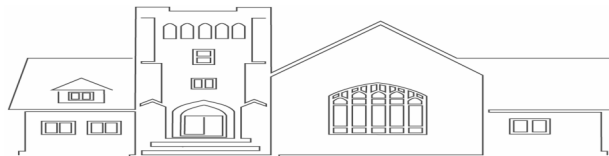


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# THE MESSENGER



JANUARY 2015

## Meghan's Musings

"It Is Not Over"

I sit down to write my January Musings but today is December 22. So I am faced with the challenge of writing a message for you that is appropriate for our post-Christmas, start of yet another New Year lives but I am still in the excited anticipation of late Advent and reluctant to skip ahead to the let-down of the end of the holidays. I'm still making preparations for the Christmas Eve service, still excited about the arrival of my family, still have presents to wrap and groceries to buy for celebratory feasts. But by the time you read this article, you will have moved on. I'll have moved on. We have an officer's retreat coming up, installation of officers, annual meeting just around the corner. Regular classes and programs will resume. Advent and Christmas 2014 are behind us. Believe it or not, it's the year 2015 already!

But we all know that we're not *supposed* to move on. We're supposed to keep Christmas alive in our hearts and in our spirits, in our behavior toward one another and generosity of spirit throughout the year.

In her collection of poems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, Ann Weems has a section on this after-Christmas time titled "It Is Not Over" which includes this poem:

LATER

Later  
after the angels,  
after the stable,  
after the Child,  
they went back...  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't understand  
our talk of angels and stars  
and especially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!

May we all go back singing the alleluias! I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

In Christ,  
Meghan

### Be Praying For...

- ✚ Dick Means who had a second fall recently. Initially, it appeared his hip had been rebroken, but further tests found no second break had taken place. He continues to recuperate from his hip surgery.
- ✚ Janet Shields who is recuperating from recent surgery.
- ✚ Barb Taylor who fell and broke her foot and hurt her wrist.
- ✚ Kathy Ventling who recently had surgery to do some corrections from a previous surgery.
- ✚ Tim Leonard who is recuperating from recent hernia surgery.
- ✚ Sara Hopkin's father, Haakon Andreassen of DeKalb, Illinois, who will be having open heart surgery in early January. Surgery will be open heart to replace/repair a mitral valve in his heart, bypass surgery and MAZE procedure to address atrial fibrillation.
- ✚ Carroll and Julie Brodersen and all others who have been hit with the flu and bronchial infections. Carroll was in ICU at the hospital, but was moved to a regular room on December 23. Julie has been able to stay at home.
- ✚ Virginia Bennett who fell at her home on December 27, breaking both bones in her ankle. She is in Methodist Hospital and had surgery on December 29.
- ✚ The new Ruling Elders and Deacons as they begin their work on behalf of our church.



- ◆ Elder/Deacon Training Retreat – January 12 held at First Presbyterian Church starting at 9:00 am, noon potluck.
- ◆ Ordination and Installation of Officers – January 11 during Worship
- ◆ Annual Congregation and Corporation Meeting – January 25.

A potluck meal will be served immediately following worship on January 25, preceding the Annual Meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be furnished. At this meeting, the congregation will receive the reports of the various committees, receive the 2015 budget, which has been approved by the Session and vote on the compensation package for Rev. Meghan Davis.

The church office will be closed from January 1 to January 4, opening at 8:30 am on Monday, January 5. Rev. Meghan will also be out of the office during this time.



### Wendell Wendt Turns 100 Years Young

December 20, 2014 was a great day for Wendell as he turned 100 years old! At the local Rotary meeting the preceding Tuesday, Wendell was honored for reaching this milestone. He was also recognized at our church service on December 21. The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

His bride, Loretta, will turn 100 on March 29, 2015. To commemorate their birthdays, Wendell and Loretta, along with their daughters, are planning an open house on February 14 from 2pm to 4pm at the Garden Room at Park Centre. An invitation has been extended to all.



Picture taken at the Rotary Clubs celebration of Wendell's 100th birthday recognition on Tuesday,



December 16 at their regular meeting.

Picture is compliments of the Newton Daily News.

## Emergency Closure of the Church

In the event of severe weather or other situations that dictate changes to scheduled activities at the church, that information will be posted on our Website (<http://newton1stpresbyterian.org>), our Face Book page (Newton First Presbyterian Church, Newton, IA) and communicated to KCOB Radio (1280 AM, 95.9 FM and KRTI 106.7 FM which covers Newton, Grinnell, Marshalltown, parts of Des Moines, etc.), WHO Radio (1040 AM), and KCCI TV (Channel 8).

If First Presbyterian is not mentioned on any of these, then there is no change in our plans. However, if you have any doubts, please err on the side of caution and be safe!

NOTE: Small groups such as the choir, men's groups, et. al., will be responsible for communicating their schedule changes to their members.



The Session

## Buildings and Grounds

Roger Harmelink, Chair

Here is a list of activities we have been working on:

- The kitchen floor project is on hold until solutions to the sewer back-ups are confirmed.
- Fascia & tuck-pointing work on the tower are complete.
- Architects have been contacted as a next step for the front steps and walk.
- A number of light fixtures have been repaired in the building.
- Several windows in Meghan's office and the kindergarten room have been repaired.
- Plans are in the works to replace a number of windows in the church during the Spring of 2015.
- A wire has been installed to Friendship House to activate the phone alarm if the furnace goes out there.
- A temporary repair to the stained glass window on the south side of the sanctuary is complete. Permanent repairs are being planned.

## Budget and Finance Corner

Terry Rickers, Chair

The November financial statement indicates that, year to date, we are nearly \$7,000.00 ahead of our 2014 projected budget. In other words, we have a nearly \$7,000.00 budget surplus going into December. However, we historically receive substantial pledge income in December as church members get caught up on their annual pledges to take advantage of the tax deduction in calendar year 2014. Cheryl, therefore, projects that we will end the year with a budget surplus that is close to double the surplus shown on the November financial report. Any budget surplus results in an increase in the money in the church's savings account(s).

The proposed 2015 budget assumes pledge income of \$162,000.00. Actual pledges to date are \$162,664.00. This is slightly higher than last year's pledge amount. However, at least two regular contributors to the church indicate that they will donate in the "Other Regular Giving" category instead of making a formal pledge. Those two members indicate that their 2015 giving should be approximately equal to their 2014 giving. Assuming that occurs, there will be an increase in "Other Regular Giving" of about \$2,500.00. That means in 2015 "Other Regular Giving" should be about \$2,500.00 higher than budgeted, with all other revenue projections remaining the same. However, we will budget as if "Other Regular Giving" remains the same as last year.

We will need to cover increased personnel costs in 2015 due to the fact that we have a full-time pastor (yay!) and we traditionally provide modest raises to the rest of our church staff. In order to provide a little cushion to cover the increased personnel costs and ensure a balanced budget for 2015, the B & F committee proposes that we prepay four months of Rev. Meghan's 2015 pension contribution in 2014. That will consume about half of our projected budget surplus, but still allow us to carry over a few thousand dollars into savings for next year.

In proposing this budget, the committee assumes that we will be able to grow the church membership and consequently increase revenues over next year and future years.

See page 8 for our normal report.

## Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

### Caroling and Chili Party

Approximately 28 people joined in the caroling and chili party, on a drizzly Sunday afternoon just before Christmas. We met at the church, carpoled to the homes of church members, sang carols, and after 8 stops, returned to the church to enjoy a chili fest. The supper included four kinds of chili, corn bread, cinnamon rolls, cookies and bars, candy, hot cocoa, and coffee. A new taste treat introduced to some of us was including sour cream, cheddar cheese, and corn chips on top of our chili. A delicious way to warm up! Thanks to everyone who donated food and sang their hearts out.

### 2015

We turn the calendar in a few days to 2015. If you have an idea for an event you'd like the Church Life Committee to consider for the 2015 calendar, please contact Diane Moles at 792-2133. We'll be planning our 2015 calendar and the schedule of events in January.

Happy New Year!

Your Church Life Committee: Randy Camp, Janie Moles, Dan Ritter, Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons, and Diane Moles

## Christmas Party at the Newton Correctional Facility

By Mickey Van Baale

Last month we put information in the Messenger about the Christmas party our church co-sponsored with Elim Lutheran Church of Marshalltown. Remember that we can accept monetary donations for this ministry at any time. Just put "Prison Christmas Party" on the information line of your check. The picture below is the group of volunteers from our church and Elim Lutheran who put on the party. (Do you like my antler beard?)



## Needed: Bread Baker

By Barb Taylor

A group that is under the Membership Committee's umbrella is the Bake and Take bread ministry that I head up. A little explanation about the workings of this ministry is that we have a person who bakes bread for their assigned Sunday and leaves it in the kitchenette off the parlor that morning. The same person or another person that is also assigned for that Sunday notices who is a guest at our morning worship and gives them the loaf of bread, along with a copy of our current Messenger, information about our church, a welcome to the service, gets their contact information (if applicable) and encourages them to visit our church again. If we do not have a guest that morning, the bread is given to a member who has had a recent celebration, been sick or in the hospital or perhaps participated in the morning service.

A member of our group, who is a bread baker, has resigned due to other obligations. Please pray about joining our group of bread hostesses. If you feel it is something you would like to do, please let me know at barbjohn@pcpartner.net or 792-6990. We would love to have you.



## Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

### Thanks!

The Mission Committee would like to say a big "Thank You!" to the congregation for your response to all our Advent projects. You provided ten Progress Industries gifts, 30 Salvation Army angel tree gifts, rang bells, celebrated Christmas with hundreds of prisoners at the Newton Correctional Facility, packed food bags for hungry students in Newton, and contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. You served the needy in Newton and throughout the country. You brought joy to others....and also to yourselves! Thanks!

### Funds needed for El Salvador

It is a new year for our projects in El Salvador. Fertilizer will be needed early in the year for the subsistence farmers in our partner community of Muñoces (\$50-\$75 a bag), the school year will begin in late January and we hope to have 3 or 4 high school scholars to support with scholarships (\$100 per school year), and the health fund to help with medical expenses in the community is also getting low (probably need another \$400 for the fund). In addition, it has come to our attention that there are 13 households in Muñoces with no outhouse of their own...they have to use the facilities of neighbors or family members. Another 19 outhouses in the community either do not function or are very old. Just like our previous project of providing a water tank for each family, we would like to provide some new outhouses, beginning with the 13 families with no facilities. This may take several years to accomplish, depending on how many contributions we have. A new outhouse can be provided for about \$150. In March, Kimberly Schnell and Warren and Linda Erickson will be in the community for a few days to bring greetings from our congregation and check on developments since the last visit. They would like to bring a small gift of friendship from the congregation (the gift yet to be decided - \$10 to \$35). In addition, there is a proposal to start a college scholarship fund for those students who successfully complete high school and wish to continue to college. This is not finalized as of the writing of this newsletter but, should it be approved, our contribution would be about \$500/year. Should we attempt to accomplish all these projects we would need to send about \$5000 - \$6000. There are some funds remaining from the last fund-raising and the style show/luncheon but more funds are needed in the coming year. Please consider a gift to the Muñoces project during the month of January. \$65 would buy a bag of fertilizer, \$100 would pay for a scholarship, and \$150 would buy an outhouse for a family that has none. Any amount would help pay for the projects in the coming year. Just write a check sometime during the month with "Muñoces" on the memo line. Thank you.

### Muñoces land purchase

In the last Messenger we wrote of a request for \$1000 to help purchase the land on which the church stands in Muñoces. Although the Session approved making the funds available the land has not yet been purchased....and may never be purchased! Land ownership in El Salvador is a very complicated issue, dating from the land re-distribution aspect of the peace accords signed in 1991 following the civil war. The person claiming to own the land has been unable to show proof of ownership. In addition, the Catholic Church in El Salvador is beginning to limit the types of functions that can be held in the church buildings. In Muñoces the church building serves as a community center but the Catholic Church may not allow that in the future. For that reason, the Directiva (city council) is being encouraged to look for other land on which to build a community center. Stay tuned for any further developments!

### Additional Mission News

See page 4 for information on the Christmas party at the correctional facility and page 7 for plans for the January Community meals that we will be serving.



## Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

At its Worship and Music meeting in December the committee reviewed past services. The members were very pleased with the Communion Service held during the Thanksgiving Feast and appreciated the help of the elders who helped share the elements. A copy of the service will be placed in the files.

The Advent booklet has either been mailed or passed out to the church family. Money was saved by seeing that many congregation members received their copy personally.

The sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the hallways have been decorated. Those participating were several members of Church Life, Les Gause and his grandson, the Women's Bible Study members, Bob Vander Veer, Sharon and Don Black, and Linda Kirchhoff.

The committee thanks those who helped in the Advent candle lighting- Val McKee and her granddaughter, Jane and Carl Repp, the Zehr and Peska families, Dana Hashman, Nancy Mott and Sharon Black representing the Deacons, and Linda Kirchhoff and her grandchildren.

The Christmas Pageant again was delightful and allowed for many of the church family to participate. Good job, Christian Nurture Committee!

Plans were made for the Christmas Eve Service. Again the committee is very thankful for all who participated and prepared for the evening.

Meghan will be gone January 4<sup>th</sup>, and George Wilkening has agreed to preach. Communion will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you have had a blessed Christmas, but we acknowledge that for some of you it has been a difficult time. Our prayers go out to all of you and we wish you God's peace.



## MEMBERSHIP



## MOMENT

We are still working on the directory update and are getting closer. We are about half way through arranging the pages which needs to be done before printing.

On Sunday, January 18, the Sundays at Four series will feature "The Romantic Rhine" presented by Dave Stolper and Linda Curtis-Stolper. They will be showing pictures and telling of their trip to Germany this past June. This is the program that had to be postponed on October 26. Pizza will be ordered following the presentation for those who would like to stay. Drinks will be furnished and the cost per person will be about \$3.00. Be sure to make your calendar and join us for what plans to be a fun trip through scenic Germany, compliments of Dave and Linda.

We are planning to go to a Grinnell College men's basketball game on January 24. They are playing Beloit College at 3:00. People can travel over by themselves or meet at the church at a predetermined time (probably about 2:15) and carpool over. After the game we will either eat in Grinnell or travel back to Newton to eat. We will determine at the time by group consensus. We will probably do either pizza or Mexican food. Please join us. If you have been before you know how much fun it is. If you have not seen them play, you need to see them at least once. They are the highest scoring men's basketball team in the U.S. almost every year and have been for about 20-25 years. They play a very fast brand of basketball and you often see scores of 130+ for both teams. Please put it on your calendar. Watch for more information as the time gets closer.

Gary Parsons, chair



**Grinnell College  
Basketball**

## Deacon's Report

Dana Hashman, Moderator

### Reports of October Visits

During the reports, Barb Gallaher said that Noel Burton would like visitors now that he is at Park Centre rather than his home. She also suggested that Meghan contact Ann DeGrado about coming back to yoga classes.

### Pastor's Remarks/Concerns

Meghan reminded deacons that when visiting Linda Means they should check on Dick. She said she had visited Dick twice recently. She also noted Janet Shields is having surgery.

### Treasurer's Report

The deacons have a fund balance of \$694.41 as of Dec. 11. The Work Week donation has now been deducted.

### Card Report

Cards sent by Barb on behalf of the deacons include those to Noel Burton, Harriet Harmelink, Sara Hopkins, Dick Means and Janet Shields (thinking of you); Jeanne Bridenstine (birthday); and Mary Ann Ringgenberg (Thanksgiving).

### Old Business

Dana reported that 342 inmates attended the Newton Correctional Center Christmas party.

Nancy, Dana and Sharon volunteered to light Advent candles on behalf of the deacons at the Dec. 21 worship service.

Dana noted that deacons had received a thank you from the Weeks family for a donation toward Tom's medical expenses; from Mickey Van Baale for money toward the correctional center Christmas party; and from Winnebago (Nebraska) Reformed Church for a donation.

### New Business

Outgoing deacons were reminded once again to make January visits. All deacons were reminded to take bookmarks and small gifts on their visits. Jeanette asked for a volunteer to go on visits with her in December. Dana volunteered.



## Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

We will be serving on January 28. The menu will consist of corned beef casserole, peas and ice cream. We won't need cookie donations, but will need food preparation and serving help.

There has been confusion expressed by listing the community meals each week on the calendar printed in the Messenger. To help alleviate this, the week we serve will be shown in red each month. This is normally the fourth Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions on this, please contact me at [barbjohn@pcpartner.net](mailto:barbjohn@pcpartner.net) or 792-6990.



Community Meal

## Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Were visited by recently elected Elders Val McKee, Bev Rossow and Karen Quinn
- Approved the budget for 2015
- Approved Meghan's vacation 12/29-1/4 and moving Communion to 1/11
- Heard a report of additional mission projects for El Salvador
- Received updates on several Buildings & Grounds projects
- Accepted Linda Kirchoff's offer to act as our Commissioner to the February meeting of the Presbytery
- Received details of our Christmas Caroling & Chili Feast evening planned for December 21
- Approved changes to the Nominating Committee structure and process



## Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

The All Congregation Pageant was held on Sunday, December 21. Thank yous are extended to the following:

- † All those who participated. It is so meaningful when so many members of the congregation can join together to display the birth of our Savior.
- † Kelly Koenen and Jen Norvell for heading this up.
- † Dana Hashman and Mickey Van Baale for helping with getting costumes on everyone.
- † Sam Cutts and Macy Leonard for being our narrators.
- † Emmett Zehr for being our "live" baby Jesus.
- † Doug Cutts for getting pictures of this special event.
- † Marlys Grimm for taking a video and putting it on our website.



Pledges for the month of November were \$17,431. This was \$4,527 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving for the month was \$735, which was exactly what had been budgeted for the month.

Year-to-date pledges are \$684 above budget and year-to-date expenses are \$7,313 below budget.

A new Christ candle was purchased with money from the Memorial Fund. The church received \$3,850 in earnings from the Foundation investments. A new water heater was paid for from the Capital Development Maintenance fund. The costs involved with the Sunday School's project Operation Shoebox had expenses of \$150, with donations of \$145, so nearly all the costs were covered. We collected and remitted to Presbytery \$678 for the Rural Harvest offering.





*You are a work in progress -  
 God's work!  
 You are becoming  
 More like Jesus every day and  
 Looking forward to all that  
 The Holy Spirit  
 Will one day finish in you,.*

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Rev. Meghan Davis' schedule

**Office Hours**

**Monday & Thursday - 10 am - noon**

**Tuesday - 9 - 11 am**

**Wednesday - 11 am - 1 pm**

Sunday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, afternoons  
 and evenings as needed

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 6 pm, evenings as  
 needed

Friday: day off

Saturday: as needed

(Hours will vary from week to week based on  
 pastoral care issues, meetings and other events.)

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**A Gift to the Church**

The following letter accompanied a gift that was sent to  
 Rev. Meghan in early December.

*Dec. 6, 2014*

*Dear Meghan,*

*I am delighted to provide First Presbyterian Church of  
 Newton with this historical publication. It was  
 published in 1905, celebrating the 50th anniversary of  
 your church,.*

*My family members who had been members since the  
 1800s were:*

*Charles Wm. Winn (Great Grandfather)  
 Eunice Thomas Winn (Great Grandmother)*

*Their children:*

*Harvey W. Winn (Grandfather)  
 Olive Blanche Winn  
 Oral P. (Ora) Winn  
 Frank D. Winn  
 Stella Winn Laird*

*This booklet was part of my Aunt Blanche's treasures.  
 She also gave a carillon to the church in 1969, just  
 prior to her death. Many are buried in Newton.*

*As this booklet has been in my family for roughly 110  
 years, we hope you will treasure it as we know my  
 great aunt did.*

*Best Wishes,  
 Ron Winn  
 7200 Wood Oaks Dr.  
 Bryan, TX 77808*

Please contact Meghan if you would like to look at this  
 book. A place to display it has not been determined at  
 this time.



# 2015 BIRTHDAYS

## & EVENTS

9:00 am Adult S. S.				1 Lyndee Hashman	2	3 Jay Koenen 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
10:00 am Fellowship						
10:30 am Worship						
11:30 am Fellowship						
4 Mary Jo Niskin James Leonard Zach Roskilly	5 4:45 pm Personnel 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	6 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	7 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Membership Community Meals Budget & Finance 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	8 Patty Skokan 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	9 Marlys Grimm	10 Emily Miller Linda Erickson Jane Repp 9:00 am Elder/ Deacon Retreat
11 Tom Weeks 9:00 am Deacons  Officer Ordination and Installation	12 Karen Liebl Barb Ferguson Tom Atwood 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	13 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Worship & Music	14 Rhonda Cupples Dorothy Van Elsen 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	15 Megan Ritter Jenna Blunt 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	16 Macy Leonard	17 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
18 Bill Shields 10:30 am Kids Action Hour  4:00 pm Sundays at Four	19 Barb Woythaler 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	20 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 7:00 pm Session	21 Gary Kirchhoff Jennifer Carson Shae Koenen 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	22 Sara Moore 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	23	24 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow 3:00 pm Grinnell College Basketball Game (meet at the church at 2:15 pm to carpool)
25  Annual Potluck and Business Meeting	26 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	27 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	28 Shari DeCook 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	29 Allison Norvell 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	30	31 Scott DeGraff

# January



# Volunteers

January	4	11	18	25	February 1
<b>Worship Leader</b> <i>Office</i>	Dave Stolper	Terry Rickers	Gary Parsons	John Taylor	Bev Rossow
<b>Host Elder/Deacon</b> <i>Diane Moles</i>	Linda Erickson	Norm Grimm	Sharon Black	Annual Meeting Class of 2016	Diane Moles
<b>Greeters</b> <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp
<b>Ushers</b> <i>Office</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska Shirley Stevens	Mary Jane Tripp Suzie Funk Barb Gallaher	The Miller Family	Pat & Pete Koppin	Terry & Cathy Rickers
<b>Audio</b> <i>Les Gause</i>	Brad Ritter	Brad Ritter	Brad Ritter	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts
<b>Candlelighter</b> <i>Office</i>	Jordan Norvell	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Emily Miller	Cody Barney
<b>Counters</b> <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Kelly Koenen Marshall Critchfield	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	
<b>Bread Ministry Baker</b> <i>Barb Taylor</i>	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp	Val McKee
<b>Bread Ministry Taker</b> <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Mickey Van Baale	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk
<b>Communion Set up</b> <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>		Gary Parsons Linda Kirchhoff			Diane Moles Bret Doerring

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# Lectionary —

## January, 2015

### January 4 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Jer. 31:7-14; *Ps. 147:12-20*; Eph. 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9) 10-13

### January 11 - Baptism of the Lord

Gen. 1:1-5; *Ps. 29*; Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### January 18 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); *Ps. 139:1-6. 13-18*  
1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

### January 25 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; *Ps. 62:5-12*

## February 2015

### February 1 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 18:15-20; *Ps. 111*; 1 Cor. 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### February 8 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 40:21-31; *Ps. 147:1-11, 20c*  
1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

### February 15 - Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12; *Ps. 50:1-6*; 2 Cor. 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### February 22 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9:8-17; *Ps. 25:1-10*; 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15