

# CONNECTIONS

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First Presbyterian Church  
321 N. 5th Street  
Burlington, Iowa 52601

## The Allgood Clan...



## Glimpses of Grace...by Rev. Deb Kinney

Dear Church family,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you Dr. Don Allgood has retired from his position as Director of Visitation, effective Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The emotions are mixed because I am going to miss Dr. Don, and I know many of his regular 'visitees' will miss him too. However, I also am glad he is finally taking some time to have a life without schedules. Dr. Don said his life has been regulated and scheduled since 1957 – that was the year he graduated from veterinary school, moved to Burlington and re-opened the veterinary practice of Dr. Beard.

Around the time Dr. Don sold his veterinary practice, he was hired as Director of Small Groups and Visitation. That happened on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 and since that time Dr. Don has been the driving force behind the success of our small groups ministries. Most small groups have a life span of 2-5 years, but thanks to Dr. Don's intentional care of, and attention to, the small groups, some of ours have been together for nearly the duration of his time on staff. Over the years, Dr. Don took special care of the Gems. Weekly he provided lessons or video programs that stretched minds and imaginations. Regularly he planned trips, whether to interesting parts of Iowa or the regular pilgrimage to the Dutch Store at Cantril. Dr. Don, however, was never one to rest on his laurels. It was under his tutelage that the new Mariner's Group was formed earlier this year.

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# Glimpses Continued...

In many ways, Dr. Don has been the face of First Presbyterian Church at the hospital, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities these past 8 years, as he regularly visited the homebound and those who spent any time at Great River Medical Center. Time and again people would tell me how much it meant to see Dr. Don at their hospital room door, to have him spend time with them, to have him pray for them or to have him serve them communion. Dr. Don's regular care for our church family was something he took seriously each and every day.

In the four years Dr. Don and I have worked together, I have come to appreciate his great sense of humor, his loyalty to FPC, his pride and care for his ever-growing family, and his love and devotion to God and His people. Dr. Don is a true disciple of Jesus, first and foremost. He is also a true friend, a doting grandpa, a loving husband and a proud poppa.

The Personnel Committee is extending an invitation to everyone to come and celebrate Dr. Don's ministry after worship on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Don would rather avoid the reception and all the attention, but when I promised it would be modest, he agreed to attend. So, we will forego most of the flowery speeches, there will be no all-expenses-paid trip around the world, but we will take time to honor and celebrate Dr. Don's 8 years of staff ministry, and say 'thank you!' for a job very well done.

## You are invited...by Ted Francis, Moderator of Personnel Committee

The congregation is invited to a special reception on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to honor Dr. Don Allgood upon his retirement as Director of Visitation. This special event will give everyone an opportunity to thank Don for his faithful and caring ministry at 1st Presbyterian Church. We also invite you to contribute toward a special retirement gift for Don from his church family. Contributions need to be in the church office by Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon.

## Worship Services & More

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Savings Time ends ... so turn back the clocks! *God Meets Our Needs*, based on Phil 4:14-20. Communion will be served. We will be having a 'retirement' celebration for Dr. Don Allgood after worship.

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** Veteran's Day Celebration Potluck following worship; veterans will be participating in the worship service, including special music, *God Bless America*; *What's Your Attitude*, based on Phil 2:5-11. Hallelujah Handbells will bring us special music.

**Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** Silk Chords will provide the worship experience.

**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent; Confirmation Sunday; Minute for International Mission.

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Communion will be served; Minute for International Mission; *Here is Your God!*, based on Isaiah 40:1-11.

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Minute for International Mission; a procession of children and adults with their Christingles; the story of St. Lucy; Hallelujah Handbells will bring special music; *Shining a Light in the Darkness*, based on John 1:1-9.

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Minute for International Mission; a Godly Play telling of the Christmas story with participation by children; special music by our young musicians. Christmas Tea hosted by Congregational Life following worship.

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve, 7 p.m. Communion will be served; *Where Is There Room?*, based on Luke 2:1-7

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** *Jesus Christ is Born!* Worship with Communion by intinction begins at 10 a.m. Special music by Millie Comiskey and Randy Kinney.

# From Your Trustees.....

## Statement of Income & Expense September 30, 2011

|                               | Budget            | Actual            | Variance         | Percent<br>of Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                 |                   |                   |                  |                      |
| Offerings                     | 170,981.00        | 137,603.46        | 33,377.54        | 80.5%                |
| Investment In-<br>come        | 65,027.00         | 53,250.41         | 11,776.59        | 81.9%                |
| PerCapita                     | 5,000.00          | 1,814.80          | 3,185.20         | 36.3%                |
| Christian Ed In-<br>come      | 0.00              | 2,902.71          |                  |                      |
| Congregational<br>Life Income | 0.00              | 585.49            |                  |                      |
| Misc Income                   | 0.00              | 623.89            |                  |                      |
| Mission Income                | 0.00              | 613.78            |                  |                      |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>241,008.00</b> | <b>197,394.54</b> | <b>43,613.46</b> | <b>81.9%</b>         |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                   |                   |                  |                      |
| Personnel                     | 137,266.00        | 94,533.51         | 42,732.49        | 68.9%                |
| Christian Educa-<br>tion      | 3,000.00          | 3,529.94          | -529.94          | 117.7%               |
| Congregational<br>Life        | 2,250.00          | 1,820.63          | 429.37           | 80.9%                |
| Deacons                       | 250.00            | 178.90            | 71.10            | 71.6%                |
| Mission                       | 26,202.00         | 13,893.04         | 12,308.96        | 53.0%                |
| PerCapita                     | 9,758.00          | 6,100.24          | 3,657.76         | 62.5%                |
| Property                      | 48,104.00         | 34,053.58         | 14,050.42        | 70.8%                |
| Finance                       | 9,178.00          | 7,160.53          | 2,017.47         | 78.0%                |
| Worship                       | 3,000.00          | 1,775.75          | 1,224.25         | 59.2%                |
| Welcoming Com-<br>mittee      | 2,000.00          | 1,658.94          | 341.06           | 82.9%                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>241,008.00</b> | <b>164,705.06</b> | <b>76,302.94</b> | <b>68.3%</b>         |
| <b>Differential</b>           |                   | <b>32,689.48</b>  |                  |                      |

# Honoring Our Veterans...

On **November 13** following worship, Congregational Life is hosting a potluck to recognize all veterans and current service personnel in our church family. We'll have a gift for all service persons attending, so be sure to sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall. If you're one of those being honored, please add your date of service and location. The committee will furnish beverages and table service to go with all that great food our congregational cooks are famous for. Be sure to attend and enjoy recorded music, fellowship and interesting trivia questions on each table. If you have any questions, please see Claudine Capps or Polly Rein.

Rex Beetner

Carl Boley

Bob Cameron

Gregory Dietrich

Matthew Dietrich

Jim Elmer

Dick Fischer

Craig Gilchrist

Chuck Hanson

Jim Hugg

Elmer Johansmeier

Randy Kinney

Don Leight

Larry Lazenby

Francis McAllister

David Miller

Jack Naylor

Ken Newton

Ron Stewart

Tom Russell

David Stiefel

Ken Velharticky

Mr. Shirley Webster

Jeanne White

## Mariners...Soup Supper, October 22nd



# Coming Soon to a Computer Near You!...by Rex Beetner

I have to begin by saying: The technical aspects of web-page design are frustrating! Web pages need to look the same regardless of the viewer's choice of a web browser program and the size and resolution of their monitor. There are no clear standards. I now appreciate more than ever all the work that Craig Osborn put into ours.

In this age of instant information, 'church shopping' often starts on the web. People can get the feel of a church before committing to a visit to see if it best fits their needs. They want to know if they will be welcomed or is it strictly for those who follow a rigid doctrine? Is it kid friendly? Handicapped accessible? Does it have convenient hours? Does it have a host of activities that interest them? Some wonder if the members are funny-looking ... I think you get the idea. Some folks might even be planning a wedding and looking for a good church to perform the ceremony.

Many churches use professional web programmers to create fantastic sites. The only drawback to their sites is that they seldom contain current information about what is going on inside the church. These sites have a harder time growing with the church. Church members do not contribute to those sites and as such they are better suited for the 'mega' churches than for smaller and friendlier church families.

We have made it a goal to create a dynamic website for First Presbyterian Church. On our new website, we plan to create a virtual tour of our church. Folks will be able to download past sermons or newsletters to see what our message is all about. We have also included a Facebook link for those who enjoy social media interaction. Our new webpage will continue to grow in content and keep all activities current. This also means that everyone in our congregation will have information or pictures to add to it. We have other goals in mind. Besides welcoming potential visitors to give us a try, we want to show the world we are a friendly congregation that welcomes all. Directions, time of worship, handicap accessibility and what to expect will be demonstrated. We will show the world all that we do in Christ's name.

Besides telling the world about our numerous missions and activities, we will also be telling it to ourselves. We will be documenting the various ways we represent God at First Presbyterian. We need both the moderators and members of all committees to explain what they are about in their own words. Pictures are needed to help demonstrate our commitment. No one person knows everything about all of our church's activities.

The "**Home**" page will have a 14-picture slide show to show off our church and its members. These pictures will change from time to time. The 'Home' page is the most important part of the site. This is where we may capture a visitor's attention to look further.

Under the category "**In Memory**" you may have loved ones you would like to include. You may submit pictures (as many as you wish) of a loved one, stories, information and a special prayer you would like to use. Everything is welcome. You can submit your loved ones to me electronically or give it to me, Cindy Murphy, Sue Sattler, Deb Scott or Pastor Deb. These will get first priority on the website.

You may also submit names of loved ones serving in the military; we will honor them as well. When Nancy & I left for the military 40 years ago we pretty much lost our connection to the church family. A couple decades came to pass before we came back. Today's technology allows us to stay connected with our extended church family.

Another area that may be of interest is in the historical archive group. Upon my retirement January 31<sup>st</sup>, I will be digitizing everything I see, including the pictures of every pastor who has served at FPC. I also want to include the former Westminster Presbyterian and Faith Presbyterian churches. I want to uncover all the mysteries and history behind our church. What started the fire in the early 1900's? What about the fire in 2007? Why has our bell tower always been empty? I also need stories from our congregation about what they remember from earlier years.

A very important section that we will have on this website is a place for personal **Faith Statements** or testimonials from our members. I am working on mine now. John Calvin believed that we all have unique and personal relationships with God. God never assigned us a Social Security number or an employee number. We are all unique in God's eyes and our relationship with Him is personal. No two Faith Statements will ever be the same. The Faith Statement that you share might just resonate with someone else. (con't)

We take time from our hectic lives to worship together. We leave some of our material wealth behind when we leave. Most of us pass by numerous nice churches to get to our church even though they might suit our needs just as well. What makes this place of worship so special to us? I know many people who just do not understand our leap of faith. They have never understood what a relationship to God is or what it means to us. I absolutely know that faith statements will connect to others somewhere in the world. If they cannot attend our church, we may still make a connection to them and to God.

Our new revised web site will be uploaded **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. For a sneak preview, you can view our secret temporary testing site at: <http://www.beetner.com/FPCtest/FPC.html> We need your input on a lot of these links. You are the experts on what we do and what we are about.

Each page has a few quick-pick links on the bottom. Once the official site is up and hosted on our present website, changes will be documented on the **Changes** tab at the bottom. This will allow you to see what has just been added or changed.

## Newsworthy Notes...



Please give a huge ‘thank you!’ to Dave Miller for giving our church lawn its final cut(?) for the season.



Please give a huge ‘thank you!’ to Nancy Lazenby and Jack Naylor for slaving over their soup creations for the Mariners’ Soup Supper!

## Mariner’s Hay Ride! Yeehaw!

Everyone is invited to the Mariner’s Progressive Hay Ride on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, starting at 2:30 p.m. and ending at dusk. The fun will begin at the home of Bill Carter & Sue Lyon, 500 Washington Road, West Burlington (off Mt. Pleasant Street). Bill and Sue will host a pumpkin-decorating contest, fishing and paddle-boating.

At the next stop, the Kinney Kompond, 14456 116<sup>th</sup> Street, West Burlington (off Beaverdale Road), there will be a bonfire to roast marshmallows for s’mores (dessert is first on the menu, yippee!), plus a pumpkin hunt (like an Easter egg hunt with goodie\$ inside for all ages!).

At the next stop, Tom & Cindy Murphy’s, 10837 Wildlife Lakes Drive, West Burlington (off Washington Road), will be a second bonfire to roast hotdogs; you will also have the opportunity to give Tom’s Infamous Chili a thorough taste testing!

The final stop will be back to the starting point to pick up vehicles.

For those who prefer not to ride in the hayracks, there will be vehicles available to transport you to each home; it is a short driving distance between locations in West Burlington.

We hope you can join us for a dern-good, rootin’-tootin’ afternoon of fun!

# Serving You...



## USHERS...

Nov. 6: \*Dick Fischer, Chuck Hanson, Bruce Morrison, Tom White  
 Nov. 13: \*Curt Blom, Rex Beetner, Ken Newton, Sandy Russell, Toshiko Velharticky  
 Nov. 20: \*Mike Gorman, Carl Boley, Barb Garcia, Caleb Hemphill, Wilma Hemphill  
 Nov. 27: \*Craig Gilchrist, Jim French, Elmer Johansmeier, Pat Saldeen, Shirley Webster

## GREETERS...

Nov. 6: Bonnie White, Terri Huddleston  
 Nov. 13: Lou Harter, Jean Miller  
 Nov. 20: Dick Fischer, Mark & Deb Scott  
 Nov. 27: Marilyn Malcom, Polly Rein

## LITURGISTS...

Nov. 6: Chandler Yarber  
 Nov. 13: Veterans  
 Nov. 20: Carol Brotherson  
 Nov. 27: Deb Kinney

**ELDERS:** Arnie Anderson, Marcia Bailey, Claudine Capps, Ted Francis (clerk of session), Jesse McCormick, Bruce Morrison, Cindy Murphy, Marilyn Nuss & Sue Sattler

**DEACONS:** Barbara Blom, Curtis Blom, Brenda Frederick, Sue Gilchrist, Jo Hamilton, Lou Harter, Don Krekel, Penny Rucker, Carl Siefken, Donna Siefken, Linda Tickel & Ken Velharticky.

**TRUSTEES:** Carrie Blom, Carl Boley, Tom Murphy (Secretary), Debbie Opiekun (President), Marilyn Leight (Treasurer), Ed Whitmore (Vice President).

## COMMITTEE MODERATORS:

Educational Ministries:  
 Congregational Life: Claudine Capps  
 Deacons: Ken Velharticky  
 Endowment: Wilma Hemphill  
 Memorials: Marcia Bailey  
 Welcoming: Sue Sattler

Nominating: Bruce Morrison  
 Personnel: Ted Francis  
 Maintenance: Arnie Anderson  
 Jesse McCormick  
 Mission: Bruce Morrison  
 Worship: Marilyn Nuss

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| November 1 .....  | Annabel Comiskey    |
| November 4 .....  | Andrew Cochran      |
| November 5 .....  | Karen Dewey         |
| November 6 .....  | Steven Hemphill     |
| November 7 .....  | Doris Cavins        |
| .....             | Pat Cummings        |
| .....             | Carole Preader      |
| November 8 .....  | Delaney Hohenthauer |
| November 9 .....  | Caitlyn Conlee      |
| .....             | Tom White           |
| November 10 ..... | Todd Matteson       |
| .....             | Brianna Wittkamp    |
| November 12 ..... | Kelly Ripperger     |
| November 13 ..... | Shirley Thompson    |
| November 14 ..... | Sandra Allgood      |
| .....             | Arthene Johnson     |
| November 15 ..... | Wayne John          |
| November 16 ..... | Caleb Hemphill      |
| November 17 ..... | Elizabeth Abramsohn |
| .....             | Erika Abramsohn     |
| .....             | Carl Siefken        |
| November 18 ..... | Bernice Cronk       |
| .....             | Marc Matteson       |
| November 21 ..... | Kelli Moehn         |
| .....             | Tom Murphy          |
| .....             | Bob Ramsey          |
| 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          |
| .....             | Gary Buckles        |
| November 30 ..... | Trenton Murray      |

# Come and Join Us!...by Sue Genereux

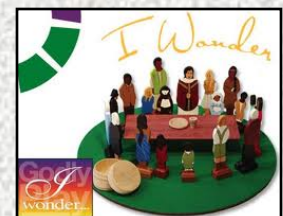
Are you interested in learning more about **Godly Play**? If so, there is still time to register for the workshop planned for Saturday, November 12, 2011. This workshop is for parents, grandparents, those who work with Godly Play, those that might consider helping in the Godly Play classroom, and for those who would just like to know more about the program.

The day will begin with registration and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. followed by the first session at 9 a.m. Snacks and lunch will be provided. The program will conclude at 2:30 p.m.

For catering purposes please let me know if you plan to attend and if you have dietary restrictions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

[dired@1stpresb.org](mailto:dired@1stpresb.org)



# Church Connections

## Come to Church with a Can

The Mission Committee is happy to announce that the total number of cans donated as of October 24th is **1027!**

Thanks to all who participate in this important ministry.



**Come to Church with a Can**

## Yum-Yum Club

Thursday, November 17th

The Yum Yum's will meet at the Hub Towne Restaurant for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on 11/17. Call the Gormans to make reservations at 208-0842.



## PW News

November 2, 2011



Location: Alice Naylor's home

Co-Hostesses: Alice Naylor  
Nancy Lazenby

Study Leader: Judy Parks

Lesson: Greatly Honored are the Humble

Mission: Toilet tissue for Hope Haven

## Knitwits Ministry

Meets: Second Wednesday of each month

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Prayer shawls are made for those who are ill, in transition, celebrating, or need a show of friendship and love. Chemo caps are made and given to Great River Medical Center, Oncology Department.

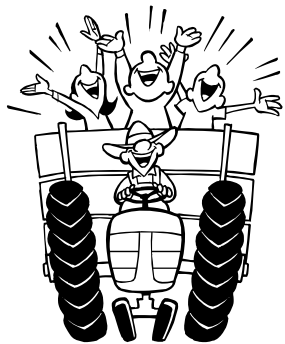
Yarn, needles, patterns, and teaching how to make shawls and/or chemo caps are provided.

More Information: Brenda Frederick (319) 752-7969

Marilyn Nuss (309) 924-1159

Church Office (319) 752-6626

**The Progressive Family Hayride** will be on November 5th from 2:30 p.m. until dusk. See page 2 for more information,



**JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE**

## Thank You

Our treasure chest was overflowing with gifts to be sent to the Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Thank you to the Presbyterian Woman who gave toys to the treasure chest as their mission for October and members of our church who also gave gifts for the patients at the hospital. As they choose a gift I pray they feel God's love surrounding them. Many blessings to our church family.--Janet Calvin

## Thanks to Arnie and Samantha

Property Co-chair, Arnie Anderson and sidekick, Samantha have been working around the church on Wednesday evenings. They have been replacing light bulbs, hanging coat racks for the Rainbow Room and, nursery and generally fixing what doesn't work. Samantha has also served on security when our "unwanted" visitor roamed the premises. It has also been said that she knows where the bats 'hang around'!



## Knitwits Corner...by Brenda Frederick/Marilyn Nuss

The Knitwits returned to meeting on a regular basis, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Six prayer shawls were received and blessed. The group will continue to meet (weather permitting) the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the church parlor. These lovely prayer shawls are available to anyone who is ill, in transition, or celebrating a joy. The group accepts donations of yarn and/or money. Anyone who would like to learn the skill of knitting or crocheting (or join our group) is welcome. We care and with our hearts and hands, we give.

Pat Cummings creates chemo caps for the Children's Oncology Unit using a special loom. Below is the cap in progress on the loom and the finished product, which Barbara Blom delivers to those who need them. Thank you ladies!



## Pastor's Report...Rev. Deb Kinney; September, 2011

### Worship

3 worship services

### Christian Education

Led 8 Bible studies on Wednesday mornings

### Counseling

13 Drop-ins/appointments/calls

### Hospital/home

12 visits/calls

### Church Meetings

Missions  
Personnel  
Session  
Trustees  
Welcoming  
Staff (2)

### Church Activities/Events Attended

Cruisin' 4 Christ  
Paint-a-thon

### Presbytery

nFOG Task Force  
nFOG Training  
Wapello Session  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry

### Education

Prep for Bible studies/sermons  
1 Supervisory session  
1 Spiritual Direction session  
1 leadership-mentoring session




### Other

Connections articles  
Work with Stewardship chair  
Work on Mariners opportunities  
Worship service prep  
Meetings with individual Staff (3)  
1 personnel interview

### Community

1 Spiritual Direction session  
Board of Directors meeting for Young House  
Kiwanis meeting  
Community Youth Group (2)



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday                                 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <b>30</b><br>9:00 AM Sunday School/Godly Play<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>11:00 AM Stewardship Commitment Dessert  | <b>31</b>  | <b>1</b>                              | <b>2</b><br>7:15 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Women's Bible Study<br>9:45 AM Presbyterian Women<br>6:00 PM Confirmation Class<br>6:00 PM Handbell Practice<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice | <b>3</b><br>10:30 AM Gems   | <b>4</b><br>Office Closed  | <b>5</b><br>Progressive Hay Rack Ride    |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM Sunday School/Godly Play<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>11:00 AM Reception for Don Allgood<br> | <b>7</b><br>6:00 PM Deacons Meeting<br>7:00 PM Worship Committee | <b>8</b><br>7:00 PM Mission Committee | <b>9</b><br>7:15 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Women's Bible Study<br>9:30 AM Knitwits<br>6:00 PM Confirmation Class<br>6:00 PM Handbell Practice<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice           | <b>10</b><br>10:30 AM Gems  | <b>11</b><br> | <b>12</b><br>8:30 AM Godly Play Training |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00 AM Sunday School/Godly Play<br>10:00 AM Worship<br>11:00 AM Veterans Potluck  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>                             | <b>16</b><br>7:15 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Confirmation Class<br>6:00 PM Handbell Practice<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice                              | <b>17</b><br>10:30 AM Gems<br>1:30 PM Hope Haven Birthday Party<br>6:30 PM Yum Yum Group  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>                                |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 AM Sunday School/Godly Play<br>10:00 AM Silk Cords Musical Worship  | <b>21</b><br>4:15 PM Trustees Meeting<br>7:00 PM Session Meeting | <b>22</b>                             | <b>23</b><br>7:15 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Women's Bible Study   | <b>24</b><br>Office Closed Thanksgiving<br> | <b>25</b><br>Office Closed   | <b>26</b>                                |
| <b>27</b><br>1st Sunday of Advent<br>9:00 AM Sunday School/Godly Play<br>10:00 AM Worship/Confirmation  | <b>28</b><br>Connections Deadline                                | <b>29</b>                             | <b>30</b><br>7:15 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:30 AM Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Handbell Practice<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice  | <b>1</b><br>10:30 AM Gems   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>                                 |

## Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Session September 19, 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa

A Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa was held in the church parlor on September 19, 2011. **Rev. Deb Kinney** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer. A quorum was present.

Present were: Moderator Deb Kinney and Elders Arnie Anderson, Marcia Bailey, Claudine Capps, Ted Francis, Bruce Morrison, Cindy Murphy, Marilyn Nuss, Sue Sattler

Absent was: Jesse McCormick

Guest present: Dick Fischer

(con't)

**Rev. Deb Kinney** gave each elder a copy of the *Book of Order-2011/2013*. She highlighted portions of the “Foundations of Presbyterian Polity” from Chapter One including: God’s Mission, Jesus Christ is Head of the Church, and The Calling of the Church.

**Dick Fischer** from the Mason Road Task Force assisted by **Arnie Anderson**, session liaison to the task force, gave a report on the group’s progress. They shared concept drawings prepared by Standard of Beaverdale for a multipurpose building to be erected on the Mason Road property. The task force is seeking additional designs from other companies. The task force also developed a list of possible fundraising ideas. A motion was made directing the Mason Road Task Force to prepare a proposed Master Plan for the property showing future construction. The plan should include two different options. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote. The session thanked Dick for the presentation and thanked the task force for its work.

A motion to approve the agenda as printed was APPROVED by voice vote.

### **Minutes Approval**

Minutes from the Joint Meeting of Session, Trustees, and Deacons on August 27, 2011 were APPROVED by voice vote.

Minutes from the Stated Meeting of the Session on August 27, 2011 were APPROVED by voice vote.

### **Staff Reports**

A motion to receive the staff reports was APPROVED by voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

**Congregational Life:** A motion was made to approve the following events:

October 11: Prayer meeting for all members

October 29: Ecumenical Halloween/Masquerade Party at 7:00 p.m. for over 55 and spouses or dates; invite all “downtown” churches

November 13: Potluck honoring our veterans

December 4: Showing of nativities with setup on December 3

December 18: Christmas tea after worship

January 22: Potluck and conversation with cake, celebrating all birthdays of our congregation

April 21: Line Dancing/Stroll with instruction; potluck beforehand

May 19: Ladies Night Out

The motion was APPROVED by voice vote

### **Report of the Mariners**

A motion was made to approve the Mariners’ request to hold a soup supper on October 22, 2011 with serving from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

All profits will go into the Special Projects Fund. The Fellowship Hall, parlor, and kitchen will be reserved from noon until 9:00 p.m. for preparation, serving and cleanup. The motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

### **Report of the Clerk**

A motion to move **Jeffrey Brotherson** and **Richard Brotherson** to inactive membership status as requested was APPROVED by voice vote.

A motion to receive the reports from the standing Session Committees, Deacons, Trustees, Mariners, and Clerk was APPROVED by voice vote.

### **Old Business**

Session liaison for Presbytery meeting May 8, 2012: Two weeks prior to the meeting Presbytery officials will finalize plans. **Arnie Anderson** volunteered to coordinate the local planning.

Session liaison for stained glass windows tour on October 15, 2011: **Sandy Morrison** has offered to help including opening and closing the church. **Cindy Murphy** and **Sue Sattler** volunteered to assist with the hospitality arrangements.

### **New Business**

**Debbie Opiekun**, President of the Trustees, and Trustee **Ed Whitmore**, Moderator of the Stewardship Committee, request to meet with the session during its October meeting. A motion for **Debbie Opiekun** and **Ed Whitmore** to meet with the session at 7:15 p.m. on October 17, 2011 was APPROVED by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was APPROVED by voice vote.

**Rev. Deb Kinney** closed the meeting with prayer at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Francis, Clerk of Session

Rev. Deb Kinney, Moderator