Larry Erion – deacon
Karen Schoell – deacon
Marlene Snyder – deacon
Tracy Ostrem – elder
Roger Schoell – elder
Ross Turbiville – elder
_____ - elder

Class of 2024

Ruth Feld – deacon
Jim Grimmius – deacon

Class of 2023

Diane Oleson – deacon
Keith Oleson – deacon
Don Feld – elder

Nominating Committee at large (1-year term):

Don Feld (Elder)
Tedra Henze (Elder)
Karen Schoell (Deacon)
Pat Kremer (Deacon)
Angie Pietig



The Chili Cook-off Returns!



The **Chili Cook-off** returns **Sunday, January 15, 2023**, after the Annual Meeting and Sunday school.

Make a mean chili?

Perfected a new gluten-free or vegetarian chili? Believe this is your year to win this time-honored First Presbyterian throwdown? You are invited to bring your entry to church that morning.

Everyone is invited to sample the entries, vote for your favorite, and enjoy some fellowship over a bowl of chili and crackers at this mission trip fundraiser.



Game Night Returns

The Membership & Involvement Committee will host another Game Night on Sunday, January 29th. Watch the bulletin for more information and be sure to sign up in the Narthex when the time comes. This will be a fun time for everyone.



Soup & Sing

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Soup & Sing. You brought joy to a lot of our church members by visiting their homes and retirement communities. Many of their neighbors got to enjoy your singing as well! It was wonderful to have such great participation, especially from busy families. We sent five groups of carolers, with 7-10 people per group, to visit a total of eleven locations. Thank you! The Deacons delivered 13 poinsettias and 14 fruit baskets to our Friends of Deacons this year. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

---Karin and Paul Podhajsky



Lower Lounge project continues



Kitchen before renovation and on Dec. 30, 2023.



Recent Mission Blog Posts



We took a short break from our mission blog over the holidays, as many missionaries are taking time to visit family. We will be back to posting updates on Tuesdays beginning January 10, 2023. Here are our most recent blog posts. They can be accessed here:

<https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/blog>

Dec. 6	Christmas Joy Offering
Dec. 13	Supporting Ukrainian families
Dec. 20	No blog post
Dec. 27	No blog post



Circle News

Elizabeth Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall, on **Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.**

Sarah Circle will meet **Tuesday, January 17th, 2022, at 9:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.



On **January 14th** the Saturday morning men's group will be hosting a **men's breakfast** at 8:00 a.m. All men from the church are invited to join for food and fellowship!



It means a lot to our children and youth to have members of their church family recognize their accomplishments on Sunday mornings. If your child is involved in an event or activity, and you would like members of our church family to know about it, please let the church office know. This can be an upcoming event that church members might want to attend or something that has already happened that your child enjoyed or did well in. And if you see our young people doing things in the community, let them know when you see them in church.

Here are some things that have been shared with us:

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 – Blessing Banissan Lenihan concert - time TBA
MHS home basketball games – Winner Banissan is in the pep band.
Mon. Jan. 9 @ 7:45 p.m.
Tues. Jan 10 @ 7:45 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 24 @ 7:45 p.m.



Financial Report for November

NOVEMBER 2022	Actual
Total Receipts	\$29,891.00
Budget	28,389.00
Total Expenses	(\$24,840.00)
Budget	(28,473.00)
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts	\$349,415.00
Budget	345,243.00
Difference	4,172.00
Total Expenses	(\$277,849.00)
Budget	(342,334.00)
Difference	68,657.00



The flower sign-up for 2023 is now available on the poster in the Narthex or on the clipboard. Flowers will be \$53.50 for both bouquets in 2023. Single bouquets will be \$26.75.



Christmas Program

The children's Christmas program was held following worship Sunday, December 18th.

Thank you to directors Amber Young and Kelsey McKibben for working with the children, Ashley Johnson for leading the preschoolers, and to Wynona Anderson for preparing the middle school class for this delightful telling of the Christmas story.



Child Protection Training

Child Protection Policy Training will be held **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, @ 10:30 a.m. following fellowship time. Any adults who would like to work with children and youth, including serving in the nursery, are required to have this training every two years. A background check is also required. The training will take less than an hour.



Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of December: **Afeafa Eklou, Jackie Hughes, Rich King, Bryan Kunz, and Bert Tice.**



Thank you so very much for the beautiful poinsettia delivered by my very special deacon friends Pat & Nancy Kremer. Thank you again,
---Charlotte Ann Hokel "Hoke" Farr



Thank you so much to the carolers who came to visit and sing last night (Soup & Sing). It was great!
– Bill Eilers



Thank you to the wonderful young carolers who came to sing to me last night. They surprised me with their precious songs! And thanks so much for the bag with the delicious assortment of candy and the popcorn ball. You did a fantastic job!

---Hoke Farr



Friends, Deacons, the Soup and Sing Carolers, and Pastor Bryan. Thank you for visiting us.

---Jack & Pat Stickfort



Friends, you are very much a blessing to others. Merry Christmas.

**---Chad Hammar, Executive Director
 House of Compassion**



DECEMBER SESSION ACTIONS



*Session*REPORT

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown met in the Fellowship Hall, December 20, 2022.

Moderator Rev. Bryan

Kunz opened the Session meeting at 7:03 p.m. and Angie Pietig presented the devotions and prayer.

There was a quorum in attendance.

Motion carried to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Stated Session meeting and the November 18, 2022, Special Session meeting as printed.

Search Team: Pastor Bryan said they finally heard from presbytery on the new position, and while the associate pastor package was good, vacation had to be increased. **Motion passed to change** the associate pastor package to include four weeks of vacation plus two weeks of continuing education leave per year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bryan reported he is behind on visiting due to illness and not wanting to bring it to anyone. Things slowed down in December with several committees taking the month off. This has allowed him to get caught up in other areas. Adult Sunday school will be studying the gospel of John and Flapjacks will be watching and discussing *The Chosen*.

Finances: Matt Broshar reported that November giving was healthy and above budget. The Investment Committee made some changes, and there was a loss in the bond fund due to timing. The final budget for 2023 was presented. **Motion to approve** the budget **carried**. Pastor Bryan thanked Matt Broshar for his work on the budget.

Property: Pat Hemming had nothing to add to the written report. Terry Buzbee reported for the Lower Lounge Committee that the new countertop and storage is in and looks great. The flooring should go in next week. The committee needs to revisit the hallway project.

Mission/Evangelism: Amy Drummer reported the gifts for the families adopted for Christmas through the House of Compassion were wrapped. They will be delivered on Thursday. Gift cards are also coming in for the Ukrainian family.

Worship & Music: There were 124 for communion in November. There will be communion on Christmas Eve.

Christian Education: Angie Pietig thanked Amber Young & Kelsey McKibben, Ashley Johnson, and Wynona Anderson for directing the different age groups in the children's Christmas program December 18th. Sunday school will resume on January 8th. Ashley Johnson will be the next CE committee chair.

A & P: Pastor Bryan reported on the Thinking Forward Committee's preliminary report. They recommend the church strive to be a connected community, an engaged community, valuing young people everywhere within the church, and a growing community. They heard positive things, so no major shifts are needed. There was discussion and Bryan will take information from the discussion back to the committee.

Membership & Involvement: Dave Freel noted there will be no donuts on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1 as HyVee will be closed. The committee decided to stay with HyVee for donuts for now.

Memorials: Steve Anderson reported that the committee named itself the Memorials and Special Gifts (MSG) Committee. They will thank families and let them know how their memorials were spent. They will also work with Session so committees know what is available. MSG will also track the money. **Motion passed to approve** Barb Hawkins, Matt Broshar, Pat Kremer, and Suzanne Brown as committee members, with Don Feld and Steve Anderson as Session representatives. **Motion carried to authorize** MSG to approve use of memorials and special gifts on approved projects, notifying Session of all approvals. **Motion to**

approve using Marvin Hawkins' memorial for a new light-weight vacuum **passed**.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Annual reports will be due January 8, 2023.

Motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting following prayer at 8:41 p.m.

Newsletter deadline with FEBRUARY 2023 information is Sunday, January 22, 2023, for anyone wanting to submit an article.

Members in mission making a difference.
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January 2023 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Robert Smith	2 Charlie Randall	3 Preston Johnson Barb Schrum Nancy VanWyk	4 Elliot Young	5 Estelle Perkins	6 Faith Banissan Harlan Quick	7
8 Keith Oleson	9 Richard Ritter	10	11 Diane Welch	12 Piper Pietig	13	14 Norm Egli
15 Linda Kauffman	16	17 Debra Avise Rollie Freel	18 Malory Henze Tedra Henze	19	20 Tim Bell Doug Boyd	21 Wynona Anderson
22	23 Garry Rottink	24	25 Ashton McKibben	26	27	28
29 Ed Jackson Carissa King	30	31 Kevin Severson	 <p style="font-style: italic; font-size: small;">Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.</p>			

Role	SUNDAY SERVANTS				
	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Worship Leader	Terri Rottink	Craig Henze	Lee Wilkinson	Jackie Hughes	
Greeters					
Fellowship Hosts	Greg & Suzanne Brown				
Cup Washers	Greg & Suzanne Brown				
Donuts	Richard & Michelle Ritter	Terry & Rhonda Buzbee	Susan Hibbs	Matt & Mindy Tullis	Marge Wolfe
Nursery	Mary Hemming & Deb Williams	Larissa Kunz & Deb Williams	Barb Hawkins & Deb Williams	Bethany Wirin & Deb Williams	Michelle Wilkinson & Deb Williams
Flowers	Poinsettias				
Deacons	Doug & Jinita Boyc & Ruth Feld	Brenda Miller & Carole Permar			
Usher Teams	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
Team Captain	Terry Buzbee & Larry Schrum	Stan & Nancy VanWyk	Roger & Karen Schoell	Josh Grosvenor & Andy Randall	Dick & Barb McBride
Ushers	Tim Bell Mick DuBois Harlan Quick Bruce Wirin	Amy Drummer Jeff Drummer Bill Eilers Barb Vovos	Pat & Mary Hemming	Ryan Flack Lucas Johnson Matt McKibben Ross Turbiville Kyle Young	Chuck Colwell Karen Colwell Steve Strand
Usher Alternates (any Sunday)	Bonnie Bradbury Jim Grimmus Tracy Ostrem Lisa Simpson	Diane Broshar Craig Henze LaVern Paul Barb Vovos	Doug Cooper Pat Kremer Harlan Quick Lee Wilkinson	Bill Eilers Arlene Lange Anna Randall	Bonnie Grimmus Dennis Ostrem John Simpson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00a Worship – online & in person</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 5:45p Worship & Music Committee 7:00p Missions Committee</p>	<p>4 5:30 M & I Committee 6:30p Bells 7:30p Choir 8:30p Praise Team</p>	<p>5 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6 Epiphany</p>	<p>7 7:30a Men's Group</p>
<p>8 9:00a Worship – online & in person 10:15a – Sunday school 10:15a – Child Protection Training 6:00p – Youth Night & HS Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 5:30p Property Committee</p>	<p>11 6:30p Bells 7:30p Choir 8:30p Praise Team</p>	<p>12 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 1:30p Elizabeth Circle Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:00a Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>15 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:00a – Annual Meeting 10:30a – Sunday school All ages 11:15a – Chili Cookoff 6:00p – Youth Group</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17 9:15a Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall 6:00p - Deacons 7:00p Session</p>	<p>18 6:30p Bells 7:30p Choir 8:30p Praise Team</p>	<p>19 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 2:00p FPC serves @ House of Compassion</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:30a Men's Group</p>
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