

Faith UP

January 2017

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FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year!!! When you read this we will be into the year 2017, and I can't speak for you all, but it was time for 2016 to be finished. There was so much that went on in this year we just finished, it was exhausting; we had 18 brothers and sisters of our congregation join the church eternal; we held VBS and Living Nativity along with Westminster PC and WFAM activities; we got a new electronic sign in the front yard of the facility and a whole host of repairs and renovations were done on the building this year; and we completed the first year of existence as Faith United Presbyterian Church. So today, as you read this, we are celebrating our one year anniversary. This year has been a challenge as we have worked very hard to get budgets figured out and staff issues ironed out and committee descriptions and functions put together, we have started some new activities and groups and renewed a few older ones; we have worked very hard to build the relationships between people that will sustain this new congregation as we move forward. Taken as a whole, I think we have done remarkably well at putting together the first year of our ministry together, but it has not been easy and there are still many things we need to work on as we move into this new year.

The biggest challenge we face, and it is one that we will never get done with, is the ongoing relationship building of our members with one another, and the building of the relationship between our members and those who are still out in the world and will come and join us in a day to come. This is our ongoing challenge, but one that God in Jesus Christ calls us to and equips is to work on: to enlarge the church family, first by enlarging our faith understanding and relationship together, then enlarging our outreach to the community around us, to let the world know who we are and what we are all about. This work has begun, but it will never be completely finished, not, that is, if we are serious about continuing to share Gospel with the world and welcome strangers as friends in our midst. My great hope is that all of us will work together, to deal with the issues we have before us with finances and programs and worship and leadership, to work together in relationship-building by getting to know at least two new brothers and sisters we did not know before, and to work on building the kingdom by inviting a new person to join us in worship here at Faith UPC. If every one of our active members invited a new guest to join us, that would be an incredible step forward for us as a body. Are we ready to begin to open our doors to those who are not yet joining us? The answer to that lies within us, not with those who are yet to come. The year will begin quickly as we celebrate our ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY, with a celebration on January 8, during worship, and we will also ordain and install our elected Elders and Deacons that day; we will continue this celebration on January 29 as we meet for our Annual Meeting and meal following. We will resume WFAM activities on January 4, once the kids and youth are back to school, and we will make every effort to share this program with those in the community, now that we have things well-started.

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The choirs and music program will begin activities again on January 4 as well, and the new Session and Board of Deacons will have their first meetings as the month begins. And we continue to seek and receive your financial pledges for the ministry of 2017, including the 2017 Per Capita cost of \$32.80 per active member. In other words, we hit the ground running at the new year begins, there is no time to rest because the work and ministry of the church keeps going all the time. My prayer for all of us, for the new year, is that we will turn to God, grab ahold of God's strong hands in Jesus Christ, and be led forward into a new year, a new day, a new ministry, and see what God has in store for us in year two our lives together. May the faith, hope, and love of God lead us into faith, hope, and love toward the world, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dave

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

1st: Happy New Year!! Today is the one year anniversary of Faith United PC and we celebrate today with worship of new beginning from Matthew 2:13-23, and we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.

8th: Today we remember Epiphany, the coming of the mysterious travelers from the East who followed the star to Bethlehem and the place where the baby born as Salvation lay; Matthew 2:1-12.

15th: Today we hear witness of God's servant, the coming of the One into the world as Isaiah speaks of the mission of the Servant and John the Baptizer speaks of the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

22nd: Today we hear of the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry as witnessed to by the Gospel according to Matthew, and Jesus calls the first of those whom he will call to be disciples.

29th: Today we begin to look at The Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel; today is also the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Congregation.

*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.*

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

January

Circles will meet:

- Rebecca Circle – Jan 4 – 10:00 am
- Card Making – Jan 11 – 9:00 am
- Esther Circle – Jan 12 – 10:00 am
- Lydia Circle – Jan 17 – 7:00 pm
- Coordinating Team - Jan 20 - 10:00 am
- Quilt Raffle - Jan 29th

Circles may turn in their pledge money starting in January.

Thought for the Month:

"Humor is mankind's greatest blessing."

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910) American Author

Angie Irwin

KEEP WARM THIS WINTER!

PW is having a fundraiser - Purchase chances to win one or both of the beautiful quilts made especially for us by Marilyn Blatchford!!! One quilt will fit a twin bed and the other will fit a queen. Also, Mary Torno has graciously donated an afghan that measures 56"x72" with fringe. Tickets will be \$1.00 per chance or 6 tickets for \$5.00!! This is your chance to have a beautiful quilt to keep you warm on those cold winter nights!!! Drawing will be held downstairs in the Dining Room, at the Congregational meeting on January 29th!

Tickets will be sold by Karen Lien, Angie Irwin, Bonnie Oliver, Marilyn Blatchford, Carlotta Fox and at the church office. The quilts will be on display in the Fellowship Room as soon they are finished.

**Kitchen Crew
for January is
Esther Circle**

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in December

First Sunday after Christmas Day—January 1, 2017

Isaiah 63:7–9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10–18; Matthew 2:13–23

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3:1–12; Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 8

Isaiah 42:1–9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34–43; Matthew 3:13–17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 15

Isaiah 49:1–7; Psalm 40:1–11; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; John 1:29–42

Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 22

Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 29

Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh, Mark Pappadackis

Spotlight on Missions!!

Wow! This congregation did it again - Eric Butler and Peggy Reid took 248 canned and boxed items to the Community Action Agency from our "Can Tree." Many thanks to all who contributed and to the young people who did such a great job building it.

Thank you to all who participated in the Backpack program early in December and thanks yours in advance to all who have volunteered (at a very busy time) December 26th and January 2nd at the Soup Kitchen. For December – Peggy Reid, Marlyn and Elgerd Arnett, Helen, Gary and Margi Lehnertz, Karen Juhl, Jesse Nitzsche and Mom, and Harriett Marsh. People scheduled to work in the Soup Kitchen in January do not need to go. The Soup Kitchen will be closed on January 2nd so we will not be going there in January to help.

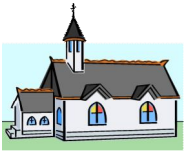
Next Mission Project coming up is Super Bowl Sunday in February. This project was started by a Presbyterian young people's group in the South and has spread nationwide over many denominations to help alleviate hunger in America. Our contributions go to the Food Bank of Siouxland which serves Sioux City and surrounding areas



Jan/Feb UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



January- OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for January

1 - Clifford Huseman, Angie Irwin, Rev Lowell & Reta Johnson, Myles & Stacy Johnson & family, Roger & Cindy Johnson & family, Karen Juhl

8 - Lynn Kelly, Dave & Sherry Koehler & family, Darrell Krommenhoek, Dan Lake, Laurie Lake, Willy Lefler

15 - Dave & Sue LeGree & family, Helen Lehnertz, Gary & Karen Lien, Kirk Lien, Alicia Lingle, Nick Lingle & family

22 - Sally Lingle, Betty Ludwig, Dick & Sandy McKeever, Matt & Kelli McWilliams & family, Larry & Sally Manker, Harriett Marsh

29 - Valerie Marshall, Ralph Maslonka, Betty Maxfield, Beverly Maxfield, Bob & Julie Mesmer, Dick & Bobbi Mesmer

Offering Counters



1 -
8 -
15 -
22 -
29 -



Liturgist

John & Mary Daniels

*The deadline for newsletter submission is the 3rd Wednesday of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri McCallum
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5 - January 2017

Ushers



10:30 Service

1 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Eric Butler

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

15- Bob* & Vina* Rodecker, Anthony Osborn, Marilyn Erickson

22 - Carlotta Fox*, Karen Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

29 - Skip Trout*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn

Communion Servers



1 - Mark Pappadackis



Greeters

1 - Shirley Heath
8 - Lowell & Reta Johnson
15 - Audrey Fenton
22 - Carlotta Fox
29 - Mary Stokes

COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m after Worship

1 -
8 -
15 -
22 -
29 -



These Days

We have many copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter. Please take one for yourself, a family member or friends.

January 2017



Birthdays

- 1 – Betty Hejhal
Lynn Kelly
- 2 - Mary Stokes
- 8 - Kathleen Hansen
Lue Mutz
- 9– Bill Blatchford
- 10 - Renea Anderson
Julie Trout

- 11 - Nora Chmielewski
Mary Torno
- 15 - Angie Irwin
- 16 - David Hansen
- 17 - Fern Herbst
- 18 - Elizabeth Boyer
- 22 - Betty Ludwig
- 23 - Betty Maxfield
- 24 - Doris Andersen
- 26 - Stevie Rice
Nathan Stokes
- 27 - Anne Fuchtmann
- 28 - Jim Geusebroek
- 31 - Lyla Paulsen

**January 2017
Anniversaries**



- 1 - John & Kathy Becker
- 22 - Adam & Larisa Chmielewski

Per Capita for 2017 is \$32.80.

NOTE NEW DAY!

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on **Monday** January 9th at Pizza Ranch in Sgt. Bluff. Please let Bob know if you will be going. You can still come even if you don't let him know, but he needs an approximate count to reserve a big enough table.

Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
November 27 –	108
December 4 -	110
December 11 -	98
December 18 -	102
December 24 -	137 Christmas Eve
December 25 -	97

Music Notes

Thank you to all of our wonderful musicians for your beautiful music this Advent and Christmas season. Thank you to our leaders and organists, Pat, Cheryl and Larisa, and to all of our singers and bell ringers - from the children to the adults. It is a very busy time of year but it is hard to imagine a Christmas season without beautiful music and we are lucky to have so many people dedicated to music in this church.

I am looking forward to the new year and looking at new ways to expand our music ministry. I am excited to share that I received a scholarship to attend a gathering of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians in Austin, Texas later this month. I am hoping to gain some new inspiration and ideas - I will report back next month!

Thank you, Ellen Osborn, Director of Music

Treasurer's Report from Nov.

Income	\$11,888.45
Expenses	\$19,764.19

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Wednesday, January 18th, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. If you are caring for someone with memory problems please join us. Larisa Chmielewski will be leading the group in discussion, education and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Larisa at 712-587-7926.

January 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1 9:00 am Sunday School Worship Service 10:30 am COMMUNION</p> <p>7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>No cub scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>5:30 Weight Watchers 5:30 - 7:00 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>5 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>6 9-12 Cribbage games</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>7 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p>
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Worship Hours

Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Jeff Arnett
Don Stokes

Christian Education

Peggy Reid
Marilyn Blatchford
Eric Butler
Mark Pappadackis

Finance

Bob Ross
Gary Hacker
Dick Pruehs
Bill Strawn

General Administration

Dawn Braddy
Gary Hacker
Bob Ross
Bill Strawn
Lorman Vilhauer

Investment/Endowment

Don Stokes
Dick Pruehs
Jeff Arnett
Gary Hacker

Membership

Dawn Braddy
Eric Butler
Helen Lehnertz
Lorman Vilhauer

Memorial

Dick Pruehs
Lorman Vilhauer
Helen Lehnertz
Marilyn Erickson

Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Kelly Berkenpas
Karen Juhl
Harriett Marsh
Mark Pappadackis
Peggy Reid

Worship

Dick Mesmer
Laura Stokes
Eleanor Tasker
Helen Lehnertz

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

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Dawn Braddy	Don Stokes
Gary Hacker	Laura Stokes
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FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Music staff: Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Cheryl Pappadackis - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum -
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Connie Sponder