

(Due to the fact that many committees are not meeting in July, this will serve as the July Messenger. Our next regular Messenger will be the August edition, coming out the end of July).

The July Messenger



- To the family of Frances (Fran) Hoffman. Fran died on Monday, June 8, 2015 at her home at Park Centre. Those left to honor Frances' memory include her daughter Malia (Martin) Hicks of Kellogg; grandchildren: Douglas Alan (Johanna) Hicks and Megan Lauren Hicks (Jamie); two great grandchildren: Nic and Grace Roney; her sister-in-law Merriem Gast of Steamboat Rock; her many nieces and nephews; and many friends.
A private graveside funeral services and burial for Frances will be at a later date, at the Steamboat Rock, Iowa Cemetery. No visitation with the family is planned. In lieu of flowers memorials in Frances' name: are being designated to First Presbyterian Churches, in Steamboat Rock or Newton.
- To Tom Atwood and family on the death of Margaret on Tuesday, June 30 2015, at her home in Newton. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 3, 2015, at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton. Burial will be at Newton Union Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, July 2, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorials to the American Cancer Society may be left at the funeral home or the church the morning of the service. Those left to honor Margaret's memory are her husband, Thomas Atwood of Newton; brother, Richard (Linda) Buchanan of Cedar Falls; sister-in-law, Susan Downey of Moline, Illinois; nieces and nephews, Mary (Tom) Fredericksen, Annette Buchanan, Tammy (Dan) Stock, Brian (Tamara) Buchanan, Krista (Tim) Jaspering, Jeff Downey, Sam (Tracey) Downey, and Chris Downey; and her great-nieces and great-nephews.



I want to thank my church family for your prayers, cards and phone calls for my daughter, Jolane and myself. Jolane is improving.

Ruby Davis

We would like to thank the congregation for your encouragement and support during our engagement and recent wedding.

George and Shirley

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of May were \$13,330. This was \$1,512 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge was \$225 for the month, which was \$481 below budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$270 over budget. This was due to having the piano tuned, costs for the graduation breakfast and gifts and the annual website hosting fee. Over \$400 was taken in to help cover the membership directory expense. Year-to-date pledges through May are almost exactly on budget. Expenses are \$3,572 over budget.

Donations of \$125 have come in from some of the other churches sponsoring the showing of *Selma* at the Capital Theatre on Saturday, June 20. This money went back into the Memorial Fund.

Church Life Activities

Diane Moles, Chair

Worship at Woodland will happen on Sunday, July 26, at 10:00 a.m., where we hold our Sunday worship service outside, followed by a picnic. The shelter house at Woodland Park is reserved and there are several picnic tables with benches, as well as electrical outlets for those wanting to bring slow cookers. Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, a dish to share, table service, and yard games (if you want). We had a rousing round of Kornhole (aka bean-bag toss) after last year's picnic. Frisbee golf and a ball diamond are also available. Watch the church bulletins and weekly Church Happenings for any updates.

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair



I am still looking for people to share their talents and volunteer for Special Music this summer. Please consider this and let me know, as we would love to have many of you be a part of the services! Contact Kim DeGraff (641-521-8571), or Jenny/church office also keeps a master list (641-792-2790). The following dates are currently available; July 5th; August 9, 16, and 23; and September 6th.

Thank You,
Kim DeGraff (Worship & Music committee)

Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

Local:

Mission Coalition: The next Mission Coalition meeting will be August 25 where Carol Macksey will share what she learned at a regional CROP Walk conference.

Jasper County Kids Against Hunger: John Taylor reported the next event is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at St. Luke Methodist Church. The signup deadline of July 3 and the \$30.00 per person cost. Anyone interested needs to RSVP to St. Luke Methodist Church

Wednesday night meals: The Mission Committee has decided to discontinue participation with the Wednesday night free meal program on a monthly basis. Thanks to all those who have volunteered during the last few years and best wishes to those who continue to provide free meals to the needy in our community." If anyone asks, then we can share the problems with communication and getting volunteers.

Salvation Army Backpacks: The Salvation Army will assist Jasper County students with Backpacks and basic school supplies for children in Kindergarten to High School. Families needing help in obtaining supplies will fill out an application starting July 1. The Backpacks will be available for pickup on August 10. The Mission committee is asking members to purchase school supplies and bring them to the church during the month of July. There will be a tote in the Narthex where these can be placed and we will get the supplies to the Salvation Army. Most businesses that sell school supplies have lists available as to the needs by grade.

National:

Work Week, 2015: The Ice Cream Social on June 2 served 307 people with preliminary figures of netting over \$2,000.00. They had great people heading up the committees and great helpers with each committee. Each committee head will provide a written report for future planning. The Work Week group will be leaving from the church parking lot at 7:30 am on Sunday, July 5, returning on Saturday, July 11. They will be giving their report about the trip during worship on July 12.

International:

El Salvador: We're hoping to get pictures of the beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Due to the many health issues among the pastoral team, only one person from Muñoces was able to go and brought the camera we left there.

Jesus, a member of the pastoral team who works for the Catholic church in Berlin, is had back surgery on June 5. His employer is going to pay ½ of his salary during his recuperation but the pastoral team is planning to provide his family a \$25.00 bag of groceries once a week to help them get by while he has a diminished salary. Our committee made a \$25 donation for a bag of groceries for Jesus and his family.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

We are having an entry in the 4th of July parade again this year. We will be honoring veterans associated with our church that served in the Viet Nam War era. They are: Dave Boyd, Air Force; Gary Kirchhoff, Army; Tom Mott, Navy; Gary Parsons, Army; Dave Stolper, Army. We have a number of others that are walking or riding with us but could use more. Please join us. We will be meeting on the south side of DMACC at 9:20-9:30. For more info please call Gary Parsons at 792-6753. The new church directory will be available through July in the church office during Jenny's office hours (M-W-TH 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) or by contacting Gary Parsons(792-6753). Starting August 1 it will be available only by contacting Gary. If special arrangements are needed please contact Gary. Rev. Davis is in the process of arranging a new member class. If interested in joining our church please contact her. Dates and time will be determined by the group.

Gary Parsons