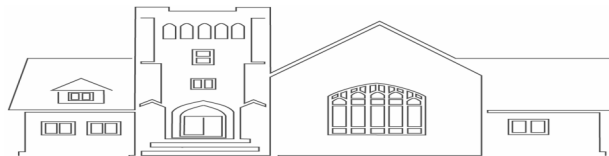


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, IOWA
641-792-2790

"The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world."

THE MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 2014

Meghan's Musings

It's that time of year. The time when, with the coming of Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season, we are maybe just a little more prone toward gratitude. Some people may choose a gratitude practice such as a daily post on Facebook about something for which they are grateful. Others will (perhaps with a touch of self-righteousness) retort that we're supposed to be grateful every day, not just in November. And then "Black Friday" arrives and many will forget gratitude altogether and turn their focus toward how much stuff they can get for how cheap and not care who they have to mow down in the process. Aw... November.

Sorry, I don't mean to be cynical. The truth is, gratitude is an essential component of a life of faith. Last weekend I had the great pleasure of officiating at Anne Barker's wedding and the text the couple chose, Colossians 3:12-21, concludes, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." What response to God could be more appropriate than gratitude? What could be a better way to love God with all our heart, mind and strength than through gratitude for our blessings too numerous to count?

Furthermore, studies have shown that there are significant health benefits of gratitude. And when we make gratitude a spiritual practice, it becomes easier to "not sweat the small stuff" and to prioritize how we spend our time, energy and efforts. When we practice gratitude we see resources as belonging not to us but to God; contributing to the church becomes less a matter of "how much of my money can I bear to part with" and more about "how much do I get to give back to the One who provided it in the first place?" When we practice gratitude we worry less about the luxuries that we don't have and more about the necessities that others lack. When we practice gratitude, we care less about whether or not worship is over in under 60 minutes and more about how we can love and serve the Creator to whom we owe *everything*. When we practice gratitude, we care less about what color the doors are and more about who we're inviting through those doors.

Gratitude challenge: Every day in November join me in finding something for which to be grateful and put your gratitude in writing in some way. As mentioned above, perhaps you could have a daily gratitude post on social media. Or keep a gratitude journal. Or leave notes for a spouse, family member or friend. Maybe you could even write a note of gratitude to a different friend or family member each day of the month. Just choose something.

In all things, give thanks to God for all God has provided. Give thanks to God for this glorious Creation. Give thanks for our bodies in which we live and breathe and have our being, these amazing, beautiful bodies God lovingly exhaled the breath of life into. Our bodies that we so easily take for granted until or unless something goes wrong, our bodies that have been our faithful companions all the days of our lives. Give thanks for each day we wake up and get out of bed and go about our days. Give thanks for our loved ones, friends and family, fellow travelers on our journey of life. Every day give thanks for something, at least one thing and every day express your love and gratitude and appreciation to God and to one another. Everyday. Today, tomorrow and always. Thanks be to God.

P.S. Today I am particularly grateful for Mickey Van Baale, Bret Doerring and our janitor Bob Vander Veer for dealing with our sewer back-up mess last weekend (and Roger Harmelink and anyone else who helped later on). And also for the lovely "pastor appreciation" plant. Many thanks and blessings!

Joys

- ☺ Congratulations to CMB football for going undefeated this season and making it to the playoff games. Brad Ritter is a member of the team and made several catches, some resulting in touchdowns for the team. Good luck, Raiders.
- ☺ Congratulations to the members of the swim team for winning their 3rd straight conference title. Emily Miller is a member of the team.
- ☺ Congratulations to the Newton Cardinal football team for making the playoffs. Jordan Norvell is a member of the team.

Concerns

- † Kyle Schnell, who broke his leg when he hit a deer while riding his motorcycle. He has had 2 surgeries thus far.
- † Merle Smith, who is recovering from a stroke at his home.



Anne Barker and Nathan Kavars were married in our church on Saturday, October 25 with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. Anne is the daughter of Larry and Bev Rossow and was very active in our church while in High School. Anne attended many Work Week trips. The couple will reside in Iowa City.

Landon Ferguson and Nicole Baker will be wed on November 2 in our church with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. Landon is the son of Randy and Barb Ferguson and grandson of Wilma Manning. The couple will be residing in Newton, in Wilma's former home.

Congratulations to both couples.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Deloris (Kingery) Holdefer, who died September 28, 2014. Her services were held at our church on October 2, with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. Interment was at Newton Union cemetery. Those left to honor Ann's memory are her husband, Harlan of Newton; son, Stephen (Pat) Holdefer of Soddy Daisy, Tennessee; her identical twin sister, Jane (Henry) Birkenholz of Newton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, David and brother, Arnold Kingery.

Due to several circumstances, there will **not** be a luncheon/style show this Fall. The Fall event was a fund raiser for the El Salvador Mission projects. We are not sure at this point if this event will take place in the Spring of 2015 or not. The proceeds from the Spring luncheon/style show go to Work Week.

We will keep you up-to-date on upcoming fundraisers as they are planned. Thank you to our entire congregation for your support in our Mission efforts.

Muñoces Directiva Purchases Land

The Session and Mission Committee/El Salvador Interest group have voted to use donations for El Salvador to help the community of Muñoces purchase some land. Beginning with our first official visit to our partner community of Muñoces in 2007, the leadership of the community has been wanting to purchase the land on which their church/ community center stands. This desire has been frustrated by the confusion about land ownership following the civil war. Land re-distribution was part of the peace accords that ended the war but the paper trail of ownership is far from clear. Often it is difficult to produce proof of ownership which makes purchasing land difficult. After years of working through the legalities they are ready to purchase the land and asked for \$1000 to help with the purchase. We are happy that we are able to assist them with this community accomplishment. Thank you once again for all the ways you help the people of the little village of Muñoces improve their lives.

Buildings and Grounds

Roger Harmelink, Chair

Our committee is working on the following:

- Getting bids to replace the front steps and front sidewalk, and we will get an architect's design on the front steps to match the church.
- Getting bids to repair and remodel the tower room.
- Getting bids to build a permanent ramp to the sanctuary chancel.
- Getting bids for winter snow removal.
- Repainting the bright yellow kitchen doors and trim to a more neutral color.
- Finishing several repairs around the church

We want to thank everyone for your patience as we have once again struggled with the sewer back-up we have occurring at the drain in the kitchen.

Budget and Finance Corner

Terry Rickers, Chair

Pledges for the month of September were \$10,576. This was \$1,328 below budget for the month. Other Regular Giving for the month is \$1,015, which was \$279 above budget.

Year-to-date pledges are \$2,658 lower than budgeted and year-to-date expenses are \$4,223 below budget.

The Memorial Fund received \$220 in memorial contributions. A small amount from memorials also went to the Foundation.

It is time for our Stewardship campaign for 2015. Letters and pledge cards recently were sent out. Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge over your 2014 pledge.

We realize these went out later than normal, but we are still requesting the return of your card by November 5. The budget for 2015 cannot be set until we know what our pledge income will be.

If you have any questions about the Stewardship campaign, please feel free to give me a call. My cell phone number is shown on the pledge card.



Thank you.

Update from Mission Coalition

By Marilyn McCallister

CROP Walk to Fight Hunger

Thanks to our two walkers, Rev. Meghan and Skye Koenen, who helped raise \$6,300 to fight hunger here at home and overseas. Our church donated \$235 for CROP and our walkers. 25% of the money will be put to work here in Jasper County through the Salvation Army and the local food banks.

Mark your calendars now for the first Sunday in October, 2015 to join in the fight against hunger.

Great job, Skye and Rev. Meghan!
(Continued page 6)

Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

Recap of the Progressive Dinner:

Thirty-one people gathered on Sunday, October 12th, to participate in the Progressive Dinner. Appetizers kicked off the evening at Jane & Carl Repp, followed by the salad/soup course at the Motts, Grimms, Tylers, and Moles. The main courses were served at the Ritters, Cutts, Wilkenings, and Ericksons. We rolled on over to Parsons' home for the desserts and coffee. Everyone enjoyed lots of good food and conversation during the evening.

Next Event: The Thanksgiving Feast, November 23rd, noontime meal after worship

The fall colors on the lawn (since the wind is blowing the leaves off the trees) mean it's time to think about Thanksgiving!

We'll be having a Thanksgiving Feast potluck this year in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 23rd. The committee members will roast the turkeys, set the tables, and provide the drinks. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share. Following the meal, Thanksgiving communion will be held. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite people with whom to share this time.

Your Church Life Committee:

Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons, Janie Moles, Dan Ritter, Randy Camp, and Diane Moles



A Feast of Gratitude

Operation Shoebox:

By Kelly Koenen, Christian Nurture

This is our 4th year participating in this ministry. It starts with the congregation collecting items to be packaged into the shoeboxes (for kids aged 5-14): school supplies, hygiene items for kids, small toys, and socks. Each box costs \$7 to ship, so donations are appreciated, too. There is a tote marked Operation Shoebox in the Narthex for your donations. Then, on November 16th during Action Hour, the kids will decorate the boxes, write a personal note, package and pray over the boxes. Kelly will deliver them to Grace Church on Monday. This is a national project and the boxes are sent to kids in need all over the world. Our kids always enjoy this project. They like to think about how the child will feel opening their gift box and it reminds them to be thankful for what they have already. Perfect thoughts to be having at the beginning of the holiday season!



Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

Local missions: Marilyn McCallister reports that we covered September Meals on Wheels this year. The Coalition has offered us the opportunity to change months and we have been assigned June for 2015.

Dec. 6 is our day for bell ringing for the Salvation Army. All ringing will be held inside at Theissens or HyVee. We will be donating gifts to Progress Industries again with information being posted soon.

The Ministerial Association has moved their compassion funds to the Salvation Army. Since Meghan is new, we will be checking that First Presbyterian is contributing to those funds.

Community meals. There was discussion about the situation that we are not needed when helping the Lutheran Church with the meals. Every time someone shows up, there is nothing to do. Barb will talk with Helen and Marlys and see what can be accomplished. We will offer to do a meal by ourselves if need be. Perhaps we can take the 5th Wednesdays in the year.

Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown has been planning the prison Christmas needs for the last 2 years. This year they are asking for assistance. Mickey will look into what is needed and find a chair for this activity.

National Missions: There doesn't seem to be any interest in having a Mariners In Mission to update the Friendship House at this time. John and Barb continue to chair that organization so will keep the options open in case that changes.

Work Week: Linda Anderson reports that the hope is to go to Baltimore on 2015 Work Week trip. Brooklyn First Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian churches hope to be working on this together.

El Salvador cards for the 6th grade graduations are being planned. There is need for solar calculators that are inexpensive so those will be sent back with Katherine Pater for graduation gifts. There will be no delegation this spring. But there will be a celebration of our 20 years partnership with the people of El Salvador.

Angel Tree will again be up with John Taylor in charge of getting the angels. and the tree

International Missions: Fiesta Fun Raiser was held October 4 in Des Moines. Linda Klepinger graciously donated 4 art pieces from the Centre for Arts and Artists, pictured below. We raised over \$4000 to support our work in Berlin, El Salvador. If you know Linda Klepinger, please let her know how much we appreciate the donations from the Centre.



2 Cobalt Blue Glazed Pottery Vases—valued at \$35



Set of 6 Pottery Goblets—valued at \$50

Sculpture by Pam Dennis (clay, copper, glass & wood) - valued at \$50



P. Buckley Moss Christmas Ornament—valued at \$40



Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

At the October meeting of the Worship and Music Committee, members discussed past services. They were especially pleased with Meghan's installation and the World Wide Communion liturgy. Having someone in charge of passing the mic for Joys and Concerns seems to be working well.

A new Christ candle will be ordered with the money being taken from the Memorial Fund. Work on the Advent Book, "Great Expectations" is progressing. Entries should be submitted to Linda Kirchhoff by Nov. 2nd.

Special services will include Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26th and All Saints Day, observed Nov. 2nd. Session has approved serving communion during the annual Thanksgiving Feast. We will be seeking Elders- either current or past- to serve as table hosts and help with the communion service for this event. Advent will begin Nov. 30th. The Sundays the choir will not be singing has been set for the next several months.

Time was spent discussing the possibility of purchasing the new hymnal, "Glory to God," published by PCUSA. Meghan feels we should seriously consider this. Information sent from Presbytery to assist pastors with liturgy, hymns, etc. cite the new hymnal. Songs are taken from the 1955 Hymnal, the 1990 Hymnal (the one we now use), and the 2003 "Sing the Faith." Linda has a list of titles included. There is a hard copy available for the committee's perusal at future meetings.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

The Membership Committee would like to know if there is anyone who would be interested in a ministry which would be available in bad weather. This person would meet people at the elevator door, help them into the church and park their car. They would also help them after the church service to get back to their car. If you think you might have interest in this service please let Gary Parsons know by calling (792-6753), email (kgparsons@iowatelecom.net), or telling him in person at church. We would also like to remind you that we have the Transportation Ministry which will give rides to people who would otherwise have difficulty getting to church. To arrange a ride call Gary Parsons or Bret Doerring (792-2208) the Saturday before the ride is needed or at least one and one half hours before church on Sunday morning.

We have completed the in church photo part of our directory update. If you have a photo taken someplace else it can be submitted until November 9. Contact Gary Parsons to find out how to submit a photo.

There will be a Sundays At 4 presentation by Samantha Cutts on her trip to Fiji and Australia-date in November to be announced. Please check the bulletin and Church Happenings. Our church will again be taking part in the Christmas lighting parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Also look for details in the bulletin and Church Happenings.

Please check out the bulletin board in the narthex that features our Presbyterians in the news.

Remember-There is no greater treasure than a good friend!

Gary Parsons, Chair

(Continued from page 3) - Update from Mission Coalition

Over \$700. Raised from Mission Coalition Pie Sale

Mission Coalition raised over \$700 at the McCann Flea Market. A big thank you to: Mickey Van Baale, Ann Cutts, Barb Taylor, Linda Erickson, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Nancy Mott and Harriet Harmelink for baking and donating pies. The raised funds will be split between the RRACAP (low-income utility assistance) and the Salvation Army (for the Wednesday Community Meal program).

Opportunities Abound

By Linda Kirchhoff

There are many ways to share your talents with the church family. Opportunities abound! Perhaps you would like to be a worship leader, an usher, an acolyte, a greeter, or a counter. Have you considered becoming a member of our various committees (Building and Grounds, Budget and Finance, Christian Nurture, Church Life, Membership, Mission, Personnel, and Worship and Music)? If you would like to find out more about the work of these committees, contact a Session member. Maybe you would like to provide special music or help with a specific project like decorating for Advent, providing transportation, calling members to participate in an event, folding and stuffing mailings, providing food or helping with food preparation or clean-up in the kitchen. Would you like to bake bread for communion, become a part of the bread ministry or become a link in the prayer tree? Please consider how you can best serve our church and contact Jenny in the office.

In the event that you are feeling overwhelmed and need to take time off from a service that you are currently providing, please let Jenny know also.

JASPER COUNTY Kids Against Hunger



Be a part of a local mission to help families near and far to receive a well-balanced meal

DATE: Saturday, November 8

LOCATION: FCC Bldg. in Lynnville

Lines will run on the hour 9am-1 pm

Provide 12 people per team (\$30 per person)

(this covers food, packaging and shipping)

You do not have to have a full team to sign up—

single people are welcome!

This takes about one hour of your time. Kids age 8 and over should be accompanied by an adult. Include your neighbors, co-workers and club members! Everyone is welcome.

For information or to sign up please call:

Jane Vander Weerd 641-780-6231 or Brenda Terpstra 641-891-0437

You may also email or call Bill Bennett at

jasper.co.kah@gmail.com or 641-791-3612

Our church has had a team or two participate in this worthwhile project in the past year or so. As it states, a team consists of 12 people who pay \$30 each and work a one hour shift. If anyone wants to attend and doesn't have enough for a full team, that's okay too. There is always work for everyone. Can't work at the event? Have you thought about sponsoring one of the team members? It would be fun to see a couple of teams head to Lynnville and participate in this worthwhile, multi-generational mission project. Please let John Taylor know if you are interested or if you would like to make a donation.



It was very unfortunate that our planned event on Sunday afternoon, October 26, had to be cancelled due to a problem with a back-up of the sewer system. The Romantic Rhine River through the eyes and ears of Linda Curtis-Stolper and Dave Stolper will be

rescheduled, likely after the first of the year.

An event is planned for November, but an exact date has not yet been set. Sam Cutts took a trip to Australia this summer with the group People To People Student Ambassadors. Her trip included stops to a lot of other interesting places. Watch the bulletins and Church Happenings for the date of this event.



Let's Start at the Very Beginning...

There is a possibility of re-starting Spanish classes and we're trying to determine if there is enough interest to do so. If you would be interested in taking (or re-taking) Spanish I, please contact Joan Tyler at 792-1078 or Linda Erickson at 792-8630.

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Joyfully met and then authorized the baptism of Emmett Edward Zehr on November 9
- Approved the weddings of Ann Barker and Nate Kavars on October 26 as well as Landon Ferguson and Nicole Baker on November 1
- Set the following **IMPORTANT** dates:
- Election of Church Officers: November 23
- Installation of Officers: January 11
- Annual Officer Retreat & Training: January 10
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation: January 25
- Distributed summaries and briefly reviewed Amendments to the Book of Order to be voted on at Presbytery in February
- Approved fund raisers for El Salvador support
- Authorized a \$1,000 donation toward purchase of land in El Salvador
- Approved involving an architect in developing a plan to renovate the front steps & walk
- Approved purchase of new floor covering for the kitchen
- Heard a very positive report from the Nominating Committee



Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

- 1) Kids Action Hour: It was decided to schedule this for the first and third Sundays of each month. During the first Sunday, which is normally a communion Sunday, students will leave the sanctuary at the close of children's time for an abbreviated Kids Action Hour, in order to return for the communion service.
- 2) Youth Group: Ideas were discussed for coming meetings. Possibilities included: a roller skating party, a regressive dinner (beginning with desert), an ice skating party, and an evening in the kitchen preparing food for members to enjoy as a group, as well as for people in need. It was decided to investigate what groups in town might be in need of some prepared food. Suggestions included the Salvation Army as well as United Way and Women's Shelter. Stephanie Critchfield will make some calls about this. Pastor Meghan emphasized the need to include a spiritual emphasis during each Youth Group meeting.
- 3) WOW: We will not be participating in WOW during this term, due to lack of available participants.
- 4) Christmas Pageant: A brief discussion was held in which the success of prior presentations was evaluated. No decisions regarding the plan for this year's pageant were made at this time.

Rural Partnership Offering

It is time to consider giving to the Rural Partnership offering. This special offering of the Presbytery of Des Moines has roots in our congregation. In the late 70's, active elder Murray Nelson proposed and helped create a special offering that focused on the rural aspect of our state. For more than three decades this offering has supported creative ministries with rural focus throughout the Des Moines Presbytery and around the world. Because of our special relationship with El Salvador, in recent years a portion of the offering has helped with our ministry there. Grants also have gone to hunger programs in central Iowa like the Backpack Project which sends needy kids home with a backpack of food to help feed them over the weekend. Please consider giving to this special offering. Envelopes can be found in your bulletin or just write a check to First Presbyterian with "Rural Partnership Offering" on the memo line. Please make your contribution by **November 2**.

Thank you!
Mission Committee



Salvation Army Sunday

Food Pantry Needs

We have been notified that the Salvation Army Food Pantry is almost empty. They are also out of meat in their freezer. They have had over 800 persons the past three months coming in for assistance. In the past the Army would go to the Food Bank in Des Moines, but they are also very low due to high use and the number of organizations coming to them. The Salvation Army has also assisted with the Wednesday night meals for anyone in the community who would like to come.

Another need provided by the Salvation Army is backpacks and school supplies and this is done in August. We find this to be a very busy time, and we haven't participated in this activity the past few years. The Mission committee feels this is a worthwhile project and have come up with a way we can help out. We are asking that on the last Sunday of the month, or any time you are able, school supplies also should be brought to the church. Since we have available rooms on the second floor, we will store these items and take them to the Salvation Army next August. Any type of school supply would be accepted - #2 pencils, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, file folders, child scissors, glue sticks, Kleenex, or ear buds are just a few items that are needed. A separate basket or other type of container will be placed in the narthex. Please give generously and often of both food items and school supplies to help out our neighbors who may be in need. Thank you.

First Presbyterian Church
220 N 2nd Ave E
641-792-2790

Email: new1pres@iowatelecom.net
(this email goes to Jenny Verwers, Office Mgr.)

Website: www.newton1stpresbyterian.org

Church Office Hours: M, W, Thurs: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Custodian Hours: M - Thurs: 8am to 11am

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.)

"The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world."



2014 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9:00 am Adult SS 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship					1 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
2 Jane Birkenholz Steve McKee Dan Ritter 10:30 Kids Action Hour 5-7:00 pm Youth Meeting	3 Bret Doerring 4:45 pm Personnel 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	4	5 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	6 Larry DeCook Barbara Zacheis 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	7 Jack Nicholson Macy Jontz	8 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
9	10 Dave Boyd 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	11 Kathy Ventling 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Worship & Music	12 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals Membership 6:00 pm B & F Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	13 Barb Taylor Carol Goodwin 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	14	15 Tom Leonard 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
16 10:30 Kids Action Hour	17 Steve Hopkins 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	18 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session	19 Bridget Carson 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	20 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	21	22 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
23 Mickey Van Baale Thanksgiving Feast 	24 Jeanne Bridenstine Tom Farver Greg Carson 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	25 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	26 6:00 am Yoga Flow 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meals 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	27 Mallory Sturtz 	28 Spencer Curry	29 JoAnn Munger 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow



November



Volunteers

November	2	9	16	23	30	December 7
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Linda Kirchhoff	Sara Hopkins	Kim Miller	Tom Mott	Linda Campbell	Terry Rickers
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Jonnie Carpenter	Sandy Cheney	Nancy Mott	Norm Grimm	Sandy Smit	Gary Parsons
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	Gary & Kay Parsons	Dick & Shirley Mielke
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Larry & Shari DeCook	Camp Family	Pete & Pat Koppin	Terry & Cat Rickers	Gary & Kay Parsons	Ritter Family
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Emily Miller	Allie Norvell	Garrett Sturtz	Jordan Norvell	Advent	Advent
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter	Kelly Koenen Marshall Critchfield	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Val McKee	Pat Mitchell	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Joan Rusk	Barb Gallaher	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Joyce Moen	Mickey Van Baale
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Linda Erickson Sandy Cheney					Roger Harmelink Norm Grimm

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 7
220 N 2nd Ave E
Newton, Iowa 50208

641-792-2790

Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

November, 2014

November 2 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Josh. 3:7-17; *Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37*
1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12

November 9 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; *Ps. 78:1-7*
1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

November 16 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Judg. 4:1-7; *Ps. 123*; 1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matt. 25:14-30

November 23 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; *Ps. 100*
Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa. 64: 1-9; *Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19*
1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December, 2014

December 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 40:1-11; *Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13*
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; *Ps. 126 or*
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8; 19-28

December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; *Luke 1:46b-55 or*
Ps. 89:1-4 19-26; Rom. 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 28—1st Sunday after Christmas

Isa. 61:10-62:3; *Ps. 148*; Gal. 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40