



PRESBYTIDINGS



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What's New at the Church?

- **Worship with Holy Communion – April 3, 9:00 AM**
- **Friendship Home and Individual Home Communion - April 4, 10:45 & 1:00**
- **PW April Meeting - April 7, 2:00 PM**
- **Session Meets - April 20, 7:30 PM**

Pastor Roger's Reflections . . .

APRIL 2016

Welcome to the 7 weeks of Easter! We celebrate that God has done for us humans, what we, who are "...but dust..." cannot, nor need we, do for ourselves! Our journey from Ash Wednesday, through Holy Week, and into Easter has been 40 days (plus Sundays) – a long time. We celebrate God's *longer time than our own* during the long days of the Easter season! The God of Eternity, found in human form, dying on the cross, and being raised on the third day was a difficult message to proclaim for the Early Church ... and every subsequent time period of the Church. Baptized into God's larger realities for us and for the world, joins us to God's promises and God's realities - which are much bigger than we can dream, hope, or imagine! God who can do all of this might just be calling us out of our limited realities into something much

greater. However, we are tempted to just "stay where we are"- and NOT be willing to be changed into what God intends for us to become. It is as if Easter did not happen...or did it???

Pastor Roger

Our Mission

Food pantry donations in April go to Caring and Sharing.

Dimes for Deacons - last Sunday of every month.



Our Many Thanks to All Who Shared Easter Lilies with Us

In Loving Memory of:

- Dean Hollister** from Mary Hollister
- Vaughn Bowman** from Warren & Wilma Bowman, Howard, Camilla, & Todd Lawshe
- Gary Fancher & Loved Ones** from Joni Fancher
- Glenn & Gary Fancher & Loved Ones** from Lavaun Fancher
- Daryl Fischer & Loved Ones** from Mary Ellen Fischer
- Dick Owen** from his Family
- Wilma Rubel** from her Family

Friendship Home Volunteer Appreciation Night

Thursday, April 14 6:30 PM
Upstairs Community Dining Room

Community and resident volunteers mean the world to the Friendship Home! Come celebrate with desserts, socializing and presentation of "Volunteer of the Year."

RSVP to 563-2651 by April 11.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the weekly worship:

Ushers/Greeters Videographers
Liturgists Coffee Hosts

These are duties that need to be filled each week. If everyone helps, the less the workload is for each individual. Please think it over, and VOLUNTEER.

No one expects perfection - just a smile.

Need 2015 Income Tax Offering Info? Call the church and leave a message.

In Our Prayers

Let us remember daily those who need our prayers most. Among our people, prayers are extended to:

Donna Kessler
Norma Petersen
Peggy Mendenhall
Delores Klever Lila Jean Jensen
Ruth Hansen J. D. Mendenhall



Home Communion



We will serve Holy Communion in the homes of anyone who wishes. In April communion will be served at the Friendship Home at 10:45 AM April 4 with individual home communions starting at 1:00 PM on April 4.

If at any time you wish to partake in the Lord's Supper, please call the church and leave a message with the office (563-3475).

Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting March 16, 2016. Highlights included:

- Discussed Snow Removal for 2016-17 winter.
- Tabled Church usage policy.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on April 20, 2016.

By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report



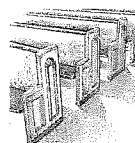
February

Receipts: \$ 8,607.40
Expenses: \$ 12,997.08

Per Capita for 2016 has been set at \$40.00 per member.
2016 breakdown is as follows:
Presbytery \$27.63; Synod \$5.25; General Assembly \$7.12

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

March 6	25
13	28
20	28
27	33



View from the Pews

PW Women

On April 7, the PW will have their general meeting at 2:00 PM here at the church with AFS students as special speakers and guests.

Spring Salad Supper will be May 5 at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$11 per plate and reservations will be required by April 24 to either Carma or Jolene.

Bakeless Bake Sale begins in May.

Kitchen Planning Committee for Events
Carolyn Blohm

April Birthdays

- 3 Ivan Andersen
- 5 Jay Dee Mendenhall
- 7 Joni Short
Mary Klever
- 8 Paul Walther
- 13 Warren Bowman
- 15 McKenzie Krauel
- 17 Angie Williams

- 21 Justin Nelson
- 22 Todd Lawshe
- 25 Jesse Wanninger
- 26 Barb Nielsen
- 27 Marilyn Miller
- 29 David Jensen



Birthdays

April Anniversaries



- 4 Byron & Tammy Tinder (24)
- 14 Rod & Sheryl Benton (32)
- 17 Ed & Vickie Andersen (45)
- 20 Ron & Nancy Owen (31)
- 21 Virgil & Delores Klever (68)

Deacon of the Month

Camilla Lawshe

Who's serving our church in April?

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| 3 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Ed Andersen, David Jensen,
Larry Klever, Earl Blohm |
| | Videographer | Vickie Andersen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 10 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Ed Andersen, David Jensen,
Larry Klever, Earl Blohm |
| | Videographer | Mary Klever |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 17 | Liturgist | Nancy Owen |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Charles Griffith, Jordan
Jensen, Connie Claxton |
| | Videographer | Ed Andersen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 24 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Charles Griffith, Jordan
Jensen, Connie Claxton |
| | Videographer | David Jensen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |

Please make note of when you serve. If you cannot serve, please find someone to serve in your place. Thanks!




Session Members

- Class of 2016: Ed Andersen, Charles Griffith, Mary Klever
- Class of 2017: Loretta Petersen, Bernice Barnes, Ron Lebeck
- Class of 2018: Dennis Smith, Jolene DuVall

Board of Deacons

- Class of 2016: Nancy Owen, Becky Marten
- Class of 2017: Camilla Lawshe, Mavis Lebeck
- Class of 2018: Beverly Gaskill

Carolyn Blohm, Congreg. Member-at-Large

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 2016 First Presbyterian Church Audubon, Iowa			
					1	2 Presbytery Meeting
3 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School	4 10:45 AM Holy Communion at Friendship Home 1:00 PM Holy Communion in Individual Homes	5 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	6 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting	7 2:00 PM PW AFS Student-Program	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School	11 7 PM Boy Scouts	12 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	13 6:30 Choir Practice	14 WIC Clinic 2:00 PM Priscilla Circle at Sue Barnes' home 6:30 Fr Home Volunteer Apprec.	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School 3:30 PM Vespers at Exira Care Center	18	19 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	20 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Session	21	22	23
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