

## Congratulations, Graduates!



**Jessica Coulter** is the daughter of Adele Coulter. She plans on attending Iowa State University next fall and majoring in mathematics. After she graduates, Jessica plans on joining the Peace Corps for two years. Then she hopes to become a high school math teacher. Jessica has been involved in Student Council, Leo club, Ecology club, and National Honor Society while at Burlington High School. She has also participated in cheerleading, volleyball, band, and tennis. Jessica also has a part-time job at Fareway Grocery Store. She has enjoyed her time in high school but is eager to “choose her adventure at Iowa State.”

**Caleb Hemphill** will graduate from Mediapolis High School on May 19. He is the son of Wilma and Steve Hemphill. While in high school, Caleb was involved in cross country, track and field, FFA and science bowl. In Caleb's senior year he added to his activities Spanish club, robotic club and environthon. Caleb is a member of Boy Scouts and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of the South-eastern Bee Association. In past years, Caleb has enjoyed showing his many animals at the Des Moines County Fair.

Caleb will be attending Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. He hopes to major in computer science or computer security. He will run cross country for the DSU Trojans. While in college, Caleb will leave his bees in the care of his parents. He hopes to spend his summers caring for bees and selling honey.



**Justin Randall** has attended church at First Presbyterian since he was 10 months old. As he has grown, he has enjoyed his time in the nursery, Sunday School classes, Confirmation and SMUC. Justin truly enjoyed Dare 2 Share in St. Louis and the mission trips. He has appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the church staff the past few years and the interest and support he has had from his "church family". On May 19th, 2013 Justin will graduate from Burlington High School. During his four years he was involved in cross country, basketball, track, Leo Club, SADD and FCA. Justin will be attending MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, KS in August. He is leaning toward a degree in Kinesiology. Justin will be playing for the MNU Pioneers Men's Basketball team. He is also looking forward to the possibility of future mission trips through MNU.

**Chandler Yarber** will be graduating from New London High School on May 19. He has lived with the Mark Scott family for over a year. He is helpful around the house and always has a positive attitude and a smile. Chandler loves animals of all kinds and for relaxation, he reads and plays computer games. Chandler has been liturgist several times and has been involved in youth mission projects like Kids Against Hunger and the Salvation Army suppers. He plans on going to Southeastern Community College in a general studies program until he decides on a career.



# From the Trustees...

## Statement of Income & Expense March 31, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledge	175,510.00	34,011.00	141,499.00	19.4%
Non Pledge	20,000.00	9,435.57	10,564.43	47.2%
Investment In- come	50,000.00	23,107.39	26,892.61	46.2%
PerCapita	3,570.00	1,029.66	2,540.34	28.8%
Carry Over from 2012	25,500.00	0.00		0.0%
Misc Income		523.83		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>274,580.00</b>	<b>68,107.45</b>	<b>206,472.55</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	164,000.00	31,661.85	143,320.82	19.3%
Educational Min- istries	5,000.00	495.61	4,504.39	9.9%
Fellowship	1,550.00	679.07	870.93	43.8%
Deacons	750.00	150.14	599.86	20.0%
Mason Road	1,400.00	291.00	1,109.00	20.8%
Mission	25,190.00	9,363.60	15,826.40	37.2%
Property	71,450.00	20,053.25	51,396.75	28.1%
Worship	5,240.00	392.78	4,847.22	7.5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>274,580.00</b>	<b>63,087.30</b>	<b>222,475.37</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
<b>Differential</b>		<b>5,020.15</b>		

## Thank you...from Janet Calvin

Your gifts are received by patients ages 0 to 8 years old after receiving treatments for many forms of cancer. It is heart-breaking to know that cancer touches the lives of these children. These children look forward to the gifts you give each month. You give them hope that tomorrow will be better. I am so thankful to be a part of our church family. Thank you for all you do.



Many blessings to all of you.

Per Capita  
Apportionment  
For 2013 is  
\$32.87

# Glimpses of Grace

Dear church family,

I have been reading Eugene Peterson's memoir called *The Pastor*. He has written more than 30 books including *The Message* and was a Presbyterian pastor for the same church for more than 30 years. As expected, the book shares his life story while asking the question: What does it mean to be a pastor?

I have found the book reassuring and challenging. He believes 'every step (is) an arrival.' He also views 'pastor' as a vocation, not a job. He writes: 'I can be hired to do a job, paid a fair wage if I do it, dismissed if I don't. But I can't be hired to be a pastor, for my primary responsibility is not to the people I serve but to the God I serve. ... In our present culture the sharp distinction between a job and a vocation is considerably blurred. ... How do I keep the immediacy and authority of God's call in my ears ... How do I keep the calling, the *vocation*, of pastor from being drowned out...?' (p. 165)

Those questions have been nagging on my heart and mind as I prayerfully consider the call I believe God has put on my heart for our church. I agree with Peterson that first and foremost God is my boss (that is why I sign my *Glimpses of Grace* with 'In His service'). I know that the call can be pushed into the background in the midst of sermon prep, writing articles, attending meetings and the like. I also know God wants the best for all of us as together we seek to serve and follow Him. And I know that part of the call God has placed on all pastors is to share **His Good News!**

That is why I am so excited about what the Educational Ministries Team has chosen for us to engage in this fall: *The Story*. *The Story* is essentially the Bible, an abridged, chronological version, broken into 31 segments that reveal 'God's masterful design to restore His people.' *The Story* is a church-wide engagement of God's story, from Genesis to Revelation.



*The Story* will be the text for Sunday morning worship, Godly Play, youth Sunday school, adult small groups and Wednesday morning/evening Bible studies. Everyone in the church family will be studying the same Scripture from our EMT Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> through Graduation Sunday, May 18, 2014, with a brief break for Christ the King Sunday and Advent. EMT Director Tammy Hulett and Elder Marilyn Nuss will be spearheading this worship and educational extravaganza, and we are hoping to add some new small groups, new worship songs as well as a '40-days of prayer' time to the mix.

The church office has copies of *The Story*, both in adult and teen versions, for \$5 (regular price is about \$20). You are encouraged to buy your copy now (the price may go up with the next shipment). We are still looking for reduced pricing on the preschool and elementary versions, but you are encouraged to RSVP that order with Tammy. She has examples of the children's versions for you to examine.

More information and even a sermon or two will be coming in the next few months. If you have questions, you may go to *The Story* website, or talk to Tammy or Marilyn.

In His service,

Deb



## Newsy Notes

The next time you see Caleb Hemphill, give him a ‘well-done!’ handshake. Caleb was awarded his Eagle Scout late last month. Woohoo!



Please give a huge ‘thank you!’ to the team of adults who provide the Godly Play lessons and structure each Sunday: Sue Sattler, Kevin Eibes, Jill Mehaffy-Nalley and Carrie Blom.

Please give a huge ‘thank you!’ to Bill Carter and Sue Lyon who have led our Sunday small group for another year.

Please give a huge ‘thank you!’ to Nancy Lazenby who continues to decorate our downstairs/ Fellowship Hall during the various seasons.

Have you ‘note’iced the new banners for our educational ministries?

Everyone who volunteers their time is greatly appreciated. And any time one person is noted for their ministry, others may be left out. We apologize in advance for that. However, if you know of a longtime volunteer you would like mentioned and noticed, please let the church office know.

The Worship Team continues to seek new ways to enhance the worship experience by using E.P.I.C. as our guide: **Experiential, Participatory, Image-driven, Community**. If you have an interest in drama or special music, please contact a member of the Worship Team: Marilyn Nuss, moderator, Carol Brotherson, Eva Ann Elmer, Terri Huddleston or Randy Kinney.

## Worship Schedule

**May 5:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Communion will be served; *Everyone Will Know*, based on John 13:31-35.

**May 12:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day & Graduation Sunday); *Do You Want to Be Well?*, based on John 5:1-9.

**May 19:** Pentecost; final regular Choir until Fall; *Alive Within*, based on Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17, 25-27.

**May 26:** Trinity Sunday (Memorial weekend); *Love Poured Out*, based on Romans 5:1-5 and Psalm 8.

## Thank you... from the family of Tom White

We would like to thank all our friends, family and neighbors for the thoughts, prayers, food, cards, plants, flowers, calls, visits and the generous donations towards the memorials. Your support has been a comfort to us. To Pastor Deb Kinney for the wonderful tribute you gave on a personal level. Thanks to everyone at First Presbyterian Church who provided the wonderful food. To Joanne and Burton and their staff at Prugh Funeral Home for their personal service and to all who attended the service. It is great to have such love and support.

We are truly blessed,

**Bonnie White, Terri & Jeff Huddleston and family and Jeff White.**



## Congregational Meeting

A Special-Called Congregational Meeting will be held after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 5 in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations from the Nominating Committee and elect members for the Endowment Committee (1), Board of Deacons (5), Session (3) and Board of Trustees (2). There will be no other business conducted at this meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be presenting a full slate of officers to be elected.

Endowment: **Chris Stensland**, 3 years.

Elders: **Charles Bell**, 3 years; **Marilyn Nuss**, 3 years; **Julie Schulthies**, 3 years.

Trustees: **Connie Bowen**, 3 years; **Jean Miller**, 3 years.

Deacons: **Adele Coulter**, 3 years; **Ruth Francis**, 3 years; **Barb Garcia**, 3 years; **Sandy Smith**, 3 years; **Mark Scott**, 1 year.

## Celebrations in May...by Cindy Murphy, Personal Committee Moderator



In the April newsletter, we were able announce that **Tammy Hulett** was hired as our permanent Director of Educational Ministries. However, because of the Easter season activities, we did not officially celebrate her hiring as a church. Because of other celebrations in early May, we still need to wait just a bit longer. However, it is time to celebrate Tammy! On May 19, during Fellowship Time after church, we will do just that. Please stop downstairs, have a piece of cake, and congratulate Tammy (if you haven't already or do it once again).

### More Celebration

It is with both glad hearts and sad hearts that we have another celebration. Because **Justin Randall** has been accepted at MidAmerica Nazarene College, he will be leaving soon as our Sunday custodian. We are pleased he has been accepted, but sad that he has to leave. To ensure we can celebrate with him prior to his leaving, we will be having a celebration on Sunday, May 26 during Fellowship Time after church. Please come downstairs and wish Justin well!



# Fond Memories...

The following letter came to Pastor Deb last week. Perhaps someone will remember the sender.

Dear Rev. Deb,

I now live in Bethel CT and am currently serving as the Director of Children's Ministries at the First Church of Christ Congregational.

My family lived in what I now understand is known as the Flint Hills Manor, in Burlington Iowa. We lived there from about 1949-1955 (I'm told I was 3 when we moved there and I know I was 9 when we relocated to NJ)

While living in Flint Hills, I attended the Flint Hills Elementary School - walking distance on the edge of that community. Right next to or very near that school was a Presbyterian Church (as I recall). The name escapes me, but the experience marked my life forever.

I remember the love and welcome I received as a youngster who came to Sunday school alone and as often as I could, I remember attending the service where there were folding chairs. Having no parental support, it was rather difficult to manage the service. However, the experience of feeling close to God and being loved there was and still remains tremendous to me. I recall the wonder of hearing all the people sing from the "funny book", not knowing anything, just an early reader and certainly not a music reader. What I do remember is being welcomed and the few lessons I recall include learning: That Jesus loved me ... the song and the words, learning that I could pray by just talking to God.

My family didn't ever go with me and yet I recall that experience very well. When relocating to NJ my family returned to the Roman Catholic tradition, or at least I did... I will spare you a very complex and interesting faith journey, Rev. Deb, suffice it to say -- that the lessons I learned in that small church that I was a beloved child of God who was with me always for all my days never left me.

Now, I am in my mid 60's and have the joy and privilege to be responsible that the children who come into our care leave with the same feeling and understanding about God.

I was hoping that one of your older members might have been a child from that church and may remember that church and its ministry to families in that area.

I also feel it's important for your congregation to know - that no matter how small or young a child is who comes in their midst for even a short a time --- God touches them - perhaps for a day or even a lifetime, as in my case. The Sunday school teachers during my young years left me with a wonderful sense of faith and that is a priceless gift that has served me well during my life.

I trust this finds you and your congregation in a time of blessing and hope.

In Christ's Peace and Joy,  
Nikki Foster

# Tales from Tammy

## May Events

- May 12 FPC Graduation Sunday  
May 19 BHS Graduation  
New London Graduation  
Mediapolis Graduation



### Save the date

Wednesday, July 31, we will be hosting a church night at the Burlington Bees game. Tickets are \$8 for adults, which includes a hot dog & small drink. All youth will be free with a paid adult and will also receive a hot dog and small drink. There will be fireworks after the game! More information and a sign up sheet will be coming next month.

The Mom's Group will be meeting May 3 & May 18 at 7:00. We will be finishing up our book, *The 5 Love Languages of Children* and discussing future plans. I am working on putting together a seminar for parents dealing with power struggles with their children and other relevant issues. A family pool party is also in the works for this summer. Be on the lookout for updates.



## KidzQuest

KidzQuest continues for ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade through May 15. We begin with a light supper at 5:15 followed by a lesson and then games. Parents may pick up their child at 6:30 pm. Parents are also welcome to join us for dinner. Come and join the fun!

KidZone has been a huge success and I would like your help providing supplies. I am looking for any kind of art supplies, paint, glue, glitter, stickers or anything you might have around and don't need any more. Also, I am looking for indoor games. Something for the active kids (who don't like to sit still and play), but is safe for them and can be used inside. I am thinking along the lines of a rope toss game or inflatable games. If you have anything that you think we can use, please let me know!

26+ members of our congregation had a fun and productive time on Saturday, April 20 packaging fortified rice that would provide a meal for 4,000 via the "Kids Against Hunger" program. Another opportunity to participate in KAH is planned for the Fall. A BIG thank you to all who came to help feed the hungry in our world! **Mike Gorman**



## Mission Committee...Save the Date

**DIRTY HANDS/CLEAN HANDS SUNDAY — 6/29/13**

### **Dirty Project # 1**

We have been scheduled by our partners in The South Hill Neighborhood Association to do yard work for people who can't get it done otherwise. Be praying and thinking about grabbing a rake, shovel and some trash bags. No special skills required.



### **Clean Project # 2**

Salvation Army Dinner

For those of you who don't dig dirt or enjoy landscaping, how about helping with meal preparation and serving? All former diners love and rave about our 'church lady food'.



## Pastor's Report...Deb Kinney

March, 2013

### Worship

- 6 worship services
- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 1 funeral
- 1 wedding

### Education

- 6 Wednesday morning Bible studies
- 3 Lenten studies

### Connections

- 20 Drop-ins/appointments/calls
- 3 hospital/hospice visits
- 12 notes sent

### Church Meetings

- Session
- Trustees
- Worship
- Missions
- Scholarship committee
- EMT Director Search committee
- Staff (4)

### Music team

- Church Activities/Events I Attended
- Staff luncheon welcoming Tammy H.
- Knitwits
- Youth Pancake breakfast
- Presbyterian Women brunch
- Discipleship group
- Presbytery Activities/Meetings
- Reading Ordination exams 4 days
- Assisting colleague with dissertation

### Community

- Young House Board meeting
- All-City Youth Choral Concert
- Donkey Walk
- New London musical *Oklahoma*

### Other

- 1 Spiritual direction session
- Prep for Lent/Easter
- Prep for *Connections*
- Pictorial directory planning

## Director of Educational Ministries...Tammy Hulett

March, 2013

### Worship

- Young Disciples (5)

### Church Meetings & Events

- Meetings with Pastor (4)
- Mom's group (1)
- Attended SuperStart! with 3 youth
- FPC Family Night (3)
- Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- Attend Women's Bible Study Group (3)
- Checked in on Teen Bible Study (3)
- Checked in on Godly Play (3)
- Attended Carter's Bible Study (2)

### Contacts

- Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+

### Education

- Children's Sermon Prep (5)
- Kidz Zone Prep (5)
- Working in Kidz Zone (5)
- Gathering information and materials for VBS
- Gathering material for Easter party
- Youth Sunday Prep
- Gathering information and preparing for new KidzQuest program

### Other

- Connections* articles
- Pancake breakfast Prep
- FPC Family Night Prep (3)

# Serving You..



Happy Birthday!

## USHERS/GREETERS...

May 5 Mike Gorman, Craig Gilchrist, Bruce Morrison  
 May 12 Bill Carter, Sandy Russell, Zach Hulett  
 May 19 Leona Byars, Pat Saldeen  
 May 26 Kevin Eibes,

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR...

May 5 Leona Byars, Pat Saldeen, Polly Rein  
 May 12 Eva Ann Elmer, Sue Lyon  
 May 19 Need servers  
 May 26 Julie Schulthies

**ELDERS:** Arnie Anderson, Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Dick Fischer, Jesse McCormick, Bruce Morrison, Cindy Murphy, Marilyn Nuss, Bonnie White.  
 Clerk of Session: Ted Francis

**DEACONS:** Nancy Beetner, Rex Beetner, Barbara Blom, Curtis Blom, Cathy Brink, Brenda Frederick, Sue Gilchrist, Don Krekel, Sandy Russell, Carl Siefken, Donna Siefken, & Ken Velharticky (moderator).

**TRUSTEES:** Carrie Blom (Secretary), Carl Boley, Debbie Opiekun, Kel Stensland (Vice President), Ed Whitmore (President).

**Treasurer:** Marilyn Leight

## COMMITTEE MODERATORS:

Educational Ministries: Arnie Anderson	Mission: Bruce Morrison
Endowment: Craig Gilchrist	Nominating: Marilyn Nuss
Fellowship: Bonnie White	Personnel: Cindy Murphy
Gifts/Memorials: Charles Bell	Scholarship: Charles Bell
Maintenance: Jesse McCormick	Worship: Marilyn Nuss

May 3	.....Arnie Anderson
May 6	.....Elly Eibes
May 7	.....Deb Kinney
May 9	.....Shawn Trosen
May 11	.....Eric Nalley
May 12	.....Sue Sattler
May 13	.....Dorothy Davis
May 14	.....Sue Gilchrist
May 16	.....Marilyn Malcom
	.....Justin Randall
May 17	.....Bret Stensland
May 18	.....Henry Nalley
	.....Lily Nalley
	.....Karen Nord-Waldorf
	.....Mrs. Shirley Webster
May 19	.....Bob Cameron
	.....Joan Hertzler
	.....Pat Whitmore
May 22	.....David Stiefel
May 23	.....Adessa Brandenburg
	.....Alexis Coulter
May 26	.....Jill Nalley
May 27	.....John Lyday

# SAVE THE DATES: June 21, 22 & 23, 2013 VBS

Are you a games guy, an artist, a drama queen, a phys ed guru?  
 Do you love spending time with children, using your imagination, and having fun?  
 You're in the right place at FPC!

Introducing... Weekend VBS *Express* 2013

***Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light***

Sponsored by FPC Educational Ministries Team

Pre-registration begins Sunday May 5, 2013

Registration forms can be picked up outside the church office in May.

Our VBS Participant Goal—30 preschool and elementary students combined.

Contact Tammy if you can help!



# Church Happenings

## PW News

May 1, 2013



Co-Hostess: **Penny Rucker @ Home**

Co-Hostess: **Nancy Lazenby**

Study Leader: **Eva Ann Elmer**

Mission: CCC —bring a can

Dedication of Birthday and Mission Offerings



Mission Committee reports that 226 food items have been collected this year so far. Our goal for the year is 1200 items.



## Yum-Yum Club

The Yum Yums plan to meet at The 61 Chop House on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. Please come to the K-Mart parking lot at 5:30 p.m. if you would like to carpool. Call Toddy or Mike Gorman to make a reservation: 208-0842.



## Do You Want to Be Our Sunday Custodian?

Because Justin Randall is leaving for college, we have an opening for Sunday Custodian. Charles Yarber has agreed to serve as Interim Custodian.

This person opens the church on Sunday mornings, and stays until all activities on Sunday are finished, then locks up. For a full list of duties, please contact the church office or me. The position pays \$7.25 per hour. If you are interested, please let me know, or tell Sandy in the church office. We will accept applications until May 31, and hope to have a permanent custodian hired by the middle of June.

Cindy Murphy, Personnel Committee Moderator

## Snake Alley Food Booth is Coming!

Once again, the Mariners will be coordinating a food booth during the Snake Alley Art Fair on Sunday, June 16. Please mark your calendars to help out that day if you are able. We will also be asking for donated cookies as the time approaches. We are planning on only having a couple of varieties of cookies this year, so watch for the sign-up sheet for baking. The sign-up sheet to work will also be available soon. We will be selling walking tacos, beverages, and root beer floats.

This year, the co-chairs for the event will be Cindy Murphy and Sue Lyon. If you have any questions about the event, please talk to one of us. If we don't have an answer, we will get one! The planning committee is comprised of **Tom and Cindy Murphy, Sue Lyon, Bill Carter, John and Karen Dewey, Adele Coulter, and Deb and Randy Kinney.**

Cindy Murphy, Mariners Moderator

You are invited to Justin's Graduation Party !

May 25, 2013  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**2013**

Eagles  
2727 Mt. Pleasant Street  
Burlington, Iowa

# Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session

## March 18, 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 March 18, 2013. Moderator **Rev. Debra Kinney** opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with prayer followed by devotions from *The Christ of Easter* by Calvin Miller.

A quorum was present.

Present: Moderator Debra Kinney, Clerk Ted Francis and Elders Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Dick Fischer, Jesse McCormick, Bruce Morrison, Cindy Murphy, Bonnie White  
Excused: Arnie Anderson, Marilyn Nuss

A motion to approve the agenda with an addition was seconded and approved by voice vote.

#### Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes from the Stated Meeting of the Session on February 18, 2013 was seconded and approved by voice vote.

#### Staff Reports

A motion to receive the printed reports of the Pastor and Director of Educational Ministries was seconded and approved by voice vote.

#### Committee Reports

**Mission:** To encourage more involvement the committee will publicize more information about what they are doing. There is a desire to share more information about the work of the missionaries the church is supporting yet a need to maintain safety for them.

**Educational Ministries:** No report

**Fellowship:** The committee received a thank you note from **Janet Calvin** for donations to the Treasure Chest for the pediatric cancer patients at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The items were donated by the congregation at the All-Church Birthday Party.

**Personnel:** The search committee for the new Director of Educational Ministries recommends hiring **Tammy Hulett** for the position of Director of Educational Ministries. She has been serving as the Interim Director since September. A motion to name **Tammy Hulett** as the Director of Educational Ministries was approved by voice vote. A motion expressing gratitude to the search committee of **Arnie Anderson, Carrie Blom, Ted Francis, Susan Lyon, and Julie Schulthies** for their work and to dissolve the committee was seconded and approved by voice vote. The session received a report on staff salaries. It was noted that First Presbyterian Church has an excellent staff. A motion to receive the report fulfilling the requirement that session annually review staff salaries was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**Worship:** The music group "All Things New" will lead the worship service on Sunday, April 28, 2013. This event was postponed due to bad weather on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The session received a proposal for a Cancellation of Worship Policy. Several suggested modifications were discussed. The committee will review the recommended changes and write a new draft of the proposal for session consideration at a future meeting.

**Nominating:** The committee members have suggested names for each office for prayerful consideration.

**Gifts and Memorials/Scholarship:** The committee plans to acknowledge the original purpose of the Faith Presbyterian Church Scholarship. Guidelines for awarding scholarships have been reviewed. Annually there is \$5000-\$6000 available for scholarships. The Scholarship Committee membership includes Moderator **Charles Bell, Curtis Blom, Francis McAllister** and **JoAnn Williams**.

**Maintenance:** A date will be set for a work day this spring. The choir reports the lighting in the chancel has improved.

**Trustees:** There was a discussion concerning a report in the Trustees' minutes from February 2013 stating that the church still owes the Presbytery of East Iowa approximately \$9000 for unpaid Per Capita. During the next quarterly meeting in June with a representative from the trustees the session would like to discuss the use of any unspent year-end balance.

A motion to receive the reports from the Standing Session Committees, Maintenance and Trustees was seconded and approved by voice vote.

#### Report of the Clerk

**Barbara Blom** requests the use of Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 12:15-5:00 p.m. A motion to approve the request was seconded and approved by voice vote. **Anna Hartford** requests the use of the church facilities for a surprise birthday celebration for **Nancy Lazenby** on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. A motion to approve the request was seconded and approved by voice vote. The clerk received a letter from the Presbytery of East Iowa announcing the opportunity to make a contribution to show appreciation for the work and leadership of Harry Olthoff on the occasion of his retirement as General Presbyter on May 4, 2013.

A motion to receive the clerk's report was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**Old Business**

New Church Directory: **Rev. Debra Kinney** will meet with a Lifetouch representative on March 21, 2013.

The session continued a discussion on the revision of session committees. Session members are to review responsibilities of the session described in both the 2009/2011 *Book of Order* (G-10) and the 2011/13 *Book of Order* (G-3). Some questions to consider in the context of session's responsibilities are: Do we need seven committees? If there were fewer, how would you combine them? What should they be and what ministries would each include?

**New Business**

There was no new business.

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

**Bruce Morrison** closed the meeting with prayer at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Debra Kinney, Moderator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM PW 5:15 PM KidzQuest 7:00 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Gems	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Moms Group	<b>4</b> Presbytery Meeting/Camp Wyoming
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play/Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Congregational Mtg. 11:15 AM Lifetouch signups	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Master Gardeners-Fell. Hall	<b>8</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits 5:15 PM KidzQuest 7:00 PM Choir	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Gems 5:30 PM EMT Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Godly Play/Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Honor Our Grads 11:00 AM Lifetouch signups 	<b>13</b> 4:15 PM Trustees Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM P.E.O. 7:00 PM Mission Committee	<b>15</b> 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM KidzQuest 7:00 PM Choir	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM Gems 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yum Group	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Moms Group	<b>18</b>
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