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“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 2016

Meghan's Musings

A Season of Gratitude

“We are surrounded by God’s benefits.
The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.”
~John Calvin

The time is always right for gratitude, but as we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving, the Advent and Christmas it seems particularly appropriate to double our efforts when it comes to recognizing all that for which we have to be grateful. And not only to recognize it but to express our gratitude to God.

A few weeks ago our Gospel reading was Luke 17:11-19, the story about Jesus healing ten lepers and only one returns to praise God. My sermon focused on the gratitude of the (former) leper who returned. I issued an invitation which I extend again at this time. Please join me in cultivating a life of gratitude by picking up a gratitude practice.

I have re-committed to the practice of keeping a daily gratitude journal and I hope you’ll join me. Perhaps you’ll list five “gratitudes” a day. Or maybe you prefer to write more extensively about one thing a day. Or perhaps you’re more of a list person. However you choose to journal your gratitude, I encourage you to stick to it. Try not to miss any days but if you do, don’t give up altogether. Just get back to it. Try not to repeat yourself. If you write that you’re grateful for your grandkids one day, you’re probably going to feel that way more than once. Maybe the next time you want to write about your gratitude for the grandkids you can do so more specifically—grateful to live near your grandkids, or grateful you have a good relationship with them or grateful for regular Skype calls with them.

If writing in a journal isn’t right for you, perhaps you’ll choose to keep a photo journal by taking a picture of something for which you’re grateful each day. Or create a collage adding a new picture, image or word each day. Or perhaps you’ll choose to write thank you cards to the people in your life for whom you are grateful. I used to have a co-worker who sent a Thanksgiving letter to the important people in her life, expressing her gratitude for them.

Be creative. Be committed to the practice through Thanksgiving at the minimum, but even better, through Advent or even better ongoing as a daily practice. But most importantly, be grateful. Because the most appropriate response to the abundant love and grace of God poured out on us is gratitude.



Marlene DeBruyn, a former Newton resident who attended First Presbyterian, visited church on Sunday, October 23. During "Joys and Concerns" she told about her daughter, Michelle, and her family. Michelle is a Lyme Disease carrier, and 3 of her 4 children have the disease with the oldest daughter affected the most.

Please keep the DeBruyn family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to cope with the disease.



To the family of Elaine Vander Broek. Elaine passed away on October 4, 2016, at Newton Health Care Center in Newton. Funeral services were held on October 7, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at the Monroe Presbyterian Church with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding and Rev. David Rex from the Cowboy Church assisting. Burial followed at Silent City Cemetery.

Elaine grew up on the family farm in rural Storm Lake, Iowa. . Elaine was united in marriage on June 16, 1957, with Franklin G. Vander Broek. This union was blessed with three children; Linda and Frank. Frank and Elaine made their home both in Orange and Sioux Rapids, Iowa before moving to Monroe in 1970. Elaine was an accomplished seamstress, sewing her wedding dress on a treadle sewing machine. She also had a talent for oil painting and scrapbooking. Her true passion was flowers and she spent many hours planting, weeding, and planning flower gardens. Elaine worked as a bank teller for several years at Pella National Bank and Mid Iowa Savings and Loan before retiring from Farm Bureau in 2003. Retirement allowed Frank and Elaine to travel and attend polka festivals. They loved dancing together and traveling to where their favorite bands were performing.

Those left to honor her memory include her children, Linda (David) Beyer and Frank (Kathy) Vander Broek both of Monroe; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, her brother and three sisters-in-law.



To the family of Darlene DeGraff, mother of Scott, who passed away on October 3, 2016. A memorial service was held on October 8th at 11:00 am at the Coburn Funeral Home chapel in Colfax. Darlene lived her entire life in Colfax until moving into Newton Village in 2011.

She sold cosmetics for many years, was a member of the United Methodist Church, belonged to the United Methodist Women's Group, belonged to the Colfax Women's Club, was a founding member of the Colfax Red Hat Society, loved to golf, and developed close bonds with her lifelong friends in the Little Bridge Club.

Left to honor her memory are her three children; a son Douglas (Dena) DeGraff of Kingwood, Texas, a son Scott (Kim) DeGraff of rural Colfax, and a daughter Jeri (John) Wopata of Kansas City, Missouri. Also surviving her are nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandbabies.



To the family of Lael Taft, who passed away on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, in Surprise, Arizona. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton, with Rev. Meghan Davis officiating. He had a 37 year career with the Maytag Company, holding a number of different roles, including manager of service training and commercial regional sales manager. Lael and his wife, Pat, were long-time members of First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed Nebraska football, playing golf with friends at the Newton Golf and Country Club, traveling in the motorhome with Pat, studying family genealogy and spending time with his family. Lael was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Patricia and his brother Loren Taft. He is survived by three children, Debra (Brian) Baker of Norwalk, Diane (Art) Nelsen of Surprise, Ariz., and David (Melissa) Taft of Lake Mills; brother Elvon "Al" (Pat) Taft of Lincoln, Neb.; and a sister, Arlene (Les) Thomas of Elm Creek, Neb.; as well as six grandchildren,

Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

Destruction is rampant!

The front steps are gone and there is a large hole in the floor of the storeroom under the stairs. The sewer pipe that runs under the steps is being replaced and it necessitates that the new pipe be brought in beyond the foundation to eliminate possible problems at the foundation. It has taken Warnick and Reeves two days to locate and dig to expose the sewer inside the church. The next step was to excavate outside to expose the pipe there and replace the pipe that is exposed. Then, the reconstruction of the steps can commence.

I have received estimates for roof repairs from Hedberg and Son Roofing from Des Moines:

- to replace the tower roof: just under \$10,000.
- to remove the ridge vent on the tile roof: just under \$9,000.
- to install soffit venting: just under \$4,000.

The current roof on the tower has been patched, and is holding, at this time. The Manleys are of the opinion that not all of the tower roof needs replacing and that the repair they have done should hold through the winter. I have asked for an additional estimate to replace only the part of the roof that seems to be damaged.

Installing soffit venting seems to us to be non-productive, as it will still allow moisture infiltration into the attic of the church. It seems more plausible to remove the ridge venting and prevent moisture entering the attic. At this time, no decisions have been made due to eminent budget overruns on the steps project. The sewer replacement was not part of the contract and I have no firm numbers on the cost of this.

Ceiling repainting is still on hold until attic moisture problems are addressed.



MEMBERSHIP



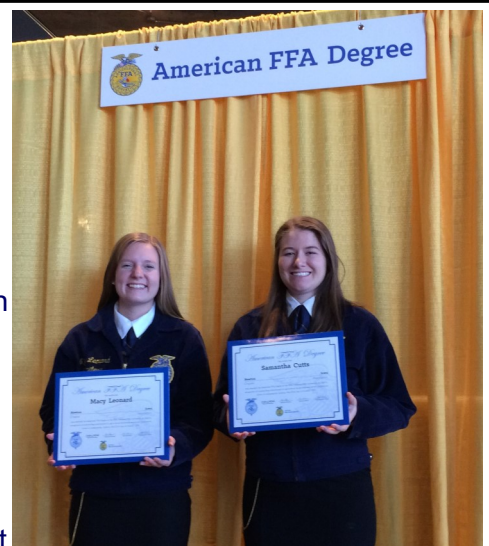
MOMENT

The Membership Committee is once again sponsoring a trunk or treat event on Monday, October 31 (Halloween). We decorate the trunks of our cars, pickup beds, vans, etc., put on a costume and pass out candy (supplied by the church) to kids from approximately 5-7 pm or when the candy runs out. The costumes and vehicle decorations do not have to be fancy. Please join us at around 4:45 pm that day in the church parking lot near Friendship House. If there are any questions please talk to or call Gary Parsons, 792-6753.



FFA Honors

Sam Cutts, along with her parents Doug and Ann, and Macy Leonard and her dad, Tim, attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN recently. Over 3,780 degrees were awarded in a ceremony on October 22nd at Lucas Oil Stadium. Both Sam and Macy earned their American degrees while there.



Congratulations on your achievements.

Church Life Activities

Tara Zehr, Chair

Next Event: The Thanksgiving Feast, noontime meal after worship

We'll be having the Thanksgiving Feast potluck this year in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 20. 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.

Date & Time	Event
November 20, 2016, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 18, 2016, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

Progressive Dinner Recap

Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, 37 people gathered to eat a meal in four stages, both together and apart. Everyone started at the Parsons with appetizers. Then, we split into 5 groups and ate the salad or soup course at the Cutts, Repp, Moles, Mott and McKee homes. This was followed by the main courses at the Taylor, Tyler, Hopkins, Erickson and Zehr households. We ended up at the Manleys for a variety of wonderful desserts. Thank you to everyone who hosted a portion of the meal and to the people who assisted in the different courses. A special thanks to Diane Moles for all her behind the scenes planning and organizing!

Your Church Life Committee:

Randy Camp, Diane Moles, Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons, Bonnie Rasmussen, Dan Ritter and Tara Zehr

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

Our upcoming special services were discussed and planned. On November 6, All Saint's Day will include a special reading of names of loved ones who are gone whom we would like remembered. The Christmas Pageant is tentatively set for December 18 during worship. December 22 will be a special Thursday night, 7:00 pm, "Blue Christmas" service for those people struggling during the Christmas season. This will be a service of hope and comfort provided by Reverend Meghan. The Saturday, December 24 annual candle lighting Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 pm and the Sunday morning service December 25 will include a celebration of carols.

Be watching the bulletins, Church Happenings and next month's Messenger for information on ordering Poinsettias. As in the past, we will have an insert in the bulletin that you can use to order your Poinsettia and to let us know who they are given for, either in memory or to honor.



Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Mission Committee Purpose: To recommend, approve, manage, and terminate mission projects. The committee communicates about opportunities for mission involvement and promotes congregational participation.

Reports:

Mariners in Mission project in Stoney Point, New York: John reported that he and Barb and 11 others spent a week on five different projects at the PCUSA conference center including sound deadening, eave repair, curtains, kitchen remodeling, and minor landscaping. A very successful week.

Days for Girls Workshop: Eight participants and two presenters participated in the Days for Girls Workshop where they began the mission of making shields, liners, and drawstring bags. Information about the next Workshop is below.

CROP Hunger Walk: Linda Curtis-Stolper reported that it was a lovely day for the CROP Walk, but the participants were few and the idea of walkers soliciting sponsors had not worked well with the emphasis on giving directly to CROP. Meghan and Zuzu and Marilyn McCallister walked from our church, while Linda Curtis-Stolper and Dave Stolper drove the sag wagon, which provided rides for those unable to walk the entire way. A leader of the project reported that it is the smallest CROP Walk in Iowa. It was suggested that there will need to be future discussions by the planning committee of how the walk might be revised to be more successful. Donations from our church were \$145.00.

International Peacemaker Potluck and Presentation: Meghan reported the program was interesting and thought-provoking and was attended by about 15 people. The potluck was yummy, too.

Muñoces/Compañeros/El Salvador: Linda Erickson reported on recent developments concerning the Covenant between Newton First and the community of Muñoces in El Salvador. Muñoces has officially ended the relationship. Attempts to work with Compañeros and the Pastoral team about concerns were unsuccessful. More information is found on page 6.

Mission Giving:

Backpack Buddies in Newton schools program provides easy to make meals on weekends for children in need. The Food Bank of Iowa Feeding America organization collects the food items and packs them for the backpacks. The Mission Committee approved a donation of \$100.00 to this worthy cause.

On October 8, Tamar Wasorian shared about the Armenian Genocide, the Syrian Armenian community, and Christian communities in the Middle East. Dr. Wasorian was sponsored by the Compassion, Peace & Justice Task Force of the Presbytery of Des Moines. The Mission Committee approved a donation of \$100.00 to the Disaster Relief Lebanon/Syria fund managed by the Compassion, Peace & Justice Committee of the PCUSA.

Faced with multiple emergency needs, such as Gulf State flooding, Hurricane Matthew, aid to refugee and displaced persons, the Mission Committee approved a donation of \$200.00 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to be used for their highest priority.

October 15 Events:

Fall Luncheon/Style Show Once again this proved to be a very successful fund raiser for the Mission Committee. Shirley Stevens and Elsie Nelson served as co-chairs and Linda Campbell headed up the details for the luncheon. Approximately 65 guests were served by wait staff, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Shirley Stevens, George Wilkening, Warren Erickson, Dave Stolper and Gary Parsons. Helping Linda Campbell with preparation, plating and clean-up for the luncheon were Shirley Stevens, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Linda and Larry Anderson, George Wilkening, Kay Parsons, Jane Repp, Val McKee and Aubrianna, Barb and John Taylor, Janet Shields, Barb Gallaher, Shari DeCook and Marilyn McCallister. Fashions from The Hall Tree in Pella were modeled while the attendees were enjoying their food. Those from our church showing off these clothes were Meghan Davis, Marilyn McCallister and Elsie Nelson.

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Covenant with Muñoces is Suspended

It is with great sadness that we report that the relationship between First Presbyterian, Newton, and the Salvadoran community of Muñoces has been terminated. The road that has led to this end is long and complicated but we will try to summarize briefly.

Several years ago there was a split in the Pastoral Team in Berlin, El Salvador. Milagro, who had been head of the team and whom some of you may remember from visits here in the early years of the mission, left the team and a few others left with her. Since that time animosity between the two segments in Berlin has grown and has caused a few of the churches and individuals who used to work with the Pastoral team to go in a different direction or work with others on their projects in the area. First Presbyterian's position has been one of neutrality and we have remained friends with and supportive of all efforts to befriend the people of the Berlin area while we continued to work with the Pastoral team and deepened our friendships in Muñoces. Recently, pressure has been exerted by the Pastoral team in Berlin and the Presbytery committee (Compañeros) to declare our allegiance to one side of this split and to disassociate with any outside of the Pastoral team's circle. When we expressed our concern to Compañeros about being made to disassociate with people we thought of as friends our concerns were turned against us and presented to the community of Muñoces as a disrespect of the community rules. We are heartsick that our concerns expressed to the Presbytery have been distorted and used to alienate our relationship with the community of Muñoces.

For the last year and a half we have been trying to work with Compañeros about this situation and have recently met with the Interim Executive Presbyter, Jim Koopman. Although there seems to be understanding of our concerns by the Presbytery leadership and we continue to care deeply about the community of Muñoces, we have been put in a position where we are unable to work with the conduit through which the ministry has been carried out. Efforts are being made to express our sadness at the termination of the covenant to the people of Muñoces but, for now, this ministry has come to an end. We are grateful for the twenty years of support for this mission that you have extended. We pray for the people of Muñoces and will hold them tenderly in our hearts.

A letter to our friends in Muñoces has been written. If you would like to personally sign the letter, it will be in the church office by November 1. Delivery date of the letter is being worked out.

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Presbyterian Women Fall Connection: This event was held in Johnston. Barb Taylor was one of the presenters at the Fall Connection which has a theme of "Being Healthy". She also brought home the Native American quilt which will be ours to display sometime in the next 6 months.

Mission Coalition Pie Sale: This sale is in connection with McCann Center's annual Flea Market. Our church was responsible for furnishing eight pies, which were donated by women from the Wednesday Bible study. Linda Curtis-Stolper, who is our representative to Mission Coalition, will get results from the sale at their next meeting.



South Sudan

On Sunday, Oct. 16, six representatives of our congregation traveled to Omaha to learn more about South Sudan and the history that has brought one of our newest church friends into our midst. Lawrence Kenyi, a Sudanese refugee, has been living in Newton and working at TPI since early 2016. At his invitation, Larry and Linda Anderson, Linda Curtis-Stolper, Steve Hopkins, Tom Mott, and Joan Tyler joined Lawrence in meeting with Bangasi Joseph Bakosoro, the former Governor of the state of Western Equatoria, South Sudan.

As explained by Gov. Bakosoro, the country of South Sudan came into existence in July, 2011, separating from Sudan after two civil wars involving thirty-nine of the past fifty years. These conflicts reflected the differences between the largely Arabic, Muslim, more developed northern area and the less developed, more Afro-centric, Christian and traditional religion-oriented southern region. However, since achieving independence, South Sudan has been devastated by its own civil war, pitting the country's leaders against each other along lines that reflect rival tribal loyalties and traditional mistrusts. Thousands have been killed and millions displaced to United Nations displaced person camps within South Sudan and to other nations around the world. A Compromise Peace Agreement was negotiated in August, 2015 but fighting continues to this day.

Our goals in meeting with Gov. Bakosoro were to attempt to gain some understanding of the situation in South Sudan and to learn about ways in which we might reach out to support Lawrence and the Sudanese community. We came away with many more questions than we had at the beginning of the day. However, in support of Lawrence and out of concern for all who suffer due to unjust actions and attitudes, we need to learn more about what is happening and how we may be called to become involved.

The government of South Sudan is dominated by members of the Dinka tribe, the most numerous in the country. Democratically elected non-Dinka members of the government are being driven out of office and out of the country. The background context of the conflict and the tragic aggression against other tribal groups are not being communicated effectively to the international community. Gov. Bakosoro encouraged us to inform our legislators about unrecognized factors influencing the situation in South Sudan and request a review of who the US is supporting and how. We hope to send a letter to this effect in the near future, coming from the six of us as individuals. We would invite members of the congregation who are moved to learn more about South Sudan to contact any of us and join in the learning process.

Stewardship Campaign

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Recently you would have received information on this year's stewardship campaign, along with your pledge card. We ask that you return your card to the office by **November 6**. The chairperson of each committee of the church has been asked to review their financial activity this past year and determine if any changes need to be made.

Once we know the total on pledges, and take into account Other Regular Giving, we will know our income amount for 2017. We will compare this to the expenses the various committees present. This will let us know if we will have the income to cover the expenses or if the committees will have to sharpen their pencils and come back with adjusted requests.

Another factor where congregation members can help is by paying their per capita. This is the per person amount our church is required to pay to Presbytery. Last year, this amount per person was around \$40.00. If you are unable to pay the full amount, a portion would help.

Please prayerfully consider your tithe for 2017. Remember that pledge cards need to be turned in by **November 6**. We cannot set our 2017 budget until we hear from all of you.

Our College Members

We'd like to improve our outreach to the members of our congregation who are in college. Parents -- please send us the address of your college-age kids. We'd like to periodically send them cards, newsletters and reminders of their family at First Pres. Please email or drop a note to the church office.



Nominating Committee

Bret Doerring, Chair

Our committee will soon begin our work in finding 3 Elders, 3 Deacons, and 1 member for next year's Nominating Committee, each serving a 3 year term. Please be prayerfully considering how you may serve our church. Could it be by filling one of these spots? If you feel you would be interested, please let me know.

On the other hand, if the committee comes knocking on your door to see if you would be interested, we ask that you give it serious thought, and talk to God in prayer. Others normally can see talents within us that we don't see ourselves.



At our October meeting we:

- ⇒ Received updates on visits.
- ⇒ Received a report from Meghan that she presided over Elaine Vander Broek's funeral held in Monroe and that she had received information on a lady at Park Centre who has recently moved here and might be interested in having the Deacons visit. She will get more information for next month.
- ⇒ Received our financial status. Since several were unable to attend the meeting, we decided to table requests for donations until next month.
- ⇒ Received Shirley Stevens report that she had sent out 24 cards during September.
- ⇒ Received assurance from Mickey that she had checked with Cheryl Ritter and all of the loose offering given on the first Sunday of the month is going to the Deacon fund.

Dave Stolper will be the Deacon representative on the Nominating Committee.

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

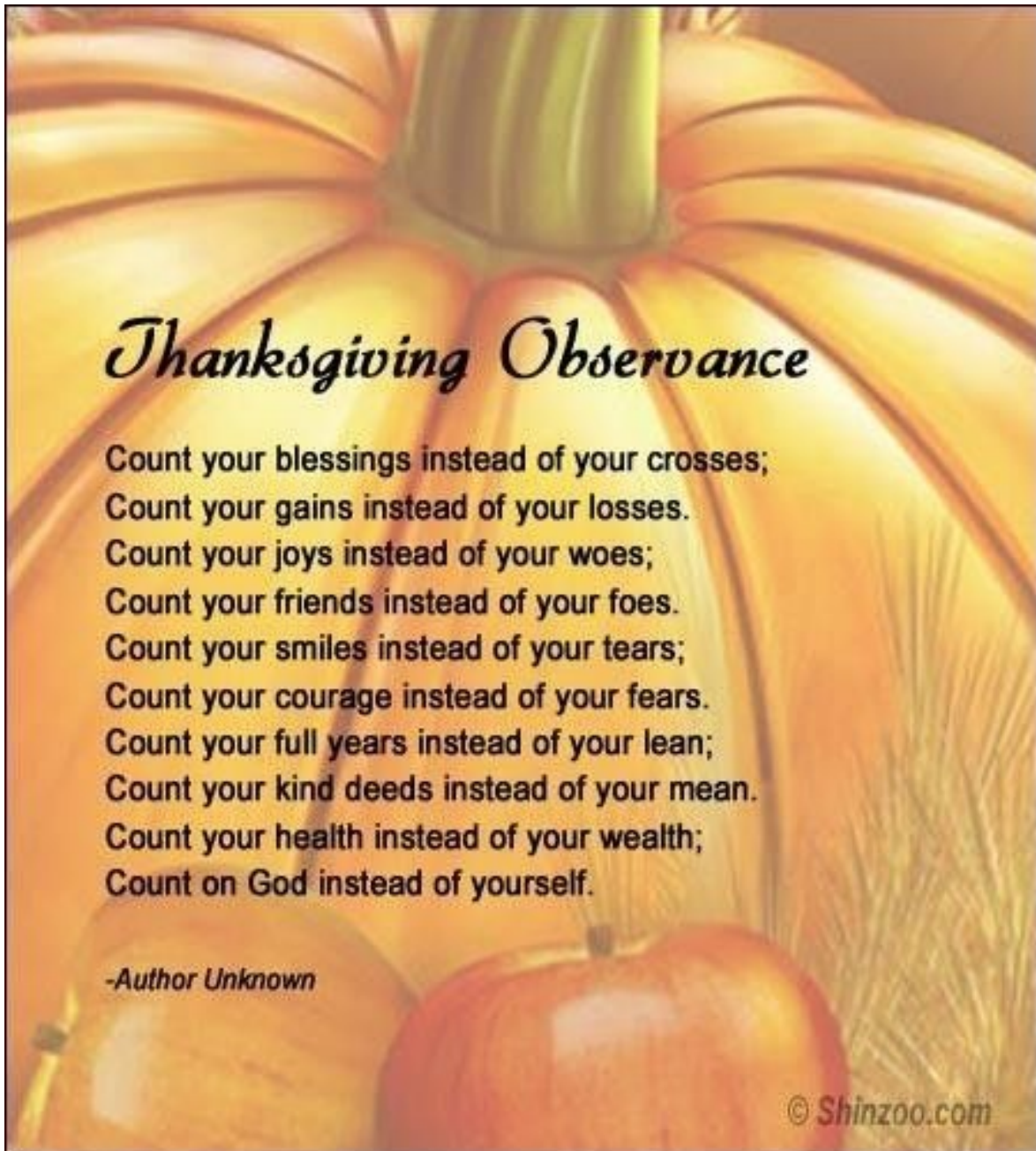
Pledges for the month of September were \$9,660. This was \$860 below budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$1200 for the month, which is \$464 above budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$1,322 above budget.

Year-to-date through August, pledges are \$3,669 over budget and expenses are \$1,237 over budget.

Activity included:

- * In September, we received \$25 for the Crop Walk.
- * Expenses of \$43.87 were paid for the Style Show





Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Author Unknown

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2016 *BIRTHDAYS* & **EVENTS**

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 <i>Jane Birkenholz</i> <i>Steve McKee</i> <i>Dan Ritter</i></p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>3 <i>Bret Doerring</i></p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 5p B&F 7p Christian Nurture</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <i>Larry DeCook</i> <i>Barbara Zacheis</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Jack Nicholson</i> <i>Macy Jontz</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 5p Membership 7p Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>11 <i>Kathy Ventling</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Barb Taylor</i> <i>Carol Goodwin</i></p>
<p>13</p> <p>9a Deacons</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Tim Leonard</i></p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir</p>	<p>17 <i>Steve Hopkins</i></p> <p>6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>11:30a Thanksgiving Feast and Communion</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>23 <i>Mickey Van Baale</i></p> <p>7p Choir</p>	<p>24 <i>Jeanne Bridenstine</i></p>  <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <i>Advent Begins</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <i>JoAnn Munger</i></p> <p>11a Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir</p>			

SCHEDULE
OF



VOLUNTEERS

November	6	13	20	27	Dec 4
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Sara Hopkins	Val McKee	Harriett Harmelink	Linda Campbell	Dick Mielke
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Marilyn McCallister	Mickey Van Baale	Sandy Shaver	Val McKee	Bev Rossow
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Janet Shields	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers & Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Dick Mielke & Doug Cutts	John & Barb Taylor	Mary Jane Tripp Suzanne Funk	Ventling Family	Leonard Family
Audio <i>Doug Cutts</i>	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts
Counters <i>Jonnie Carpenter</i>	Terry Rickers & Mickey Van Baale	Dan & Cheryl Ritter	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Shari DeCook	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Val McKee Bret Doerring				Norm Grimm Tara Zehr

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

November, 2016

November 6 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Hag. 1:15b-2:9; *Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or*
Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa. 65:17-25; *Isa. 12*; 2 Thess. 3:6-13;
Luke 21: 5-19

November 20 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jer. 23:1-6; *Luke 1:68-79*; Col. 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa. 2:1-5; *Ps. 122*; Rom. 13:11-14;
Matt. 24:36-44

December, 2016

December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 11:1-10; *Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19*;
Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12

December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 35:1-10; *Ps. 146:5-10 or*
Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11

December 18– 4th Sunday of Advent

Isa. 7:10-16; *Ps. 80: 1-7, 17-19*;
Rom. 1:1-7, Matt. 1:18-25

December 25 - Christmas Day

Isa. 52:7-10; *Ps. 98*; Heb.1:1-4 (5-12);
John 1:1-14