

PRAYER LIST

Each month we remember First Pres families in prayer, this month please pray for:

Jack and Nadine Hough, PO Box 253, Spirit Lake
Cassidy, Stacy, Croix, Sydney, Cade, Mason & Stormi Howard,
3113 Keokuk Ave., Spirit Lake
Brad, Susan, Fran and Lauren Travis, 1691 280th Ave., Spirit Lake
Ray and Diane Tucker, 106 19th St., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Jody Ferguson, Lori Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mike Wiley, Kathy Huitink, Denice Wiersma, Bart Duncan, Dietrich Knabe, Macy Jennings, Elaine DenHerder, Kristen Martin, Marty Jenkins, Bill Cramer, Connie Rohlk, Tom & Shery Fuhman, Bob & Martha Graham, Colin Jensen, Denise Beimer, John, Jacinda & Braylynn Tracy, Joan Sterner, Mary Larsen, Todd Livingood, Ashlyn Clark, Terry & Bev Cother, Dave Ashlock, David Render, Norma Thompson, Curtis Stover, Ron Harris, Paul DenHerder, Travis Caskey, Niles Swancutt, Jack Burrell, Barry & Lois Holtgrewe, Laurel Webber, JoAnn Asa, Lee & Marj Struthers, Ken Westergard, Wanda Huffman, Betty VanderZwaag, Thea Ennema, Rick Hayes, Marilyn Rees, Jeff DeWall, Oz Nelson, Sharon Caskey, Dave Bartels, Jean Croft

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT Jamie Lewis, 1st LT Whitney Lewis, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SFC Frederick, Jesse; SSG Amy Frederick, 134 Newburg St., Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473; 1st Class PO Billy Joe Travis, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; Colton Petersen, CPT James Fliss, PSC 41 Box 6588, APO, AE 09464-0066, United States; SGT Kenten Murray, Unit 4090, Box 2011, DPO, AP 96521-2011; Dillon VanderWilt, PSC 201, Box 6240, APO AE 09522-9998, Justin Theisen

Each month we pray for Missionaries that we support:

MILITARY BIBLESTICK OUTREACH

Across the USA, churches, radio stations, TV stations and people like you are standing strong with our military, showing support and spreading God's Word to those in harm's way.

Through Faith Comes by Hearing's Military BibleStick project, our nation's troops are hearing the Word of God while on (or preparing for) deployment.

The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms.

Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes by Hearing with requests. More than 409,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,420 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in predeployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.

About 3.5 inches long and less than an inch thick, these pocket-sized Audio Bibles are field-friendly with a low-key design which reduces visibility for use in low-light situations.

LAKESHORE CENTER ON OKOBOJI, 1864 HWY 86, MILFORD, IA 51351

Lakeshore Center on Okoboji (Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji) has been supported by First Presbyterian Church as they serve over 480 campers in a summer.

In a time of increasing development and technology it is great to have a place for God's children of all ages to come and experience God.

Our church has been a supporter of the growing ministry and the construction of a new Retreat Center. The Retreat Center gives the camp the ability to minister on a year-round basis to adults as well as children.

Our church member volunteers remain active in improving and maintaining building and grounds at the camp.

First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake

NOVEMBER 2019

FROM YOUR PASTOR

People of the Book...

As we move through our 90 days in the New Testament I find myself reflecting on the Scripture and its place in the church and in Christian's lives. It is a staggering thought to consider how many people, events, ideas, and even cultures have been inspired, changed, challenged, and guided by the words found within the Bible. As we read those books, we get a firsthand look at God's most often used witness to His people. We hear God speak and see God at work and the results have formed the very core of Christian theology and the life of the church.

It is easy to get comfortable with what we know of the Bible and forget how powerful it can be. No other book in human history can claim such influence on the world. No other book has had the kind of impact that the Bible has. Whenever we read it, we are reconnecting with the essence of what it means to follow Jesus and discovering the very nature of the God who created, loves, and redeems us. It is not a book to be taken lightly or taken for granted.

As we continue to explore the New Testament together, let us do far more than read the words or keep up with the chapters. Let us listen for the Word of God spoken to each of us and to all of us. May we find in God's word a new vision of faith, a new commitment to service, and a new strength of purpose as we follow Christ together.

I hope each of you will find something in this reading of the Bible that is new for you and moves you toward a deeper level of understanding and belief. I hope each of us will be challenged and confronted by God's word in a way that draws us closer to Jesus and fills us with faith. I hope our church will be strengthened as a greater awareness of God's holy word is gained and that the results will be obvious and wonderful.

Thanks you for being a part of our community, and blessings as we seek to serve Christ together.

Clint

PS – Once again, Michael and I thank you for the wonderful expression of love and support on "Pastor Appreciation Sunday." It is always humbling and encouraging to be "appreciated" and we want you to know that we do not take it for granted. Your cards, gifts, kind words, and time are a deep blessing to both of us and our families and we are grateful. It is a privilege to serve this congregation and we are thankful to call ourselves your pastors. Thank you.

GROWING IN FAITH

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

--1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

A few weeks ago, I sat in the darkened SAMI Center watching as the Spirit Lake Homecoming court was introduced to thunderous applause. While the entire crowd visibly enjoyed the speeches, the games, and the traditional Homecoming ceremonies, I was captivated not by the program but by the many people who were featured in the event. Everywhere I turned, from the student hosts, to the court itself, to the teachers and even the Grand Marshall himself (our own Rick Reinking), there were amazingly talented and faithful Christians everywhere I looked.

With Youth Sunday and the Pie Auction just around the corner on November 24th, it seems like an appropriate time for me to share with you a brief update on some of the youth in our congregation. In short, our high school disciples are exceptional young men and women who are taking their faith incredibly seriously, making a difference in their school and community, and displaying the best of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Put differently, First Pres we have SO MUCH to be proud of!

It is honestly hard to know where to start. Our high school students are highly involved in the music ministries of the church, particularly in second service where rarely a week goes by without a high school student leading in worship. Several of our youth volunteer weekly to serve as teaching aids during youth classes for Sunday School and Recharge. They serve in the nursery, participate in congregation wide mission programs (like the Operation Christmas Child), and so, so much more. And this doesn’t even count the ways that our students engage in their own faith development. This Fall, for instance, we had 32 high school students help us kick off youth group on the first Wednesday night! Every week we have at least six students join us for the Bible study at the high school on Thursday mornings including many who are participating in the 90 Day New Testament challenge.

This is amazing, but wait, there’s more... All these students who are deeply engaged in the life of our congregation and committed to their own discipleship are also living out their faith in their school. That is what made Homecoming so beautiful. It wasn’t the gorgeous dresses and stately speeches, it was the beautiful and committed Christians that stood there. First Pres, we have so much to be grateful for! Our youth are ambassadors of Christ not just within these walls but far outside them. Everytime you attend a football game, a concert, a volleyball game, or even the Homecoming ceremony, you are almost certainly watching several of our own young disciples exhibiting the love and grace of Christ in a compelling way.

In this way, our youth have something to teach each of us about being disciples. We gather for worship and learning only for the purpose of being sent back into the world as witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you congregation (many of whom work and volunteer in the school itself) for being committed to our young disciples, they are literally changing their world for Christ.

Thanks be to God,

Michael

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

3	REFORMED SERVICE 8:50AM NEW MEMBER RECEPTION 10:00AM CONFIRMATION 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM ADULT ED 10:30AM REFORMING SERVICE 11:15AM	20	MEMORY CARE MTC 10:00AM RECHARGE 5:30PM HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00PM HS YOUTH GROUP 7:15PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE 8:00PM
4	PW SEWING 9:00AM	21	LADIES COFFEE 8:30AM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY 9:00AM ACT II 11:53AM
5	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY 1:30PM		
6	MEMORY CARE MTC 10:00AM RECHARGE 5:30PM HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00PM HS YOUTH GROUP 7:15PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE 8:00PM	24	YOUTH SUNDAY BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE 8:50AM PIE AUCTION 10:00AM NO CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM NO ADULT ED NO REFORMING SERVICE
7	LADIES COFFEE 8:30AM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY 9:00AM ACT II 11:53AM PW COORD TEAM MTC 4:30PM	26	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY 1:30PM
10	REFORMED SERVICE 8:50AM COFFEE TIME 10:00AM CONFIRMATION 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM ADULT ED 10:30AM REFORMING SERVICE 11:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ ACCURA 2:00PM	27	MEMORY CARE MTC 10:00AM NO RECHARGE NO HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NO CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
11	DEACONS MTC 6:00PM	28	HAPPY THANKSGIVING--OFFICE CLOSED
12	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY 1:30PM	29	OFFICE CLOSED
13	MEMORY CARE MTC 10:00AM RECHARGE 5:30PM HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE 7:00PM HS YOUTH GROUP 7:15PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE 8:00PM		
14	LADIES COFFEE 8:30AM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY 9:00AM ACT II 11:53AM		
17	REFORMED SERVICE 8:50AM CONGREGATIONAL MTC 10:00AM CONFIRMATION 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM ADULT ED 10:30AM REFORMING SERVICE 11:15AM		
18	STEWARDSHIP MTC 5:15PM		
19	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY 1:30PM SESSION MTC 7:00PM		

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is so much more than delighting a child in need with a simple gift. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship--transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.

Pick up a preprinted shoebox and brochure from the library window. A \$9.00 donation per shoebox gift is asked to cover shipping. **Your filled shoebox gift is due back to FPC on or before November 17th.**





MAJOR EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

2 Breanna Cother	13 Drew Dau	22 Charlie Duncan
3 Terry Bartels	Chris Ingraham	Donna Grady
Jean Croft	Shawn Moffitt	24 TracyAnderson
5 Karen Byers	14 Lorraine Kofoot	Daniel VanBeek
Pauly Eaton	15 Edna VanderWolde	Seth Voss
Kathy Huitink	16 Brad Beck	25 Judy Jensen
Kendyl Humphrey	Sydney Peterson	26 Zack Stecker
6 Rian Byers	Brock Tvedte	27 Lauren Anderson
Marcia Eckerman	17 Brenna Benge	Amy Radcliffe
7 Oz Nelson	Lois Mitchell	Dana Bolluyt
Hannah Poolman	Chandler Radcliffe	28 Malori Swalve
Bernie VanRoekel	Wesley Radcliffe	29 Dee Mulder
Lianna Vermeys	Karey Winkel	30 Sarah Dirks
8 Carter Hassel	18 Jeremiah Eldridge	
Eulyn Riemersma	Rhea Sybesma	
9 Jack Jones	19 Cole Brumley	
Pam Rouse	21 Keagan Benge	
10 Jenny Bengs	Rylynn DeMuth	
11 Gabe Poolman	21 Sophie Hinn	
12 Laura Fagen	Daniel Stover	

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Les and Marlene Noll	19 Sid and Deanna Copeland
6 Doug and Barb Johnson	25 Brad and Teresa Beck
13 Wes and Shannon Farmer	27 John and Bev Harmelink
14 Chris and Amy Sill	Don and Jean Goodenow
Bill and Mary Willemssen	28 Gary and Pam Rouse

DEACON HOSPITAL/RIDE

NOV 3--SANDY KROUT	NOV 10--RON WILLIAMS
NOV 7--GLORIA DITSWORTH	NOV 24--SANDY KROUT

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Nov. 10--Accura @ 2:00pm	Dec. 8--Wel-Life--@2:45pm
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TRAVELING LOCK-IN

Our 7th-12th grade students will be joining a number of other church youth groups as we take over Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America for an evening. There will be games, food, and tons of fun for everyone!

- We will gather at 5:00pm on Saturday November 16th at First Presbyterian Church.
- Registration must be completed by Sunday, November 10th. The cost to attend is \$40 per student due at time of registration.
- Admission to the park, transportation, and pizza are all included.
- Students are welcome to bring money for extra food if they desire.
- We will return to First Presbyterian Church for pickup by 6:00am on Sunday morning on November 17th.
- Students can also bring sweater, blankets and/or pillows (for the ride home).

PIE AUCTION & YOUTH SUNDAY

Need a pie for Thanksgiving? The annual Pie Auction and Youth Sunday will be held on November 24th. Join us for the joint worship service at 8:50am which will be led by the youth and then don't miss the fellowship, brunch, and pie auction to follow! We are excited to share some of the early details about this year's youth mission trip while also raising funds to make these life changing experiences possible for our students. See you there!

THANKSGIVING BREAK FOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

All high school ministries will break for Thanksgiving, including high school youth group on Wednesday November 27th and the Act II Bible study on Thursday the 28th. Please be sure to spend the time with your family and loved ones as you celebrate and give thanks for God's greatest gifts.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS

If you want to hear the latest updates on all of our high school offerings, you can easily subscribe by texting @pastorm to the number 81010! If anyone has trouble with 81010, you can try texting @pastorm to 319-774-3068.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Glen Hundley Nov 4, 2018	Kathy Nygaard Jan 25, 2019
Bruce Goodenow Nov 22, 2018	Cathy Simpson March 25, 2019
Dave Rowlands Nov 29, 2018	Wayne Goetsch April 3, 2019
Jeri Lowry Dec 13, 2018	Mary Cornell June 5, 2019
Wilma Clauson Dec 31, 2018	Ned Stockdale Sept 27, 2019
Judy Arens Jan 8, 2019	Kyle Johnson Oct 2, 2019

90 DAYS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Join us as FPC commits to read the New Testament daily for the next 90 days! Pick up your 90 Day New Testament Brochure from the table in the Narthex. A full reading schedule, study group opportunities, weekly podcast, message board and online resources can be found on our website. www.fpcspiritlake.org/90days

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Treats for November

3--Lisa Frangenberg 10--Pat Thomson 17--Judy Jensen 24--Teresa Beck

Adult Ed Classes

90 Days in the New Testament -- Jan Bolluyt Presbyterian Beliefs and Practice -- Clint Loveall



Recharge is a multi-generational gathering of families, youth and adults. All church members and guests are invited to partipate in the weekly evening of rejuvenation, including a family style meal, educational programming, and fellowship.

Meals for November: **6--Tortellini** **13--Burrito Pie**
 20--Chicken Chili **27--No Recharge (Thanksgiving Break)**

Adult Education

Women's Bible Study -- Rachelle Gewecke Ray VanderLaan Video Series -- Art & Phyllis Attema
Ninety Days Through the New Testament -- Clint Loveall

LIBRARY NEWS

Two new books have been added to the church library. "Stop and Smell the Garbage" by Christine McMahon Sutton will become part of the Memory Care section. Subtitled "A Caregiver's Story of Survival", Christine Sutton tells her story with humor, love and compassion as she cares for her husband with early onset Alzheimer's.

"Imagine Heaven" is written by John Burke. His book contains "near-death experiences, God's promises and the exhilarating future that awaits you". Captain Dale Black, author of "Flight to Heaven" has this to say about the book. "Imagine Heaven" is a comprehensive compilation of inspiring life-after-death experiences—grounded in the author's solid Bible teaching. Extensively researched yet enjoyable to read, John Burke's book is a must-read.

I'll be looking for you in the library.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Our "New Member" Recognition has been set for Sunday, November 3rd during both our 1st and 2nd Services. We look forward to having you become a part of our church family. A reception in your honor will be held during Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following our Reformed Worship Service on Sunday, November 17th at 10am for the election of new officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

JOASH CHEST

The Joash Chest will be available on Sunday, November 10 and our Faith Promises will be dedicated during both services on Sunday, November 17th .

FAREWELL

It is with much sadness that we bid farewell to Darrell and Mickey Arneson who will be leaving Spirit Lake. After much thought and consideration they have decided to take up residency closer to their children.

SOUP AND DESSERT SUPPER COMMITTEE THANKS YOU

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who came to help with our Soup & Dessert Supper. From table set up and decorations, vegetable choppers, silverware wrappers, soup makers, pie bakers and cutters, everyone who contributed in any way, and all who attended. Thank you again!

Vernice, Charlene & Jackie, Soup Supper Committee

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all who volunteered at The Banquet on Saturday, October 19th preparing and serving the noon meal to 315 guests (including 37 children). What a great crew! Bless you for being a blessing.

ATTENTION SEWERS

The childrens and lap quilts are now in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. These quilts have been given in the past to CAASA, Dickinson County Public Health for the "New Moms" program, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the new babies, Gentiva Hospice and Accura Care Center. Your help with this project provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.

FPC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

You are invited to our Annual Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 12th, 12:30pm. Carolyn Butterworth will be reading our devotions. Also, we will be dedicating our Thank Offering. Speaker/singer, Jill Miller, will be sharing how God has worked in her life. Through her music ministry, she shares her personal struggles honestly and never pretends to have all the answers or have it all together. She's intentional about sharing how she has seized the opportunities to grow and deepen her faith through every trial and every heartache.

SAVE THE DATE

The Sunday School Christmas program is set for Sunday, December 15th, during our Reforming Worship Service at 11:15am. This includes all Sunday School students ages 3 through 8th grade. Please watch your email for further details about practices and logistics. Thank you!
Christmas Program Committee: Kim Johnson, Chair