



# FEBRUARY



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2020

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS ...

In our recent gathering of the Board of Deacons and Session members for our annual officer training, we were posed a question. Rev. Ian McMullen, our new general presbyter for Prospect Hill Presbytery, asked of us, If the doors of UPC, Denison closed forever, how would we be missed in the community? In other words, what difference or impact do we have on those around us that would be greatly missed if we weren't here? I challenge each of you to consider that question. How are we touching the lives of those around us? Of course, we are making a difference in countless individual ways. But how is our CHURCH reaching others? We support T.A.P. and the F & O committee helps pay for shoes and glasses for school children. Those are things off of the top of my head that come to mind. Now there's no need to feel badly about this because it's actually a great opportunity to begin something new! I believe God is nudging us toward more involvement in the community and outside of our church building. Yes, we must continue to love and support one another and have great times of worship and fellowship together.

Have you thought about the words on the back of our blue Presbyterian T-shirts – Do justly, act

They come from a passage in scripture where the prophet Micah is calling the people of Israel to hear what the Lord says. *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8*

Our T-shirts say:

**Called to: Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with our God.**

This passage has stirred up something deep within me. It has recalled a passion for the poor, the downtrodden, the imprisoned, the needy, the impoverished. Hearing the questions from Ian about what difference this church is making in the life of our community compels me to call you to action. Let's do something! Let's talk about this and find ways to share this love and friendship and support that we find with one another.

Who wants this church to have an impact on the world around us?

Who is willing to follow Micah's call to do justice, act with kindness, and walk humbly with God?

Let's follow God's call together!

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Jennifer*

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**\*\*If anyone needs a ride to church on Sunday or any other activities at the church, please call Joyce Bohnker @ 269-0740 or the church Office 263-4130\*\***

### **February 2 @ 10:30AM w/ Communion**

Sunday School: Sue Mohr & Maggie Chapman  
 Liturgist: Kendall Von Glan  
 Tech: Shar Hulstein  
 Communion Servers: Harold & Elaine Chapman  
 Communion Set up: Rose Mary Mason  
 Greeter/Usher: Rose Mary Hansen & Al Hulsebus  
 Candle Lighters: Hannah Ewoldt & nThomas Gotto  
 Coffee Hour: Souper Bowl Sunday Meal

### **February 9 @ 10:30AM**

Sunday School: Maggie Chapman & Shar Huslstein  
 Liturgist:  
 Tech: Shar Hulstein  
 Candle Lighters: Tanner Gotto & Braqndon Halsey  
 Greeter/ Usher: Barb Blair, Mike & Barb Schmidt  
 Coffee Hour: Worship Committee

### **February 16 @ 10:30AM**

Sunday School: Sue Mohr & Shar Hulstein  
 Liturgist: Joyce Bohnker  
 Tech: Shar Hulstein  
 Candle Lighters: Tucker Gotto  
 Greeter/ Usher: Deb Ferguson  
 Coffee Hour: Marge Meyer & Mary Ann Irwin

### **February 23 @ 10:30AM**

Sunday School: Joyce Bohnker & Sue Mohr  
 Liturgist: Kendall Von Glan  
 Tech: Rebecca Brown  
 Candle Lighters: Thomas Gotto & Braqndon Halsey  
 Greeter/ Usher: Don & Marvis Krough  
 Coffee Hour: Elaine Chapman

### **February 26—Ash Wednesday**

Communion Set up: Kristy Zenk  
 Communion Servers:

**Please sign up in the red binder or call the church office.**

## YOUTH GROUP MEALS

February 5

February 12 Joyce Bohnker

February 19

February 23

**Please sign up in the red binder or call the church office.**



## ATTENDANCE REPORT

### **Jan. 5**

**Worship 56**  
**Communion 55**  
**NO 5**

### **Jan 12**

**Worship 52**  
**SS 4**

### **Jan 19**

**Worship 26**  
**SS 3**

### **Jan 26**

**Worship 45**  
**SS 4**

# Stewardship & Finance

Reminder that the new per capita amount for 2020 is \$40.76 per member.

The approved investment policy is available in the church office for anyone who wishes to review it.



GENERAL FUND:

BALANCED 12/31/19

## February Bible Trivia

Who married Jacob?

- A) Rachel      B) Ruth  
C) Bathsheba   D) Rebekah

*\*look for the answer in next month's newsletter*



## January Bible Trivia Answer

Who served cheese, milk & veal to the Lord when he made His appearance in the form of three men?

D) Abraham

See: Genesis 18:1-8

# QUILT RETREAT

March 1-5, 2020

Register by Feb. 7

Work on projects, learn from others while enjoying peaceful scenery. Come for a week of fun, great food, fellowship & time to experience God in a whole new way. Tables, power cords, cutting table, ironing boards provided. Bring your own supplies, projects, materials, machines.

# MEN'S RETREAT

March 13-15, 2020

Godly Risk

Featuring Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase

**1864 Highway 86 ~ Milford, IA 51351 ~ 712.337.3313**  
**Business Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Central Time**  
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## SESSION

Next Meeting: Thurs. Feb 20 @ 7PM

The Elders met on Thursday January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Jennifer Olson served as Moderator, and gave the devotions. The Session approved Pastor Jennifer's request for Study leave February 3, 2020 through February 6, 2020 and April 20 through April 23. The Session also approved leave for the Week of February 24-28. The Session approved the baptism of Grayson Irwin, son of Jacob Irwin and Megan Swanson for Sunday February 9, 2020. The Session approved the membership request from Allen Hulsebus and Rosemary Hansen. Pastor Jennifer will meet with them to schedule a date for the Reception of the New Members. The Session approved the dates for serving communion as the First Sunday of each Month and Special Services (Ash Wednesday – February 26, Maundy Thursday - April 9, Easter Sunday – April 12, and Christmas Eve - Dec. 24). The Session set the dates for the 2020 Session meetings: February 20, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19 and December 17. The Session approved the Investment Policy pending review by Edward D Jones. The Session approved adopting the Stewardship Policy. The Session approved the use of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> for Safety in Public Places training. The Session voted to nominate Penny Kinney to serve as Clerk for 2020. The Session voted to nominate Steve Fitzgerald as Treasurer for 2020.

Annual Officer Training was held on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Ian McMullen, Temporary Supply General Presbyter, talked on the roles and responsibilities of Deacons and Ruling Elders. Nine elders and four deacons were present.

On Sunday January 26, 2020 during worship, Shar Hulstein (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Kendall Von Glan (2<sup>nd</sup> term) were installed as Elders. Corrine Kinney-Mehaffey (1<sup>st</sup> term), and Marge Meyer (1<sup>st</sup> term) were ordained as Deacons; Joyce Bohnker (2<sup>nd</sup> term) was installed as a Deacon.

The Annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday January 26, 2020. Rev. Jennifer Olson served as moderator. Penny Kinney was elected Clerk of Session for 2020. Steve Fitzgerald was elected as Treasurer for 2020. Kendall Von Glan was elected as Commissioner to Presbytery for 2020. Pastor Jennifer announce the names of deceased members and gave a memorial prayer. Pastor Jennifer thanked outgoing Elder's and deacons for their service and welcomed the new deacons and elders. Finance chair Bill Bruce gave a brief summary of the financial report. Pastor Jennifer was thanked for her patience, leadership and persistence in getting things accomplished this year.



## UPC OFFICE

Pastor Jennifer will be out of the office the week of February 3-7 for a clergy clinic & Chicago.

Then Barb Kessel will be out of the office February 10-14.

Pastor Jennifer will be out of the office once again at the end of February for Eric's surgery. February 24– March 1, dates to be determined by need.

The church office will remain open during these times. Monday—Friday 9am—1pm

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Tue., Feb. 11, @ 7PM



### Sunday school:

Sunday school is held from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday Morning. Thank you to all who have volunteered to be teachers. Sign ups available in red binder.

### Wednesday Night Youth:

The Wednesday night youth program is changing the time back to 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 p.m. starting January 29<sup>th</sup>. This time seems to work better for youth and adults. We have an average attendance of 9-15 youth and 3 adults.

We are looking for volunteers for meals and servers on Wednesday night. If you would like to cook but not serve maybe someone is willing to serve and not cook. If you need ideas for what to serve please call someone on the Christian Ed Committee: Sue Mohr, Penny Kinney, Joyce Bohnker, Shar Hulstein, Gayle Chapman, Pat Chapman. Sign ups available in red binder.

### Thursday Bible Study:

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the church Fireside Room.

## SAFETY IN PUBLIC PLACES

Please plan to attend an informational meeting about safety in public places. Sheriff Steinkuehler will be speaking on the topic Sunday, February 9 @ 7PM in our fellowship hall.



There will be an Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service held at

7PM on February 26

**People who think time heals e3verything haven't tried sitting it out in a doctor's waiting room**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Next Meeting: Tue., Feb. 4 @ 6PM

The Board of Deacons met at the United Presbyterian Church on January 7, 2020 in the Fireside Room. Mary Ann Irwin, Vice Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and gave Devotions on "Hope."



The minutes from the December 11th meeting were approved. Congregational Care updates were reported and discussed. Pastor Jennifer led worship and served communion at the Reed House and Denison Care Center. Statistics were reported for visits, calls, notes, contacts, and cards. Deacons received revised prayer lists which included church members and friends, switched lists from 2019, and will be praying for each member/friend regularly in 2020.

“Visitor Mugs” continue to be available. Mugs will be given to first time visitors/prospective members. A few mugs are still available for sale to the congregation at \$5.00 each.

Officers elected for 2020 include: Moderator - Mary Ann Irwin, Vice-Moderator - Eric Olson, and Secretary - Rebecca Brown.

Ideas for projects for 2020 will be given and discussed at the February Deacon meeting.

The meeting adjourned and was closed with the Lord’s Prayer. The next deacon meeting will be on February 4, 2020.

*Mary Ann Irwin, Secretary*

The book of 1 John beautifully lays out what Christian love is all about. Take time to study 1 John 4:7-12

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once up on a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!

**Bible Verses to Investigate...**

Micah 6:1-8

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Exodus 24:12-18



**HARVESTERS**

February 16

The Harvesters coordinated decorating the church for the Christmas season. Of course all those decorations needed to be taken down after Epiphany. The garland hanging in the church sanctuary was new this year and it needed to be taken down carefully and tagged so it could be hung in correctly in the next years to come. Thanks to Steve Fitzgerald and Scott Schurke for helping on a Friday afternoon with this task. Thanks to the Bible study group that removed and boxed up the ornaments from the Christmas trees. Thanks again to Steve and Scott for helping take down the trees and put them away.

There was time in January where there were more Harvester members vacationing in South Texas than back home in Denison. Needless to say, we did not have a January meeting but hope to get together on Sunday evening on February 16. Watch the bulletin for time and place.



Several Harvesters will be traveling to a Mariners in Mission work week in Ashville, North Carolina, March 22-28. If you are interested, contact Mary Ann Irwin, Kendall Von Glan, or Daryl / Denise Philipp. Driving is usually coordinated between those that go and there is always room for more.

*May Christ be in all we do,*

*Kendall Von Glan*

**WOMEN OF THE WELL (WOW)**

March 17, 2020 @ 7PM

**Sunday School children answer questions about love & marriage:**

**What is falling in love like?**

*Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life*

**What is the best age to marry?**

*84. Because at that age you don't have to work any more and you can spend all your time loving each other.*

**Why do lovers hold hands?**

*They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them.*



## JANUARY PUZZLE ANSWERS

# Daniel in the Lions' Den Word Search



Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are **underlined**. The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

## Daniel in the Lions' Den - Daniel 6

## Solution

**Daniel** was a good and able man. So the king planned to put him in charge of the whole **kingdom**. But the other **leaders** and the **royal** rulers were unhappy and tried to bring charges against Daniel. But they couldn't find any **fault** with his work.

Finally these men said, "It is **impossible** for us to bring charges against Daniel. If we find a reason, it will have to be in connection with the law of his God."

So the leaders and the royal **rulers** said to the king, "King **Darius**, you should give an **official** order that for the next 30 days, anyone who prays to any god except you will be **thrown** into the **lions'** den. And you should write it down so it can't be changed." So King Darius put the order in **writing**.

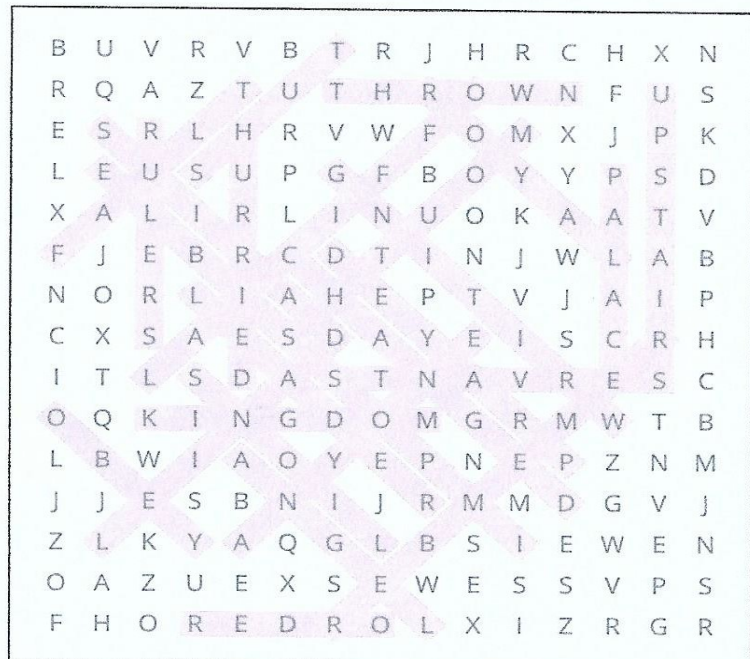
When Daniel found out about this, he did just as he had always done. He went home to his **upstairs** room, got down on his knees and **prayed**. He went to his room three times a day to pray.

Some royal officials saw him praying. So they went to the king and said, "Didn't you sign an official **order** that for the next 30 days, **anyone** who prays to any god except you would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The order must be **obeyed**." Then they said, "Daniel still prays to his God three times a day." When the king heard this, he was very upset.

Then the men said, "Your Majesty, **remember** that no order you give can be **changed**." So the king gave the order and Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. The king returned to his **palace**. He didn't eat anything that night. And he couldn't sleep.

As soon as the sun began to rise, the king **hurried** to the lions' den. He called out, "Daniel! Has your God saved you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "My God sent his **angel** and **shut** the **mouths** of the lions. They have not hurt me." The king was filled with joy and ordered his **servants** to lift Daniel out of the den.

Then the king gave another order. The men who had said bad things about Daniel were thrown into the lions' den.



**FEBRUARY PUZZLE**

# Valentine's Day Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of 11 different Valentine's Day words. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

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What did the boy bear say to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?




# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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2/4 Denise Philipp  
2/5 Brandon Halsey  
2/6 Charlotte Dueland  
2/12 Juanita Bachman

2/13 Mary Eisenbraun  
2/15 Faith Blair  
2/19 Pat Bilsten  
2/24 Bob Eisenbaun

