



Spreading the Word

United Presbyterian Church January 2017

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January Highlights

Youth Quake - Jan 6-8
Ordination & Installation of
Officers - Jan 15

Martin Luther King Day - Jan 16
Saturday Kitchen, our turn - Jan 21
Annual Meeting & Report - Jan 22
Hospice Soup Supper - Jan 24



From the Music Director....

The beginning.....again. How many times have we done this? Starting over. Another restart. Our lives are filled with false starts and restarts. Each of us has things in our lives, events of life, words spoken, actions taken for which we wish we could have a do-over. Maybe things look different now. Maybe we've grown in understanding. Maybe we've had our eyes opened where they were once closed.

The birth of Jesus is God sensing, seeing, knowing that humans have a way of muddling and stumbling through life, kind of making a mess of things. Jesus is our chance to restart, our way to begin.... again. He is our way to live through His grace and in His love. Jesus is the light we follow to redemption, to forgiveness, to a new start.

We celebrate again this chance at a new start. A chance to look at ourselves, to ponder what we are and what we should be, and what we might be if we live our lives in Christ.

The new year before us is a chance to start anewagain, as followers of Jesus, as a church. May the light of Christ shine on us and on our congregation. Have a blessed New Year.



Presbyterian Women

Circle 3 No January Meeting

Circle 4 Jan 11, 9:15 am
UP Home, Campbell Room
Hostess: Julia Gamon
Study: Betty Beenblossom
Devotions: Janice Twinam

The Read & Feed Book Club

Thursday, January 19, 2017,
11:45 am in the Church Library
and report on a book of choice



Fran Ray
December 2, 2016

Rachel Pollock
December 10, 2016



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| 1 Peyton Baughman | 5 Esther Bordwell | 13 Tracy Strabala | 23 Tyler Rees |
| 1 Jason Baughman | 6 Gabriela Anderson | 13 Nick Wollenberg | 24 Mary Holden |
| 1 Grace Buckingham | 6 Richard Schenk | 14 Janet Conrad | 24 Kaylin Long |
| 1 Kathy Hunt | 7 Jackie Ross | 15 Gracie Cleverly | 24 Mitchell Stewart |
| 1 Lucky Lindsey | 9 Linden Brinning | 15 Lou Slight | 25 Julie Mangold |
| 1 Blu Lindsey | 10 Roy Carter | 15 Shelly Stewart | 26 Chandler Mullens |
| 1 Cherry Lindsey | 10 Clem Griffith | 16 Vivian Griffith | 28 Jillian Goff |
| 1 Connie Schuster | 11 Molly Sparks | 16 Gary Herlein | 28 Ellen Perdock |
| 1 Addy Sents | 12 Davida Nicholson | 16 Larry Robison | 28 Lyle Stacy |
| 4 Amy Bruner | 13 Sarah Hall | 17 Larry Krotz | 28 Shirley Whisler |
| 4 Henry Raber | 13 Maxine Martin | 17 Brennen Westphal | 29 Rick Bordwell |
| 4 Aaron Rich | 13 Kora Miller | 19 Randy Fehr | 30 Cyndy McCall |
| 5 Kyle Anderson | 13 Noah Rich | 19 Jake Thorius | 31 Emerson Smith |
| | | 20 Dani Kane | |
| | | 20 Andrew Kaufman | |
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| | | 22 Ted Stewart | |
| | | 23 Sarah Miles | |





Unit 5: "Noah's RemARKable Adventure" will be January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Teachers for this unit are from the Pathfinders Class and we appreciate them sharing their knowledge and love for Christ in this unit about the story of Noah and the Ark.

The CE Team would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the teachers, guides and helpers of Son City during 2016. Without the commitment of these various adults and members of our congregation, we would not be able to teach about and share God's Love with our children. We are excited for what 2017 has in store for the kids of our church.

Also, a huge shout out and thank you to Krista Gaal, Karen Trotman and Erin Thorius for organizing and leading our fantastic Kids Christmas Program.

They spent several days teaching the kids the program, singing, snacking and serving others. Their hard work really paid off, as it was great to see all the kids from preschool to high school up front sharing the story of our Savior's birth!



Youth News ...

INSIDE OUT - Meetings Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29.

CREW -

Nineteen kids and five chaperones are attending the YouthQuake retreat and will be experiencing God's work with many others the weekend of January 6-8 in Cedar Rapids.

There will be no CREW on January 8th, the day we return. We will continue to work on mission work and learning this year and have a few items to get started on!

We'll meet as usual on Jan. 22 at 3:30 pm.

Church Family News ...

Thank you to the children and youth of the church (and the adults who helped them!) for the very meaningful program they shared during the worship service on that very cold, Dec. 18th morning. It may have been cold outside but the kids' performances surely warmed the hearts of all in attendance.

A special thank you to Anne Youngman! She has been gathering information about all the great things going on in the church and updating our website. We appreciate your efforts and expertise, Anne.

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for advent and Christmas. We thank Dale Spencer and Joe McConnell for hanging the lighted outside wreath at the north entrance. Thanks to Barb Liebe, Kathy Knutson, Diana Henry, Kevin Caldwell and Steve and Leisha Linge for their time in decorating the inside of the sanctuary and the fellowship hall window.

A special thank you to Karen Trotman! Karen coordinates with the Aramark folks at Carver Hawkeye Arena to arrange the adult, mission trip, fund raising, concession stand, and work opportunities.

Congratulations to Gabe Bruns and Bailey Rees! They each did a super job in their respective roles in the recent Washington Middle School play, Little Women.

Thanks to all who regularly contribute to our food boxes for HACAP. Thanks to the kids who bring items each week and to the adults who respond to the requests for particular items, like the recent call for fruits. Thank you also to those who make financial donations. We truly are helping HACAP to feed the hungry with the many food boxes we donate each month!



KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL

The Kingdom Kids are ready for a new year. We have been celebrating and learning about Christmas during the month of December, and have enjoyed a few days of playing in the snow.

Thank you to all who donated to the mitten tree, as well as the Pentacost offering as we have used some of both to outfit one of our students for winter weather.

As January approaches we hope to explore the outdoors daily when weather permits. We are thankful that we may share the fellowship hall when weather is nasty. We like to see what the "sewing ladies" are making, and how their equipment works. They even repaired some of our storytelling dolls who were losing legs and heads. Thank you!!!

Due to recent break ins at local churches, a discussion was held with Police Chief Greg Goodman as to how to light the church when unoccupied in the night.

His suggestion is to leave the lights outside of each entrance on during the night. No lights should be left on inside the building.

If the police see lights on in the building and the parking lot is empty they will investigate.



Thank you to all of you who have helped out in December with all of the projects that Local Mission Team has organized.

We worked with 10,000 Villages which is a store in Iowa City that sells fair trade handmade gifts from all over the world. We sold \$2100 which now will go back to help those who made the products in their own countries.



We also raised \$235 for HACAP and Heifer International. A group of volunteers assisted with ringing bells at Walmart in December for Salvation Army. That money went to help our local HACAP. We filled 2 buckets on the day that we rang bells.



Our last project this December was the purchasing gifts for HACAP families that could not afford to buy gifts for their own families. This year we were able to purchase gifts for nine families in our community. We appreciate all who helped support our projects this December.

-The Local Mission Team



News for 2017!

Our church has organized the Saturday Kitchen since its inception five years ago. It began as an outgrowth of the Friday morning men's group. **Since that time it has been a rotation of eight churches, all part of the Washington Area Ministerial Association. 2017 will be a bit different but it's all good and . . . we're so blessed in our community to have so many caring individuals and families who want the outreach of food and fellowship to continue!**

In 2017 we'll have a rotation of seven groups: six churches and the 7th "special" rotation varying. The six churches are:

- ◇ First Baptist
- ◇ Immanuel Lutheran
- ◇ St. James
- ◇ United Methodist
- ◇ United Presbyterian
- ◇ Washington Mennonite

The "special" rotation is:

- ◇ the HACAP Board (2 times)
- ◇ UP Pathfinders Sunday School Class
- ◇ local PEO chapters
- ◇ Billie & Dave Bruns and Co.
- ◇ Diana & John Hartmann and Co.
- ◇ LDS Mormon Church

We're thrilled to be able to continue this Christian outreach of love on a weekly basis to so many in our community.

Our Saturday Kitchen guests count on this time for a warm and healthy meal, as well as for an opportunity to visit. Our guests feel **God's love and caring through the efforts of our host groups.** Thanks to all in our church family who help with this ministry.

~ Marde and Joe McConnell