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THE MESSENGER



FEBRUARY 2015

Meghan's Musings

The Beauty of Doing Nothing

Wow! It's February already? I can't believe it. December was so busy with the typical holiday madness, plus having my family for Christmas that I anticipated a quieting down in January. Ha! January brought with it officer training/ordination/installation, annual reports, annual meeting... There was no slowing down in January. And then I thought, "well, maybe the last week of January will be a little respite before all the monthly meetings resume at the beginning of February" but that didn't prove true either. There was the unanticipated funeral (funerals are rarely "anticipated"), this overdue article (sorry Mickey) and a couple extra meetings thrown in. No rest for the wicked!

But I know I'm not alone. I know most, if not all of you face similar busyness in your lives. When and how can we get some respite?

The other day, I was spending some time with a friend. Just relaxing, talking. And I have to admit, there was a part of me thinking, "so... we should be *doing* something. Maybe watch some TV, maybe eating something, go for a walk... I dunno. *Something.*" As if talking, relaxing and enjoying each other's company didn't "count." Of course, thanks to my yoga and spirituality training I know better than that, which is what kept me from *saying*, "so, aren't we going to **do** something?" But I couldn't help but think it. Eventually I was able to let go of that need to *do something* and actually enjoy myself. But it didn't come naturally.

And it got me thinking about Sabbath. Of course, we're "supposed" to set one day a week aside for Sabbath. How many of us do that? It's really difficult in our culture. I'm lucky if I get an afternoon of Sabbath in each week and even that's rare. That's not to say I'm always busy getting stuff done and accomplishing important things. On the contrary, I waste plenty of time but I have difficulty making the time for Sabbath. I'm reminded of Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat Pray Love* when she's comparing the American lifestyle to the Italian concept of "the beauty of doing nothing." She writes:

"Generally speaking... Americans have an inability to relax into sheer pleasure.... Americans work harder and longer and more stressful hours than anyone in the world today. But as [her Italian friend] pointed out, we seem to like it. Alarming statistics back this observation up, showing that many Americans feel more happy and fulfilled in their offices than they do in their own homes. Of course, we all inevitably work too hard, then we get burned out and have to spend the whole weekend in our pajamas, eating cereal straight out of the box and staring at the TV in a mild coma (which is the opposite of working, yes, but not exactly the same things as pleasure). Americans don't really know how to do nothing. This is the cause of that great sad American stereotype—the overstressed executive who goes on vacation, but who cannot relax."

Italians on the contrary, have this concept of *il bel far niente*: the beauty of doing nothing. "The beauty of doing nothing is the goal of all your work, the final accomplishment for which you are most highly congratulated. The more exquisitely and delightfully you can do nothing, the higher your life's achievement."

I wonder how we might be able to incorporate more "beauty of doing nothing" into our lives? How might we spend more quality time doing nothing with friends, family and loved ones? How might we spend more quality time doing nothing with God? It might feel awkward at first. It might be hard to get past the "I should be doing something" feeling. But perhaps we will find deeper relationships with one another and with God in the beauty of doing nothing. May it be so.

Be Praying For...

- ✚ Virginia Bennett who continues to recuperate at home with her broken ankle. She spent time at Park Centre for rehab and physical therapy between her surgery and going home.
- ✚ Barb Taylor who continues to recuperate from her broken foot. She still has to wear a boot.
- ✚ Sam Cutts who is recuperating from outpatient surgery done on Tuesday, January 27 to repair her torn ACL.
- ✚ Tom Weeks who is recuperating from throat surgery he had on January 21 and a bout of pneumonia.
- ✚ Loretta Wendt who is recuperating from a fall she had at her home.
- ✚ Judge Terry Rickers as he presides over a murder trial in Waterloo.

Yoga Class Update

When are the classes?

Monday 6:15 pm: Flow
Tuesday 11:00 am: Gentle
Wednesday 6:00 am: Flow*
Thursday 3:00 pm: Chair
Saturday 10:00 am: Flow

*Due to lack of participation, Wed. 6 a.m. class is on indefinite hiatus.

We will re-assess interest in the class after Lent, so please let us know if you would like to participate.



Mary Brillhart of Pella, who was the owner of Mode Huis Clothing store in Newton. Mary died quite suddenly of cancer on January 4. She was at Hospice of Pella Comfort House at the time of her death. Services were held on January 8 at First Reformed Church in Pella. Many of our members knew not only Mary, but also her daughter, Julie, either as customers at the store or through the style show luncheons we did the past couple of years.

Jane Wallace Reilly of Maryland, who was the daughter of Albert and Helen Wallace. Jane had been battling cancer for several months and died on January 7. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 7 at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center at Columbia, Maryland. Jane is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Pearl Laaveg, a grandson due to arrive late March and a brother, John Wallace, of Las Vegas, NV. Jane is also survived by several other family members, including her cousins, Gary and Pat Wallace.

Harlene Ettelson, who died Monday, January 19. Harlene was 93 years old. Funeral services were held Monday, January 26 at Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. Burial was at Newton Memorial Gardens. Those left to honor Harlene's memory are her children, Sandy Shaver of Newton and David (Billie) Ettelson of Pensacola, Florida; seven grandchildren, Bev Mott of Newton, Sue Schrieber of Lees Summit, Missouri, Missi (Jeff) Gibson of Beaverdale, Iowa, Angie Shaver of Newton, Jeff Ettelson of Lakeside, California, Jake Ettelson of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Jack Ettelson of Gulf Breeze, Florida; five great-grandchildren, and her brother, Barron Jones of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jake in 1990; brothers, Alfred and Jack; and sister, Jerry Brown.

Michael Howard of Boone, who died of a heart attack on January 15 at the age of 62. Mike, his wife Karen and children John and Kelly were active in our church from the mid-1980's until they moved to Owatonna, MN in 1992. A fond remembrance of Mike was his ability to play the piano and his beautiful singing voice. At the time they were involved with First Presbyterian, Mike would participate in talent shows that were held at the church following a potluck meal. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 24 at the First Evangelical Free Church in Boone. Mike is survived by his wife, Karen of Richmond, VA; his son, John (Jennifer) Howard and their children, Jacob and Avalon all of Johnston, IA and his daughter, Kelly Howard of Los Angeles, CA; his mother, Alma Howard and his sister Susan (Bob) Herrick, both of Boone, IA as well as many nephews and nieces.

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

Norm Grimm, Chair

Project list: Proposals for the following are to be obtained and reported to Session for discussion/prioritization.

- * Tower Room: Several contractors have declined being involved. Estimates now range upwards of \$35,000 to complete. This appears to be cost-prohibitive, but an additional quotation is being sought. The Swanger family, who donated the funds and specified it was for renovation of the Tower room, have been consulted and agreed the donated funds could be diverted to the front steps project.
- * Front walk and steps: An architect's proposal has been received and is being evaluated.
- * Ramp for the sanctuary: in works – researching ADA requirements, etc.
- * Downstairs women's restroom vanity & commodes.
- * Kitchen Floor: On hold until solutions to the sewer back-ups are confirmed.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of December were \$15,772. This was \$868 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving for the month was \$950, which was \$214 above what had been budgeted for the month.

Year-to-date pledges are \$1,552 above budget and year-to-date expenses are \$5,040 below budget.

We received prepaid pledges for 2015 in December. They are tracked separately and will be counted as pledge income for 2015. Yoga donations are tracked separately and related expenses are paid from that fund. The Muñoces committee received additional donations of \$184 and distributed \$4047.80 to the Presbytery for Muñoces support. During December we collected \$672 for the Christmas Joy offering. It will be remitted to Presbytery in January, along with additional contributions received for Rural Harvest offering.

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.

Church Life Activities

Diane Moles, Chair

Our committee met in January and planned out the year's events for Church Life. These are events that we hope appeal to a wide audience and are meant to encourage fellowship and camaraderie. Food is always involved in some way! Please mark your calendars.

Here's the list of events, with dates and times. Watch the Sunday bulletins, Church Happenings, and monthly Messenger closer to the event for more details. Most are events we've done in the past that were so much fun we just have to do them again! And, we've added in a couple of new ones – Movie Night and Arboretum Fun. Please note that we moved Worship at Woodland up a couple of weeks, so that we don't compete with the State Fair.

Date & Time	Event
February 22, 2015, 5:00 p.m.	Movie Night and light supper
March 22, 2015, 11:30 a.m.	Potato Bar
April 5, 2015, 9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
May 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast*
July 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland with picnic**
August 16, 2015, 3:00 p.m.	Arboretum Fun, Bike Ride, and Supper
September 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritters
October 25, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 22, 2015, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion**
December 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling and chili supper

*Joint venture with Christian Nurture Committee
 **Joint venture with Worship & Music Committee

We'll also be investigating interest in an I-Cubs game at Principal Park some evening in June and viewing Jolly Holiday Lights in December.

And, if you want to see what happened at some of the events last year, check out the Church Life bulletin board in Fellowship Hall – the red one on the north wall. It's got all new photos and the schedule for the year.

Next Event:

Movie Night! February 22, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall: In February, we'll be watching a movie entitled "When the Game Stands Tall", which is a 2014 film about the journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur, who took his Concord, CA team from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. It's adapted from the book of the same name and is a motivational film that also has some football and drama, too. And, what's a movie without snacks? We'll have popcorn, walking tacos, cookies, and lemonade for a light supper.

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

Mission Committee

Linda Erickson, Chair

El Salvador Interest Group

The El Salvador interest group will meet Sunday, Feb. 1, at noon in fellowship hall. Items on the agenda include fund-raising efforts, delegation planning, the February visit from Katherine Pater, and planning for the 20th anniversary celebration. Anyone with an interest in our mission in El Salvador is welcome to attend.

El Salvador fund-raising

January was the designated month for El Salvador fund-raising at First Presbyterian. We thank those that did donate to the fund-raising during the month. If you didn't have an opportunity, however, we will be glad to accept your contribution. \$130 will buy a outhouse for a family without one, \$100 will provide a scholarship for a high school student, \$55-75 will buy a bag of fertilizer for a farm family, and \$35 will allow the delegation to bring a gift on behalf of our congregation to one of the families in Muñoces. We also try to have money available for healthcare emergencies. Any amount will help! Just make your check to First Presbyterian and put El Salvador on the memo line. Thank-you on behalf of our friends in Muñoces.

Work Week Update

The steering committee has met a few times in December and January to try and figure out what 2015 Work Week will look like. Our original plan was to go on a longer trip this year, possibly to Baltimore, Maryland, but due to a lack of response from the people out there, this is not going to happen. At our most recent meeting, we questioned if we should put in our work and energy to carry on this tradition. We wondered this because of the low attendance of the youth at the monthly youth activities. A couple of years ago we had a trip planned and then the youth backed out and Work Week was cancelled and we went to Winterset to build the ramp for the little girl. We certainly didn't want to be faced with that scenario again. So, a letter was written to Session, asking for their direction.

Session was supportive of continuing the 30 year tradition of having a Work Week trip. There are 8 youth in our church that are eligible to go, but we only know at this point of one who has committed to this year's trip. Three youth and three adults from the Brooklyn Presbyterian church are also planning on going. We know it is hard to commit without knowing when we are going. We are working on some other options of places to go and the date of the trip. We hope to have this information available in the next week or so. Then it will take the commitment of not only the youth, but also their parents, for us to carry on this tradition.

Please be watching for additional information very soon. If you know you would like to attend, please let one of us know.

Steering Committee,
Larry & Linda Anderson, Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Mickey Van Baale

Presbytery Women by Barb Taylor

The latest meeting was held Saturday, January 24. The spring connection is April 25 in Winterset. The day is being planned so attendees can take advantage of the sites in the area after the meetings. The meeting will be centered around the "One Body, One Spirit" theme of the national gathering. Donations for the new Hanson House for women will be taken. The program will be interactive exercises from a new publication about accepting people who are different. Members are challenging churches to find ways to get members involved in PW projects, so I will be talking about that at our Mission meeting. The national gathering is June 18-21 in Minneapolis.

See additional Mission news on page 9.



Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

The Worship and Music Committee met for its January meeting.

A review of past services was held. The committee was especially pleased with the All Church Christmas Program and the Christmas Eve Service. The committee wishes to thank all those who took part in the December services including Christian Nurture members and those who participated in the pageant, those who lit Advent candles, provided music, served as readers, purchased poinsettias, put up sanctuary candles, provided audio, passed out candles, and the many who helped to put the decorations away. We are grateful to George Wilkening for preaching when Meghan was on vacation. Thanks also to Norm Grimm and Warren Erickson for directing the choir while Virginia Bennett recuperates.

The Worship and Music Annual Report has been written. Communion guidelines for set up and serving have been updated and placed in the Manual of Operations.

Mary Jane Tripp has again organized the Wednesday Lenten Breakfasts which will begin at 6:45 and conclude by 7:40. All are welcome to participate, The first service will be Ash Wednesday, February 18. See page 9 for a listing of who will prepare the breakfast and who will do the devotion for each week.

There will be a Cross Walk on Good Friday. More information will be coming.



You Are Invited to a 100th Birthday Open House

For: Wendell and Loretta Wendt

When: 2-4 pm on Saturday, February 14

Where: Garden Room at Park Centre

Wendell turned 100 on December 20, 2014 and Loretta will be 100 on March 29, 2015. Please join them and their family for this monumental celebration.

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

Val McKee will become chair of this committee when she returns from down south in about 3 months. I have chaired this committee for three years and am willing to continue until Val returns. When she returns I will do my best to support her and foster a smooth transition. I would like to remain on the committee. Our committee did not meet in January. We were to meet on January 7, but we canceled due to sub zero temperatures. Due to scheduling problems we were not been able to reschedule a meeting until January 27.

There are a number of committees/ministries within our committee that function without much oversight or changes. Those are all functioning normally. The main item I would like to report on would be the directory update. Cathy Rickers has completed arranging all the pages of the directory (a huge job!) and has emailed them to us for scrutiny. Most of the next meeting will be spent going over these pages and making needed changes according to our input. They then go to the printer. We are getting close.

We had a Sundays at 4 event on January 18. Dave Stolper and Linda Curtis-Stolper presented their program on their trip to Germany, which involved staying and traveling along the Rhine River. They knew their subject well and had some stunningly beautiful pictures. We had 26 in attendance for the presentation and 16 stayed for pizza afterward.

On Saturday, January 24, we made our annual pilgrimage to a Grinnell College men's basketball game and saw a very good game with the Grinnell Pioneers beating Beloit College 128-110. The first half was the fastest paced half I have EVER seen played anywhere. Grinnell scored 71 points by halftime. They slowed their pace some in the second half or they very easily could have scored 150 points. These games are really a lot of fun. Nineteen people attended with us and we went for pizza at Michael's in Grinnell.

Gary Parsons



**Grinnell College
Basketball**



Deacon's Report

Dana Hashman, Moderator

Deacons had their meeting at the retreat on January 10. Actions taken at that meeting were:

- ◇ We had our reports on December visits.
- ◇ We got our new partners and schedules.
- ◇ Shirley Stevens volunteered to do the card sending. She will need to be informed of various happenings within our church family so she can carry out this task.
- ◇ Kevin Peska volunteered to be the deacon representative for the Nominating Committee for 2015.



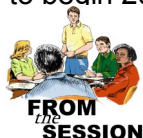
Each year the Ruling Elders (Elders) determine who will be on which committees. Some years this takes a lot of negotiating, and other years, it is fairly simple. Returning Elders have the option of staying on the committee they were on, or switching to another one. Between the retreat that was held on January 10 and the Session meeting that was January 20, committee assignments were made and listed below. The first or only name listed is the chairperson. As their committees are formulated, we will inform you of all the committee members.

Budget & Finance	Buildings & Grounds
Jonnie Carpenter	Norm Grimm
Bev Rossow	Tom Mott
Church Life	Christian Nurture
Diane Moles	Virginia Bennett
	Karen Quinn
Membership	Mission
Val McKee	Linda Erickson
Personnel	Worship & Music
Bret Doerring	Linda Kirchoff
	Sandy Smit
Foundation Liaison	Linda Kirchoff

Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Set July 26 as the date for Worship at Woodland
- Discussed plans for the Annual Meeting on January 25
- Received updates from Buildings & Grounds on a number of projects
- Endorsed a plan to continue annual Mission Trips by the Work Week Planning Group
- Reviewed the potential inactive member names and the status of the membership rolls in the new computer format
- Generally got organized to begin 2015 - going to be a great year!



Christian Nurture

Virginia Bennett, Chair

We welcomed Karen Quinn as a new member of our committee, being on the committee as an Elder.

- ♦ We went over the report that would be sent to Jenny Verwers for submission in the Annual report.
- ♦ We went over the list of volunteers that will be leading Children's Action Hour for February and March. We are so appreciative to Dana Hashman, Linda Curtis-Stolper and Jane Repp for helping with this important ministry to our children. Volunteers are needed for April and May.
- ♦ We went over the list of youth in our church and their current grade level.

It's A Small World

When Steve and Sara Hopkins went to their class reunion at Luther College, they discovered through a mutual friend that a man named Jose Carballo and his family lived in Pella. Jose was born and lived in Berlin, El Salvador. Steve then reached out through Facebook and made a connection with Jose.

Last year while Kimberly Schnell was teaching in El Salvador, she sent pictures to her sister-in-law, Kert's sister. The sister-in-law was looking at these pictures on her phone at a basketball game, while sitting by Jose. Jose asked who had sent the pictures and where were they taken. You guessed it - he recognized his former home and the school. Another connection made.

We were honored to have Jose, his wife Karam, their daughter, Andrea and son, Moises attend our worship service on Sunday, January 25. This picture is at

the lunch they had after church with the Hopkins, Schnells and Doug and Jessica Smith.



Annual Meeting

Approximately 50 people attended the potluck luncheon and annual meeting held on Sunday, January 25 following worship. Following an opening prayer by Rev. Meghan, the meeting began which included thanking outgoing Elders and Deacons, remembrance of departed members in 2014 and the singing of "For All the Saints", accompanied by Sandy Smit. The Annual Reports were made available and contained the reports from the various committees and the Clerk's report. Cheryl Ritter, church Treasurer, then went over the financials of the year and the Session approved budget for 2015. Bret Doerring, Personnel chair, explained the new compensation package for Meghan. A unanimous vote approved the new compensation package, which included a 2% raise. Don Fisher, Treasurer of the Foundation, went over their income and expenses for the year. Terry Rickers, chair of the Corporation, conducted the corporation meeting at which there was no business. Meghan closed the meeting with prayer.

A thank you to all who helped with the set-up and cleanup. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the Annual Report, contact Jenny in the church office.

Community Meals

By Barb Taylor

February's meal is tater tot casserole, dinner roll and angel food cake. Help will be needed. Check the bulletin board in Fellowship hall to sign up if you can help out.



John and Barb Taylor are members of Mariners, and are in charge of finding locations for their work. They tell us they are awaiting information from the camps about dates. The membership voted to go to Camp Okoboji, Clearwater Forest in Minnesota, Kemmerer Village in Illinois, and John Knox Ranch in Texas.

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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.)

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LENTEN BREAKFAST/DEVOTIONS

FEBRUARY 18

Breakfast: Linda & Larry Anderson
Devotion: Meghan Davis

FEBRUARY 25

Breakfast: Pat & Pete Koppin
Devotion: Larry Anderson

MARCH 4

Breakfast: Linda Curtis-Stolper & Dave Stolper
Devotion: Linda Curtis-Stolper

MARCH 11

Breakfast: Kay & Gary Parsons
Devotion: Don Black

MARCH 18

Breakfast: Dana Hashman & George Wilkening
Devotion: George Wilkening

MARCH 25

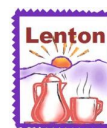
Breakfast: Larry & Shari DeCook
Devotion: Terry Rickers

APRIL 1

Breakfast: Nancy & Tom Mott
Devotion: Mickey Van Baale

A big "thank you" to Mary Jane Tripp for once again making the calls and putting together our cooks and the people for doing devotions each week. We appreciate your time and organization.

If you have not attended in the past, try it this year. We start breakfast at 6:45 a.m. with devotions following. We are finished by 7:45 to 7:50 a.m. so you can get to work on time, if that is necessary



**Breakfast
and Devotion**

FEBRUARY 2015 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12:00 pm - El Salvador Interest Group Meeting	2 4:45 pm Personnel 6:15 pm Yoga Flow 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	3 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 pm Worship & Music	4 Jen Norvell 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meal Membership 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	5 Isabelle Berry 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions	6	7 Joan Rusk Krystal Rusk 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
8 9:00 am Deacons 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 3-5 pm - Youth Group Bowling Party	9 Rev. Meghan at a retreat	10 Carl Repp Rev. Meghan at a retreat	11 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm B & F Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	12 Marie Achtemeier 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	13 Dylan Camp	14 Valerie Barney Susan Weeks 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow 2-4 pm - Wendell & Loretta Wendt's 100 Birthday Party Open House at Park Centre
15 Elaine Mattingly	16 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	17 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Session	18 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	19 Spencer Bebout 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	20	21 Jeffrey Fitzgerald 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
22 10:30 am Kids Action Hour 5:00 pm - Movie Night	23 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	24 Sandra Cheney 11:00 am Gentle Yoga	25 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	26 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	27	28 9:00 am Spanish Plus 10:00 am Yoga Flow
						9:00 am Adult S. S. 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship

February



Volunteers

February	1	8	15	22	March 1
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Bev Rossow	Harriet Harmelink	George Wilkening	Val McKee	Jane Repp
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	Diane Moles	Jonnie Carpenter	Sandy Cheney	Dana Hashman	Linda Kirchhoff
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Terry & Cat Rickers	Mary Jane Tripp Suzie Funk Barb Gallaher	The Camp Family	John & Barb Taylor	Don & Sharon Black
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Cody Barney	Garrett Sturtz	Allie Norvell	Joshua Ventling	Jordan Norvell
Counters <i>Terry Rickers</i>	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers Dave Boyd	Jonnie Carpenter Tara Zehr	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Jonnie Carpenter
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Nancy Mott	Joyce Moen	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Diane Moles Bret Doerring				Linda Kirchhoff Tom Mott

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Lectionary —

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

March 2015

March 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; *Ps. 22:23-31*
Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

March 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exod. 20:1-17; *Ps. 19*; 1 Cor. 1:18 -25
John 2:13 -22

March 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Num. 21:4-9; *Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22*
Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14 -21

March 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34; *Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9 -16*
Heb. 5:5 -10; John 12:20 -33

March 29 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12 -16
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa. 50:4 - 9a; *Ps. 31:9 -16*
Phil 2:5 -11; Mark 14:1-15: 47 *or*
Mark 15:1-39 (40 -47)