

Lenten, Holy Week Schedule for March 1-April 5

March 1 Lent 2: Communion; *40 days of Prayer*: Matthew 6:5-8

Lenten lunch following worship; DVD part 1 '*before amen*', children's program/choir

March 8 Lent 3: *Prayer*: Matthew 6:9-10

Lenten lunch following worship; DVD part 2 '*before amen*', children's program/choir

March 15 Lent 4: Youth Sunday; *More Prayer*: Matthew 6:11-15

Everybody's Birthday following worship; DVD part 3 '*before amen*', children's program/choir

March 22 Lent 5: *Still More Prayer*: Matthew 6:25-34, 7:7-11

Lenten lunch following worship; DVD part 4 '*before amen*', children's program/choir

March 29 Passion/Palm Sunday; Special music: Hallelujah Handbells

Donkey Walk at 9 a.m.; Pancake breakfast 9-9:45 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. in Sanctuary

Holy Week Plus

Monday

Morning prayer at 10 a.m. with Father Randy

Viewing of *The 10 Commandments*, part 1 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

Morning prayer at 10 a.m. with Father Randy

Viewing of *The 10 Commandments*, part 2 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning prayer at 10 a.m. with Father Randy

Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) 7 p.m. in Chapel. One of the most ancient services of the church combining sung psalms and Scripture readings.

Thursday

Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. in Chapel; Communion by intinction; foot washing optional

Friday

Good Friday 7 p.m. in Chapel

Saturday

Easter Vigil 7 p.m. in Chapel; Communion by intinction, renewal of baptismal vows

Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at home of Bill & Sue Carter; special music by Randy Kinney; continental breakfast following

Easter Service at 10 a.m. in Sanctuary; Communion, special music

Music at Midday

Wednesdays during Lent (Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25) from noon to 1 p.m., Prayers at noon-time, 20 minutes of music for reflection, and lunch; lunch, prepared by the Rev'd Webster, is free, with a free-will offering received.

Morning Prayer from 10-10:20 a.m. in the Chapel, led by the Rev'd Randy Webster
Offered Monday through Friday, through Wednesday, April 1.

Stations of the Cross

A multi-media devotional program of the poetry of Paul Claudel, music and art,
Sunday, March 22

Glimpses of God's Grace

Dear church family,

We are making our way through various aspects of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as found in Matthew 5-7. We began with the Beatitudes and beginning in March will be looking at the Lord's Prayer. Much of what is being read and said can be summed up with the Great Command to love God with all of our being and to love our neighbor as well as we love ourselves.

More than once Jesus said one of the best ways to love God and our neighbors is to serve them. I just received an email in which one of our members shared how his wife did just that at one of our assisted living residences. She saw a friend sitting with a full plate of food in front of him and asked if she might help him. He gladly agreed. Then she looked over and saw another resident, a complete stranger, and asked if he would like help as well. He gratefully did and she fed him as well. Small gestures of kindness speak volumes to the watching world and as we serve each other, we are serving Jesus, as He powerfully reminds in Matthew 25.

That is one reason I have invited our Stated Clerk, Dr. Rebecca Blair to come to our Officers Training in August, to share her wisdom with our leaders serving on the Board of Deacons, Session and Trustees on how to be even better servant leaders. The book they are reading, *Questions and Answers about Servant Leadership* by Kent M. Keith, will be the topic of our devotions at the various board meetings in the coming months, but I also wanted to share some of the insights with you who are not currently serving as officers. We are all called to be servants and so what is true of servant leadership for those who have been ordained to leadership positions can also be true for those serving in other ways.

Robert K. Greenleaf, in 1970!, wrote this about servant leaders: 'The servant-leader is servant first ... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. ... (The difference between servant-first and leader-first models of leadership) manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served.'

Keith goes on to say that servant-leaders 'identify and meet the needs of others.' (p. 7) That has been the motto of our Deacons for the past 2 years: See a need, meet a need. And they have been! But if we look around our congregation, if we look around our families, if we look around our neighborhoods and communities, we often find that the needs of others are overwhelming if we leave the care of them to an ordained few. That is why I would add, Christians, even those not in servant-leadership positions, identify and meet the needs of others. The wife of our member who saw a need, of both a friend and a stranger, is not one of our current officers. But she is a disciple of Jesus seeking to follow His lead and command to love our neighbors in the same way as we love ourselves. During this Lenten season, I cannot think of a better discipline to pursue, than the desire to serve others *first*.

In His service,
Deb

Trustee Report

Statement of Income & Expense January 31, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
Balance Forward	\$16,678.00			
Income	\$11,000.00			
Pledge	168,558.00	16,478.50	152,079.50	9.8%
Non Pledge	24,000.00	6,237.38	17,762.62	26.0%
Investment Income	18,027.00	19,776.45	-1,749.45	109.7%
PerCapita	3,000.00	376.97	2,623.03	12.6%
Misc Income		771.17		
Total Income	241,263.00	43,640.47	197,622.53	18.1%
Expenses				
Personnel	179,160.00	12,839.84	166,320.16	7.2%
Educational Ministries	2,650.00	0.00	2,650.00	0.0%
Fellowship	1,350.00	294.44	1,055.56	21.8%
Deacons	750.00	9.80	740.20	1.3%
Property	61,330.00	6,125.57	55,204.43	10.0%
Worship	3,150.00	190.84	2,959.16	6.1%
Total Expenses	249,890.00	19,460.49	230,429.51	7.8%
Differential		24,179.98		
Estimated Income Hanna	\$31,540.00	\$10,844.75	20,695.25	34.4%
Mission Budget	\$26,295.00	3,000.91	23,294.09	11.4%
Differential		7,843.84		

**Per Capita
Apportionment
for 2015 is \$34.27**

Lenten Retreat: *Come, Follow Me*

Friday, March 6 to Saturday, March 7

Based on Scripture, hymns and poetry by Susan Palo Cherwein, the retreat will employ a variety of art experiences including film, paintings and our stained-glass windows. Meals & retreat prepared by the Rev'd Randy Webster, Minister of Faith & Worship. Childcare available upon request.

Schedule: Friday, March 6

- 6 p.m. Dinner with Evening Prayer
- 7 p.m. "Return"
- 8 p.m. "Turning" What is repentance? Bible study on the Transfiguration
- 9 p.m. Compline

Schedule: Saturday, March 7

- 9 a.m. Breakfast with Morning Prayer
- 10 a.m. "The Presence" There is no place that God is not
- 11 a.m. "Journey" Bible study on Temptation of Christ
- Noon Lunch and free time
- 1 p.m. "Dark Night of the Soul"
- 2 p.m. "Following" God invites us to join Him in the dance
- 3 p.m. Closing Prayers & Eucharist

News from Tammy

Beginning March 1, in Kidzone, we will be starting a rewards system with the youth. Each Sunday that they listen to the adults and behave appropriately, they will get a star on the chart next to their name. If they bring a friend to church they will get another star. When they earn 10 stars then they will be able to choose a prize out of the prize box.

The prizes are small toys like matchbox cars, trinkets, rings, stickers, etc. If anyone has anything small they would like to donate for the prize box, please let Tammy know.





Newsy Notes



Gifts are Needed for the Treasure Chest

There is a list of items that are appropriate for the children at the University Hospital in Iowa City. The list can be found in the Treasure Chest in Fellowship Hall. Please take one for easy reference. The ages range from infant to age seventeen.

Thank you for sending God's love to our friends,
Janet Calvin



Summary of Christmas Giving from Mission Committee

Adult Unit 15 patients 3 gifts each **Pediatric Unit** 32 Patients received a book and candy cane

Three families were provided for; clothes and shoes, toys, games & gift cards were given to each member.

A total of 117 gifts were delivered on December 18, 2014 to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital Cancer Unit and The Adult BMT Unit.

Mission Committee Donation	\$800.00	
Other Donors	\$440.00	Total received /spent \$1220.00

Thank You Notes from Patients

Thank you so much for delivering a book to my son at the University of Iowa Hospital just before Christmas. What was supposed to be an overnight visit turned into a couple of weeks. He was so happy to receive this gift after thinking he would miss out on the holiday fun. I thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Gestures such as these, give us renewed hope.



Parker's Mom

I happened to be a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital over the Christmas season and was one of the recipients of your generous gifts that you gave to patients. I feel truly blessed and overwhelmed. Thank you so much for everything.

I hope the New Year brings many blessings to the entire church.

Thank you,

Deb

Staff Reports

January, 2015

Pastor Deb Kinney

Worship

4 worship services, 1 baptism
1 funeral, interment

Education

6 Bible study groups

Connections

21 Drop-ins/appointments/calls
2 home/hospital/prison visits
20 cards sent

Church Meetings

Trustees
Worship
Session
Deacons

Mission

Staff (3)
4 Staff Reviews

Church Activities/Events I Attended

Hymn Festival
Annual Congregational Meeting
4th Sunday potluck
Knitwits
YumYums

Other

1 Spiritual direction session
Connections work
Lenten planning
Separate meetings with staff (15)

Dir. Of Educational Ministries

January, 2015

Tammy Hulett

Worship

Young Disciples (4)

Church Meetings & Events

Meetings with Pastor (4)
Working in KidZone (5)
Bible Study (4)
4th Sunday Potluck
Meeting with Marilyn Nuss

Contacts

Phone-calls and e-mails: 30+

Education

Children's Sermon Prep (4)
KidZone Prep (4)
Taught Godly Play (3)

Other

Connections articles
Working on 4th Sunday
Working on new Youth Sunday
Working on Curriculum

Minister of Faith & Worship

January, 2015

Rev'd Randy Webster

4 Worship services
Worship Committee meeting
Mission Committee meeting
Staff meetings (3)

Worship planning and consultation with the Pastor
Prepare sanctuary for Sunday, January 11
Lent planning

Retreat planning
Private practice
Connections submission for Lent

Hymn Festival, January 25
Publicity
Bulletin preparation
Rehearsal with the soloists and choir
Reception planning

Church Happenings

PW News



March 4, 2015

At 9:45 a.m.

Co-Hostesses: Marilyn Malcom @ Sunnybrook
Alice Naylor

Study Leader: Donna Siefken

Mission: Toilet tissue for Hope Haven

Fourteen Presbyterians enjoyed getting together at The Broadway on Thursday, Feb. 19th. The March Yum Yum event will be at **Uncle Ronnie's** at 6:00 on March 19.

It was also decided to eat at Gators for the May get-together. Everyone is invited to come.

Call Bonnie White or Sue Carter for more information.



Dear First Presbyterian,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Burlington Community School District, I would like to thank you for your donation of hats, gloves, underwear, socks and coats to Grimes Elementary School.

Your gift is sincerely appreciated and we thank you for all your support to the students of the Burlington schools.

Sincerely,

Patrick Coen, Superintendent of Schools

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Charles Bell, Carol Brotherson, Vickie Carhoff, Dick Fischer, Jim French, Steve Hemphill, 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 Schaffer & Sandy Smith.

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

Dear Angel Tree,

I want to thank you so much for the love and kindness you have shown to me and my family. Thank you for putting my children on the Angel Tree. They love every thing they received. We are blessed.

Dear Church Family,

A big THANK YOU to the Knitwits for the lovely lap robe and for the crossword puzzle that Pastor Deb brought while I was a patient at GRMC, recovering from a back injury. I also enjoyed the visit from Deacon Pat Saldeen. Another big THANK YOU to the 3 members who cleared my driveway after our 9" snowfall.

Dick Fischer

Dear Church Family,

Jane Snider would like to thank everyone who sent her birthday cards for her birthday last month.

Bob Snider

Dear FPC and Janet Calvin,

From all of us in the Child Life Program, thank you for your continued generosity and care to our patients and families. The Treasure Chest gifts are so appreciated by all who receive them.

Gwen Senio, Manager, Child Life Program

University of Iowa Children's Hospital






Come to Church with a Can

The goal for 2015 is 1200 cans. 98 cans have been donated so far this year.

Marianne Briggs.....	03/01
Brian Opiekun.....	03/02
Tammy Hulett.....	03/03
Nadine Ibbotson.....	03/03
Irene Kress.....	03/03
Tanner Orton.....	03/03
Miya Lunsman.....	03/05
Sandy Russell.....	03/05
Polly Rein.....	03/09
John Dewey.....	03/12
Jim Elmer.....	03/14
Connie Bowen.....	03/20
Brock Schneden.....	03/20
Craig Gilchrist.....	03/21
Marilyn Lyday.....	03/23
Craig Francis.....	03/25
Fran Naifeh.....	03/30
Chuck Rucker.....	03/30



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Lenten Luncheon DVD on prayer	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting	3 5:00 PM Nominating Comm. 5:30 PM Worship Committee	4 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM PW 12:00 PM Music at Midday 6:00 PM Handbells	5	6 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lenten Retreat	7 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Lenten Retreat
8 8:30 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Bake Sale 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Lenten Luncheon DVD 	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	10	11 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Knitwits 12:00 PM Music at Midday 6:00 PM Handbells	12	13 7:00 PM Moms Group	14
15 Connections Deadline 8:30 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship/ Youth Sunday 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM All Church Birthday Party 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM DVD 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bel Canto Dinner	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Session Meeting	17 	18 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Music at Midday 6:00 PM Handbells	19 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yum Group	20 	21
22 No Kidzone 8:30 AM Choir 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Lenten Luncheon DVD	23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	24	25 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Music at Midday 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Mission Committee	26	27 7:00 PM Moms Group	28
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