

# June Connections 2016

## Graduation is a New Beginning

Jack Anderson is the son of Arnie and Jeanine Anderson. He graduated from New London high school on May 22, 2016. During his high school career, Jack was involved in marching band, pep band, jazz band, vocal music, drama and was the manager of the football team. Jack earned his Silver Service cords by volunteering for a total of 570 hours during his four years in high school. These hours were earned by volunteering for Zaiser's Landscaping and Greenhouse, the New London community school district and as acting as the mascot for the First Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School for four years. Jack has earned several excellent ratings at IHSMA solo and ensemble festivals by playing his tuba and performing vocal solos. He has also been accepted to the Northern Festival of Bands, the Augustana honor band, and the Southeast Iowa Super Conference honor band. Jack plans to pursue a career in the culinary arts after graduation. Jack wants to thank Ed Whitmore for serving as his mentor during confirmation and leading him through "The Story" by Randy Frazee.



**What we are is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God. Eleanor Powell**

Clara Reynen is the daughter of Camille & Peter and sister to Ellie & Natalie. She has kept busy in high school by being heavily involved in choir and band, as well as actively participating in speech and debate, science olympiad, National Honor Society and Spectrum Club.



There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going.

*Beverly Sills*

She has traveled to Europe with the Iowa Ambassadors of Music and has also traveled to Pittsburg to participate in the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair. When she is not finding an adventure to embark on or participating in a music concert, she works at Dunn Brothers Coffee and Dankwardt Park Pool.

She plans to attend the University of Iowa in the fall to major in Theatre Arts & Cinema.

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**

*Nelson Mandela*

Lauren Huddleston is the daughter of Terri & Jeff Huddleston and sister of Jordan. She is graduating from Southeastern Community College with an associate degree in Office Administration for Medical AAS. While at SCC she participated in the Business Club and in 2015 competed in the State National Conference for Medical Office Procedures, Interview Skills & Business Procedures and won 1<sup>st</sup> place. She is looking forward to using her skills as she begins her new career.



# Glimpses of Grace

Dear Church Family,

It is that time of year again! Time for me to head to the West Coast and immerse myself for 2 weeks in reading, study, class, eating, reading, study, class, sleeping, at San Francisco Theological Seminary. I will be taking the final class needed to finish my Doctorate of Ministry degree. And no, I will not be graduating any time soon with this degree; I still have the dissertation project to do and the dissertation paper to write, once it is approved.

This year the class is focusing on Women in Leadership. I have been reading about unique women leaders from the past, like Hildegard of Bingen, from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. I have also been reading assignments from books like *Silence: A User's Guide*. It might seem a bit strange to think of silence as an integral part of leadership, but the author, Maggie Ross, notes that even though silence is scary for many people, it is also something for which we hunger as humans. She notes that the silence she means is a 'way of being in the world' that is so rare 'few people know how to go about seeking it'. (pg. 39) Since I have not taken the class and am not done with the book, I am intrigued but also mystified as to how to talk about silence, not to mention be a silent leader, in our everyday lives of busyness and noise. I hope to have more insight to share (or not!) upon my return.

What I do know a bit more about are some of the growing trends in churches in recent years. For my dissertation project, and for our officers and our church, I have also been reading *Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60*. Our officers have read some excerpts which we discussed at the Officers' Training in mid-May. The discussion will continue as we work to integrate what we learned into our board meetings and committee meetings. You will be hearing more in the coming months.

The next book the officers will be tackling is *Church Refugees, Sociologists reveal why people are DONE with church but not their faith*. The landscape of Christendom in the United States has undergone a dramatic shift in the last decade. Going to church is not as important to families, to society or to certain generations as it has been in the past. So, as we continue to minister and serve we also need to be aware of what is happening in Burlington and across the country. We are not alone in realizing we are not the church of the 1950s and '60s or even the 1980s, even though many of us desire to go back to those good ol' heydays.

So where do we go from here? I am not sure. But I do know these are challenging and exciting times and God is not finished with us yet! I am thankful for the officers and staff God has raised up for such a time as this. We all need your ongoing prayers as we continue to discern God's direction in where and how we are to love Him and our neighbors.

In His service,  
Deb

## Choir Celebrates



# Trustee Report

## Statement of Income & Expense April 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledge	179,254.00	58,514.00	120,740.00	32.6%
Non Pledge	21,028.00	8,230.73	12,797.27	39.1%
Investment In- come	17,700.00	2,964.30	14,735.70	16.7%
Misc Income		1074.20		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>217,982.00</b>	<b>70,783.23</b>	<b>147,198.77</b>	<b>32.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	145,147.00	49,439.65	95,707.35	34.1%
Youth Ministries	3,580.00	1,354.57	2,225.43	37.8%
Radical Hospital- ity	2,235.00	458.70	1,776.30	20.5%
Deacons	760.00	171.40	588.60	22.6%
Property	62,210.00	17,579.73	44,630.27	28.3%
Worship	4,050.00	691.97	3,358.03	17.1%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>217,982.00</b>	<b>69,696.02</b>	<b>148,285.98</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
<b>Differential</b>		<b>1,087.21</b>		
Estimated Income Hanna	\$29,000.00	\$14,553.08	14,446.92	50.2%
Mission Budget	\$30,580.00	7,883.83	22,696.17	25.8%
<b>Differential</b>		<b>6,669.25</b>		

**Per Capita  
Apportionment  
for 2016 is \$33.00**

# Newsworthy Notes



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Marilyn Nuss for all her hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Marilyn has served on Session as elder, moderator of the Worship Committee, Nominating Committee and Youth Ministries during the past 5 years. She has also actively participated in Knitwits. She is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Charles Bell for all his hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Charlie has served as an Elder these past 4 years and has moderated Gifts and Memorials and Scholarships committees. Charlie is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Connie Bowen for all her hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Connie has served on the Board of Trustees, specifically as secretary these past 3 years. She is taking a well-earned break.



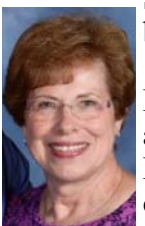
Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Terri Huddleston, for all her hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Terri has served on the Board of Trustees, filling an unexpired term. She has been active in the church workdays, ushering, Fellowship Hour, the Tom White Memorial Garden area, in addition to her other Trustee duties. She is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Julie Schulthies for all her hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Julie has served on Session as Elder for the past three years. She was moderator of the Missions Committee and helped coordinate youth events with Radical Hospitality, and participated in many of the mission projects. Julie is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Barb Garcia, for all her hard work on behalf of our church family and beyond. Barb has served the Board of Deacons as member and Moderator. She has ushered, hosted Fellowship Hour, sent cards for special birthdays, coordinated caroling to our Special Friends, in addition to her other deacon duties. Barb is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Sandy Smith for all her hard work on behalf of the church family and beyond. The past 3 years as a member of the Board of Deacons Sandy has served in Fellowship Hour, coordinated the meals ministry, ushered, visited Special Friends in addition to her other deacon duties. Sandy is taking a well-earned break.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Adele Coulter for all her hard work on behalf of the church family and beyond. Adele has served on the Board of Deacons for 3 years, serving as secretary and coordinating the hospital visitation, in addition to her other deacon ministries. Adele is NOT taking a well-deserved break, but has signed up for another 3-year term.



Please give a rousing ‘hooray!’ to Ruth Francis for all her hard work on behalf of this church family and beyond. Ruth has served on the Board of Deacons these past three years. She has also served on the EMT/Youth Ministries Committee for the past several years. While retiring from Youth Ministries, Ruth is NOT taking a well-deserved break from Deacons, but has signed up for another 3-year term.



# Worship Schedule

**May 22;** Trinity Sunday; *Love Poured Out* from Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; last Sunday school for children; teacher appreciation (Sue Sattler 33 years!) reception following.

**May 29;** the Rev. Dr. Peter Reynen preaching; celebrating the graduates reception following.

**June 5; No communion;** the Rev'd Randy Webster preaching.

**June 12;** the Rev'd Webster preaching.

**June 19;** the Rev. Dr. Reynen preaching with special music by Jim French, Randy Kinney, Camille Reynen and Dr. Reynen.

**June 26; Communion;** *Keeping in Step with the Spirit* from Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

Pastor Deb will be on vacation for 2 weeks and then on study leave for 2 weeks. She will return to the pulpit on June 26, when we will celebrate communion for June-July. Pastor Randy will be filling in for pastoral care, along with the Deacons. If you have a concern or need, please contact the church office first; Deacon Craig Gilchrist is the Deacon contact for pastoral emergencies.

## Thank you, Teachers!



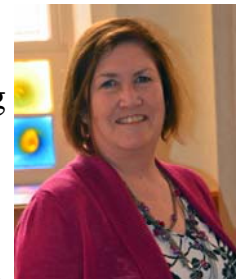
Once again, our Sunday school teachers have done a grand and glorious job of sharing God's love with our children and youth these past nine months. We moved from the Godly Play curriculum to a more difficult one, with mixed results. We also had a transition in leadership, yet they hung in there, they improvised and adapted and made suggestions for next year. Thanks so much! **Jim & Patty French, Pauline**



**Johnson, Jill Mehaffy-Nalley, Amanda Young** who taught once a month and **Sue Sattler** who was there weekly keeping guard over the door and discipline.



**Thank you, Sue Sattler!** To put into perspective how long Sue Sattler has been teaching our children (since 1983): Cliff



Haskins was pastor and Edna Den Hartog was Director of Christian Education. Over the decades Sue also taught under Pastor David Lukov and Pastors Frosty and Sue Krummel, as well as the interims. In the past 10 years she served under CE directors Kathi Linn, Sue Genereux, Mandi Bundrick and Tammy Hulett. Sue has taught our children and our grandchildren about Jesus and His love. She has helped in teaching *The Story* and several years of *Godly Play* as well as a variety of other curriculum. She has helped in the craft projects, the snack times, the gardening project, to name a few, Sunday after Sunday after Sunday over the 33 years.

On May 22, Sue is retiring from the weekly routine of teaching and helping in Sunday school, but she knows the door is always open if she finds herself bored Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and desires to return.



<p>Worship 4 worship services, 1 baptism 2 children's messages 1 funeral, 1 interment</p> <p>Education 8 Bible study groups 1 children's Sunday school</p> <p>Connections 47 Drop-ins/appointments/calls 19 cards/letters sent</p> <p>Church Meetings Missions Trustees Deacons Session</p>	<p>Christian Education</p> <p>Church Activities/Events Attended Presbyterian Women Highway cleanup Randy Webster's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ord. service Knitwits YumYums Everybody's Birthday party</p> <p>Other Staff lunch for Admin. Assistant Day Clara Reynen's recital <i>Connections</i> work Presbytery book study Preparing bulletins through end of June Separate meetings with staff (13)</p>
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## Sandwich Ministry Update, May 2016...by Toddy Gorman

As I write this, the Sandwich Ministry has been going on for 8 weeks now. We are fast learning that there is no "normal" week, as different people show up each Sunday. We do have a few regulars, but for the most part, it is a new crowd. That is a good sign that word is spreading about this ministry, which is great!



Making sandwiches in an assembly line works well. Over 60 sandwiches are made, packaged in baggies and in the refrigerator within about 20 minutes! We have been blessed many times with having extra help from whomever happened to be in the kitchen at the time. (Susan Hoisington's team wins the prize for being the most organized and quick - her past catering experience showed exceptional technique!)

Handing out lunches is quite interesting. Over the weeks, we have fed lots of children, single moms, families, and single men and women of all ages. Some want to know what church we go to, some wonder why we are doing this, and others have asked if we provide things like mattresses. (We don't, but now have cards printed up with phone numbers of where they can call for help). One young man who stopped by asked if our group would pray with him. That's awesome! For the past 2 weeks all 31 lunches have been given out, which is just what we want. However, if there are lunches left when noon arrives, the extra sacks are dropped off at the Halfway House so the men there can take them to work the next day. Nothing goes to waste, and many people are fed.

It truly "takes a village" for this ministry to succeed, and I applaud everyone who is taking part in it. The long list of volunteers is on the door of the Backpack Pantry, and I encourage everyone to take a look. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. We welcome more volunteers at any time, either to be listed as a substitute, or, if enough sign up, we will add more teams. Questions? Call Toddy Gorman (208-0842), or ask anyone on the volunteer list - we love to talk about our stories and experiences doing God's work!



# Church Happenings



## PW News



June 1, 2016  
at 9:45 a.m.

**Co:Hostesses:** Penny Rucker at home  
Marilyn Nuss

**Study Leader:** Eva Ann Elmer

**Mission:** CCC (bring a can)

Dedication of Birthday Offering and  
Mission Offering

## **Yum Yums**

No Yum Yums in June, July & August.  
Have a great summer.

**Bonnie White & Sue Carter**



Success is not the key to happiness;  
Happiness is the key to success.  
If you love what you do, you  
will be successful.

*Albert Schweitzer*

**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 Schaffer, Sandy Smith, Pat Whitmore.

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

**From Char Blodgett,** Homeless Shelter Director  
Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the Homeless Shelter. Your kindness and support are so appreciated! God bless you all!

### **From Janet Calvin**

I want to thank all of you who came to the Birthday Celebration. It was a very special day.

The gifts that were brought for the Treasure Chest will help each child through their treatments. Forty-seven gifts were received and monetary gifts of \$107. God bless.

### **From Scholarship recipients:**

Thank you all so much for supporting me through another year of school, it means so much to me that my church family always will be there! This next school year will be my final year and I cannot be more excited about what my future will bring.

### **Jessica Coulter**

Thank you so much for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past four years. Wherever I have performed, I am always so encouraged and happy when I see any of you wishing me luck. I would also like to thank the scholarship committee for the generous scholarship I received. It will be a great help next year and I can't wait to see you all when I am home on a break! With love,

**Clara Reynen**



June 2.....Terrie Abramsohn  
.....Denver French  
June 4.....Allison Nalley  
June 8.....Kevin Eibes  
June 11.....Maxwell French  
June 12 .....Wilma Hemphill  
June 13.....Sandy Russell  
June 14 .....Larry Lazenby  
June 17.....Cheryl Lotz  
June 19 .....Bonnie White  
June 20 .....Gary Hadenfeldt  
June 23 .....Maddux Blom  
.....Lauren Huddleston  
June 25 .....Matthew Briggs

## Deacon Ministries...by Sue Carter, Moderator

**Meal Ministry**-It has been a busy year for the Meal Ministry and it has been suggested to ask for help from the congregation. Vicki Elmer, our new Deacon, has graciously volunteered to be the contact person. However, there will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who would agree to be contacted occasionally for either a casserole, salad or dessert. These items may also be purchased. Also needed are people who are willing to help deliver meals. If you know of someone that needs a meal, please let the Meal Ministry committee know. Vicki's phone number is 404-514-7424.

**Helping Hands**-A new ministry is in the works called Helping Hands. If you have mulch to be put in, an antenna to be taken down, yard work of any kind or anything that needs to be done and you need help with-Helping Hands will be glad to help you. Carey King has agreed to be chairperson of this ministry. Please contact him at 319-750-2350 or fill out the form and place it in the box in Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Carey.