

# Faith UP

April 2016

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## From Pastor Dave

Easter blessings to you all! Can you believe that it is already Easter and winter is past and spring has begun (though the weather on Wednesday would not support that) and we are already at the end of March??? The time has gone by so fast that we barely have the time to enjoy the ride. The journey through Lent was great, but it seemed to go by at lightning speed. But we had great gatherings for worship and fellowship and maybe that was why it seemed to go by so fast. Thanks to all who participated in all of our Lenten activities; your support is needed to make things in the church work, and you all came out and supported. Special thanks to all the cooks, and to all the music participants for making our Lenten experiences memorable. More to come as we move forward.

Easter takes on a special meaning for us here at Faith United this year. It is a special thing every day, especially that particular day we celebrate together the resurrection of Jesus, but for us at Faith United, that new life hits home this year as we continue the journey as a new congregation. We are living resurrection right now; things are new, we are new, life is new. When I interviewed 6 years ago to become the pastor of then Morningside Presbyterian Church, I did not, nor do I think did anyone on the search committee, that we would be in the place we are today. God has a way of working that resurrection life into our fabric in sometimes drastic ways, but often times it is much more subtle; we live every day as new creation, even though it seems like we are the same as we were yesterday. But we are new, every day, and the church is new, every day, and Faith United is new, literally as well as spiritually. We celebrated our first Easter as a new congregation, and we trust there will be many more to come. God continues to work in and through us to bring this new life to the world. That is why we have been given this opportunity, so we can carry the new life we have been given to others.

To that end, we are going to hold a gathering on Sunday, May 1, following worship, to talk about how YOU want the church to move forward in our ministry and programs and such. You will hear more about it as we move through the month of April, but mark your calendars and try to be here on May 1st so we can get as many ideas shared as possible. We are now living into our new beginning and we need everyone to be a part of the new things we can do.

One note of personal business I would like to share, Sherry and I will be on vacation in April, the 11th through the 17th to be exact. Our son Daren will be in the US for some training he must go through, so we will be going to Florida and see him and have a few days to renew. We are looking forward to the trip, and when we get back we have the honor and blessing of preparing for the Ordination Service for Cathie Bishop, which will be held here at Faith UPC on Saturday, April 23rd, at 11 am. All are invited to come and celebrate with Cathie and Paul, Cathie's ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. More new life flourishing in our midst. Thanks be to God. Amen. Dave

### April Worship At Faith United Presbyterian Church

3rd: John 20:19-31; Jesus' resurrection appearances from John's perspective; Holy Communion will be shared.

10th: Luke 24:13-35; The walk to Emmaus.

17th: Paul Campbell will be filling the pulpit while Dave is on vacation.

24th: Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; A new day has dawned and we are changed because of it.

# Lectionary Scripture Lessons in April



## Labyrinth Journeys

Looking for some quiet time? Remember the labyrinth in the Spirituality Center is available for prayer and meditation whenever the church is open. (Do check ahead to make sure the room is available first) The canvas labyrinths are available for presentations and workshops upon request. There are two sizes available. A 24 foot and thirty-seven foot 11 circuit canvas.

### Second Sunday of Easter—April 3

Acts 5:27–32  
Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4–8  
John 20:19–31

### Third Sunday of Easter—April 10

Acts 9:1–6 [7–20]  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11–14  
John 21:1–19

### Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 17

Acts 9:36–43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9–17  
John 10:22–30

### Fifth Sunday of Easter—April 24

Acts 11:1–18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1–6  
John 13:31–35

### Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
February 28 –	117
March 6 -	105
March 13 -	95
March 20 -	97

## Faith United Presbyterian Committees

### Building & Grounds

Jeff Arnett  
Don Stokes

### Christian Education

Peggy Reid  
Marilyn Blatchford  
Eric Butler  
Mark Pappadackis

### Finance

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Eric Butler  
Helen Lehnertz  
Lorman Vilhauer

### Memorial

Dick Pruehs  
Lorman Vilhauer  
Helen Lehnertz  
Marilyn Erickson

### Worship

Dick Mesmer  
Laura Stokes  
Eleanor Tasker  
Helen Lehnertz



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### April

#### **Circles will meet:**

- Naomi Circle April 5 - 2:00 pm
- Rebecca Circle April 6 - 10:00 am
- Card Making April 13 - 9:00 am
- Esther Bible Study April 14 - 9:30 am
- Coordinating Team April 15 - 10:00 am

Card makers could use more helpers. They could also use: Get Well, Sympathy and Thinking of You cards.

May 1 brunch after Worship will be hosted by PW. A free will offering will be taken. It will also be a fund raiser for PW.

Gathering in May. Guest speaker, Helen Lewis will be coming as Jane Adams.

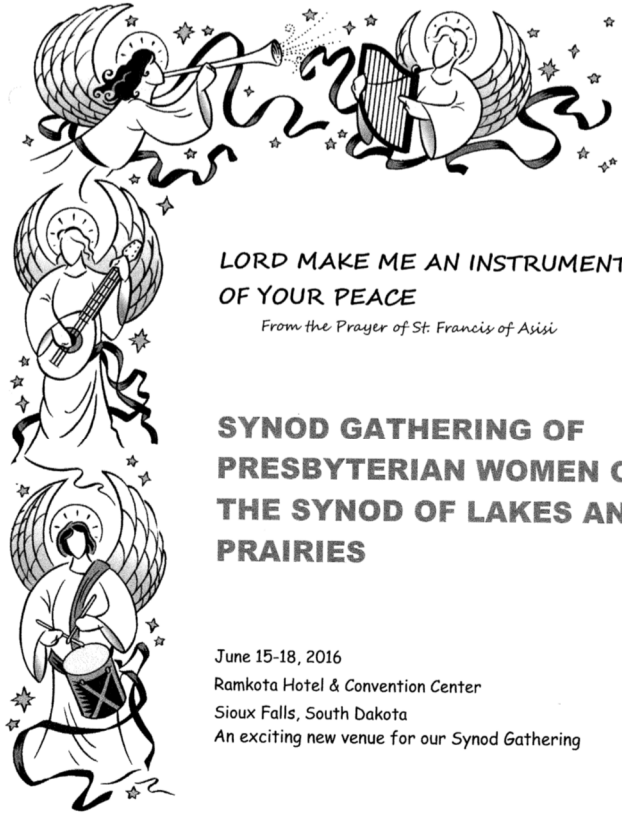
Circle chairmen should turn in the Least Coin offering after the May Circle meetings.

*Janet Ross*

**Kitchen Crew  
for April is  
Rebecca Circle**

*Faith United Presbyterian Church  
Is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church  
community and to share the love and grace of Jesus  
Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our  
gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love  
unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and  
voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in  
mission locally, nationally, and globally.*

**3- April 2015**



**LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT  
OF YOUR PEACE**

*From the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

### **SYNOD GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES**

June 15-18, 2016  
Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
An exciting new venue for our Synod Gathering

Check the Synod website  
[www.lakesandprairies.org/resources\\_women.html](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/resources_women.html)  
for more information

Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies. June 15-18, 2016 Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, Sioux Falls Check out the bulletin board or contact Janet Ross or Audrey Fenton for more information. PW has funds set aside to help pay for this, if you want to go but can't quite budget it.

*The deadline for newsletter  
submission is the 3rd Wednesday  
of the month prior to publication.  
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# MISSION NEWS



Written by Lynda Miller, Kelly Berkenpas, Harriett Marsh, Karen Juhl

## Spotlight on Missions!!

Many thanks to all those who worked at the Soup Kitchen, Monday, March 28th.

Also, thank you to all who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering

Coming up: Next Backpack date is Monday, April, 11th - 6 p.m. at the Food Bank.  
Watch for Seeds of Hope (garden seeds) collection for the Community Action Agency.



## SUPPORTED by MPC

Faith United Presbyterian Church provides stability for 12-step groups by providing space for five different groups' meetings. If you know of people, who are looking for 12-step support, please share this schedule.

**SUNDAYS -** 7:00 p.m. - Steel Magnolias, Women's Open AA - Meditation Rm.  
8:00 p.m. - Big Book Group Study Open AA Fireside Rm.

**WEDNESDAYS -** 7:00 p.m. - Gambler's Anon.- Fireside Rm. **(Hotline – 712-223-0909)**  
7:00 p.m. - Men's Al-Anon

**FRIDAY -** 6:30 p.m. - Gambler's Anon.  
8:00 p.m. - Morningside Fellowship AA Group-Dining Rm.  
8:00 p.m. - Acceptance Al-Anon Meditation Room

## NEED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

Do you need to borrow some medical equipment for short-term use? The church has wheelchairs, walkers, bath chairs, etc. available on a loan basis. If you would like to borrow any of these items, contact the church office at **276-3121**.

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

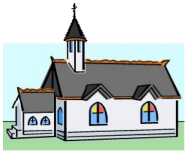


44 Easter baskets taken to the Crittenden Center. Yet again, the Mission Committee of Faith United thanks our generous and caring congregation.

Mar/Apr UPPER ROOM  
DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!



# April- OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



## Prayer Families for April

3- Phyllis Davis, Richard & Mary Delfs, Susan Delfs, Gene Doran, Marlene Downs, Marv & Lorraine Edmunds

10 - Chuck & Lori Edwards, Marilyn Erickson, John & Camille Farley, Jack & Amanda Farley & family, Jonathan & Katie Farley & family, Audrey Fenton

17 - Gordon & Kim Finch & family, Carlotta Fox, Tim & Anne Fuchtman & family, Anita Gell, Jim & Linda Geusebroek, Kristen Geusebroek

24 - Andy & Sue Gottsch & family, Zach Gould, Fran Graham, Bill & Shannon Graves & family, Betty Grieve, Bill & Mary Hall

## Ushers



### 10:30 Service

3 - Bob Ross\*, Brady Berkenpas, Richard Delfs, Angie Irwin

10 - Bob\* & Vina\* Rodecker, Bob Mesmer, Gary Hacker

17- Gary\* & Karen\* Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Cliff Huseman

24 - Skip Trout\*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn

## Communion Servers



3 - Dick & Bobbi Mesmer, Lorman Vilhauer, Rhonda Henry



## Greeters

3 - Donna Baustain, Sherry Collins

10 - Becky Bainbridge, Carolyn Schmith

17 - Andy & Izzy Gottsch, Bob Mesmer

24 - Audrey Fenton, Julie Mesmer

## COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m after Worship

3 - Carol & Marguerite Dahl

10 - Greg & Linda Puttmann

17 - Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett

24 -



## Liturgist

Sally Lingle

**Apr 2016**



**Birthdays**

- 14 - Bob Davis
- 17 - Dawn Braddy  
Shirley Heath
- 23 - Gary Hacker
- 29 - Dave Koehler

- 3- Alice Hacker
- 4 - Bonnie Adams
- 5 - Bobbi Mesmer
- 6 - Jeff Dahl  
Anita Gell
- 7 - Marv Edmunds
- 12 - Gary Lien

**Apr 2016**  
**Anniversaries**



- 1 - Chad & Heather Watkins
- 6 - Gary & Mary Kay Wood
- 20 - Gary & Alice Hacker
- 20 - Sid & Lois Hoover
- 24 - Marlyn & Lois Hulst

Come and join us for a fun night of fellowship and hockey on April 9th at 7pm as our Sioux City Musketeers battle Cedar Rapids for the last regular game of the season! It will be an exciting game for sure and our Faith United Choir will be singing the National Anthem! Tickets are 10 dollars per person and you must let us know if you are going by April 1st. If you would like to go, please give your money and name to Dawn Braddy, Helen Lehnertz, Sherry Koehler, Becky Trout, Eric Butler, Lorman Vilhauer or drop it off at the church office. We hope to see everyone there to support our choir and our Muskies



**Music Notes**

A HUGE Thank You to the members of the Choir, to Pat Herbold, Cheryl Pappadackis, Sheila Selby, Elizabeth Boyer, our guest musicians, our soloists and readers, and all who attended our Holy Week Cantata on Palm Sunday. It was a large undertaking that came together thanks to a lot of hard work by all involved. Thank you to Eleanor Tasker and the Allen Tasker memorial for making it possible. Thank you to Frances Harris for introducing me to the piece. Holy Week and Easter was a busy time for our choir and musicians. Thank you all very much.

As we look ahead, Cheryl will be leading the men of the choir in an anthem on April 3rd. We also look forward to hearing the children sing in worship in April. The choir will sing for Cathie Bishop's Ordination on April 23rd as well.

It's not too early to begin thinking about Summer Music! If you or someone you know, such as a child or grandchild, would like to sing or play an instrument in church this summer (or any time) we are always looking for volunteers! There will be a signup sheet on the door to the choir room.

Thank you,  
Ellen Osborn, Director of Music

# April 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 9-12 Cribbage games  8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	2 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers
3 9:00 am Sunday School Worship Service 10:30 am COMMUNION  7:00 pm Steel Magnolia AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	4 9:00 Quilting Group  6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5  4:00 Music lessons 7:00 Scout Committee Mtg	6 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 11:00 Lunch Bunch 12:15 Weight Watch  4:00 pm Music lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 pm Bells 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon 7:30 pm Choir	7 6:30 AM Study 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch  4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	8 9-12 Cribbage games  8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	9 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers
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## Worship Hours

### Sunday Services

9:00 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

Elgerd Arnett	Angie Irwin
Marlyn Arnett	Bobbi Mesmer
Sheryl Collins	Julie Mesmer
Carlotta Fox	Toots Pittman
Alice Hacker	Carolyn Schmith
Shirley Heath	Mary Stokes
Rhonda Henry	Becky Trout

#### THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session– Connie Sponder

Jeff Arnett	Dick Pruehs
Marilyn Blatchford	Peggy Reid
Erick Butler	Bob Ross
Dawn Braddy	Don Stokes
Gary Hacker	Laura Stokes
Helen Lehnertz	Bill Strawn
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