

SEPTEMBER EVENTS—Save the Date

- The **Burlington Area Paint-a-thon** enters its 22nd year and FPC will be participating again for the 22nd time. Elder Bonnie White is leading the church's effort on this project. The painting will take place with prep work beginning the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 2 and concluding on Saturday morning, September 6. Many hands make light work. ☺ If you would like to help, please find the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall Sunday or contact Bonnie to let her know of your interest. Also needed are your t-shirt size and a contact number for you.
- And...speaking of painting...this year **FPC** will be taking on a **painting project** on their own. The annual Paint-a-thon doesn't allow for two-story homes to be painted...so we're going to hopefully lead by example in the Burlington area. We're going to make beautiful a two-story house for a homeowner at 1223 Oak Street in Burlington! FPC will have Mike Nielson, who did the painting in our sanctuary, do the upper-story prep and painting. Then a hopefully huge group of FPC members, family and friends will make light work of the lower story including any odds and ends that will help add a little extra shine to this home. We plan on doing this project a little later in September and more details will be coming soon. Thanks so much for considering being a part of seeing a need in our community, and meeting it!
- We will have a very special family visiting us on September 7. Our sponsored International Missionaries, David and Sara Treece and their children, Joshua, Micah, Caleb and Eliana will be visiting us and sharing their life experiences. The Mission committee does not know the exact location of the family's missionary work, as their work and possibly their lives could be endangered.
- Sunday September 7 is Kickoff Sunday. After worship we will enjoy a spaghetti dinner. There will be a free will donation. The proceeds will be going to our sponsor child Alexander. We will also be honoring the Treece family.

Ongoing Mission Opportunities

- Last December, Janet Calvin was given the opportunity to tour the room where patients go for their treatments. The **Treasure Chest** gifts are in this room and the children get to choose a gift before their treatment. The gift is then put in their room for them to have when they wake up. There are 31 beds in this unit. The Treasure Chest is an ongoing mission to the University Of Iowa Children's Hospital. Gifts are needed each month to be sent to the hospital. Your gifts are so important, they give the children hope and let them know that they are very special.
- The **Boomerang Backpack** program continues to provide weekend meals to 10 families each week of the school year. Food buyers are Terri Huddleston, Sue Sattler, Sue Carter, Linda Tickel & Mike Gorman.

Glimpses of God's Grace

Dear friends,

Since I have returned from study leave and vacation, I have been preaching on *The Jesus Creed*. It is the title of a book by Scot McKnight that looks at ways Jesus took Old Testament commands and teachings and made them His own, while adding an emphasis on loving others. Living *The Jesus Creed* is my hope for us as individuals and as the Body of Christ: *'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'* *The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* *There is no commandment greater than these.*

In the Old Testament God commands in Deuteronomy: *Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.*

In other words, God wants us to take what He commands (not suggests, commands!) seriously. To the point that we are to share these life-giving words and actions of love with others, especially our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and children in our church family. We are to make them a priority in our conversations, in our thoughts and in our everyday living.

And yet, we don't ... at least not as much as God asked the Israelites to do. And if we remember anything from *The Story* study, that was part of their ongoing problem. They did not love God with all of their humanity and they did not love their neighbors as well as they loved themselves. They did not get the love commands inside of them or their children. They did not talk about them very much, let alone live them out. In their failure to obey God, they ended up not living the life God desired for them and many times life for them went from bad to worse.

When Jesus arrived, preaching repentance and the reality that the kingdom of God was in their midst, He brought back the commands His Father first gave to the Chosen People. We know the commands and we know that God desires we love and serve our neighbor. We also know how difficult that can be. Just like the religious leader in Scripture, we often ask: Who is my neighbor, really? And what do I have to do to love my neighbor as myself? Someone has offered a helpful starting point for the second question: *'Love the good in your neighbors; love what is in them that comes from God; look for the good and love that...'*

But back to the question of 'who is our neighbor, really'? I can think of several 'neighbors' we 'love' through our church ministries, like Community Action, Alexander from the Dominican Republic, the Egyptian Coptics worshipping in our midst, the Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, recipients of the Boomerang Backpacks, the recipients of our painting efforts through the Paint-a-thon and beyond, Aldo Leopold Middle School, our homebound members, international missionaries the Treece family, victims of the recent flooding and tornados, recipients of the Treasure Chest ... The list of neighbors can go on and on!

Do we have more 'neighbors' God is calling us to love? I think we do ... and that will be a topic of exploration in the coming weeks as we learn more about what it means to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength as well as our neighbor as ourselves. Stay tuned!

In His service,
Deb

From the Trustees...

Statement of Income & Expense June 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
Balance Forward	\$28,020.00			
Income				
Pledge	175,325.00	85,561.00	89,764.00	48.8%
Non Pledge	24,000.00	14,366.44	9,633.56	59.9%
Investment In- come	21,000.00	21,566.54	-566.54	102.7%
PerCapita	3,000.00	1,635.70	1,364.30	54.5%
Misc Income		1103.95		
Total Income	251,345.00	124,233.63	127,111.37	49.4%
Expenses				
Personnel	167,195.00	80,553.56	86,641.44	48.2%
Educational Min- istries	4,150.00	1,312.99	2,837.01	31.6%
Fellowship	1,550.00	409.68	1,140.32	26.4%
Deacons	750.00	318.90	431.10	42.5%
Property	73,000.00	42,016.25	30,983.75	57.6%
Worship	4,700.00	2,424.26	2,275.74	51.6%
Total Expenses	251,345.00	127,035.64	124,309.36	50.5%
Differential		-2,802.01		
Estimated In- come Hanna	\$28,800.00	\$18,585.41	10,214.59	64.5%
Mission Budget	\$26,295.00	15,895.38	10,399.62	60.5%
Differential		2,690.03		

**Per Capita Apportion-
ment for 2014 is \$34.02**

Come to Church with a Can

CCC goal is 1200 cans for 2014.
703 cans have been donated this
year.

Tammy says:



Those of you who were in church on July 13 heard me talk about Alexander, our sponsor child from Comendador. He continues to need our help. For \$40 a month Alexander will be able to attend school, receive a school uniform, books, food, and dental and medical care that he otherwise would not be able to get. We need to be able to raise at least \$480 each year to be able to continue to give Alexander the support that he desperately needs. The kids have had a fundraiser where they made bags of seasoned crackers and sold them during fellowship hour. We also have a jar in Fellowship Hall for you to donate money. So far to date we have \$243.60 in the fund. We will be hosting a spaghetti lunch fundraiser on September 7 and we will have other fundraisers throughout the year. We will also continue to have the jar in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Schedule for August

Aug. 3: Communion; *The Abba, Father of the Jesus Creed*; Matthew 6:9-15/Luke 15:11-32

Aug. 10: *The Jesus Creed and a Table*; Luke 19:1-10/Mark 2:14-17

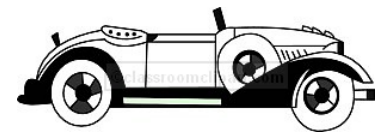
Aug. 17: *The Jesus Creed is Sacred Love*; Hosea 2:14-15/Luke 7:36-50

Aug. 24: *The 'Other' of the Jesus Creed*; Luke 10:25-37/Mark 12:28-34

Aug. 31: *Putting the Jesus Creed into Action*; 1 John 2:3-10 and 3:1, 16-20

Brunch At Hotel Nauvoo

The Mariners are planning their yearly trip to The Hotel Nauvoo on **Sunday, August 10**. They will meet at Memorial Auditorium at 11:30 to carpool and caravan to Nauvoo. A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall to make reservations. Please sign up before August 3.



ROAD TRIP

June Dirty Hands Sunday...by Ed Whitmore

There is an old saying that God never closes a door without opening another one. This proved to be true on the Dirty Hands Sunday last June 29. Sixteen volunteers had signed up to work, but by that Sunday, four had to drop out due to unplanned events or ailments, leaving only twelve to carry the burden of planting and weeding at the Aldo Leopold Outdoor Prairie Classroom. Miraculously four additional volunteers, unsolicited, asked if they could join in. Could they? They could! Absolutely.

And we didn't just pull some dumb old weeds out there. We pulled smart weeds! Smart weed is a fast growing weed that will crowd out the prairie plants that were wanted, so we lined up and pulled every smart weed in the entire prairie. Then we planted and watered over 300 new native prairie plants to take their place. Weeds would be well advised not to get smart with us! (Continued on p. 5)

Staff Reports

June, 2014

Pastor Deb Kinney

Worship 3 worship services	Knitwits Baby Shower
Education 6 Bible study groups	Choir potluck EMT celebration
Connections 20 Drop-ins/appointments/calls 8 home/hospital/prison visits 9 cards sent	Presbytery Activities/Meetings Moderate Session at Mediapolis CPM meeting CPM coordination
Church Meetings Trustees Worship Deacons Staff (3) New Trustees orientation	Other 1 Spiritual direction session <i>Connections</i> Separate meetings with staff (2)
Church Activities/Events I Attended Presbyterian Women	Study Leave 2 weeks, 2 Sundays

Dir. Of Educational Ministries

June, 2014

Tammy Hulett

Worship Young Disciples (4) Led VBS Worship Service	Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+
Church Meetings & Events Meetings with Pastor (3) Working in KidZone (4) Graduation Sunday Teacher Recognition/ graduation celebration	Education Children's Sermon Prep (4) KidZone Prep (4) KidzQuest Prep (4)
Bible Study (3) Vacation Bible School	Other <i>Connections</i> articles Working on decorating for VBS Getting supplies for VBS Getting all of the last minute preparations for VBS
Contacts	

Dirty Hands (continued)

LaVon Worley, President of the Leopold Heritage Group, had this to say: "What a great day with your group! They stayed focused and accomplished so much more than just two or three of us could ever get done. Thanks to all of you so much! Please let them know pictures are posted on the Leopold Heritage Group Facebook page. We hope they will agree to work with us at least one more time yet this year.

Church Happenings

PW News

Next meeting will be on:
September 3
Save the date!



On July 17, 16 Presbyterians traveled to Romero's in Fort Madison on the riverfront for a delicious meal and good conversation.

The next **Yum Yum** event will be on Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. once again in Fort Madison at Choung Garden. To carpool, please meet at Fairway Food Store at 5:30. For reservations call Bonnie White at 752-1244 or Sue Carter at 753-0683.

Prayers works! Of course we all know that. However, I am particularly grateful. The surgery is over, the wound is healing nicely, and the doctors have decided I will need NO additional treatment! Thanks to everyone for the prayers, support, food, phone calls, visits, and many other ways you have helped Tom and I during this time. The support of friends means more than we sometimes realize!

Cindy and Tom Murphy

My sincere thanks to our church family for all the gifts you placed in the treasure chest to be sent to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. You have helped make their day a little brighter as each child will enjoy choosing a gift after their treatment.

Blessings to you,

Janet Calvin

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Vickie Carhoff, Dick Fischer, Jim French, Marilyn Nuss, Julie Schulthies, Deb Scott, Bonnie White, ruling elders. Ted Francis, Clerk

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM: Nancy Beetner, Rex Beetner, (moderator), Cathy Brink, Adele Coulter, (secretary) Kevin Eibes, Ruth Francis, Barb Garcia, (vice moderator) Sandy Russell, Pat Saldeen, Jay & Jolene Schafer & Sandy Smith.

GOD'S STEWARDS TEAM: Connie Bowen (Secretary), Larry Lazenby, Francis McAllister, (Treasurer), Jean Miller (Vice President), Kel Stensland (President).

Thanks to all the ladies who came out early in the day a couple of weeks ago to help paint the church railing on 5th Street.

Bonnie White, organizer
 Janet Calvin
 Sue Carter
 Pauline Johnson
 Pat Saldeen
 Sandy Smith

Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for the generous gift for the well and for supporting me. The Mission Sunday service was so inspirational. I am amazed at how much work and love your church shares with others. Thank you for sharing with our kids too!

Jill (Allgood) Cawiezell, VisionTrust

I cannot thank you all enough for all you have done for Brian's family, especially Brian, Janelle, Andrew and Isaac.

Thank you all so much.

Dick & Sharon Wells




- August 1 Sandy Smith
- August 2 Emry Schneden
- August 5 Aiden Van Winkle
- August 7 Julane Hugg
 Judy Nalley
 Alice Naylor
- August 10 Alexis Van Winkle
- August 14 Jack Naylor
- August 15 Judy Parks
- August 17 Lou Harter
 Bob Snider
- August 18 Leo Laue
- August 23 Rudy Naifeh
- August 24 Ramona Sandrock
- August 25 Barb Garcia
- August 26 Nick Clayton
 Marilyn Nuss
- August 30 Jordan Huddleston

Dr. Don Allgood Living Waters Ministry...by Ed Whitmore

During Mission Sunday on July 13, Dr. Jill Cawiezell, a missionary for VisionTrust, talked about a well in India that our church is sponsoring. Jill is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don Allgood. Interestingly, Jill did not come to us looking for sponsorship of the well. We came to her when we learned she had resigned from her teaching position at the University of Iowa in order to become a missionary with VisionTrust. Jill grew up in our church, and we knew her heritage and that her credentials were impeccable. Our own investigation showed that VisionTrust is a highly acclaimed mission oriented organization with extremely low overhead costs. Most of the money they receive goes directly to projects. We also learned that VisionTrust is not a “hand-out” type of ministry. They are oriented towards enabling the recipients to sustain themselves and to become leaders.

We had several meetings during the winter and spring with Jill, as her schedule allowed, and learned of an opportunity in Sathur, India, which is about two hundred miles from the southern tip. That tiny village (so small you can’t find it on Google Earth) is without water, due to several years of drought. When she visits an area, the people are usually very excited because they know that help is on the way. But when she visited Sathur there was no hope, especially among the women. They could not see how or why anyone could possibly care enough to help them.

This was exactly the kind of opportunity the Mission Committee was looking for, and voted unanimously to support the project, to be known as the “Dr. Don Allgood Living Waters Ministry”, which is taken from John 4:10-14. After the well is drilled, it will need a covered holding tank and filtration system. It is our hope that we will be able to solicit funding from the congregation for these two items at a later date. Dr. Jill will keep us posted on the progress, and we in turn will keep the congregation informed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed	2
3 10:00 AM Worship	4	5 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	6 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	7 Office closed @noon	8 Office Closed	9
10 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Brunch @ Hotel Nauvoo	11	12 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	13 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits	14 Office closed @noon	15 Office Closed	16
17 10:00 AM Worship	18 Connections Deadline	19 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	20 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	21 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yum Group	22	23 9:00 AM Officer Training
24 10:00 AM Worship	25 6:00 PM Mission Committee	26 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	27 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	28	29	30
31 10:00 AM Worship	EMT will be having a 4th Sunday, evening potluck and fellowship this year. This will replace the Wednesday evening program that we had last year. More information will be coming soon.					

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August 3 is the last day to contribute for Project Crayon. Please help if you can.