

The Echo

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FROM THE PASTOR

As we begin our fall programs it is also time to update our mentors for the Sticky Faith program. If you recall, we implanted this program to assist our youth as they go through High School and go off to college. The program was started after we heard Dr. Kara E. Powell speak at one of our ECO Synod gatherings. Dr. Powell reflected on some studies put out by the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) that 40 to 50% of our students, who graduate from High School and are active in church activities, will leave their faith when they go off to college. That is just not acceptable. The FYI came up with a program called Sticky Faith that assigns a mentor who will meet with them regularly (at least once a month), someone who will pray for them and someone who will write letters or notes to them. The idea is the more adults our youth have in support of them, the greater the chance they will not leave their faith during their college years.

Still unsure of what our youth are facing at a college level, Anna Kitko, the campus director for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville says that the postmodern worldview is taken for granted by professors at colleges today. She said, "because objective reality does not exist from a postmodern philosophical world view, everything is relative; you have your truth and I have mine; there is no point of reference for words, rejection of the sacred, no moral accountability and no coherence." There is actually a "Manual for Creating Atheists" and some professors and students see their role as undermining everything Christian parents, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and pastors have taught for those arriving on campus.

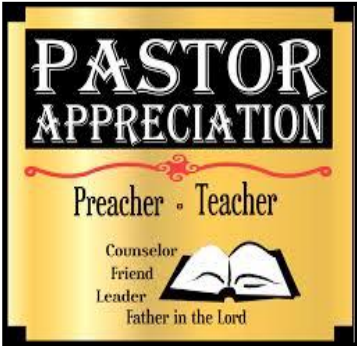
All the more reason that we have mentors for our youth. I realize that trying to find a time to meet with the youth can be difficult because their schedules are very busy, let alone your own. The best way to get in touch with the youth will be through your phone; the youth tend to text better than answer a call. Some of the better times to meet are during their lunch hour or just after school. Take them for ice cream, coffee, or a smoothie. Your job is to get to know them, what their concerns are and challenges, be a listening ear, and give support. Whether you are considering being a mentor who meets with our youth, a mentor who prays for them, or a mentor who sends a note-card or letter, our youth desperately need our support. Specifics of what each mentorship entails can be found by contacting the church with your interest.

God is calling us to this task as Peter tells us in I Peter 5: 2a and 5 - "Be shepherds of the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (ESV)

God bless,
Pastor Terry



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 7. Elders serving the congregation are Gary Christians, Dave Jenson (for Tom Kuiper), Esther Ernst, Gary Handeland, Marie Godfredsen, and Craig Van Houten. Deacons responsible for the elements are Mike Milbrath (juice) and Rochelle Jacobsma (bread). Shut-ins, independent living and nursing home partners and friends are not scheduled to be served.



On Sunday, October 7, Pastors Terry and Maggie will be recognized during the service for their commitment and care of our church family. A coffee reception, hosted by the Mission & Nurture Committee, will follow the service in the church fellowship hall. Cake, coffee and juice will be served. All are cordially invited to attend as we take this opportunity to thank them for all they do, both seen and unseen.



OCTOBER IS PASTORS' APPRECIATION MONTH. This month and in all months, to those who serve alongside them, staff and laity, church partners, take a moment each day to pray for your pastors. Love, support and encourage them and their families!! They are serving the Lord, but they are also serving you and your congregation and community, sometimes tirelessly and without a break. Pastor Terry & Dawn Simm and Maggie Gisch, we love you and are blessed to have such kind and caring pastoral care!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT! WHY DEPRESSION IS A PERVASIVE ISSUE AMONG PASTORS! Pastors are people, too! They have feelings and deal with the same struggles, concerns, anxieties, and fears we all do. They are not immune to depression and can be overwhelmed with the demands that a life of service to others brings. The ministry is not a 9 to 5 job, but a calling to be available to people 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, many times at the sacrifice of their own needs and those of their families. Pastors' write, "I wish someone would have told me how tough it is to be a pastor. Preaching the Word was my priority. I was caught off-guard by the realities of local church life, death by a non-ending stream of criticisms, cutting, unfair, fault/blame, giving all I had to give, but still not enough, spiritual warfare...the enemy intent on destroying my ministry, all inevitably resulting in a sense of inadequacy over time, an emotional downward spiral into depression. It wears on you, it takes a toll, not just on me, but my marriage, my family! And the loneliness, finding a true friend to share your struggles with when you are a pastor. I wish someone had told me how tough it is to be a pastor!" (newsletternewsletter.com/based on equip.sbts.edu excerpts 5 Reasons Pastors Get Depressed by Thom Rainer)



MISSION FEST SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 28, with the Rev.

Scott Burdsall our guest speaker.

Rev. Burdsall, the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, IA, since 2004, along with his wife, Colleen, have felt God leading them directly towards international ministry, giving them a specific calling for the hurting and global awareness. They are preparing to move to London to help start a church in a multi-ethnic community reaching out to Bangladeshis, through Serge "Grace at the Fray," which means *joining together rough edges to form a smooth seam*. Core to Serge is the belief that we need the gospel as much as anyone else so we seek to make the gospel known to others. **Background Information:** Scott & Colleen met at Taylor University in Indiana. They graduated and were married in 1998, Scott graduating with a major in Biblical Studies and Colleen in Sociology and International Studies. They moved to New Jersey where Scott served as a Director of Christian Education and Colleen taught at a preschool. In 2000 they headed back to the Midwest to Dubuque, IA, and UDS Theological Seminary. Scott earned an M.Div. and served as the student pastor for 2 small churches in rural Iowa. In 2004 they moved to Little Rock, IA, where Scott has served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for more than 13 years. They have 4 children.

Sunday school classes as usual, unless otherwise announced in the bulletin. Following the service, FOC will be serving dinner as a freewill offering fundraiser. All are invited!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY!



The Baby Bottle Campaign, a program of Cherish Center, Okoboji, a non-profit Christian organization in Northwest IA,

that provides a maternity home called Cherish House, for unwed, pregnant teens, started Sunday, September 23, and will run through all of October. Be sure to pick-up a baby bottle/s, children and adults alike, from the table placed by the elevator in the fellowship hall, fill them with coins and return them to the church by Sunday, October 28. A representative from Cherish Center will be picking them up shortly thereafter.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS OCTOBER 7

Sunday, October 7, is the start date for *Operation Christmas Child*, a project of Samaritan's Purse that provides gift-filled shoeboxes to hurting children around the world. We encourage our SS, Logos, FOC, Bible studies, groups, congregational members, any and all, to participate. Pick up a brochure from the Mission Table, and read the how-to instructions on how to pack a box. Reusable plastic containers are preferable, of a similar size, as the families can use them to

store items and food to protect against rodents and insects. The deadline to return your gift-filled shoeboxes to the church is November 4. National Collection Week is November 12-19. The church will pay the shipping fee to get the boxes delivered. Donations toward the shipping fee would be appreciated. We invite anyone who would prefer not to pack a box, but would like to contribute in another way, to please consider a monetary donation, checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church, noting on the memo line *shipping fee*. Thank you.



FISHES & LOAVES KITCHEN MEAL

The Fishes & Loaves Kitchen monthly meal is Saturday, October 20, at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Games at 5 p.m.



Menu:

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
Green Beans/Rolls
Apple Desserts

All are welcome!
No Charge or Freewill Offering



Circle Meetings

Dorcas Circle meets Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the church meeting room. Gertrude Abels is the hostess.

Sarah Circle meets Thursday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m., at Heartwood Heights, unless otherwise announced.

October Meetings

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The **Worship & Evangelism Committee** meets Sunday, October 28, at 11:00 a.m., in the choir room.

The **Christian Education Committee** meets Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room.

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SESSION MEETING
No July Meeting

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August 15, 2018

SESSION VOTED TO APPROVE:

Heying Endeavors' financial report of the church main accounts, month ending July 31, 2018.

General Fund

Balance as of 6/30		\$ (208.74)
Receipts for July	+\$21,014.17	
Interest	+\$.98	
Expend. for July	-\$20,753.49	
	\$ 261.66	

Ending balance 7/31 \$ 52.92

Moderator's Report...a. Request to be gone August 27 through August 31, to help daughter, Sara, while Jake is away training to be a Southwest Airlines' pilot. Pastor Maggie will be on-call and take Pastor Terry's 8th grade Confirmation class kick-off on August 29. Considered vacation time.

Clerk's Report...a. Request from church partner, Danielle Claus, for baptism of son, Declan Roger Adams, on August 25. Tom Kuiper and Esther Ernst are the assisting elders. b. Request from church partner, Jillian Voss and husband, Jeremy, for baptism of their son, Emmett William Voss, on November 25. Marie Wallace is the assisting elder.

Property & Financial Stewardship...a. No approved recommendations.

Worship & Evangelism...a. Request from Rob Roozeboom, Rise Ministries, to be in the pulpit on Sunday, September 16. (Later changed to October 14.)

Christian Education...a. Jennifer Kruger and Kristin Byers as 2018-2019 Logos Directors. b. Jaime Huls to serve as an FOC helper for the 2018-2019 term. c. Cindy Gries to serve on the SS Rotational Committee. d. Esther Ernst to be a helper for the 2nd grade Logos class and tentative Karey Julius as teacher for 3rd grade Logos, every other week. e. All FOC 2018-2019 calendar of offsite, fundraising and service events.

Mission & Nurture...a. To hold Pastors' Appreciation on October 7. b. To hold Church/Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 22, at 12 noon. No charge or freewill offering. c. Permission to use Mission Fund monies to draw from if shortfall in Thanksgiving Dinner offerings is over \$250. d. FOC to provide the Mission Fest Dinner on October 28, as a freewill offering fundraiser.

Old Business...Mission Study Commission and the 125th Church Anniversary have been under discussion for the last several months. Session has voted...a. Esther Ernst to represent the Session on the Commission serving as co-chairperson (one more Session member needed), Cindy Kemp to represent Worship & Evangelism, Gary Handeland & Marie Wallace to represent Mission & Nurture, Tom Kuiper to represent Christian Education, and Dean Popkes to represent Property & Financial Stewardship. b. To form a 125th Anniversary Steering Committee. c. To approve that all those who signed up be the Steering Committee membership, upon their acceptance, with members of the Steering Committee chairing the sub-committees, as was done for the church's 100th Anniversary, all upon their acceptance. d. To approve inclusion in three consecutive bulletins, an Anniversary Committee Participation insert asking for sub-committee members and helpers to sign-up in areas of interest. This will be done once the Steering Committee meets and determines all sub-committee titles to include.

New Business...No recommendations.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS & MEMORIES

October/November 1968

All entries are taken from our 1895-1995 Centennial Celebration binder.

In World News...No World News entries.

In Church News...On October 15 the proper handling of church monies was discussed and the consensus of opinion was "to study further the Constitution of our church and any improvements we could initiate to improve our system."

On November 19 a motion was made, seconded and carried that the church treasurer and one elder, duly appointed, count the money after every worship service and if either cannot be present then each be empowered to appoint another elder to replace him. This arrangement will go into effect for 1969.



125th Anniversary

Our church will soon celebrate its 125th Anniversary (May 27, 1895 – May 27, 2020). People are needed to serve on the Anniversary Steering sub-committees (history, invitation/reception, memorabilia, publicity/correspondence/pictorial/maybe others). We have had some response and we are very grateful, but so many more people are needed to accomplish this special celebration in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Please watch the Sunday bulletins soon for inserts as to how you can help in your areas of interest.

Church Partnership Inquiry Classes



If you are looking for a church home, classes are being offered the weeks of October 28 and November 4, to help you determine if we are the church for you. If interested, please contact Pastor Terry at 754-3126 by October 23 to schedule an appointment. Time needed for class is 1½ hours. Prospective new partners meet with the Session for consideration for church partnership on Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., with public reception on Sunday, November 18, if this date works for everyone.



The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for Declan Roger Adams, son of Danielle Claus & Jake Adams, on August 25. Our congratulations to the Claus and Adams' families.

Larry Jacobsma	10/07
Tom Kuiper	10/07
Kyle Lowe	10/07
Bob Alexander	10/08
Collen Goldhorn	10/08
Tyler Reck	10/09
Gary Handeland	10/10
Ruby Janssen	10/10
Travis Ten Napel	10/11
Jordan Boettcher	10/12
Joey Paul Ten Napel	10/12
Benjamin Poppen	10/13
David Poppen	10/13
Craig Van Houten	10/13
Dominick Kracke	10/13
Riley Childs	10/14
Karen Wasmund	10/14
Susan Dreessen	10/15
Nicholas Rueter	10/15
Cienna Van Houten	10/15
Drew Buchholtz	10/17
Joey Julius	10/17
Nicole Rockman	10/17
Jessica Williams	10/17
Parker Hinrichs	10/19
Dylan Top	10/19
Loran Boettcher	10/20
Koby Bosma	10/20
Beth Alford	10/21
Vicki Vande Garde	10/21
Marie Wallace	10/21
Beth Zylstra	10/21
Vern Bolkema	10/22
Elizabeth Hibma	10/22
Jackson Byers	10/22
Jim Carroll	10/22
John Linquist	10/22
Ruth Helmers	10/24
Mike Milbrath	10/24
Jim Travaille	10/25
Penny Petersen	10/26
Alexa Julius	10/26
Michelle Poppen	10/27
Mindi Van Houten	10/27
Tommy (TJ) Wietzema	10/27
Tom Witham	10/27
Ben Jacobsma	10/27
Lois Bolkema	10/28
Cheryl Meinders	10/28
Gavin Stanton	10/28
Morgan Appeldorn	10/29
Ellie Huls	10/29
Hannah Huls	10/29
Gary Greenfield	10/30
Elliott Smith	10/30
Brett Doeden	10/31
Matthew Goldhorn	10/31
Shauna Jurrens	10/31
Collin Van Diepen	10/31



The newly installed bunk pews were the answer to Mountain Valley's rapid growth, though they took a little getting used to.

Birth

With joy, we announce the birth of Bennett Allen Anders, son of Robyn & Courtney Anders, who was born on August 7, weighing in at 9 pounds 4 ounces and 21 inches long. From our congregation, proud grandparents are Brian & Cindy Kemp and the proud great-grandmother is Dolorys Helmers. Our congratulations to the Anders, Kemp and Helmers' families.



OCTOBER Birthdays

Marshall Appeldorn	10/01
Karissa Butler	10/01
Jan Pearson	10/01
Kennedy Stevens	10/02
McKenzie Reiter	10/02
Tom Doeden	10/03
Bobbie Julius	10/03
Ashley Trierweiler	10/03
Lonnie Jurrens	10/03
Addyson Doeden	10/03
Helene Handeland	10/04
Eli Jansma	10/04
Sandra Jenson	10/04
Gary Christians	10/05
Kylee Ackerman	10/06
Dale Braaksma	10/06

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Gary & Kris Vipond	10/01/1994
Harold & Lizelle Dawson	10/03/1998
Brad & Janelle Jensen	10/04/1997
Lanny & Nancy Lammers	10/06/1979
George & LaVonne Pomrenke	10/07/1955
Tom & Gina Wietzema	10/07/1988
Kyle & Ashley Trierweiler	10/10/2015
Josh & Shauna Jurrens	10/15/2011
Brady & Morgan Spykerboer	10/15/2016
Dennis & Audrey Veenker	10/17/1966
Julius & Lorrie Reed	10/19/1985
Frank & Audrey Julius	10/21/1953
Larry & Gayle Jacobsma	10/23/1965
Peter & Connie Wagner	10/28/1961
Henry & Marge DeBerg	10/29/1954



Ushers

Les Powers/Kelly Top
John Linquist/Jim Carroll

Greeters

Scott & Cindy Gries
Paul & Carmen Reiter
Gary & Janet Christians

Deacon of the Month

Pam Juber

Lay Involvement

- Oct. 07 Rochelle Jacobsma
- Oct. 14 Allen Reck (Liturgist)/Karey Julius (Children's Message)
- Oct. 21 Ron Huisinga
- Oct. 28 Curt Van Tilburg (Mission Fest Sunday)

Nursery

- Oct. 07 Emily Zylstra, Austin Dreessen & Janna Dreessen
- Oct. 14 Sara Dirks, Lily Reiter & Samantha Dirks
- Oct. 21 Janelle Jensen, Emma Kleve & Jadyen Jensen
- Oct. 28 Candi Norgaard, Carter Norgaard & Elijah Jansma

Candle Lighters

- Oct. 07 Marshall Schiphoff & Ben Poppen
- Oct. 14 Cale Reiter & David Poppen
- Oct. 21 Kyliegh Wollmuth & Natalia Vazquez
- Oct. 28 Gavin Stanton & Phillip Van Westen

Coffee Servers

- Oct. 07 Mission & Nurture (Pastors' Appreciation)
- Oct. 14 Relay for Life Team
- Oct. 21 Bible Studies
- Oct. 28 FOC (Mission Fest Dinner)



November



Thanksgiving Service

The **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, November 21, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary, with the offering received for the church Helping Hand Fund.



THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP NEEDED



Church family, please watch the Sunday bulletins for ways in which you can help financially to support this important outreach mission to our church and community, or with donations of food and helping hands. Your kindness and generosity help make it possible to offer this wonderful meal year after year to those who may not have the financial means to afford a turkey dinner or who may be alone on this holiday of giving thanks.



Join Us for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 22 @ 12 Noon
First Presbyterian Church
601 6th Avenue, Sibley
Fellowship Hall

All the Trimmings!
No Charge or Freewill offering

Please Don't Sit Home Alone!
Come and Enjoy a Delicious Dinner
with Your Friends & Neighbors as
We Give Thanks Together!



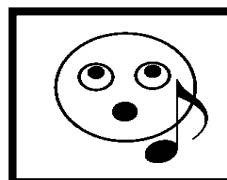
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Christ the King Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Christ the King Sunday, November 25. Elders scheduled to serve the congregation and our shut-in, nursing home and independent living members and friends are: Brad Jensen, Gary Handeland, Dave Jensen, Allen Reck, Dale Eads, and Connie Wagner. Deacons responsible for the elements are Pam Juber (juice) and Aaron Zylstra (bread).



SONGFEST

Our church is scheduled to lead the songfests on Monday, November 26, singing at Heartwood Heights at 6:00 p.m., Sibley Specialty Care

at 6:30 p.m. and Country View Manor at 7:00 p.m. With Christmas almost upon us, young, old and in-between, please make this community outreach

mission a priority. The sign-up sheet will be available on the Mission Table on Sunday, November 4.

Caring Christmas



Caring Christmas, now in its 13th year, is one of our most important and appreciated in-church outreach

*mission programs designed to assist our families and individuals, who may be experiencing some financial difficulties, with Christmas expenses. If you would like some assistance this year, please see the tear-off sheet on page 8 of this newsletter, fill it out and return to the attention of Pastor Terry by 4 p.m., Thursday, November 8. Inserts will also be included in the October 28 and November 4 Sunday bulletins. All responders will remain anonymous. Only Pastor Terry will know who has asked for assistance. Cards will be ordered immediately following the deadline and mailed to all those who responded on or before December 1. **PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED THE DEADLINE AS ALL DONATED FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED TO PURCHASE THE CARDS.***

Stipulations for responding to our invitation for assistance and card usage:

- a. Individuals and families must make-an-effort to attend First Presbyterian Church on a recurrent basis, showing through your attendance and/or participation in the life of the church that we are your church home.
- b. Individuals and families must have legitimate need for assistance and may not use the *Caring Christmas* program as a means to supplement Christmas, if their financial resources permit them to purchase wants/luxuries versus needs, thus taking away from what we can give to those of our church family who do have genuine need.
- c. The cards cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or cigarettes. The intent is that the cards be used for food, clothing and toys.

Monetary Donations

It is our hope that anyone who would like to help make someone's Christmas a little brighter will donate to the *Caring Christmas* in-church program. Financial donations, marked

Caring Christmas, may be dropped off in the mail, the church office, or placed in the offering plate. We please ask that donations be in by November 8th so we know how much money we have to distribute among our families. Thank you.



November Birthdays



Maribeth Appeldorn	11/02
Grant Schiphoff	11/02
Glenn Greenfield	11/03
Connie Ten Napel	11/04
Josh Kauffman	11/05
Timothee Ackerman	11/06
Logan Van Houten	11/07
Chloe Sheda	11/07
Lexi White	11/07
Ron Huisinga	11/08
Kelli Kauffman	11/08
Lindsey Marco	11/08
Kaleb Schutte	11/08
Isaac Butler	11/09
Landon Howard	11/09
Mike Kruger	11/09
Gayle Jacobsma	11/10
Jillian Van Diepen	11/10
Laura Hoffman	11/11
Connor Jurrens	11/13
Tristian Patterson	11/13
Logan Heibult	11/14
Elizabeth Ver Steeg	11/14
Brooklyn Jurrens	11/15
George Pomrenke	11/16
Rick Dirks	11/17
Phyllis LaCour	11/18
Gloria Wills	11/19
Tom Wietzema	11/21
Jacey Zylstra	11/21
Samantha Dirks	11/22
Lanette Johanning	11/22
Brittany Snyder	11/22
Makoy Howard	11/22
Tommy Zylstra	11/23
Maverick Elser	11/23
Dave Jenson	11/25
Brady Julius	11/25
Hunter Kauffman	11/25
Brian Klaassen	11/25
Ron VanEngen	11/25
Preston Marco	11/26
Brady Spykerboer	11/26
Kay Stanton	11/26
Emma Kleve	11/26
Nolan Techen	11/26
Tanner Alford	11/27
Bridget Doeden	11/30
Norma Vos	11/30





Fishes & Loaves

Saturday, November 17
@ 6 P.M.
(games beginning @ 5 p.m.)
Sibley First Presbyterian
Church Fellowship Hall
Lasagna
Salads
Garlic Bread
Pumpkin Desserts
No charge or freewill offering.



Address Changes

Brett & Carlie Doeden
6692 120th St.
Harris, IA 51345
Justin & Jennifer Kruger
521 Golf View Drive
Sibley, IA 51249
Brian & Gina Marco
533 9th Ave.
Sibley, IA 51249
Mike & Jodi Van Westen
921 9th St.
Sibley, IA 51249
Carolyn Clark
1801 Collegeway, Apt. 114
Worthington, MN 56187

November Anniversaries

Duane & Vicki Vande Garde	11/05/2004
Randy & Colleen Goldhorn	11/17/1978
Doug & Helen Rahfaldt	11/20/1970
Kelly & Rochelle Jacobsma	11/24/1990
Art & Mary Kruse	11/25/1950

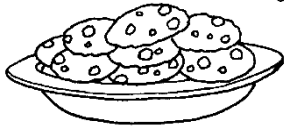


November Meetings



The **PW Executive Committee** meets Wednesday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m., in the meeting room, followed by the PW Gathering at 2:00 p.m. Program:

- Thank Offering Dedication (Janet Christians)
- Pack Cookies for Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins (Dorothy Funk)



Each lady is asked to please bring at least 2½ dozen baked cookies to take to shut-ins and nursing homes. Hostesses & devotion leaders are Janet Christians, Chr., Jonola Witham & Gayle Jacobsma.

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- Nov. 04 Cienna Van Houten & Mariah Dake
- Nov. 11 Jorryn Julius & Alex Kruger
- Nov. 18 Brenden Witham & Carter Vos
- Nov. 25 Gabe Bevers & Grant Schiphoff

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- Paul Reiter/Randy Goldhorn
- Brad Willemssen & Ralph Witham

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- Roger & Marilyn Poppen
- Bob & Shan Alexander
- Gloria Wills

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- Nov. 04 Fellowship of the Carpenter
- Nov. 11 Presbyterian Relay for Life Team
- Nov. 18 Tentative Mission & Nurture (New Partners' Public Reception)
- Nov. 25 Fellowship of the Carpenter

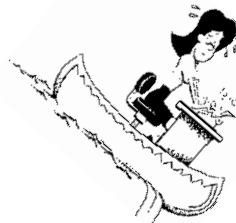


ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

July	15	133	General Fund	\$5060.50
July	22	118	General Fund	\$2973.01
July	29	115	Mission Fund	\$2420.00
			Property Needs	\$1570.00
August	05	121	General Fund	\$5003.00
August	12	83 (Park)	General Fund	\$3557.00
August	19	164	General Fund	\$4787.00
August	26	134	Mission Fund	\$2274.00
			Property Needs	\$1361.00
Sept.	02	120	General Fund	\$3302.00
Sept.	09	177	General Fund	\$4929.00



Thanks for Your Support!



Deadlines

DECEMBER '18/JANUARY '19 ECHO...The deadline for the combined issue is 8:00 a.m., Friday, November 9.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS...The deadline for all announcements wished to be included in the Sunday bulletin is Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

BULLETIN PICK-UP...Bulletins will be available for pick up on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

CHURCH OPEN...The church is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, including the noon hour, and most often open from 9 to noon on Saturdays if Pastor Terry is in the office. The church is closed on Mondays even though, due to the work load, the employees may be working that day.



We give our sincere condolences to the families of Leone "Jodi" (Funk) Silker, especially to the members of our church family, her sister, Ruth Krull and nieces, Colleen Harms and Penny

Petersen, and their families, upon her death at a Minneapolis nursing home on August 25. A family memorial service was to be held at a later date.



Thank you for the people who sang for the Songfest on July 23. We had great participation. The people at Heartwood Heights, Sibley Specialty Care and Country View Manor enjoyed listening to us sing their favorite hymns. Our next Songfest is November 26. Hope to see you all there again. Randy Goldhorn (Mission & Nurture Committee)

We have received from the camp, very cute thank you notes from two of our campers, Bailey

and Riley, as follows: (Bailey) I liked everything about camp! It was really fun. Can't wait till next year! (Riley) Thaks for the counselors and thaks for helping me go here. P.S. Please read in church.

Thank you for your recent donation of \$75 to our Lifeline program. An elderly woman, whose funds are not stretching far enough, will have two months paid by your gift. We appreciate your support for this important service for our subscribers. Sincerely, Nancy Faber (Lifeline Program Manager)

We would like to thank Pastors Terry and Maggie for hosting a "back to college" pizza party. We are blessed to have such a loving church home. Thanks to Pastor Terry and Pastor Maggie for the good fellowship and advice. Blessings! Ben Jacobsma, Brooke Norgaard, Alexa Julius, Allie Van Tilburg, Mariah Elser, Nichole Lowe, Alec Jensen, and Trevor Kruger

The Worship & Evangelism Committee would like to thank those who attended the service and potluck in the park last Sunday. A special thanks goes to those who brought food to share and those who set-up, organized and planned this event. God was

worshiped and good fellowship was had.

Thanks so much for the financial support. We appreciate it very much. We are excited to see how God can use us to reach Bangladeshis in London and we can't do it without support of those who are also being used by God to reach the world. So, thank you for that. We are looking forward to sharing more with you this fall. In His grace, Scott & Colleen Burdsall and kids

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, messages, texts, offers of help, and visits following my heart attack on August 13. It was all very much appreciated! The doctor reported that there was insignificant damage to my heart. God is good! Bob Godfredsen

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers concerning my recent, successful surgery. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Terry and Pastor Maggie for their visits and calls. It is comforting to know that the church family is supporting you through life's journey. Jim Travaille

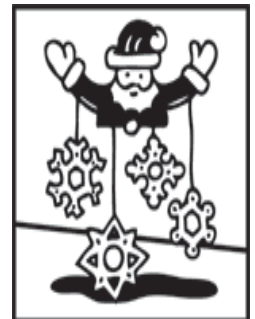


Caring Christmas Response Form



Please check the appropriate boxes, sign and mail to the church office (601 6th Ave., Sibley, IA 51249) marked **to the attention of Pastor Terry** on or before November 8. You may check two Gift Card boxes, if you wish. If choosing two, Gift Cards will be of equal amounts. If choosing Max Theatre passes, \$25 will be deducted from your second card choice. To protect your anonymity, please do not place the form in the Sunday offering plate. **Cards cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or cigarettes.**

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