

Hayrack Ride & High School Hayrack Ride



Trustee Report

Statement of Income & Expense September 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
Balance For-	\$16,678.00			
	\$11,000.00			
Income				
Pledge	168,558.00	125,410.50	43,147.50	74.4%
Non Pledge	24,000.00	29,047.76	-5,047.76	121.0%
Investment In-	18,027.00	19,837.76	-1,810.76	110.0%
PerCapita	3,000.00	2,157.26	842.74	71.9%
Misc Income		1877.84		
Total Income	241,263.00	178,331.12	62,931.88	73.9%
Expenses				
Personnel	179,160.00	128,516.68	50,643.32	71.7%
Youth Ministries	2,650.00	2,772.46	-122.46	104.6%
Radical Hospital-	1,350.00	1,410.30	-60.30	104.5%
Deacons	750.00	233.38	516.62	31.1%
Property	61,330.00	42,373.24	18,956.76	69.1%
Worship	3,150.00	1,886.74	1,263.26	59.9%
Total Expenses	248,390.00	177,192.80	71,197.20	71.3%
Differential		1,138.32		
Estimated Income	\$31,540.00	\$26,997.86	4,542.14	85.6%
Mission Budget	\$26,295.00	16,378.24	9,916.76	62.3%
Differential		10,619.62		

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

Knitwits



Radical Hospitality in Action



Camille Reynen and Pat Whitmore tackle the kitchen cleaning.

Because We Care



Newsorthy Notes...

Have you 'note'iced the new window above the doors leading into the Sanctuary? During one of our windy storms in June, the entire stained-glass window blew out. Thankfully no one was hurt. Rex Beetner worked to put in a temporary covering so the bats, birds and elements would not get in. In early October, Barry & Kelly de Klerk ventured up into the area (we wonder if Kelly was the first female to make the trek through the attic?) to assess the situation. Barry decided he could install a window and shore up the wall. With the blessing of the Trustees, over the course of 2 days, and right before they were scheduled to move to Colorado, Barry and Kelly worked to do just that. It looks marvelous! A huge 'thank you!' goes to the de Klerks for their generous service to our building!



Worship Schedule

Oct. 25: Reformation Sunday; *Stewardship from Matthew 25; Elders Ed Whitmore and Camille Reynen and Trustee, Connie Bowen*

Nov. 1: Ingathering of Pledges; Communion; *Extravagant Generosity Encouraged from 2 Cor. 8:1-7*

Nov. 8: *Extravagant Generosity Sowed & Reaped from 2 Cor. 9:6-15*

Nov. 15: *Extravagant Generosity in Alms, Good Deeds from Luke 21:1-4; 1 Tim. 6:17-19*

Nov. 22: The Rev'd Randy Webster preaching

Nov. 29: 1st Advent; *Promises, Promises from Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21*

Dec. 6: 2nd Advent; Communion; *Promised Messenger from Mal. 3:1-4; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-11*

Dec. 13: 3rd Advent; *Amazing Promises from Zeph. 3:14-20; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*

Dec. 20: 4th Advent; *Promised Ruler from Micah 5:2-5a; Heb.10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve; *Promise Fulfilled from Is. 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20*

Minute for Mission

CCC Update:

The food pantry needs our support to feed the hungry in Des Moines County. Please continue to Come to Church with a Can.



Treasure Chest

January through September gifts were sent to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital for their Treasure Chest. Thank you for giving our friends (patients) a special gift to choose at a time that can be painful and frightening for them. Thanks for making their day a little brighter and sending God's love to each child.

Blessings,

Janet Calvin

Mission Update

Janet Calvin reported that monthly she visits the Homeless Shelter, Neighborhood Center and the Salvation Army, delivering emergency blankets and the FPC shopping bags as needed. In September, the Shelter and Salvation Army had enough supplies. The Center received 5 emergency blankets and 10 shopping bags.

In October, the Shelter did not need any blankets or bags. The Center received 10 more shopping bags and reported that people bring them back to get more food items. While they did not need emergency blankets, they asked for some at the end of the month as the weather begins to get colder. The Salvation Army received 10 emergency blankets. They said they have about 100 people coming to their pantry weekly, Monday through Wednesday. They received 2 shopping bags and said they could use more.

Living Waters

The Dr. Don Allgood Living Waters Ministry Fund is up and running! The first project we will be supporting through it is an upgrading of the well in Sathur, India, a project we partnered with a 'daughter of the church', Jill Allgood Cawiezell, and VisionTrust last year.

If you are looking for alternatives to the craziness of gift-giving at Christmas, or are interested in further helping the people of Sathur, the Living Waters Fund is one such alternative. All you need to do is send a check to the church and put Living Waters Fund in the memo line.



Staff Reports	September, 2015	Pastor Deb Kinney
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<p>Worship 4 worship services</p> <p>Education 6 Bible study groups 8 DVD study groups</p> <p>Connections 24 Drop-ins/appointments/calls 4 home/hospital/prison visits 15 cards/letters sent</p> <p>Church Meetings Session Trustee Missions Radical Hospitality (2)</p>	<p>Passionate Worship Staff (4)</p> <p>Church Activities/Events Attended Knitwits Painting 2nd house</p> <p>Other 1 new member meeting 2 pre-reaffirmation of wedding vows meetings 1 Spiritual direction session <i>Connections</i> work Separate meetings with staff (10)</p>
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Dir. of Youth Ministries	September, 2015	Tammy Hulett
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<p>Worship Young Disciples (3)</p> <p>Church Meetings & Events Meetings with Pastor (4) Working in KidZone (3) Bible Study (5) Youth Ministries Committee Meeting Back to School Kickoff Potluck lunch in the park Kids Ministry Conference</p> <p>Contacts Phone-calls and e-mails: 40+</p>	<p>Education Children's Message Prep (3) KidZone Prep (3)</p> <p>Other <i>Connections</i> articles Worked on KidZone activities Worked on Kickoff party Worked on getting Sunday School material</p> <p>ready</p>
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Always There by Christine Dwight

When disaster comes and takes my home; when it takes all I own;
 He meets my needs and holds me up; He is there to help me not give up.
 When troubles big or small creep in; when I wish I had a friend.
 I am not alone for God is there; I do not need to despair.
 No matter what I may need; God is there to intercede.

Church Happenings

PW News



November 4, 2015
At 9:45 a.m.

Co-Hostesses: Marilyn Leight @ Home
 Penny Rucker

Study Leader: Eva Ann Elmer

Mission: Toilet Tissue for Hope Haven

On Thursday, November 19, **Yum Yums** will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Uncle Ronnie's. Please call Bonnie White at 752-1244 or Sue Carter at 753-0683 for more information and to make reservations or you can also sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Dear 1st Presbyterian Members,
 Thank you so much for your donation to Community Action of South East Iowa. Today is a critical time for families that we work with. In Des Moines County we served over 2,645 families. Of these families, 49% were working and were still living in poverty.

Sincerely,
 Sharon L Ford, CCAP
 Executive Director

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Charles Bell, Jim French, Steve Hemphill, Cheryl Lotz, Marilyn Nuss, Camille Reynen, Julie Schulthies, Ed Whitmore, JoAnn Williams (Clerk of Session), ruling elders.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM: Bill Carter, Sue Carter, Adele Coulter, (secretary), Ruth Francis, Barb Garcia (moderator), Craig Gilchrist, Carey King, Pat Saldeen, Jay Schafer, (vice-moderator), Jolene Schafer, Sandy Smith, Pat Whitmore.

GOD'S STEWARDS TEAM: Connie Bowen (Secretary), Terri Huddleston, Larry Lazenby (Co-President), Francis McAllister, (Treasurer/Co-President), Chuck Rucker.

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all of the prayers that you have sent for my family and me. Even if I am in prison, God has blessed me in so many ways.

Though I am no longer a member of FPC, I still find that FPC holds a place in my heart. I hope that the members of the church will forgive me for what I did to end up in prison. Satan is a powerful enemy, but Christ is stronger. I hope to return to FPC when I am released, but that is a long way off. I pray for the church every day, for the members that I remember and the new members that I do not know yet.

I would love to hear from you. My address is:

Andrew Wells, #6552317
 Mt. Pleasant Correctional
 1200 E. Washington St
 Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

God Bless,
Andrew Wells



November 5Karen Dewey
 November 6Steven 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 August 22, 2015 First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa

A Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa, was held in the Parlor on August 22, 2015. This meeting was part of an Officers Training time that began at 9 a.m.; Dr. Rebecca Blair, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of East Iowa, gave a presentation on Servant Leadership. The Moderator, Reverend Debra Kinney, opened the meeting at 10:40 A.M. with prayer.

A quorum was present.

Present: Rev. Debra Kinney and Elders Charles Bell, Jim French, Steve Hemphill, Marilyn Nuss, Camille Reynen, Julie Schulthies, Ed Whitmore, and JoAnn Williams, Clerk.

Excused: Cheryl Lotz

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the Special-Called Congregational Meeting on July 19, 2015; minutes of the session meeting on June 15, 2015; the staff reports from Rev. Debra Kinney, Tammy Hulett and Rev. Randy Webster; the session committee reports; the trustee reports; and the financial reports. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Report of the Clerk

A motion was made to approve a facilities use request by Rev. Randy Webster for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Treble Clef Club's monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

A request was received from (nm) Ryan Barngrover for use of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for a renewal of vows from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on October 20, 2015. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the facilities use request including a \$60.00 fee to be paid for maintenance services. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Worshipful Work

Sharing of good news from committees:

Missions. Julie Schulthies talked about the Clean Hands and Dirty Hands projects planned for the 5th Sunday, August 30, 2015. Clean Hands will make a meal for the city firemen, and Dirty Hands will be working on cleanup and maintenance of a south hill residence, home of a hard working family with six children. Our church will also be participating in the citywide Paint-A-Thon beginning September 8, 2015, and the painting of a second story house. Depending on the number of participants and the amount of work needed on the Paint-A-Thon house, plans are to have some of our participants working on the second story house on the same day. Backpacks are also being prepared for back-to-school.

Personnel. Jim French reported he is getting organized and acquainting himself with the issues.

Gifts, Memorials and Scholarships. Charles Bell reported that income and a small part of the principal has been used to fund scholarships for eight applicants this year. He mentioned a need to encourage members to include gifts to the church for memorials and/or scholarships in their wills. He suggested that more information and proposed wording for such gifts should be provided.

Worship, Music and Arts. Ed Whitmore reported that committee members have been recruited and a committee meeting will be held soon.

Radical Hospitality. Camille Reynen reported that the committee had its first meeting with lots of brainstorming and good discussion.

Nominations. Marilyn Nuss reported there are currently no vacancies.

Youth Ministries. Marilyn Nuss reported that several new Sunday School teachers have been recruited and that she hopes to add one more. September 20, 2015, will be the first Youth Sunday of the new program year.

What's Happening Now!

Rev. Debra Kinney reminded committee moderators that they need to review their budgets and plans for the coming year. Budgets need to be completed by the first week of October.

Everyone agreed that the current meeting day and time—third Monday at 7 P.M.—is good and should remain the same. The next session meeting will be Monday, September 21 at 7 P.M.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rev. Debra Kinney asked the elders to share any prayer requests they may have, and the meeting closed with prayer at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Williams
Clerk of Session

Reverend Debra Kinney
Moderator

Farewell to Chris & Kel



Ingathering Sunday: Nov. 1

Stewardship is more than money! It is about making choices, as individuals and a community. Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life and all stages of life.

As Christians we can respond to God with thanksgiving for all that God has done in our lives. One way we can say, **'THANK YOU!'** to God is by making a commitment to our church. The Trustees encourage you to prayerfully consider the ways you can make such a commitment with one or more of the **Three T's: Time, Talent and Treasure.**

We will be collecting the monetary commitments, through our pledges, on Ingathering Sunday, Nov. 1. The Trustees will be working on the budgets submitted by the Session committees and in accordance with the pledges received.

Thank you!

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 Burlington, IA 52601

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM DVD in Chapel 10:00 AM Worship/In-Gathering 11:15 AM DVD in Chapel	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	3	4 7:15 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 9:45 AM PW 6:00 PM Handbell Practice	5	6 Office Closed	7 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cooking Class with Peter Reynen
8 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM DVD in Chapel 10:00 AM Worship/Shoebox Dedication 11:15 AM Veterans Potluck	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 6:00 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Mission Committee	12 4:00 PM Trustees	13 Office Closed 7:00 PM Women's Group	14
15 Connections Deadline 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM DVD in Chapel 10:00 AM Worship/ Youth Sunday 11:15 AM DVD in Chapel	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 6:00 PM Handbell Practice	19 1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party 6:00 PM Yum Yum Group	20 Office Closed	21
22 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship		24	25 6:00 PM Handbell Practice	26 Thanksgiving 	27 Office Closed	28
29 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship	30 10:00 AM Staff Meeting					