

Faith Up

February 2016

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The Pastor's Page

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is exciting to write the first pastor's article for the new congregation's new newsletter, which we don't even have a name for yet. The last several weeks have been kind of a blur, with all of the year end stuff, all that went in to closing up the congregations of Morningside and Third PC's, and getting things started as faith United PC. It seemed that each day brought a new challenge, and we know there are still challenges to come. Yet, we have come together; we have started our ministry together; we have taken on most all of those challenges head on; we have gathered and worshiped and fellowshiped and ate and stressed and celebrated together. I am so grateful to you all for all of your commitment, all your passion, all your hard work, all your joy, all your concerns, all your questions. I think we have had a fantastic starting; we have taken on a lot of change in a very short period of time, relatively speaking, and though there have been some issues, and there will be some issues, we have done remarkably well, all things considering. If this consolidation is God's doing, which I believe it to be, then God will continue to equip and empower us to do what we must do to move forward into the new life of this new worshipping community. Thanks be to God for that.

I have thought and prayed long and hard about all of this; was this truly what we should be doing, how do we move forward, how do we united two families with strong legacies who are so used to doing things a certain way? I visited with one of our members recently, and something this person said put things into perspective for me; he said, "Maybe our coming together was God's doing, but maybe it wasn't for us. Maybe this consolidation was brought about so that another church family could have a church building to call home and from that their ministry to the world in Jesus' name could rise and flourish as our has. It reminded me of something I read about in studying for a sermon recently, the idea that maybe God bring the light of Jesus to us, not so we can be better off, but so we can be this light of Christ to another, to the other, to the world. Maybe our two congregations uniting had little at all to do with us becoming stronger, but it was done so that this congregation that has now purchased the building that formerly was Third PC could have a chance to grow and flourish, and we then, also have the chance to move forward together in partnership with this other church family we previously did not even know about. God did not make any of that clear to us, but it certainly gives us something to think about: God would choose to use us to be an instrument for growth and building for another. Isn't that part of our walk of discipleship- to share the Good News that we have received with the world so the world comes to know better the loving presence of God in Jesus Christ; an alternative to the way things used to be. As challenging as this process has been, maybe we can rest assured that it was not in vain that we have had to make the change, but it was to bring glory to God and God's glory to another. That would be something.

The session, at our February 14th meeting, will choose a date for us to celebrate the creation of Faith United Presbyterian Church formally, with the Presbytery and the community. Part of this process states that since you all had to call me to a new call for the new congregation, we must hold an installation service so that the new pastor can be installed. We are going to use this service of installation as a celebration of a new church creation, remembering and honoring our past and celebrating our new calling. As soon as the date is chosen and approved we will let you all know because we need to make this a "big deal." It is quite rare in this day and time that two old churches get a second chance to proclaim the Good News and be made new. When that happens it is to be celebrated, and we will. As well, there will be upcoming Memorial Services for long time members Neta Selby and Virgil Meyers, whose families we continue to pray for. As soon as these dates are decided we will make them known to you all. New life is abundantly all around us, and it is ours to receive and to be grateful for. Thanks be to God.

Dave

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in February

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 7

Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]

Ash Wednesday—February 10

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12; Psalm 51:1–17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13

Second Sunday in Lent—February 21

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

Third Sunday in Lent—February 28

Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9

Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
January 3 –	135
January 10 -	98
January 17 -	80
January 24 -	109
January 31 -	126

JAN/FEB UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!



The deadline for newsletter submission is the 3rd Wednesday of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri McCallum faithupcsec@outlook.com

*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.*

*Please direct ideas, articles and questions to Teri McCallum
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

February

Circles will meet:

Rebecca Circle February 3 - 10:00 am
 Card Making February 10 - 9:00 am
 Esther Bible Study February 11 - 9:30 am
 Countryside Birthday Party February 25 - 3:00 pm
 Coordinating Team February 19 - 10:00 am

Janet Ross



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.

Kitchen Crew
for February is
Naomi Circle



MISSION NEWS

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



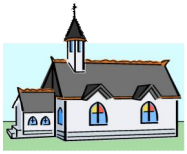
Spotlight on Missions!!

Lots going on in February in Missions for Faith United Presbyterian. Friday, Feb. 5, is the Empty Bowls Fund Raiser for the Siouxland Food Bank. It will be at the Stony Creek Hotel with doors opening at 5 P.M. and soup being served at 6. Cost will be \$30.00 per person and there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We have always supported this event and will have at least one table designated sponsored by Faith United Pres.

Sunday, February 7, is Souper Bowl Sunday when members of the congregation can wear their favorite team's logo and then give one dollar to the Food Bank. As this is also Scout Sunday, there will be much to celebrate.

Then, on Monday, February 8, we will be packing back packs at the Food Bank - time, 6 P.M. Any help will be appreciated. Check with Becky Bainbridge if you have any questions.. **THINK MISSION!!**

February- OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for February

7- Bonnie Adams, Linda Amman & family, Adeline Anderl, , Tony & Mary Andersen & family, Renea Anderson & Garrett, Elaine Anderson

14 - Kathy Angerman, Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett, Jeff Arnett, Jeff & Becky Bainbridge, Al & Donna Baustian, John & Kathy Becker & family

21 - Cory & Kelly Berkenpas & family, Jay Berkenpas, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Bill & Susan Blatchford & family, Chad & Liz Blatchford, Marilyn Blatchford

28 - Roger & Roxanne Bobolz, Elizabeth Boyer, Tom & Dawn Braddy & family, Ed & Mary Buchholz, Mike & Chelon Busch & family, Vivian Busse



Liturgist

Laura Stokes

Ushers



10:30 Service

7 - Tom Braddy*, Audrey Fenton, Carlotta Fox, Shirley Heath

14 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Ralph Maslonka

21- Bob Ross*, Brady Berkenpas, Richard Delfs, Angie Irwin

28 - Bob* & Vina* Rodecker, Bob Mesmer, Gary Hacker

Communion Servers



14 - Eleanor Tasker, Lorman Vilhauer, Tom & Dawn Braddy

COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m after Worship

7 - Scouts
14 - Greg & Linda Puttmann
21 - Tom & Dawn Braddy
28 -



Greeters

7 - Dan Lake & Bonnie Oliver
14 - Helen Lehnertz & Mary Stokes
21 - Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas & Shirley Heath
28 - Ella Berkenpas & Nathan Stokes

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Birthdays

- 1- Christopher Amman
- 2 - Roxanne Bobolz
- 4 - Ben Daniels
- 5 - Marlene Downs
- 8 - Frances Quintard
- 10 - Lani Pettit
- 11 - Fran Graham
- 12 - Wendy Collins
Shannon Graves
Alison Hansen
- 15 - Sheryl Collins
Charlene Nuzum
- 17 - Lynda Miller
- 18 - Alden Noble
- 21 - Larry Manker
Karen Paulsen
- 23 - Paul Campbell
- 25 - Tom Braddy
Mark Pappadackis
- 26 - Pat Herbold
- 27 - Vivian Busse
Cheryl Carey
- Betty Grieve
- 28 - Betty Hass

**Feb 2016
Anniversaries**



- 7 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen
- 10 - Bill & Susan Blatchford
- 14 - Mark & Cheryl Pappadackis
- 22 - Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

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.



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

February 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 9:00 Quilting Group 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	2 4:00 Music lessons	3 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 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	4 6:30 AM Study 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	5 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	6 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 11-4 Pinewood Build
7 9:00 am Sunday School Worship Service 10:30 am COMMUNION 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	8 9:00 Quilting Group 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 4:00 Music lessons 5:30 pm Empty Nesters 7:00 pm Doll Club 7:00 Scout Committee Mtg	10 9:00 am Card Making 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	11 6:30 AM Study 8:30 Men's Club 9:30 Esther Bible Study 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	12 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	13 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 11-4 Pinewood Build
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2016 Easter Plant Order Form

Celebrate Easter by ordering a spring plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning in memory of a loved one. After the Easter Service, you may take your plant home or leave it for the Deacon's to deliver to our shut-ins and nursing homes.

Please indicate which plants you are ordering. Circle the color of plant you want. **Payment is due at the time of your order.** Make your check out to "Faith United Presbyterian Church Deacons" and include it with your order form. Orders and payments are due by **Sunday, Feb 28, 2016.**
Thank you.

Donor's Phone

Name: _____ Number: _____

Number ordered	Pot Size	Plant Type (circle color preference)	Price
	6"	Easter Lilies (1bulb, 6+blooms)	\$15.00
	6.5"	Mums (white, yellow, lavender)	\$13.00
	6"	Rieger Begonias (pink, red, yellow & orange)	\$13.00
		ORDER TOTALS	

Wording for bulletin:

In Memory of:

___ I will pick up my plant after the Easter Service.

___ Please share my plant with a shut-in

For more information, please contact the office 276-3121

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Worship Hours

Sunday Services

9:00 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Sheryl Collins	Julie Mesmer
Audrey Fenton	Toots Pittman
Carlotta Fox	Carolyn Schmith
Alice Hacker	Mary Stokes
Shirley Heath	Becky Trout
Rhonda Henry	

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session– Connie Sponder

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