



The Grinnell Presbyterian

The monthly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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Kirsten Klepfer, Pastor

GARDEN OF READIN'...

Our session and deacons just met for their annual retreat this past Sunday. 19 folks come together to remind ourselves of what the mission of the church is and how we attempt to live that out. I am ever grateful that people give up an afternoon for this important work, in addition to giving a lot of time to the ongoing work of elder and deacon throughout the year.

These leaders are charged with leading the congregation, but are, of course, not charged with *doing* everything! Their hope is to invite people to join in the work and ministry of the church through our committees and ongoing programs. On February 1st, you will all have a chance to put a face/name to a committee of the church, and then have an opportunity to volunteer your time and talents in whatever way makes most sense for you.

After worship on the 1st, there will be sign up sheets in fellowship hall for each of the committees. What follows here is a list of those committees and a very brief description of what they do (and the names of the elders who lead the committee). Take a minute and read through these and see what stirs your soul and mind. Find a way to get involved! Everyone has gifts they can share! We have something for you to do.

The mission of the **facilities committee** is to ensure the building is in safe condition and the grounds are in acceptable appearance, and to coordinate use of our space to serve our mission. The facilities committee meets semi-regularly to plan and monitor progress on projects. (Irma Arnaman, Russ Stoker, Donna Ricks)

The **Christian education committee** is responsible for the spiritual formation of all ages. This includes, but is not limited to: Sunday school for all, teacher recruitment and training, youth groups, summer vacation bible school, confirmation class, bible introduction for third graders and bible studies for various groups. The Christian education committee meets regularly to plan programs and discuss the educational needs of our congregation. (Susan McIntyre, Marta Miller)

The **mission committee** works to extend the reach of our congregation into our community and the greater world community, guided by the principles taught us by Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and treat others as we want to be treated. The mission committee meets as needed, but is responsible for supporting the mission activities of the church. (Linda Cranston, John Martenson)

The **worship committee** creates worship settings in which the community comes together to praise and glorify our Creator God, and creates meaningful worship that reflects the mission of First Presbyterian Church. The worship committee meets approximately four times a year to plan. (Karen Phillips)

The **finance committee** is charged with the responsibility to monitor all financial matters of the church including the preparation of a budget, which supports the church's vision and mission statement. The finance committee's work is concentrated in the fall when the budget is being prepared. (Mary Anne Nickle)

The **communications committee** facilitates the understanding within the congregation about the activities of the church, who we are, and what opportunities there are for people to be involved. The communications committee meets semi-regularly to assess the communication needs of the church and to plan for projects. (Susan McIntyre)

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The **memorials committee** is responsible for celebrating past memorials, documenting all of our memorial gifts, caring for the undesignated memorial monies, and planning for memorial giving in the future. (Donna Ricks)

Please consider how you can share your gifts with this community, that we might share our gifts with the world.

Peace,

Pastor Kirsten

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Kirsten will be on vacation from February 2nd ó February 7th. She will be in church on the 8th, but Ryan Intlekoffer will be preaching. If you have a pastoral emergency, call the church office 236-6059.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Come for an evening of great food and wonderful fellowship as First Presbyterian hosts the Community Meal at Davis School on **Tuesday, February 24**. Signup sheets to provide salads and bars/cookies will be in the fellowship room in early February. Additionally, set-up, serving, and clean-up assistance will be needed. Details will be on the signup sheets. Please be in touch with Donna Ricks or Mary Loy Doty with any questions. Thank you!!

MEET YOUR ELDERS AND DEACONS: WHAT DO THEY "DO"?

In the Presbyterian church, we ordain people to two different offices in addition to the minister of the congregation. Together they make up the leadership of the congregation. Each office is specifically charged with leading the congregation in carrying out the ministry of the church. I thought it would be helpful to know what those offices are and who you have elected to fill them.

Elder: öTogether with ministers of Word and Sacrament, elders exercise leadership and have responsibilities for the life of the church. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people.ö (Book of Order)

Deacon: öIt is the responsibility of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.ö (Book of Order)

Your Elders are: Irma Arnaman, Linda Cranston, Susan McIntyre, Marta Miller, John Martenson, Mary Anne Nickle, Karen Phillips, Donna Ricks, and Russ Stoker.

Your Deacons are: Jim Ahrens, Denise and Richard Creps, Carey Krull, Janice Logan, Phil McCune, Tom Moore, Kendall Nickle, Suzanne Redenius, and Doty Stoker.

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 1, Holy communion. Lectionary readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

February 8: Heifer Sunday. Lectionary readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

February 15: Third Sunday Potluck, Food Pantry Sunday. Lectionary readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

February 22: Birthday Sunday. Lectionary readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22.; Mark 1:9-15.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Pledge Income	\$11,797	\$126,847
Budgeted	\$10,000	\$120,000
Total Income	\$15,924	\$141,490
Budgeted	\$11,048	\$132,575
Expenses	\$10,894	\$138,848
Budgeted	\$11,330	\$135,965

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY SESSION MEETING

A short meeting was held to finalize 2014 and prepare for 2015.

Officers of the corporation for 2015 were elected: Karen Phillips, President; Marta Miller, Vice-President; Char Ewan, Secretary; and Ed Phillips, Treasurer.

Presbytery Delegate to the February 14, 2015, meeting will be Elder Marta Miller.

Elders elected to serve on the 2015 Nominating Committee are Donna Ricks and John Martenson.

Pastor Kirsten will be on vacation February 2-7, 2015.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Beginning February 17 at 6:30 pm and each Tuesday through March 10, Pastor Kirsten will be leading a class for anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian church and what it means to be a part of this community.

This class is not just for new people. It's a great opportunity to think about what church means to you, to think about your own faith journey, and to learn a little bit about history, theology, worship, and Presbyterianism. This class could be fun for the newest folks in our community to people who have been here for generations.

There is no expectation that people will join the church at the completion of the class. If you want to participate, or if you have any questions about whether this class would be a good fit for you, feel free to call Pastor Kirsten anytime.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Our church and the Episcopal church will be sharing the Meals on Wheels duty during the month of March. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall in February so you can pick your route and days you can do the delivery. Delivery starts at 11:00 and usually takes about a half hour.

February 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship Holy Communion</p> <p>2:00 Turlach Ur</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>4:30 Prayer Time</p> <p>5:00 Adult Bell Choir</p>	<p>4 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p>	<p>5 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p>	<p>6 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9:00 until 4:00 Quilting Class</p>
<p>8 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship Heifer Sunday College Grup</p> <p>2:00 Turlach Ur</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>4:30 Prayer Time</p> <p>5:00 Adult Bell Choir 5:30 2nd Mile 6:00 Scouts</p>	<p>11 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>6:30 Session</p>	<p>12 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p>	<p>13 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Presbytery of Des Moines meeting at Winterset</p>
<p>15 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship Third Sunday Potluck/Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>2:00 Turlach Ur</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:30 Deacons</p>	<p>17 12:00 Food Recovery Network 2:30-6:30 Food Distribution 4:30 Prayer Time 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:00 Scouts 6:30 New Members Class</p>	<p>18 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's</p>	<p>19 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>10:30 Newsletter Mailing</p>	<p>20 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship Birthday Sunday</p> <p>1:00 KAH Packaging Event 2:00 Turlach Ur</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Prayer Time Community Meal 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:00 Scouts 6:30 New Members Class</p>	<p>25 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p> <p>12:00 Lenten Worship and Lunch (Location to be determined)</p>	<p>26 12:00 Food Recovery Network</p>	<p>27 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>

SUNDAY SERVANTS

February

- 1ô Liturgist: Tom Moore
Greeter: Chrissy Hazlett
Deacon: Carey Krull
Ushers: Joy Krull, Rich Thorson
Coffee: Bev Miller
Acolyte: Miles McIntyre
Van Driver: Montie Redenius
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Ahrens
Communion Servers: Tom Moore
John Martenson, Marta Miller
Offering Counter: Susan McIntyre
- 8ô Liturgist: Chris Day
Greeter: Art Heimann
Deacon: Suzanne Redenius
Ushers: Montie Redenius, Phil McCune
Coffee: Karla Kriegel
Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer
Van Driver: Carey Krull
Nursery Volunteer: Evelyn Freeman
- 15ô Liturgist: Joy Krull
Greeter: Montie and Suzanne Redenius
Deacon: Jim Ahrens
Ushers: Gail and Stan Greenwald
Coffee: Nickles Family
Acolyte: Zach Nickle
Van Driver: Norm Schroeder
Nursery Volunteer: Jill Kaiser
- 22ô Liturgist: Carolyn Jacobson
Greeter: Bob and Carol Weisskopf
Deacon: Suzanne Redenius
Ushers: Montie Redenius, Linda Stoll
Coffee: Ed and Karen Phillips
Acolyte: Damien Nickle
Van Driver: Montie Redenius
Nursery Volunteer: Marta Miller
Cake Baker: Karla Kriegel

March

- 1ô Liturgist: John Martenson
Greeter: Ramona McCaw
Deacon: Janice Logan
Ushers: Mary and Marv Doty
Coffee: Irma Arnaman
Acolyte: Alana Ferguson
Van Driver: Carey Krull
Nursery Volunteer: Emily Moore
Communion Servers: John Martenson
Donna Ricks, Irma Arnaman
Offering Counter: Donna Ricks

THANK YOU



MANY THANKS!

Ed Phillips and Char Ewan for another year serving as our treasurers ó coming in every week to help Montie count the money.

Our newsletter folders this past year: **Gail Greenwald, Maggie Hoffstadder, Janice Logan, Bonnie Rutheford, Suzanne Redenius, Montie Redenius**

Thank you to **Donna Winburn** and **Janice Logan** for being coffee hosts during January, **Chris Day, Rich Thorson** and **Suzanne Nekola** for hosting potluck, and **Katie Hoisington** for preparing the birthday cake in Bob's memory.

Carey Krull for all of the many things he has done for our facilities. He is often at the church working behind the scenes, making sure our building is in good shape.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 3ô Margaret McCulley
4ô Jackie Jaynes
5ô Meredith Breiting
14ô Donna Ricks
Debbie Schade
15ô Al Ricks
24ô Janet Carl
26ô John Peak
28ô Velda Boss

RUMMAGE SALE AND BAZAAR ALERTS

Our annual **rummage sale** will be in July as usual. Starting June 1, you can leave clean and working items in the far southwest Sunday School room. So, while doing your spring cleaning, keep this in mind. Thank you. Call Linda Cranston if you have any questions. -990-1610.

I plan to have the biennial **bazaar** this November, probably the first Saturday. We hope to have a sale and also silent auction of larger or more valuable items. Cold winter months are a good time to be crafty.

First Presbyterian Church Has Talent!



Come to our talent show!

March 8th beginning at **5:00** in the sanctuary followed by a **potluck supper**
Sandwiches provided

Please bring a dessert, salad or finger food.

Please **contact** Dennis or Chris Day if you are willing to share a little of your talent with us. Maybe a song, recite a favorite poem, tell a story, put on a skit, do a magic trick or two, play a musical instrument; piano solo or duet, ukulele or drums, dance number or ????

Surprise us!

See, call or email Dennis or Chris for details and questions

641-485-6180

cday7127@gmail.com

Planned by your Christian Education *All Church Events* Committee

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Dennis Day has changed his email address to:
grdkdsrg8@icloud.com

Add: Selva Lehman, 624 Broad Street, Apt. M-6
641-236-0363 selvlehman@gmail.com

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT FEBRUARY 22

We are planning on having both an adult and a Sunday School packaging team for the next KAH packaging, on February 22th at 1:00 at St. Mary's Education Center. Sign up sheets are on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you are not able to package, financial donations are always welcome.

GETTING TO KNOW US: CHRIS AND DENNIS DAY

High school sweethearts, who have been married 44 years, Chris and Dennis Day are both very active in our church and in our community.

Dennis recently retired from Grinnell Mutual and Chris has retired from several jobs including elementary school principal and teacher at Central College. Chris and Dennis love spending time with their 4 grandchildren and it is very hard to keep them down on the farm in Grinnell when their children live in Detroit and Seattle.

True blue Bulldogs, Chris and Dennis both graduated from Drake University and between them they have 5 degrees from there. They love to go to Drake basketball games as often as possible. Dennis enjoys playing golf, biking, reading and is looking forward to trying out ancestry.com. Chris likes to cook, read, quilt (many projects started that need to be finished) and is always on the lookout for a good buying bargain. Both like to travel and love to dine out, see movies, plays and musicals and of course being part of First Presbyterian Church, helping in any way they can. Chris says, "We love to dance although Dennis does not "dip" me anymore and I had to have help getting up from a low twist move not too long ago! At least I didn't land on the floor."

Chris and Dennis have two children. Brian lives in Everett, Washington. He works as an administrator for the Everett School District. He and his wife, Aki, have two girls; Emi age 4 and Sachi, 10 months. Aki, Brian's wife, is a medical technician. This was quite an accomplishment for her as she did this just a few years after coming to the US from Japan. Daughter Sara lives in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She and her husband, Jim have two children; Finn age 7 and Lucy, 5. Sara is an archivist with the University Liggitt University School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

At First Presbyterian, Dennis has served as Elder, Deacon, pastor nominating committee, personnel committee and nominating committee. Chris has served as Elder and nominating committee. Chris spear-headed, organized, and prepared the new picture directories that we all received and she also leads the bell choir. Thank you so much Chris, for doing this we all appreciate your hard work on this.

Chris says, "We love First Presbyterian because of the members who work together to implement Our Christian beliefs and mission work. Pastor Kirsten is instrumental in providing words of faith to enable our actions to be put to work."

SERMON TALK BACKS

Every Sunday during Lent ó beginning February 22nd and ending March 22nd ó after worship we will gather in the sanctuary to discuss the sermon and the scripture passages for the day. Bring questions, comments, critiques and insights ó or just bring yourself and sit back and listen. You can come to one, some or allí everyone is welcome. In fact, everyone is encouraged to come!

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

The Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00. They have a light meal provided by church members to begin their time together. If you could help with providing the meal for one of their meetings, please contact Marta Miller, 236-0266



ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 18TH, 7 P.M. ST. PAUL'S

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Attending the non-Sunday worship services throughout the year helps us all better understand the whole of the Christian story. In this case, Ash Wednesday sets the stage for the Lenten journey.

We will be worshipping with St. Paul's Episcopal church this year in their sanctuary. Worship will include communion and the imposition of ashes.

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Return Service Requested