



# The Echo

First Presbyterian Church  
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## THE COVENANT ORDER OF EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIANS (ECO)

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### From the Pastor

Pastor Maggie Gisch, Elder Esther Ernst and myself will be attending the ECO National Gathering in Colorado, at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The theme for this year's National Gathering is "LOCALLY GROWN," as we will be exploring together how to cultivate our flourishing next step. Speakers and breakout sessions will be challenging us on these issues: "Is God calling you to take a step in your discipleship journey? How about your leadership development? Maybe it's time to take that next step on mission to your local community."

ECO is all about your local church, your neighborhood, and what's going on in your ministry. Big or small, rural or urban, thriving or struggling, *God is calling us to flourish*. This is their call to register for the gathering... "You won't want to miss this year's gathering. Take time in January in Colorado Springs to renew your commitment to Jesus and your ministry, connect with the God who loves you deeply, worship, learn from our amazing keynote speakers (4), gain practical wisdom from breakout sessions, connect with colleagues and friends from across the country, and most all, have FUN!" The three of us will be reporting and reflecting on our ECO Gathering during the worship service on the Sunday right after, February 3.

ECO's Synod Executive, Dana Allin, reflects on our communities by asking the question: "How can we be better?" "I continue to be both inspired and overwhelmed by the challenges and opportunities that stand before our movement. There are some obvious issues that include working toward the revitalization of our churches, the ability of our churches to plan vibrant churches, and, of course, developing a great quantity and quality of lay and vocational leaders who will be able to lead, plant, and revitalize these congregations."

On a local note, at the end of this year in December, First Presbyterian Church of Sibley Iowa, will begin our celebration of our church's Sesquicentennial (125 years of existence). Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme will be "Give Thanks to God" with our theme song being "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" and Scripture verse, Ephesians 5: 20: "Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." May 31, 2020, is the projected banquet date, with the kickoff starting in December 2019. While the 125<sup>th</sup> is not the milestone that our 100<sup>th</sup> was, we will still be celebrating this important time in the life of the church. We hope that several of our former pastors can either fill our pulpit or be at our closing event on May 31. Looking forward to the year 2019!

God bless,  
Pastor Terry

Valentine's Day  
February 14



PRESIDENTS' DAY  
FEBRUARY 18



## THE SUPER BOWL OF SOUP SUPPERS

Sponsored by  
Fellowship of the Carpenter

Wednesday, February 20  
5-7 P.M.

Sibley First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall

### Soups

Chili  
Broccoli & Cheese  
Chicken 'n Noodle  
Chicken 'n Wild Rice  
Vegetable Beef

### Variety of Desserts

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

Call 754-2479 for Carry-Outs  
Freewill offering for '19 Mission Trip  
to Pine Ridge, SD

(No Logos on February 20, so teachers can help  
with the Soup & Pie Supper.)

Ladies, FOC would again this year gratefully ask you to supply the pies and desserts, delivering them to the church kitchen by 12 noon on February 20. A SUPER THANK YOU TO ALL!



## FISHES & LOAVES

Saturday, February 16 @ 6 P.M.

Games @ 5 P.M.

Spaghetti/Garlic Bread/Salads/Cake

No Charge or Freewill Offering. All are Invited!

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Dorcas Circle** meets Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room. Esther Ernst is the hostess.

**Sarah Circle** meets Thursday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m., at Heartwood Heights, unless otherwise announced.

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

The **Property & Financial Stewardship Committee** meets Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m., to take care of work projects, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room.

The **Mission & Nurture Committee** meets Wednesday, February 6, at 5:30 p.m., in the choir room.

The **Worship & Evangelism Committee** meets Sunday, February 3, at 11:00 a.m., in the choir room.

The **Christian Education Committee** meets Thursday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room.

The **Deacons** meet Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room.

**Session** meets Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room.

**Pastor Maggie's Women's Group**...Caring for Your Body: Health, Wellness and Spiritually, meets Mondays at 10 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

**Wednesday Prayer Group**...every Wednesday from 7 – 8:30 a.m., in the meeting room. Come when you can. Leave when you need to.

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets at 10 a.m., in the downstairs' FOC room. Please watch bulletins for confirmation.

**Men's Monday Night Bible Study** meets at 7 p.m., in the church meeting room.

**Adult Old Testament Bible Study** (Peter Wagner's group) meets Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m., in the church meeting room.

## TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Our church hosts the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat Weekend in March. Schedule: TEC Team meetings on Sundays, February 24, March 3 and 10. TEC retreat weekend is Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17. TEC reunion is Sunday, March 31. Teens of our church family, wishing to attend the TEC Retreat, if you are a first-timer, First Presbyterian will pay your registration fee. If any of our high schoolers, who have attended before, and would like to in March, please contact the church office if you need registration fee assistance. We will help.

## SESSION MEETING November 15, 2018

SESSION VOTED TO APPROVE:

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

### General Fund

Balance as of Sept. 30	\$ (5,382.05)
Receipts for Oct.	+\$24,017.00
Interest	+\$ .95
Expend. for Oct.	-\$20,779.31
	\$ 3,238.64

Ending balance Oct. 31 \$ (2,143.41)

**Moderator's Report**...a. No recommendations for approval.

**Clerk's Report**...a. To approve Carroll & Ramona Dass, Kelly Jacobsma, Lynette Visser, and Rozane Kros for church partnership. Public reception on November 18.

**Property & Financial Stewardship**...a. To recommend to the congregation at the January annual meeting approval of the 2019 Proposed General Fund Budget *as a best estimate working budget* as we do not have a pledge system in place. b. Bob Alexander and Ralph Witham to carryover to another at-large term, Class of 2019. c. Allen Reck as an additional counter for 2019.

**Worship & Evangelism**...a. To approve as a whole the 2019 schedule of Advent/Christmas activities, services and special offerings.

**Christian Education**...a. No recommendations for Session consideration.

**Mission & Nurture**...a. To match the \$500 Mission Fund Global Missions line item for the Rev. Scott Burdsall, Serge: *Grace at the Fray*, funds from the Loof bequest, for as long as we support the Mission. Line item distributed quarterly and Loof monies distributed yearly. b. To implement a daily/weekly meal for children during

the summertime, timeframe not yet known pending old basement/kitchen renovations.

**Personnel Committee...**a. No recommendations for Session consideration.

**Old Business...**a. To move the Joint Board meeting to 6:30 p.m., on December 20, instead of 7:00 p.m. Deacons will now meet at 6:00 p.m., and the Session following the Joint Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**New Business...**a. To approve Presbyterian Women's new 2019 study book entitled *Prayer*. b. To approve the updated Memorial Gift List.

**SESSION MEETING  
December 20, 2018**

SESSION VOTED TO APPROVE:

Heying Endeavors' financial report of the church main accounts, month ending November 30, 2018.

General Fund

Balance as of Oct. 31		\$ (2,143.41)
Receipts for Nov.	+\$18,279.52	
Interest	+\$ .96	
Expend. for Nov.	-\$19,739.60	
	\$ (1,459.12)	
Ending balance Nov. 30, 2018		\$ (3,602.53)

**Moderator's Report...**No recommendations.

**Clerk's Report...**Reported church partner deaths and approval to remove their names from the rolls.

**Property & Financial Stewardship...**a. To stay with Grinnell House of Worship due to better coverage and a lower premium. Next insurance review in 3 years. b. To elect 2019 treasurers, Dale Eads (Helping Hand Fund), Shan Alexander (Memorial Fund), and Ginger French, for Heying Endeavors, (General/Mission and Property Needs Fund). c. Jaime Huls to serve a 1 year at-large term, Class of 2019, on Committee.

**Worship & Evangelism...**a. Karey Julius to serve a 3 year at-large term, Class of 2021, on Committee. b. To approve the 2019 Communion Schedule.

**Christian Education...**No recommendations.

**Mission & Nurture...**Lois Stofferan and Helene Handeland to each serve a 1 year at-large term, Class of 2019, on Committee.

**Personnel Committee...**To approve, as reviewed, Pastor Terry's Declaration to the IRS (distribution of 2019 Pastoral Ministry budget), numbers based on an approved 1% cost of living increase.

**Old Business...**a. To receive the 2018 Nominating Committee report of nominees to be presented to the congregation at the January annual meeting. b. To appoint Dennis Poppen to serve on the 2018 Audit Committee to review all church accounts prior to the January 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, and Jaime Huls or Christina Greenfield, contingent upon acceptance.

**New Business...**a. To distribute a financial gift, from the late Ed Brandt, between the Memorial Fund (to finish the designated monies needed for the purchase of a new Bunn coffee maker and to designate or suggest a new electronic piano) and the Mission Fund. b. To approve the Annual Meeting Agenda, as printed, and that the Loof Estate Bequest investment value report, as of 12/31/18, be included. c. To hold Ordination & Installation Service on Sunday, March 3. d. To hold required annual Session Retreat, which serves as orientation for newly elected officers, on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the church. e. Marie Godfredsen as 2019 Clerk of Session Pro-tem. f. Jonola Witham to represent the PW on the 2019 Nominating Committee.

**CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS & MEMORIES  
February/March '19**

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

**In World News February 1969...**None recorded.

**In World News March 1969...**On March 2 the French-British Concorde, a big plane shaped like a bird, nosed its way into flight for the first time.

**In Church News...**February 18...Session voted to increase the Benevolent Budget by \$350. This would be sent to Howard Orcutt of Porcupine, SD, for mission work in that area. Also, it was approved that Mrs. Glenn Mitchell, Chr., Harry Ernst, William Frick, Henry Poppen, and Mrs. Elsie Stachour would serve on the Steering Committee for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church.

March 1...Because of eyesight trouble, Leonard Nebelsick resigned as Treasurer February 18, 1969. Don Stachour replaced him June 17, 1969 and has faithfully served as Treasurer up through the present year of 1995. What a wonderful service this man has given over 26 years!



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*

Sara Bartholomew	2/01
Addison Douma	2/02
Austin Kruger	2/02
Duane Vande Garde	2/02
Phyllis Huisinga	2/03
Mary Wagenaar	2/03
Samantha Clark	2/04
Scott Gries	2/04
Thomas Roth	2/04
Jennifer Willemssen	2/05
Brent Reed	2/07
Ashilyn Hulstein	2/07
Karla Bevers	2/08
Les Powers	2/10
Sharon Powers	2/10
Timothy Jenson	2/10
Jennifer Vipond	2/10
Connie Wagner	2/10
Jericho Leathers	2/11
Jenna Braaksma	2/12
Maverick Doeden	2/12
Casey VanEngen	2/13
Heather Kebede	2/15
Josh Jurrens	2/15
Sue Krogman	2/15
Dawn Simm	2/15
Haliegh Van Westen	2/16
Joey Klaassen	2/17
Alex Kruger	2/17
Juliana Leathers	2/17
Dennis Veenker	2/17
Emmett Jurgens	2/18
Jed Vander Pol	2/19
Jan Eads	2/20
Brent Schiphoff	2/20
Charley Zylstra	2/20
Brooke Korthals	2/21
Zach Butler	2/22
Tyson Julius	2/22
Jorryn Julius	2/23
Anthony Renner	2/23
Shari Van Engen	2/24
Michele Klaassen	2/25
Ashley Spillman	2/25
Twilla Bents	2/26
Tom Ackerman	2/27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve & Jackie Kannegieter	2/03/2007
Bob & Jeanette Greve Thompson	2/09/2007
Chad & Connie Jansma	2/14/2009
Mike & Maribeth Appeldorn	2/20/1988

**ATTENDANCE**

Nov.	11	164	General Fund	\$6,923.50
Nov.	18	181	General Fund	\$5,436.00
Nov.	25	157	Mission Fund	\$2,629.52
			Property Needs	\$1,756.03
Dec.	02	215	General Fund	\$8,752.00
Dec.	09		No Service Due to Bad Weather	
Dec.	16	222	General Fund	\$7,846.86



**CANDLE LIGHTERS**

- Feb. 03 Natalia Vazquez & Jorryn Julius
- Feb. 10 Carter Vos & Phillip Van Westen
- Feb. 17 Gavin Stanton & Brenden Witham
- Feb. 24 Kaden Schutte & Tanner Gries

**USHERS**

- Dale Eads/Craig Van Houten
- Dave Jenson/Paul Reiter

**GREETERS**

- Tom & Gina Wietzema
- Gloria Wills
- Curt & Rochelle Van Tilburg

**DEACON OF THE MONTH** Mike Milbrath

**LAY INVOLVEMENT**

- Feb. 03 Samantha Dirks (Karey Julius Kids' Message)
- Feb. 10 Morgan Huls
- Feb. 17 Eli Jansma (Rochelle Jacobsma Kids' Message)
- Feb. 24 Jady Jensen

**NURSERY**

- Feb. 03 Rick Dirks, Chase Wasmund & Allyson Meinders
- Feb. 10 Maribeth Appeldorn, Jasmine Thompson & Evan Heinrichs
- Feb. 17 Jessica Williams, Dalton Marco & Nick Rueter
- Feb. 24 Beth Zylstra, Charley Zylstra & Hannah Ingvall

**COFFEE SERVERS**

- Feb. 03 Mission & Nurture Committee
- Feb. 10 Presbyterian Relay for Life Team
- Feb. 17 Mission & Nurture Committee
- Feb. 24 Mission & Nurture Committee



The **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE** for our newly elected officers is Sunday, March 3. We ask that our past and current elders and deacons be present as a show of support to those who will be undertaking the responsibilities of their respective offices. All new officers take office with the March meetings.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The Sibley First Reformed Church hosts this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. The country of Slovenia...."Come, Everything is Ready!" – Luke 14: 15-24. Come to praise, thank and proclaim the kingdom of love. All men and women of the church and community are invited to attend.



The **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** is being held in the church fellowship hall on March 6, at 7:00 p.m. Communion by Intinction will be celebrated with elders Dale Eads, Connie

Wagner, Dave Jenson & Gary Handeland assisting Pastor Terry. Deacons responsible for the elements are Randy Goldhorn (juice) and Suzie Linquist (bread). The offering will be received for the General Fund.



The **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT** is March 10. The **LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated with elders Brian Kemp, Dean Popkes, Dale Eads, Craig Van Houten, Esther Ernst, and Gary Handeland serving the congregation and our shut-in, nursing home and assisted living members and friends. Deacons responsible for preparation of the elements not known in time for printing.

**MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS...**

Begin at 6:30 a.m., on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Schedule not available as of this printing. Watch the Sunday bulletins.



**SESSION RETREAT...** The required **ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT**, for all 2019, 2020 and 2021 elders, is Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. A noon lunch will be provided. Retreat serves as orientation for newly elected elders. Please do your best to attend. If not able, please contact Pastor Terry.

**PARTNERSHIP INQUIRY CLASSES...** If anyone is looking for a church home, inquiry classes will be held the weeks of March 3 and 10. If interested, please contact Pastor Terry to set up an appointment. Class time will be 1½ hours. Prospective new partners will meet with the Session at its March 21 meeting for consideration for church partnership, with public reception on Sunday, March 24.

**PW GATHERING**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:00 P.M.  
Executive Meeting 1:30 P.M.  
Program: Adopt Budget & Report on Visitations.

At the February circle meetings, each circle will receive a list of shut-ins to visit. Circle members may wish to visit in pairs, or with husbands. It is suggested that you have a devotion and prayer at the visitation. Please have this done prior to the PW gathering on March 6. Hostesses & Devotion Leaders: Jan Eads, Chr., Janet Christians.

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**Sibley First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**  
Saturday, March 23, at 6 P.M. Games @ 5.  
(1 week later due to TEC.)

Menu: Soups/Breads/Cookies or Bars  
No charge or freewill offering.



## Camp REGISTRATION for

Inspiration Hills, Inwood, begins Sunday, March 10 and for Lakeshore Center @ Okoboji, Sunday, March 17, Guest speakers will give a Minute for Mission on March 10 (Inspiration

Hills) and March 24 (Lakeshore Center). Lakeshore will meet with grades 1-6 during the SS hour. The church will again pay 1/2 of camp costs, one camp per child, with the parents responsible for the remaining 1/2 share. The Scrip program will reimburse the parents 1/2 of their 1/2 share of camp costs on Campership Sunday, May 12. The church will not pay for children not of this congregation. The deadline to register your children for camp is 12:00 noon, April 10.

### NEW REGISTRATION DEADLINE POLICY ...If

parents do not register their children by the end of the workday (4 p.m.) on April 10, the parents will be responsible for sending the full amount of camp costs/registration forms to Lakeshore Center or Inspiration Hills and then informing the church office of the child's name, camp title and cost. The church will then reimburse the parents for their 1/2 share. ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO LAKESHORE CENTER OR INSPIRATION HILLS!

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

If any of our families are struggling financially and it is not feasible to send your children to camp, please let the church office know. Both the camps and First Presbyterian have scholarships available to assist with camp costs. PLEASE NOTE, THOUGH, THIS CANNOT BE DONE LAST MINUTE. FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY APRIL 8 SO THERE IS TIME TO PROCESS YOUR REQUEST BEFORE THE APRIL 10 DEADLINE. A COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP FORM IS REQUIRED!

Cristy Vos	3/15
Brenda Darnell	3/16
Nicholas Petersen	3/16
Heidi Douma	3/17
Andrew Marco	3/17
Marshall Doeden	3/18
Jaylen Vos	3/18
Dianne Gruis	3/19
Jean Mesner	3/19
Cody VanEngen	3/20
Knox Top	3/20
Tayla Hinrichs	3/21
LeAnn Renner	3/22
Zackery Trierweiler	3/22
Ruth Krull	3/23
Allen Reck	3/27
Peter Wagner	3/27
Ashley Linquist	3/27
Amanda TenNapel	3/29
Gary Abels	3/30
Dorothy Groote	3/30
Arnold Kruse	3/30
Betty Nicks	3/31
Roger Poppen	3/31
Marshall Schiphoff	3/31
Gayl Tutje	3/31
Ralph Witham	3/31



Kelly & Kaitlyn Top	3/02/2013
Tom & Denise Kuiper	3/05/2008
Carroll & Ramona Dass	3/13/1949
Clint & Kindra Reiter	3/17/2001
Matt & Ashley Linquist	3/17/2018
James & Ashley Spillman	3/20/2015
Francisco & Jamie Vazquez	3/24/2012
Bob & Shan Alexander	3/30/1979
Doug & Lynelle Thiner	3/30/1985

**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT @ SIOUX FALLS ON MARCH 9, THE 10-11:30 A.M. SHIFT. SIGN-UP BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10. WATCH THE BULLETINS FOR DETAILS!**



Phyllis Johns	3/01
Jeanette Greve Thompson	3/02
Janet Huls	3/02
Janelle Jensen	3/03
Cidny Rockman	3/03
Afton Grady	3/04
Terry Simm	3/04
Andrea Kemp	3/05
Kris Vipond	3/05
Dean Popkes	3/06
Dan Huls	3/07
Megan Helmers	3/07
Mark Jensen	3/07
Brad Jensen	3/08
Evan Heinrichs	3/08
Nikki Van Westen	3/08
Gracyn Leaper	3/09
Cody Marco	3/09
Katy Marco	3/09
Shirlene Grote	3/10
Colleen Harms	3/11
Cari Bosma	3/12
Kinsey Bosma	3/12
Malia Voss	3/12
Annie Zylstra	3/12
Amanda Alford	3/13
Cooper Strandberg	3/13
Winnie Krogman	3/14
Morgan Huls	3/14
Seth Stevens	3/14
Casey Reiter	3/15

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for Emmett William Voss, son of Jeremy & Jillian Wallace Voss, on Sunday, November 25. Our congratulations to the Voss and Wallace families!



We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Trevor Van Tilburg and Brittany Vetter on the happy occasion of their marriage on November 24, at Newman Center, Aberdeen, SD.



We give our Christian love and sympathy to the families of George Pomrenke, Jr., especially to those of our church family, his wife, Bonnie, daughters Gina (husband Brian) Marco and Linda (husband Brad) Julius, and their families, upon his death at the Avera-McKennon Heart Hospital, Sioux Falls, on Nov. 26. His funeral service was held at our church on Nov. 30.

*George Pomrenke Jr.* was born November 16, 1937, in Sibley, Iowa, the son of George Adolf and Esther (Houwen) Pomrenke. George grew up in Ocheyedan and received his education at the Ocheyedan school. He was united in marriage to LaVonne Gerdes on October 7, 1955, in Allendorf, IA. George farmed, and worked at Exopak in Sibley for 30 years, before retiring in 2002. George was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, camping, spending time with his

coffee buddies, and was a true Green Bay Packers fan. He also loved to work in his lawn. George is survived by his wife, LaVonne; nine children Kim (Dan) Hohbach of Hospers, IA, Greg (Debi) Pomrenke of Nixa, MO, LeAnn (Mike) Dagele of Sibley, IA, Linda (Brad) Julius of Sibley, IA, Jerry (Teresa) Pomrenke of Milford, IA, Scott (Colette) Pomrenke of Orange City, IA, Rick (Missy) Pomrenke of Farmington, MN, Alisa (Matt) Russell of Bigelow, MN, and Gina (Brian) Marco of Sibley, IA; 23 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; brothers, Glenden (Betty) Pomrenke of Worthington, MN, Gary Pomrenke of Sibley, IA; sisters, Elnora Dirks of Ochevedan, IA and Erma (Dan) Mairose of LeMars, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Earlene Uden and Eva Dieters; grandson, Christopher Julius; and one great-granddaughter, Kamren Julius. **Blessed be his memory.**

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the families of Delbert Wills, especially to those of our church family, his wife, Frances, daughters and sons-in-law, Darla & John Linquist (children Matt & Suzanne), Denise & Tom Kuiper (children Heather & Timothy Lavoie), sister-in-law, Gloria Wills, and brother-in-law, Harold (wife Ruby) Janssen. As well as daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie & Roger Meyer, Diane & Mike Remakel, Donna & Mike Schoonhoven, and families, upon his death at Sibley Specialty Care on Dec. 3. His funeral service was held at our church on Dec. 7.

**Delbert Logan Wills** was born on September 21, 1932 in Rushmore, Minnesota. He was the son of Logan and Winnie (Kruse) Wills. He lived his youth on a farm in rural Sibley, Iowa where he attended a country school. Delbert worked at Horton Chevrolet in Sibley before entering the U.S. Army. He was united in marriage to Frances Janie Janssen of Sibley, on March 7, 1953 at the country Lutheran Church, west of Sibley. Delbert then served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Korea and Japan. When Delbert returned from over-seas, he and Frances lived in Sibley where he worked for the government measuring and cleaning bins. They settled near Cloverdale, Iowa, where they farmed. At age 65, he got his captain license for the Village Princess at Lake Okoboji and conducted the Arnolds Park train. He kept busy with various jobs including Jeddelloh Ford and at the Clay County Fair. Delbert always had a story or funny joke to tell. He supported all of his grandchildren's extra-curricular activities attending as many as possible. The most important part of his life was his faith and family. He served as a Trustee, Deacon, and Elder at the First Presbyterian Church, Sibley. He enjoyed the various church groups he and Frances were involved in. Sunday evenings were a special time spent together with family on the farm, including his favorite pet, Mollie the Collie! He passed away on December 3, 2018 at Sibley Specialty Care. Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 65 years, Frances Wills of Sibley, IA; his five daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Roger Meyer of Rock Rapids, IA, Diane and Mike Remakel of

Worthington, MN, Darla and John Linquist of Sibley, IA, Denise and Tom Kuiper of Sibley, IA, Donna and Mike Schoonhoven of Hospers, IA; 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Lorn and Joan Wills of Sanborn, IA; one sister, Dorothy Schilling of Westminster, CO; 2 brothers-in-law, Alvin Jurrens of Sibley, IA and Harold and his wife Ruby Janssen of Sibley, IA; 2 sisters-in-law, Sharon Wills of Sheldon, IA and Gloria Wills of Sibley, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents Logan and Winnie Wills; 3 brothers, Russell Wills, Lyle Wills, and Lynn Wills, and one sister, Marlys Jurrens. **Blessed be his memory.**

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Pam Wollmuth, especially to the members of our church family, her son, Zak Wollmuth, mother, Lois (husband Vern) Bolkema, brother, Ron (wife Shari) Van Engen, sister, Vicki (husband Duane) Vande Garde, and their families, upon her death on December 5. Her memorial service was held on Saturday, December 8, at the Sibley American Legion Hall.

**Pamela Denise Wollmuth** was born April 6, 1968 in Sheldon, IA to Dale and Lois (Stratmeier) Van Engen. Pam attended Little Rock high school and graduated in 1986. She was runner up in the Miss Little Rock Corn Show and a cheerleader. Pam married Dean Kruger in 1987. They had two daughters Heather and Kristin Kruger. Pam drove figure 8 cars, painted demo cars, enjoyed going to Sturgis and was a bible school teacher. She enjoyed writing, drawing and being artsy fartsy. Pam got together with Chad Wollmuth in 1999. They were married on July 31, 2005. They had one son, Zakery Wollmuth. Pam was diagnosed with cancer in 2009. She fought a long, hard battle with breast, liver, bone and brain cancer. Pam passed away on December 5, 2018 in the comfort of her home surrounded by family. Those left to cherish are her mother, Lois (Vern) Bolkema of Sibley, IA; three sisters, Vicki (Duane) Vande Garde of Sibley, IA, Amy (Scott) Swanson and son Mark of Canton, SD, Kim Miller and son Donovan of Sheldon, IA; one brother, Ron (Shari) Van Engen of Sibley, IA; husband, Chad Wollmuth, of Sibley, IA; three children, Heather Kruger and special friend Shaun Arispe of Sheldon, IA, Kristin Kruger and fiancé Steve Johnson of George, IA, Zakery Wollmuth of Sibley, IA; 2 nieces, Denise Van Engen and son Maverick of Sibley, IA and Casey (Dustin) Gust and daughter Anslee of Sibley, IA; one nephew Cody (Maddie) Van Engen and sons Jax and Cash of Ochevedan, IA; one grandson, Avery Maker, of Sibley, IA; and many other extended family and friends. Pam was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jake and Pearl Stratmeier and Abe and Dorothy Van Engen; her father, Dale, and step mother Colleen Van Engen; her aunt, Sandra Mahlman; and nephew, Tristen Miller. Pam will forever be loved and missed by many. **Blessed be her memory.**

Our heartfelt condolences are given to Travis & Jessica Williams and their family upon the death of Travis's cousin, Colt Smith, who passed away on Dec. 7, due to suffering a brain aneurysm that

caused him to fall a distance resulting in a fractured skull and brain swelling. His graveside service was held on December 15, at Nodaway Cemetery, Nodaway, IA.

We give our Christian sympathy to the families of Terry Burns, especially to her husband, Dennis, and their family, upon her death at the Osceola Community Hospital on Dec. 22. Her memorial service was held at Jurrens Funeral Home, Sibley, on Dec. 26.

**Terry Jean Burns** was born on August 12, 1952, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Army Jakowich. She grew up in Minneapolis, graduating from Robinsdale High School in 1970. On June 18, 1977, she was united in marriage to Dennis Burns. They made their home in Minneapolis where they raised their family. Terry enjoyed reading, baking and watching the Pioneer Woman cooking shows. She had a love for Jesus. Terry especially loved spending time with her family and grandchildren. Terry passed away at the Osceola Community Hospital on December 22. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Dennis; 2 daughters, Amanda (Brian) Haas of Council Bluffs, IA, Katy (Wyatt) Dagele of Orange City, IA; 2 grandchildren, Lannah Haas and John Dagele; and a sister, Lynda (Victor) Jankowski of Naples, FL She was preceded in death by her mother, Army Jakowich. **Blessed be her memory.**

Our heartfelt condolences are given to the families of Harold Janssen, especially to those of our church family, his wife, Ruby, his sister, Frances Wills, his brother-in-law, Paul (wife Carmen) Reiter, and their families, upon his death at Sibley Specialty Care on Jan. 4. His funeral service was held at our church on Jan. 7.

**Harold George Janssen** was born on May 8, 1937 on the family homestead near Sibley, IA. He was the son of Herman and Grace (Steen) Janssen. He grew up on the farm, attended country school and graduated from Sibley High School in 1955. After high school, he joined the US Army, where he was stationed in Alaska. After serving he returned home to farm. Harold was united in marriage to his first wife, Jeannine Samuelson on July 11, 1992. Jeannine passed in December of 2004. Years later Harold was reintroduced with Ruby Vreeman and after a yearlong courtship, they were united in marriage on December 26, 2009. Harold loved his tractors and farming. He farmed on the Janssen Century Farm all his life. He also enjoyed working on small engines. Sunday evenings were a special time spent with family at the farm. He enjoyed having the family together. He was a life-long faithful attendee of the First Presbyterian Church of Sibley. Harold touched the lives of many people with his smile, generosity, and love of life. He will be remembered for his kind and gentle spirit. Harold passed away peacefully at the age of 81 on January 4, 2019 at Sibley Specialty Care. Harold will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Ruby and children, Rich & Rhonda Van Klompenburg (Alton, IA), Jerry & Lois Vreeman (Sheldon, IA), Keith & Toni Vreeman (Edgerton, MN), and Craig & Connie Vreeman (Edgerton, MN). Harold will also be fondly remembered by his

sister Francis Wills (Sibley, IA), 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and extended family. Harold was preceded in death by his parents Herman & Grace Janssen, his first wife Jeannine Janssen, and his brother-in-law Delbert Wills. **Blessed be his memory.**



A HUGE and HEARTFELT thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the many requests in recent weeks for your assistance with the Cherish House Baby Bottle project, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry and shipping fees, *Caring Christmas*, and the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. So many people benefited from your generosity. Thank you for your financial contributions, your time and your helping hands. A special thank you to Gloria Wills, Steve & Jackie Kannegieter, Darla Linquist, the Mission & Nurture Committee, and all the workers for your help with the Thanksgiving Day dinner. 225 served.

Thank you so much for the delicious food, your time and hospitality to serve our community. You bring glory and honor to God. Thank you!!!

Our thanks to you for another delicious Thanksgiving meal. Blessings on you all! Frank & Anne Breuker

Thank you for the very delicious Thanksgiving community dinner, along with the friendly company. It is a welcomed event. Karen Wills

Sincere thanks and appreciation for the delicious Thanksgiving feast on Thanksgiving. The inmates, dispatchers and deputies really enjoyed it! Thanks for including us. County Sheriff's Office

Thanks for all the things you did to make the service a special time for family and friends and to the ladies who prepared and served the lunch. Dad and we were blessed by your support. May God richly bless the church in the years ahead. Duane Brandt & Paulette Massa and families

Thank you so very much for all the sincere words of congratulations and best wishes we received in lovely cards for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We have been so richly blessed with a loving family and dear friends over the past years. God bless you one and all. Randy & Colleen Goldhorn

Thank you to the people who sang at the Songfest on November 26. We had great participation again. The people from Heartwood Heights, Sibley Specialty Care and Country View Manor enjoyed listening to us sing their favorite hymns. Thanks again. Randy Goldhorn (Mission & Nurture)

Many thanks for the beautiful plant in honor of George. We were so thankful to be with our church partners. So happy we joined this church. Everyone is so kind and we all love our Lord and Savior. Thank you for all the prayers over the years. God's blessings to all. The George Pomrenke family

The family of George Pomrenke, Jr., would like to thank the congregation for all the support we received from so many when we lost George. God bless all of you for your kindness. Special thanks to Pastor Terry and Maggie for all

the visits and especially the prayers. Also, the ladies of the church for the wonderful lunch they prepared. Most of all, I thank God for bringing us to First Presbyterian Church. Love you all!

Thank you for the plant and for all the kind words of comfort and support. The Family of Delbert Wills

Thank you to all who signed up and helped clean yards for those who needed help. I want you to know that it was very much appreciated. Your church thanks you. Helping Hands Coordinator, Dean Popkes

The Worship and Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this Advent and Christmas season so joyous. Thanks to the pastors, choir directors, organists and pianists, Logos program directors, choir members, FOC sponsors and members, and families who lighted the Advent candles. The participation of many helped to make the Advent and Birth of Christ especially meaningful.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank those of you who prayerfully considered and consented to serve as Elders, Deacons, and 2019 Nominating Committee at-large members. Your willingness to help with the business of our church is deeply appreciated.

Thank you. What a blessing it is to receive the generous offering taken at your Christmas Eve Service. Your financial and prayer support allows us to continue to do God's work in the lives of many in our community. Thank you. The Staff of Atlas of Osceola County

A big thank you to everyone who helped or brought food to the many funerals during October, November and December. It was all a huge help and everything went well. Janet Huls

The family of Pam Wollmuth would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, memorials, and other expressions of kindness and sympathy since Pam's passing. May God truly bless you all: Vern & Lois Bolkema and family

Our sincere thanks to everyone for your donations of poinsettias for the beauty of the church sanctuary and in honor and memory of your loved ones, as follows:

Priscilla & Stacy Grunow *in memory of Merlin & Tena Grunow*

Todd & Pam Juber Family *in memory of Gordon Willts*

Randy & Colleen Goldhorn Family *in memory of Hope & Wes Goldhorn, Kathi Raman, George & Alice Martens, Marvin & Agnes Feldman*

Ruth Helmers *in memory of Wendell, Paul & Joan Helmers*

Phyllis Johns *in memory of Kenny & Larry Johns*

Brian & Cindy Kemp *in memory of Nolan Anders*

Audrey Julius *in memory of Frank Julius*

Sheila Soderquist *in memory of Don Soderquist & Leslie Duin*

Janet Huls *in memory of Bob Huls*

Tom & Denise Kuiper *in memory of Delbert Wills*

Bonnie Pomrenke *in memory of George Pomrenke*

**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...**To ensure the doors are not locked on Fridays, for those who pick up a bulletin early, please come before 1 p.m., but no earlier than 11:00 a.m. **CHURCH OPEN...**Public office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, including the noon hour. On occasion, the church doors may be locked before 4 p.m., on Friday, if Pastor Terry has visitations and/or Denise leaves early to use up some of her vacation time. Most often the church is open from 9 to noon on Saturdays if Pastor Terry is in the office. **The church is closed on Mondays** even though the employees may be working that day.



**Ushers**

Tom Wietzema/Justin Van Houten  
Randy Goldhorn/Mike Milbrath

**Greeters**

Scott & Karey Julius  
Rick & Sara Dirks  
Bob & Marie Godfredsen

**Deacon of the Month** Nathan Rockman

**Lay Involvement**

Mar. 03 Mark Jenson & Tracy Van Diepen (Children's Message)  
Mar. 10 Brady Klaassen  
Mar. 17 Thomas Roth  
Mar. 24 Mackenzie Schiphoff & Karey Julius (Children's Message)  
Mar. 31 Landon Sheda

**Nursery**

Mar. 03 Jodi Marco, Shaylee VanWesten & Timothy Jenson  
Mar. 10 Jennifer Kruger, Lily Reiter & Evain Thompson  
Mar. 17 Michelle Poppen, Lauren Van Diepen & Kelli Greenfield  
Mar. 24 Emily Zylstra, Allyson Meinders & Jackson Byers  
Mar. 31 Sara Dirks & Brooklyn Jansma

**Candle Lighters**

Mar. 03 Riley Dirks & Ben Byers  
Mar. 10 Mariah Dake & Gabe Bevers  
Mar. 17 Gage Greenfield & Grant Schiphoff  
Mar. 24 Marshall Schiphoff & David Poppen  
Mar. 31 Ben Poppen & Cale Reiter

**Coffee Servers**

Mar. 03 Deacons  
Mar. 10 Relay for Life Team  
Mar. 17 Deacons  
Mar. 24 Tentative Mission & Nurture (Public Reception)  
Mar. 31 Deacons

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**Deadlines**

**APRIL/MAY '19 ECHO...**The deadline is 8:00 a.m., March 8.