

## Advent Potluck & Children's Program: Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

The Mariners and Educational Ministries Team are hosting this year's Advent Potluck and Children's Christmas Program after worship on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to sign up in Fellowship Hall, so we know how many tables to set up for the lunch. Since the Veterans' Potluck went so well without asking you to state what dish you might bring...perfect amount of desserts!...we ask you to bring whatever dish you wish to share with your church family.

Tammy Hulett, our Director of Educational Ministries, has been hard at work selecting and coordinating our Children's Christmas Program which will be the entertainment before the Potluck in Fellowship Hall. This year the program will include special Christmas memories from some of our church family, as well as a small drama. You won't want to miss it!



Because We Care  
Ringing the Bell  
December 13  
Sign up in Fellowship  
Hall



## Christmas Eve Social

After the worship service on  
Christmas Eve  
In Fellowship Hall

If you would like to donate cookies, you may leave them in the kitchen on Sunday, 12/22. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



# Glimpses of Grace

'Tis the season... Yes, it is the season of Advent, and as we worship together this month, I thought you might be interested in knowing why we do what we do.

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. During Advent we anticipate two arrivals – the most obvious is the arrival of Jesus born as a baby. The other is the return of Jesus Christ in all His Kingly glory and power. Throughout Advent we remember and celebrate the original waiting for the birth of the Messiah and the current waiting for the Second Coming of the Messiah.

Historically, the color of Advent is purple, the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty. Purple is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week, reminding us of the important connection between Jesus' birth and His death.

One way we remember each week is through the Advent wreath, which symbolically tells the good news of God. Usually a circular evergreen wreath, it has four candles around the wreath and one in the center. The circle reminds us of God, His eternity and His endless love, which have no beginning or end. The green reminds us of the hope we have in God, of newness, renewal and eternal life. The candles remind us of the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus. They also remind us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace and love to others.

The four outer candles represent the time of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent. The Sundays symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. The first candle (purple) is the candle of expectation or hope. The second (purple) is the candle of love. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. Historically, it marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy. The fourth (purple) is the candle of peace. The center candle is white and is called the Christ Candle, traditionally lit on Christmas Eve. The central location of the Christ Candle reminds us that the Incarnation is the heart of this season.

It is my prayer and hope that as we get caught up in all the activities and festivities that invariably happen in December, there is time at least once a week in which we remember that Jesus is the real reason we celebrate this season. – in His service, Deb

## Advent, 2013 by Carol Brotherson

Which is more of an Advent and Christmas symbol – a Christmas tree or a nativity scene? Though they are both lovely “decorations” of the season, only the nativity scene is truly a Christian symbol. The Worship Committee considered this as we made a decision to set up our large nativity scene on a table in the southwest corner of the sanctuary in place of the Christmas tree. A lighted star over the scene will draw attention to it and to the meaning of Christmas.

The beauty of the tree which has stood in that corner is undeniable. Unfortunately, it is also undeniable that the tree is difficult to assemble and take down. It requires several strong and patient people, willing to work on ladders to do it. There are about twelve separate strings of lights which individually plug into the center post. Finding the plug-ins can be a real challenge. We are grateful to those who have faithfully done this for us in the past. Next year we will again consider what we would like to do.

We ask you to be open to this new look in Advent 2013. May the nativity help us each to focus on the message of Christmas - God's incredible love for us, through Jesus Christ.

# From the Trustees...

## Statement of Income & Expense October 31, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
<b>Balance For- Income</b>	<b>\$25,500.00</b>			
Pledge	175,510.00	141,774.50	33,735.50	80.8%
Non Pledge	20,000.00	24,302.34	-4,302.34	121.5%
Investment In- PerCapita	50,000.00 3,570.00	23,592.49 2,859.94	26,407.51 710.06	47.2% 80.1%
Misc Income		2363.39		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>274,580.00</b>	<b>194,892.66</b>	<b>79,687.34</b>	<b>71.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	164,000.00	124,162.95	39,837.05	75.7%
Educational Min- Fellowship	5,000.00 1,550.00	2,512.26 1,033.51	2,487.74 516.49	50.2% 66.7%
Deacons	750.00	214.17	535.83	28.6%
Mason Road	1,400.00	1,229.35	170.65	87.8%
Mission	25,190.00	17,863.08	7,326.92	70.9%
Property	71,450.00	53,230.88	18,219.12	74.5%
Worship	5,240.00	1,761.27	3,478.73	33.6%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>274,580.00</b>	<b>202,007.47</b>	<b>72,572.53</b>	<b>73.6%</b>
<b>Differential</b>		<b>-7,114.81</b>		

Per Capita  
Apportionment  
For 2013 is  
\$32.87

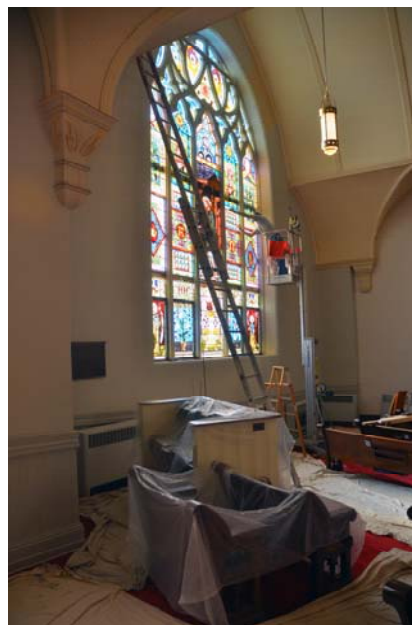
## Tales from Tammy

This year's Christmas Program will be a chance for our congregation to share their experiences through their common stories of Christmas. By collecting and sharing the remembered experiences of the older church members, the younger members — especially the children — can more fully understand the continuity of Christmas across generations. Sharing stories brings everyone a little closer together — as a church family, as children of God. If you receive or have already received a questionnaire, please take the time to fill it out and return it to me so you can be a part of our program.

## Mariners—Christmas Light Tour

The Mariners are hosting a trip to see the City of Christmas, in Keokuk, on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan to carpool from the church, meeting at 5 p.m. We will eat at Ogo's Restaurant and Buffet in Keokuk first and then travel to Rand Park. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year Keokuk has sponsored this drive-through event, which features more than 1 million lights and 100 displays across 20 acres. We want to have enough seats reserved at the restaurant, so please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

## The Painter at Work



See more pictures in Fellowship Hall.

# Newsworthy Notes

## Worship Schedule based on *The Story*

We are taking a break from *The Story* for December. We will resume with Chapter 13 on January 5, 2014.

**Dec. 1,** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Communion served. *Advent Stories, The Ending*, based on Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44.

**Dec. 8,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Hallelujah Handbells providing special music. *Advent Stories, The Beginning*, based on Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31 and John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18. Mariners' Advent potluck and Christmas program with children following worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Dec. 15,** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: *Advent Stories, Matthew's Story* based on Isaiah 52:7-10 and Matt. 1:1-25.

**Dec. 22,** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: *Advent Stories, Luke's Story* based on Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 and Luke 1:26-38.

**Dec. 24,** Christmas Eve; Communion by intinction; special music by Coleen Francik-Young and Cheryl Lotz & Arnie Anderson: *God's Story & Our Stories*, based on Luke 2. Christmas Social following worship.

**Dec. 29,** The Rev. Dr. Peter Reynen preaching.

## Helping Our Members Develop Their Full Potential

During the past three years more than a dozen young adults from our church family have applied for and received scholarships to assist them continue their education. Each year, when these students return for holidays or summer breaks and we see them develop their talents we are reminded of the role these future Christian leaders will fill in our communities and the importance in supporting them. While the awards are not large many of the recipients tell us they do help significantly.

The scholarship program is funded by two pools of money. One fund was originally established by First Presbyterian Church. A similar fund was established by Faith Presbyterian Church in honor of a pastor who many years ago also taught Bible classes in the Burlington public schools. When Faith and First Presbyterian Churches merged the Faith Presbyterian fund was brought into the scholarship program with the intent to help memorialize Faith Presbyterian Church, the former pastor and its last pastor, Duane Cavins. The funds are invested by the Trustees and only interest is used for grant awards. While this provides a long term fund, since we use the investment earnings each year, it means we must try to add to the principal in the fund each year just to keep up with inflation. Also, the last few years' earnings have been down significantly which also reduces the scholarship funding.

In 2013 a total of \$5,434 was available, \$2493.00 from the Faith fund and \$2941.00 from the First Presbyterian fund. The available funds are dispersed evenly among the eligible applicants. A maximum of \$500 is set aside for anyone who would begin during the second semester or attend a trade or technical school on a different "school year". If the set aside money is not used it is added back into the total for the next year.

Applications for 2014 Scholarships and Scholarship Program Guidelines will be available from the church office after February 1 and must be completed and returned by March 1. In addition to 2-year and 4-year college education, trade school training will also be considered on an individual basis.

Please keep the Scholarship Fund in mind when making gifts and bequests. It is an excellent way to show your support and confidence in the young adults in our church family. For many years the Presbyterian denomination has also been referred to as the "Education denomination". This is one way to ensure that this heritage continues. If you have any questions contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or the church office.

Thank you for your support. The Scholarship Committee: JoAnne Williams, Curtis Blom, Francis McAllister and Charles Bell, Moderator

# Worship News

*The Story* studies will be suspended for the month of December.

While Chapter 12 of *The Story* will be preached on Sunday, Nov. 24th, there will be **no** Wednesday study groups that week, as it is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 27th. Rather, chapters 12 and 13 will be covered during the first Wednesday our studies resume in 2014 (Jan. 8th).

However, the Sunday study groups and the Monday study group, which meet on Nov. 24 and 25, will cover chapter 12.

On Sunday, Jan. 5th *The Story* will resume and the Sunday studies and the Monday study group will just be looking at chapter 13, as usual.

If you are not yet thoroughly confused, please note that the Wednesday men's (7:15 a.m.) and women's (8:30 a.m.) Bible studies will meet Dec. 4, 11, 18 to look at the upcoming Sunday's sermon texts.

## Angel Tree and Cozy Tree...by Coleen Francik-Young

### ANGEL TREE

Here is our chance to make Christmas a little more special for needy families in our community. The gift cards are ready to be picked off the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall. Each child has a card for a shirt, pants, shoes and a wish list item.

Keep the first page. On the second page, fill out your name, phone number and put it in the basket near the tree. Each page gives you the age, gender, item requested and size to help in your shopping. Please wrap the gift, including a blank name tag. Attach

the identifying first page, so that it may be easily removed and return to the church by Sunday, Dec. 8, after worship.



### COZY TREE

To help keep needy elementary school children warm, please decorate our Cozy Tree with hats, gloves, mittens, socks, scarves and sweats. These items will be taken to a central school location and distributed by the grade school nurse on an “as needed” basis.

To the Congregations of the Presbytery of East Iowa:

Last November, almost a year ago, the Presbytery of East Iowa voted to form the Administrative Commission on Governance (ACOG). This letter represents a “progress report” on our work in order to make sure that every congregation is familiar with the work of the commission and feels able to contribute to its discussions. During the last year, ACOG has met almost every other week on its own as well as meeting with numerous other committees in the Presbytery in order to accomplish the tasks that it was given. ACOG’s first big task was to revise the Presbytery Bylaws and Manual of Operations in order to bring them into compliance with the New Presbyterian Form of Government (NFOG) and to address several other structural issues. After a second reading, these changes were adopted by the Presbytery in September.

These changes included the formation of a new organizational entity – the Presbytery Coordinating Commission (PCC). The PCC is made up of one teaching elder and one ruling elder from each of the committees and commissions as well as the moderator, vice-moderator, stated clerk and treasurer. As its title indicates, the main purpose of the PCC is to facilitate good communication and coordination between all the various entities within the Presbytery. Although it has just begun to meet, it is hoped that this group, over time, will help to foster a sense of trust and open communication among all our congregations.

The next big task to be undertaken by ACOG is to engage the Presbytery in a discussion about the kind of structure and leadership we want as we move into the future. It is a good time for this discussion because: 1) We are in the midst of an interim time of leadership. 2) Financial constraints make it difficult or impossible to fund the work of the Presbytery at the same level we have done in the recent past. Therefore, some sort of discussion about the way we are organized and led is not only prudent, but necessary.

At the October Presbytery meeting, ACOG led a discussion among commissioners about the identity and mission of the Presbytery. Many helpful responses came out of these discussions. The top three responses from commissioners were: “We want a Presbytery that...”

1) “...Promotes relationships between churches” 2) “...Provides education and training for elders” 3) “...Provides pastoral care for pastors.”

After looking at all the responses from commissioners, ACOG will bring to the Presbytery some possible models for how our Presbytery could be organized and led. ACOG hopes to engage the Presbytery in exploring these models and choosing a path for us to take. Once this is accomplished, it will be appropriate for the Personnel and Nominating Committees to pursue the leadership we need to carry out our mission.

As we continue to discern God’s will for our future, ACOG encourages everyone to read an article called, “The Travail of the Presbytery” written by Joe Small, who is the Coordinator of the Theology, Worship and Education unit of our denomination (you can easily find it online by doing an internet search for “joe small travail of the presbytery”).

Also, ACOG will host an informal discussion immediately following the special Presbytery meeting which is scheduled for 10:00am on Saturday November 23rd at First Presbyterian, Iowa City. At this discussion we invite commissioners and other interested persons to continue the conversation that ACOG initiated at the last Presbytery Meeting concerning the mission and identity of the Presbytery. Also, members of ACOG will be present to answer any other questions about its work .

Members of ACOG are also available to visit any congregation or session who would like to have a better understanding of the recent changes and future challenges of our Presbytery.

ACOG spends time at every meeting praying for the future of our congregations and the Presbytery. We would like to encourage every congregation to join us in prayer as we seek to discover God’s amazing grace already at work amongst us.

May the peace of Christ be with you all,

The Administrative Commission on Governance

Bill Ford, Louise Hales, Dottie Halverson, Jennifer Jennings, Kip Murphy, Tom Oak,

Donna Williams, Bob Wollenberg, Clint Rila, and Rebecca Blair – Stated Clerk (ex officio without vote)

# Staff Reports

October 2013

Pastor Deb Kinney

Worship	4 worship services/season of prayer	Presbyterian Women brunch
Education	24 <i>The Story</i> studies (1 Sunday morning, 1 Monday afternoon, 2 Wednesday morning, 2 Wednesday night)	Wednesday night suppers
Connections	22 Drop-ins/appointments/calls	Progressive Hayrack party (host)
Church Meetings	1 home/hospital visit	Presbytery Activities/Meetings
Deacons	19 cards sent	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (secretary)
Trustees		Presbytery meeting
Personnel		Administrative Commission
Worship		Community
Missions		Young House Board meeting
Staff (5)		Kiwanis Pastors Appreciation Day
Church Activities/Events I Attended		Other
		1 Spiritual direction session
		Review of Young House policies
		Prep for <i>The Story</i>
		Dealing with Personnel issues
		Planning for Veterans' Day, Advent worship
		<i>Connections</i>
		Separate meetings with staff (4)

# Dir. Of Educational Ministries

October, 2013

Tammy Hulett

Worship	Young Disciples (4)	Contacts	Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+
Church Meetings & Events	Meetings with Pastor (5)	Education	Children's Sermon Prep (4)
	Working in KidZone (4)		KidZone Prep (4)
	Bible Study (5)		KidsQuest Prep (4)
	Wednesday night Youth Study (5)	Other	Led Godly Play (1)
	MOMS Group (2)		MOMS Group Prep (2)
	Roadside Clean up		<i>Connections</i> articles
	Downtown Trick-or-Treat		Got bulletin boards ready both Trick-or-Treats tables
	Safe Trick-or-Treat at the Auditorium		Made informational postcards for the Trick-or-Treat tables
	Church Hayrack Ride		Fixed 5 meals for Wednesday nights



# Church Happenings

## PW News

**December 4, 2013**

**Hostess:** Marilyn Nuss  
**Brunch:** Hotel Lynn in Biggsville  
**Mission:** \$\$ for the Angel Tree



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy through phone calls, cards and personal condolences.

To hear from so many friends meant a lot to me and my family in the loss of my brother, Robert.

We appreciated all of your prayers during his surgery and our loss.

We are so blessed to have a caring church family.

In God's love,

**Janet Calvin**



## Yum-Yum Club

Yum-Yums will not meet in December but will resume their food & fellowship in January, 2014.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Dear Knitwits,

Sometimes God answers our prayers through special people like you.

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It, with all the prayers, mean so much to me.

**Jim Byars**

## Come to Church with a Can



CCC goal is 1200 cans for 2013.  
 Total collected is 1139 food items.

Thank you all for your cards, kind words and hugs following the death of my mother, Doris Corriell. I truly appreciate them all.

**Kathi Linn**



**SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Arnie Anderson, Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Dick Fischer, Jesse McCormick, Cindy Murphy, Marilyn Nuss, Julie Schulthies, Bonnie White, ruling elders. Ted Francis, Clerk

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Nancy Beetner, Rex Beetner, (vice moderator), Barbara Blom (secretary), Curtis Blom (moderator), Cathy Brink, Adele Coulter, Ruth Francis, Barb Garcia, Sue Gilchrist, Sandy Russell, Mark Scott & Sandy Smith.

**GOD'S STEWARDS TEAM:** Carl Boley, Connie Bowen (Secretary), Jean Miller (Vice President), Kel Stensland (President), & Ed Whitmore.

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to The Veteran's Potluck. Everyone had a good time and we were pleased with the participation.

**The Fellowship Committee**

- December 4 ..... Candice Mullins
- ..... Coleen Francik-Young
- December 5 ..... Gary Brotherson
- December 8 ..... Mike Gorman
- ..... Kaylee Hulett
- December 10 ..... Nolan Simpson
- December 12 ..... Pat Vanderleest
- December 15 ..... Brittanie Brandenburg
- ..... JoAnn Williams
- December 17 ..... Norma Hanson
- December 18 ..... John McAllister
- December 22 ..... Patty French
- ..... Holly Mullins
- December 28 ..... Kay West
- December 29 ..... Bernie Garcia
- ..... Ken Newton
- December 31 ..... Brooke Byars

## Serving You

The staff, Personnel Committee and Board of Deacons have been in conversation for the past few years over how to best minister and serve the needs of our church family. While Dr. Don Allgood was Director of Small Groups and Visitation that need was filled more than adequately. Dr. Don regularly visited, served home communion and checked in on our friends and members. Once he retired, however, a void was realized. At one point in time, a small group of men, the Senior Samaritans, attempted to handle some of Dr. Don's visitation duties. While several of the Senior Samaritans still visit members on a monthly basis, the need for more continued to exist.

The Board of Deacons has stepped up and in to fill some of that void. Along with Jim and Eva Ann Elmer, Deacons Curtis and Barbara Blom, Adele Coulter and Rex Beetner serve communion to our special friends/homebound members. Deacons volunteer for specific months to make hospital calls and they also regularly visit our special friends and those who are unable to attend church as they used to. If you know of someone who would like to receive home communion or placed on the special friends list for regular visits, please let Moderator Curtis Blom or the church office know.

We are now adding another element to our member care by having a Deacon responsible for relaying pastoral needs, in the event Pastor Deb is unavailable, and on weekends/holidays when the church office is closed. Mark Scott will be the Deacon to call if you are unable to reach Pastor Deb via her cell phone **(319) 750-6216** or through the church office. Mark will be responsible for making sure the Deacons are aware of the needs and then will contact the appropriate Deacon. For instance, if a loved one is hospitalized, once Mark has been contacted he will contact the Deacon scheduled to do visits that month, as well as the Deacons who will be sending cards, providing meals, praying, etc.

However, we need your help! While Sandy Morrison, our Administrative Assistant regularly calls the hospital during the week to see if any of our members are there, she has found that not everyone lets the hospital know they are from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. **Please do not assume that we know** a loved one has been hospitalized, or having surgery or in need. Instead, assume the opposite. We would rather have 5 people call to let us know of the need or concern. Also, if you have not spoken to someone, whether it be Sandy, Tammy, Deb or Mark, do not assume that they will have gotten the message. Emails, Facebook messages and voicemails are not always checked regularly, especially when the office is closed, Deb is on vacation/day off or out of the office.

The staff and Deacons want to serve you and be there for you in your time of need. But we cannot, if we do not know. Pastor Deb will regularly let you know when she will be away or unavailable. Her day off is always Friday and there are some Fridays when she is unavailable. We encourage you to always try her cell phone first. If you get voice mail, feel free to leave a message but also contact Mark Scott. He will be 'on-call' during these times and he can be reached at the following numbers: M-F at work, 752-2637; evenings and weekends, 753-2639 home and cell 750-6809.

For December: The Church office will be closed at noon on Christmas Eve and all day Dec. 25-27 and Dec. 30-31 and New Year's Day. It will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014. Pastor Deb will be unavailable Dec. 28-30.

# Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session

## September 16, 2013

### 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa

A Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa was held in the church parlor on September 16, 2013. Moderator **Rev. Debra Kinney** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer followed by a time for devotions on faith from Hebrews 11.

A quorum was present.

Present: Moderator Debra Kinney, Clerk Ted Francis and Elders Arnie Anderson, Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Dick Fischer, Cindy Murphy, Marilyn Nuss, Julie Schulthies, Bonnie White

Absent: Jesse McCormick

A motion was made to approve and receive the Consent Agenda with corrections to the August Statistical Report for the officers who served communion on August 4, 2013. Motion included:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from August 24, 2013

Approval of the Minutes from the Joint Officers meeting on August 24, 2013

Receiving Staff Reports of Rev. Debra Kinney and Tammy Hulett and Reports from Committees, Deacons, and Trustees

The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

#### Report of the Clerk

**Miya Lunsman**, daughter of **Stacy Link** and **Kraig Lunsman**, was baptized during worship on September 8, 2013.

A motion was made to re-affirm the electronic vote taken in August 2013 for First Presbyterian Church to participate in a tour of church organs by a group of organists from Macomb, IL on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

No further action has been taken by the clerk to seek a grant to assist with the digitizing of church records by the Presbyterian Historical Society.

#### Worshipful Work

Responsibility for property and maintenance has been taken over by the trustees. A motion requesting the trustees develop a plan for better grounds keeping and coordinate two all-church workdays per year was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The trustees need committee budgets by October 8, 2013. Due to anticipated lower investment income for 2013 the committees were asked to maintain their current budgets as much as possible.

**Marilyn Leight** is resigning from her position as church treasurer at the end of the year. The position was discussed including the current responsibilities.

**Rev. Kinney** asked what one or two 'Big Things' have happened this year that nurtured our people and glorified God. More volunteerism within the congregation and small groups studying *The Story* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee were identified.

#### What's Happening Now

**Scholarships:** The revision of the scholarship guidelines will be reviewed for approval at the November meeting. The committee has undesignated funds available for new applicants and will communicate this information to the congregation.

**Mission:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday projects on September 29, 2013 include working on the outdoor prairie classroom at Aldo Leopold Middle School, making sandwiches for the volunteers, and cleaning the Salvation Army kitchen. The Shoebox Ministry boxes will be dedicated on September 29, 2013. The Backpack Program at Grimes Elementary School is continuing this school year.

**Personnel:** **Rev. Debra Kinney** celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination earlier this year. She will celebrate her sixth year at First Presbyterian Church in October.

**Mariners:** The fall hayrack ride will be held on October 26, 2013.

**Fellowship:** A special potluck and recognition of veterans will be held following worship on Sunday, November 10, 2013.

**Nominating:** The committee will need to bring nominees for the 2014 Nominating Committee from the congregation-at-large to the Annual Meeting in January.

**Educational Ministries:** The time for the Christmas pageant is being reviewed. It may be held after worship with a meal on Sunday, December 1, 2013. The high school study group for *The Story* has had good attendance.

The session heard an update from **Bonnie White** on landscaping plans for the east side of the church building.






A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**Carol Brotherson** closed the meeting with prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Debra Kinney, Moderator



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play 10:00 AM Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM PW 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Gems	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play 10:00 AM Worship/Handbells 11:00 AM Children's Program 11:30 AM Advent Potluck	<b>9</b> Annual Reports Due	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits 7:00 PM Choir	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Gems	<b>13</b> S. Army Bell Ringers 5:00 PM Keokuk Christmas Lights 7:00 PM MOMS	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play 10:00 AM Worship	<b>16</b> Connections Deadline	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Gems 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play 10:00 AM Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Office Closed 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service & Social	<b>25</b> Office Closed 	<b>26</b> Office Closed 	<b>27</b> Office Closed 	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>30</b> Office Closed 	<b>31</b> Office Closed 				

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