

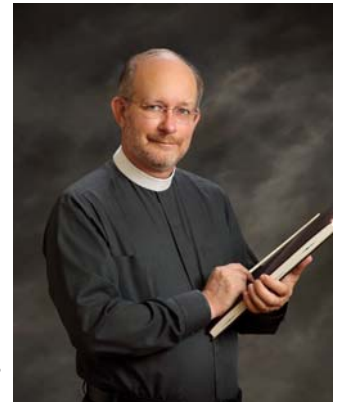
Sunday, November 2 Bring your pledge cards.

Welcome... Rev. Randy Webster, Minister of Faith and Worship

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. Randy Lee Webster to our congregation's musical staff and as an "adjunct" member of the congregation as well.

Randy Lee Webster is a native of Burlington, the son of Shirley and Shirley Webster, and a "child" of our congregation. He attended the Burlington public schools, graduating in 1975. Randy began serving congregations as organist at the age of 14, which he has done almost continuously for over 40 years. He went on to pursue a Bachelor of Music degree with majors in organ performance and choral conducting from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Following graduation he returned to Burlington, serving as Director of Music and Organist at several parishes, including a 13-year service at St. Luke's United Church of Christ and later at First Presbyterian Church. While he lived here he also served as the accompanist for Bel Canto Chorale for a number of years, and he owned and operated The Coach House Restaurant and Tracy's-On-The-Bluff.



In 1993 Randy left Burlington to begin graduate study in Rochester, New York, completing a Master of Divinity degree (a three-year professional degree) at Bexley Hall (an Episcopal seminary) in conjunction with the Eastman School of Music. The seminary had begun a degree program that combined the core courses for priestly study with a complete music education at Eastman, thinking that church musicians needed a broader education if they were to effectively work in the church in this century. His education was a unique one because the seminary shared space with three other institutions, a Roman Catholic religious school, an American Baptist seminary, and a Black Baptist seminary which trained Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was the first to graduate from the program. His teachers there included Dr. Carol Doran, Dr. Michael Messina, and Dr. Jon Bodinger.

While there he met his partner of 18 years, The Rev. Paul Walker. Paul was Vicar of Christ Church where the two shared ministry for 11 years. That time period was foundational as Christ Church evolved into a multi-ethnic, radically welcoming parish. The parish gained a reputation for being on the cutting edge of the diocese both in liturgy and in social outreach. While he was there he was trained and certified as a national leader of the program for musicians in small parishes.

While at the parish in Belleville, Randy heard the call of Jesus Christ to the ordained ministry, and in 2005 he was ordained by The Rt. Rev. John Palmer Croneberger as a deacon, and in the spring of 2006 as an Episcopal priest. He will answer to "Father Randy," but he is also comfortable with just Randy.

Randy brings to First Presbyterian a wide variety of gifts. First of all, he sees music both as a trained lay professional and as an ordained clergyperson. Secondly, he has worked in a wide variety of denominations, and is quite comfortable leading both African-American and Hispanic hymnody in their respective traditions. Lastly, he views music in a broad sense, beginning with a congregation's prayer life, but having implications for its communal life and as a real tool for evangelism as well.

Glimpses of God's Grace

As we head into November and Thanksgiving, it is always good to reflect on our blessings and God's goodness. I have completed my 7th year of ministry with you (woohoo!) and continue to be amazed at the many miracles and the abundance of God's goodness in our midst that have occurred during that time.

Miracles as amazing as meeting our budget year in and year out, often with a surplus to roll over into the next year.

Miracles as wonderful as giving out Bibles to our children and youth, baptizing babies and youngsters and receiving new members year after year.

Miracles as amazing as realizing the top 5 dreams highlighted during stewardship time: painting the sanctuary, hiring a fulltime Christian education director, taking an intergenerational mission trip, enhancing our sound (and video) system, and having new website.

Miracles as wonderful as having 2 prayer chains praying for needs and concerns of the greater church family (and seeing specific miracles in our church family and the lives of loved ones as prayers are answered in ways never imagined) as well as the Knitwits' prayer shawl ministry that has made and given away over 350 prayer shawls and chemo caps.

Miracles as amazing as having just the right amount of money raised during the Capital Campaign to replace our boilers, replace our leaking roof, re-carpet the Parlor and Chapel and paint both areas.

Miracles as wonderful as going through *The Story* for 31 weeks together as a family of faith, meeting weekly in small groups and growing in our walk with God.

I could go on and on and on, but I think you get the gist of what I am saying.

So, **Thank you!**, for your giving to God's work and helping be a part of God's answer to prayers and the miracles in our midst these past few years.

One miracle that is continuing to unfold is the hiring of the Reverend Randy Webster as our Minister of Faith and Worship, beginning the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30th. The Personnel Committee and Session have taken a step of faith in the decision to hire him in this new position, which will be 25 hours a week. His job description encompasses everything from organist to planning our worship experiences to leading children's music opportunities. But don't be surprised to hear of opportunities in missions and adult education that he is also already envisioning for us in 2015.

As we look forward to our Ingathering Sunday Nov. 2nd, I hope you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give to His Body, the Church, in 2015. With this new position, the budget will be increasing. But as the budget increases I believe we will be seeing God opening up even greater opportunities for mission, worship and service for us, and, knowing God, some more amazing miracles as well!

In His service,
Deb

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

Here is our chance to make Christmas a little more special for needy families in our community. The gift cards will be ready to be picked off the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall on November 30. 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. 14, 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. This tree will be up on November 30 as well.

From the Trustees...

Statement of Income & Expense September 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
Balance Forward	\$28,020.00			
Income				
Pledge	175,325.00	128,970.00	46,355.00	73.6%
Non Pledge	24,000.00	21,403.22	2,596.78	89.2%
Investment Income	21,000.00	21,754.60	-754.60	103.6%
PerCapita	3,000.00	1,879.82	1,120.18	62.7%
Misc Income		2119.20		
Total Income	251,345.00	176,126.84	75,218.16	70.1%
Expenses				
Personnel	167,195.00	116,192.54	51,002.46	69.5%
Educational Ministries	4,150.00	1,357.65	2,792.35	32.7%
Fellowship	1,550.00	607.95	942.05	39.2%
Deacons	750.00	439.29	310.71	58.6%
Property	73,000.00	54,054.72	18,945.28	74.0%
Worship	4,700.00	2,654.51	2,045.49	56.5%
Total Expenses	251,345.00	175,306.66	76,038.34	69.7%
Differential		820.18		
Estimated Income Hanna	\$28,800.00	\$28,661.01	138.99	99.5%
Mission Budget	\$26,295.00	21,247.13	5,047.87	80.8%
Differential		7,413.88		

**Per Capita
Apportionment
for 2014 is \$34.02**



News-worthy Notes

On October 19, Brooke Sattler and twins, Nathan David and Hannah Jo Sattler were baptized during the worship service. They are the children of Joe and Jon Sattler, respectively, and the grandchildren of Sue and Bob Sattler.



Congratulations to the following Bible recipients who received their Bibles from Tammy on October 19.



Commin Grant



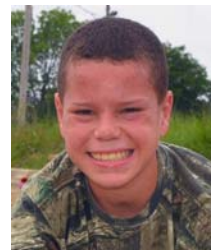
Ashley Kunz



Harrison Murray



Trenton Murray



Tyler Grant



Hunter Wells and Gabby Hall will receive their Bibles at a later date.

Have you notic'd....the fresh new blue walls in the copier/printer room and Deb's office or the soft white walls in the nursery and Rainbow Room hallway? How about the pale gray walls in Fellowship Hall? The gray complements the gray in the flooring and it is the same soft gray that is in the sanctuary.



Fall Sermon Series: Neighbors in the Kingdom of God

Nov. 2 Stewardship/All Saints: Communion; *Rich Neighbor* from Psalm 119:33-40; Luke 18:18-30.

Nov. 9: *Needy Neighbor* from Isaiah 63:7-9; Luke 5:17-26.

Nov. 16: *Thankful Neighbor* from Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Luke 17:11-19.

Nov. 23 4th Sunday: *Ultimate Neighbor* from Psalm 97; John 18:33-37.

Nov. 30 1st Sunday of Advent: *Neighbors Zechariah & Elizabeth* from Luke 1:1-17, 18-25.

Dec. 7 2nd Sunday of Advent/Communion: *Neighbor Joseph* from Isaiah 11:1-9; Matthew 1:18-25.

Dec. 14 3rd Sunday of Advent: *Neighbor Mary* from Luke 1:26-38; 39-45.

Dec. 21 4th Sunday of Advent: *Kingdom of God Songs* from Luke 1:46-55; Luke 1:67-79.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: *Moving into the Neighborhood* from John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-7.

Advent Preparations...by Carol Brotherson, Worship Moderator

As we enter the season of Advent, we are preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. The Worship Committee is also making plans to prepare worship services and the sanctuary for this holy season. We invite you to participate.

Each Sunday during Advent we would like a member of the congregation to share a brief, personal faith story or experience. These personal accounts will witness to the ways God is and has been present and at work in our daily lives. Personal stories connect us with each other and with God, and provide encouragement and inspiration for others. Your story may tell how God answered prayer, or surprised you, or supported you, or something else.

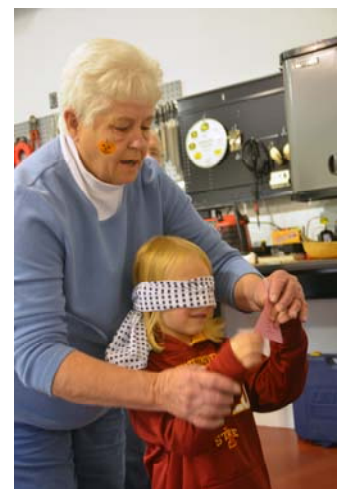


Here's a brief example: As I sat in the sanctuary for Linda Hale's memorial service, I noticed that we had one purple banner hanging, which said JOY. I questioned in my mind why one of the four Advent banners was up, why there wasn't one to balance it on the north side, and also whether it had been up for a while and I hadn't noticed it. (Such are the questions of a Worship Committee member!) As the memorial service progressed, with pictures of Linda, always smiling, engaged in a variety of activities with family and friends, upbeat stories, scripture, and music which included "Here Comes the Sun" and "This Little Light of Mine," it became apparent that JOY was the theme of the service. The question in my mind changed to "Was the JOY banner put up specifically for Linda's service?" The next day I learned the answer. Pastor Deb said the banner was put up two weeks previously for the theme of worship that day. She had "forgotten" to take it down. Deb and I laughed about God's sense of humor and agreed that God is always present, even in the smallest details.

What is your story? Please let Pastor Deb or me know if you have a story you'd like to share – or that God is asking you to share. Whether you choose to share with the congregation in church or just to those closest to you, I challenge each of us to be aware of the God-incidences (rather than coincidences) in our lives, and to give God the glory and thanks.

On another note, we are pleased that Coleen Francik-Young and Kevin Eibes have volunteered to coordinate decorating the Christmas tree for our sanctuary this year. Decorating (and un-decorating) will be so much easier and more fun with others' help. Please let Coleen, Kevin, or the church office know if you can help with this project that beautifies our sanctuary. Thank you.

Mariners' Progressive Hayrack Ride



Tammy says...

Our October 26 – November 22 “Neighbor of the Month” is sick children. We currently have a treasure chest that goes to the University of Iowa for children undergoing cancer treatment. We have the University of Iowa Hospital, Great River Medical Center and Peoria Children’s Hospital to care for this month.

Our November 23-December 21 “Neighbor of the Month” will be “Our Homebound”. This is a timely selection because we will be able to show them our love during the holiday season and they will know that they have not been forgotten.

There will not be a 4th Sunday Potluck in December, due to the holiday season, but mark your calendars for January 25, which will be our next 4th Sunday.

Staff Reports

September, 2014

Pastor Deb Kinney

Worship 4 Sunday worship services 1 graveside service Christian Education Led 8 Bible study groups Connections 35 Drop-ins/appointments/calls/notes 3 hospital/home/prison visits 14 cards, 2 letters sent Church Meetings Session Trustees Mariners Planning Personnel (3) Worship Staff meeting (5) Church Activities/Events Attended Knitwits	Kickoff Sunday 4 th Sunday Painting 2 nd house Missions Committee’s Dessert for Treeces Hosted Treece family (2) Presbytery PCC meeting Iowa City Moderate CPM meeting COM candidate interview Other <i>Connections</i> articles & coordination Spiritual Direction session Worship service prep Sound system issues Coordinate pianists for upcoming worship services Separate meetings with staff (8)
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Dir. Of Educational Ministries

September, 2014

Tammy Hulett

Worship Young Disciples (4) Church Meetings & Events Meetings with Pastor (4) Working in KidZone (4) EMT Meeting Bible Study (4) 4 th Sunday Potluck MOMS Group (1) Kick-Off Sunday	Contacts Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+ Education Children’s Sermon Prep (4) KidZone Prep (4) Taught Godly Play Other <i>Connections</i> articles Working on 4 th Sunday Working on Godly Play material Working on Kick-off Sunday
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Church Happenings

PW News



**November 5, 2014
at 9:45 a.m.**

Co-Hostesses: Marilyn Leight @ home
& Deb Kunz

Study Leader: Eva Ann Elmer

Mission: Toilet Tissue for Hope Haven

19 Presbyterians went to Ogo's in Keokuk last month for a great meal. The next outing for the Yum Yum's will be at Peaches in the Comfort Suites on Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Bonnie at 753-1244 or Sue at 753-0683.

Veteran's Day Potluck

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 after worship with a potluck dinner and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please let us now if you can join us.

Thank you.

The Fellowship Committee

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Vickie Carhoff, Dick Fischer, Jim French, Marilyn Nuss, Julie Schulthies, 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), Terri Huddleston, Larry Lazenby, Francis McAllister, (Treasurer), Kel Stensland (President).

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl and the prayers that it held. God bless you and all you do for others.

Margaret Wilson (Janet Calvin's sister)

Thank you Church Family for all the gifts placed in the treasure chest for children who are receiving many kinds of treatment . Thank you for sharing God's love with each child. Your gifts brings joy to the children that receive your gifts .

Blessings to our Church family

Janet

Thank you notes were also received from **University of Iowa Children's Hospital, Southeast Iowa Community Action and The Homeless Shelter** thanking us for our support of their mission.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the First Presbyterian Church Organ Fund in memory of **Linda Hale**. She loved our organ and this money will help to preserve it. Donations are still being accepted.

Tom & Char Courtney thank **Jim & Leona Byars** for their support, the Deacons for the meal and the congregation for the prayer shawl and prayers for healing.



November 5..... Karen Dewey
 November 6..... Steven Hemphill
 November 7.....Pat Cummings
 November 12.....Kelly Ripperger
 November 13.....Shirley Thompson
 Arthene Johnson
 November 15.....Wayne John
 November 16..... Caleb Hemphill
 November 17..... Carl Siefken
 November 18..... Tom Murphy
 November 22.....Jack Anderson
 Francis McAllister
 November 23.....Jo Hamilton
 Randy Kinney
 November 24.....Carrie Blom
 Deb Scott
 November 28..... Don Allgood
 Kady Dewey
 November 29..... Scott Blom
 November 30..... Trenton Murray

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session
September 15, 2014
1st Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa**

A Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa was held in the church parlor on September 15, 2014. Moderator **Rev. Debra Kinney** opened the meeting at 6:29 p.m. with devotions from Exodus 3 and a reading from *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* by Ruth Haley Barton. Following devotions the meeting opened with prayer.

A quorum was present.

Present: Moderator Debra Kinney, Clerk Ted Francis and Elders Vickie Carhoff, Dick Fischer, Jim French, Marilyn Nuss, Deb Scott, Bonnie White

Excused: Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Julie Schulthies

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the joint meeting of the church officers on August 23, 2014 was seconded and approved by voice vote.

A motion to approve the minutes from the session meeting on August 23, 2014 was seconded and approved by voice vote.

A motion to receive the staff reports of **Rev. Debra Kinney** and **Tammy Hulett** and reports from Session Committees, Deacons, Trustees and the Financial Report was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Report of the Clerk

A motion to re-affirm the following motions electronically approved in August 2014 was seconded and approved by voice vote:

- • A request to submit a letter of intent for the Burlington Lightscape Project
- • A request from Presbytery Mission Agency for a copy of the church's membership directory
- • A request for Randy Kinney to serve as commissioner to the Special-Called Presbytery meeting on September 13, 2014

A motion to approve the request to baptize **Brooke Taylor Sattler**, daughter of **Joe Sattler** and **Kelly Burroughs**, during worship on October 19, 2014 was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Emry Schneden, daughter of **Brock** and **Joanna Schneden**, and **Kiara Winski**, daughter of **Randa Winski** were baptized during worship on May 11, 2014.

The clerk reported that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa, **Rebecca Blair**, will assist the session in conforming the church's bylaws to the New Form of Government.

The clerk reported that he will apply for a grant from the Presbyterian Historical Society to offset some of the cost of digitizing the church's records. The grant is due October 31st.

The clerk reported that the annual review of session minutes and the church's membership register was a self-assessment this year. The review has been completed and submitted to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa.

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

Worshipful Work

Educational Ministries: A motion was approved by voice vote to affirm the monthly Fourth Sunday Potluck during September through November from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with programs for all age groups and a "helping neighbors" emphasis. A motion to reaffirm the current policy of providing camperships to current family members or active participants who attend the denomination's camps was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Gifts and Memorials: A motion to spend up to \$300 from the Gifts and Memorial Fund plus the balance of the funds given in memory of **Tom White** to purchase new outdoor carpeting for the Fifth Street entrance steps into Fellowship Hall was approved by voice vote. A motion that the balance of \$394.11 given to the Memorial Fund for use by the GEMS be transferred to the Scholarship Fund per the request of the GEMS was approved by voice vote.

Worship: No report

Personnel: No report

Fellowship: A motion to approve a potluck following worship on November 9, 2014 to honor veterans and a Christmas Eve social on December 24, 2014 was approved by voice vote.

Nominating: The committee has begun searching for a replacement trustee for a term that expires in 2016.

Insurance Review: The session reviewed the church insurance for 2014-2015 from Hastings Mutual including coverage for property, general liability, crime, umbrella, and workers compensation. A few questions were raised regarding coverage amounts and coinsurance. **Rev. Debra Kinney** will share the questions with the trustees.

Audit: Presbytery requires an annual audit or review of the church finances. A motion to have the trustees pursue a CPA to do a financial review of the church's financial records and procedures was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Budget: Committee budgets are due to the trustees by October 31.

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

Rev. Debra Kinney closed the meeting with prayer at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Debra Kinney, Moderator

Minutes of the Special-Called Congregational Meeting

October 5, 2014

1st Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa

A Special-Called Congregational Meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa was held in the sanctuary on October 5, 2014. Moderator **Rev. Debra Kinney** opened the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Quorum

The Clerk reported that a quorum was present.

Reading of the Call

Clerk of Session **Ted Francis** read the call for the Special-Called Congregational Meeting:

A Special-Called Congregational Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, October 5, 2014 in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive a nomination from the Nominating Committee and elect a member for the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of **Jean Miller** (2016). There will be no other business conducted at this meeting.

Election of a Trustee

Marilyn Nuss, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, reported that **Terri Huddleston** is the nominee to fill the unexpired term of **Jean Miller** (2016) on the Board of Trustees

Rev. Debra Kinney asked if there were additional nominees from the floor. No nominees were offered from the floor. A motion to close nominations was seconded and approved by voice vote of the congregation.

Terri Huddleston was elected to the Board of Trustees by voice vote of the congregation.






Rev. Debra Kinney closed the meeting with prayer at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Debra Kinney, Moderator

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*DVS Bake Sale —Nov. 16 after worship (benefits the Domestic Violence Shelter)						1
2 Daylight Savings Time ends In-Gathering Sunday 10:00 AM Worship 	3 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting	4	5 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM PW 6:00 PM Handbells	6	7	8
9 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Veterans Potluck	10 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	11	12 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits 6:00 PM Handbells	13	14 7:00 PM Moms Group	15
16 10:00 AM Worship/Handbells 11:00 AM *DVS Bake Sale	17 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Session Meeting	18 5:00 PM Worship Committee	19 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells	20 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yums@Peaches	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM 4th Sunday Potluck	24 Connections Deadline 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	25	26 Last day to order poinsettias 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells	27 Thanksgiving/ Office Closed 	28 Office closed 	29
30 10:00 AM Worship 	<h1>November</h1> 					

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