

Faith UP

February 2020

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PASTOR'S PEN

I have, for some time now, been thinking about and speaking about the belief that we are living in process, that we are on a journey, that we are not simply living and waiting, but are engaged in a process of moving continuously from beginning to end, and that has me thinking, in regards to Faith United PC, where we go from here. We have been in this process for five years now, and we seem to be in a bit of a valley, and maybe that is a good place for us to reflect and then plan, to be a bit calculating, a bit strategic, as we deal with future. One of the things that strikes me is how important scripture and its interpretation is to this conversation about future and where we go from here. We, as people of faith and as the faith community are called, guided, to always read, study, and talk about the word of God, and that is something that we may be able to do more of as we continue on this journey. Currently, we have 4 Women's gatherings that do Bible study, the Men's Club has a Bible study element to it, and we have Sunday school for children, youth and adults, which currently receives a fraction of our people participating. And, we have our WFAM gathering, which aims to study, in active participation, a particular passage each month. As I have observed over the time I have been here, that we really have a pretty small percentage of our congregation's members actively engaged in the study and conversation of scripture, and many of those who are doing it through more than one of the above-mentioned groups. So, as we move into future, we have ample space in which to gather together and study scripture and converse with one another over it. If you are engaged in scripture in one of the before-mentioned opportunities, thank you for your participation. But, is there more you would like to engage in, a wider cross-section of our congregation you would like to engage with in this study and conversation? For the year 2020 I am asking if we can begin at least a couple of new possibilities for the study and engagement with scripture, in addition to what is currently being done, and I would really hope we can build the groups we currently have in place as well. Right now, the 4 Circles we have engage approx. 35-40 women in a monthly study; the Men's Club currently has 4 regular attenders plus myself; the children's Sunday school class has the best percentage of participation, but there are still children who are in worship but not study; and the Adult Class has on average 6-8 participants. So, that adds up to approx. 1/3 or so of our congregation, actively engaged in a focused study of scripture on at least a monthly basis, plus worship. I believe that percentage needs to be much higher, if indeed we are a "people of the Book." I would like to propose a couple of gathering times to come together and discuss putting together Bible Studies that will afford us as a body the opportunity to gather immersed in the word of God. I would like to offer one on a Sunday after worship, where we have a light lunch provided so people don't have to leave and come back (we know that seldom works out well) and one on an evening so those who can't be there at the first one can have a chance to share thoughts and ideas. I am proposing we gather on Sunday, February 9, after worship, and then for those who cannot be there on February 9, we gather on Thursday, February 13, at 7 pm, in the Library. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas on the study of scripture as a way for us to look at future. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me any time, and if you are interested in creating a group dedicated to this study, please try and be a part of one of these gatherings. God's peace.

Dave

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in February

Sunday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 9

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]; Psalm 112:1–9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]; Matthew 5:13–20

Sunday, February 16

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 *or* Sirach 15:15–20
Psalm 119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9
Matthew 5:21–37

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 23

Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2 *or* Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

Ash Wednesday—February 26

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

Christian Ed News

February

Come join us Sunday mornings 9:00 am for Sunday School ages 3-103. The youth meet upstairs and the adults down stairs in the Fireside room. Also, on Wednesdays 5:30 pm for WFAM.



Sunday Attendance

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| | <u>10:30</u> |
| December 24 | 144 |
| December 29 | 70 |
| January 5 | 98 |
| January 12 | 75 |
| January 19 | 72 |
| January 26 | 92 |

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

2nd: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12; The Beatitudes; the Sacrament of Holy Communion

9th: Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20; Scout Sunday; Mr. Skip Trout and the Scouts will lead worship.

16th: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37; Jesus and the Law

23rd: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9; Transfiguration

26th: Ash Wednesday Observance

Treasurer's Report from December

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| Income | \$15,534.00 |
| Expenses | \$16,994.35 |
| Excess/(Deficit) | (\$1,460.35) |



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh

Spotlight on Missions!!

Committee members: Becky Bainbridge, Harriett Marsh, Kelli McWilliams, Peggy Reid

Many thanks to all those who helped fill backpacks in January. There were 15 there including those from Westminster. Next backpack date is Monday, March 2, 6:00 PM at the Food Bank. Coming up in February is Souper Bowl Sunday where the congregation is asked to put a dollar in the Soup Pots for hunger programs in Sioux City. Also, on February 7 is the Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Food Bank of Siouxland at the Sioux City Convention Center this year. We have a full table from Faith United! This is the Food Bank's major fundraiser. Maybe next year we can fill TWO tables!



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.



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

February

Circles will meet:

February 5, Rebecca Circle, 10:00 am
February 13, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am
February 18, Lydia Circle, 7:00 pm
February 21, Coordinating Team, 10:00 am

Vina Rodecker

CARD MAKING GROUP

There will be no card making until further notice. However, cards are still for sale for --\$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00.



Jan/Feb UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



**Kitchen Crew
for February is
Esther Circle**

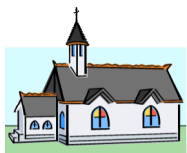
The Quilting Group will meet on Tuesdays, at 9 o'clock. We would invite anyone who enjoys sewing and some fellowship to join us in the quilting room on the third floor.



Please direct ideas, articles and questions to
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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.

February - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for February

2 - Darrell Krommenhoek, Dave & Sue LeGree & family, Helen Lehnertz, Pat Lewis, Gary & Karen Lien, Kirk Lien

9 - Beth Lindgren & family, Alicia Lingle, Nick Lingle & family, Sally Lingle, Betty Ludwig, Dick & Sandy McKeever

16 - Matt & Kelli McWilliams & family, Larry & Sally Manker, Harriett Marsh, Valerie Marshall, Ralph Maslonka, Betty Maxfield

23 - Beverly Maxfield, Bob & Julie Mesmer, Bobbi Mesmer, Heather Mesmer, Kaylenn Mesmer & family, Mary Michell

Ushers



10:30 Service

2 - Zach Gould, Andrea Cale, Shirley Heath

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

16 - Angie Irwin*, Richard Delfs, Jeff & Becky Paulsen

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

Usher Captains! Please remember to get a head count every Sunday.



Liturgist

Sarah Hansen



Greeters

2 - Audrey Fenton

9 - Sandy McKeever

16 - Reta Johnson

23 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen

Communion Servers



2 - Renea Anderson, Zach Gould, Jeff Arnett, Don Stokes

COFFEE SERVERS

Feb -



Offering Counters



Feb 2 & 9 - Becky Bainbridge, Connie Sponder

Feb 16 & 23 - Jeff Arnett

The deadline for newsletter submission is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to
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Birthdays

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| 2 - Roxanne Bobolz | 15 - Sheryl Collins |
| Sally Vilhauer | 17 - Lynda Miller |
| 4 - Ben Daniels | 18 - Alden Noble |
| 5 - Marlene Downs | 19 - Sonja Floyd |
| 9 - Lorman Vilhauer | 21 - Larry Manker |
| 10 - Lani Pettit | Karen Paulsen |
| 11 - Fran Graham | 25 - Tom Braddy |
| 12 - Wendy Collins | 26 - Pat Herbold |
| Alison Hansen | 27 - Vivian Busse |
| | Cheryl Carey |
| | Betty Grieve |

February 2020
Anniversaries



- 7 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen
- 10 - Bill & Susan Blatchford
- 22 - Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

FAITH TOGETHER

FAITH TOGETHER wants to wish a Happy New Year to all.

We will not be having meetings January, and February 2020.

Reta Johnson, Julie Mesmer, Toots Pittman, Karen Lien

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday February 11 at . Please let Bob Mesmer 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.

Thank
you

THANK YOU Many thanks to all for the many Birthday Greetings and Cards. It will always be remembered.

Angie Irwin

LUNCH BUNCH On Wednesday, February 5 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Iron Hill Restaurant at 12:30 pm for lunch.

Thank you for all the cards, letters and hugs that we received for our 66th wedding anniversary celebration.

Lowell & Reta Johnson

February 2020

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| <p>2 10:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION</p> <p>1-4 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p> | <p>3</p> <p>4-9 pm Democratic Caucus</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> | <p>4 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> | <p>5 10:00 am Rebecca Circle</p> <p>12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ Iron Hill Restaurant</p> <p>5:30 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Choir practice</p> | <p>6 8:30 Men's Club</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p> | <p>7</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon</p> | 8 |
| <p>9 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p> | <p>10</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Session</p> | <p>11 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>5:30 pm Empty Nesters @</p> <p>7:00 pm Doll Club</p> | <p>12</p> <p>5:30 pm WFAM 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Choir practice</p> | <p>13 8:30 Men's Club 9:30 am Esther Bible Study</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p> | <p>14</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon</p> | 15 |
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| <p>23 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA</p> | <p>24</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p> | <p>25 9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>12:00 pm Faith Together</p> | <p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:15 pm Choir practice</p> | <p>27 8:30 Men's Club</p> <p>5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 7:00 pm Scouts</p> | <p>28</p> <p>8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9-11 am Pinewood build in Labrynth</p> |

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Worship Schedule

Service times

10:30 Worship Service

Staffed Nursery Available

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Jeff Arnett
Don Stokes
Ben Miller

Christian Education

Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge

Finance

Renea Anderson
Zach Gould

General Administration

Renea Anderson
Don Stokes
Tina Hansen
Ben Miller

Investment/Endowment

Gary Hacker

Membership

Connie Sponder
Linda Puttmann

Memorial

Becky Bainbridge
Renea Anderson

Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Harriett Marsh
Zach Gould

Worship

Linda Puttmann
Zach Gould

BOARD OF DEACONS

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| Carolyn Daniels | Julie Mesmer |
| Carlotta Fox | Becky Paulsen |
| Angie Irwin | Dick Pruehs |
| Beth Lindgren | Harvey Stokes |
| Sally Lingle | Lorman Vilhauer |
| Bobbi Mesmer | Sally Vilhauer |

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

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| Renea Anderson | Tina Hansen |
| Jeff Arnett | Ben Miller |
| Becky Bainbridge | Linda Puttmann |
| Zach Gould | Don Stokes |

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: - Sonja Floyd, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Eleanor Tasker
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Tina Hansen