



PRESBYTIDINGS



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What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- **Holy Communion - Feb. 1 - "Souper" Bowl Sunday**
- **Friendship Home Communions - 10:45 AM, Feb. 2**
- **Home Communions - 1:00 PM, Feb. 2**
- **PW General Meeting - Hygiene Kits - 2:00 PM, Feb. 5**
- **Faith Sound Performs – 10:30 AM, Feb. 15**
- **Session Meets – 6:30 PM, Feb 17**
- **Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion – 6:00 PM, Feb. 18**

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS

Welcome to a short month, with a lot of activities in our church congregations!

We CONTINUE our current times for worship through July. There has been some confusion, hopefully, this will be clear for us all.

We begin with Souper Bowl Sunday at First Presbyterian by collecting cans of soup for our area food shelves on February 1. Ebenezer folks "can" do the same as well. Oh, I think there is something else Super that day as well! Sunday, the 8th, Connie will be leading worship at both congregations while I preach at, and moderate the Annual Meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Adair.

Presbytery meets on Saturday, February 14th, in Winterset, with much to consider. "Faith Sound" will be presenting at First Presbyterian on Sunday the 15th during the 10:30 worship time.

Ash Wednesday we will stay with the times for service as last year. First Presbyterian will be 6:00 PM and Ebenezer will be at 7:30 PM. This allows Ebenezer to host their annual Ash Wednesday meal and fundraiser at 6:00 PM before service.

Ebenezer will be using Marty Haugen's "Holden Evening Prayer", a musical order of prayer that I suspect will become a favorite order of service!

Dartball on Thursday, the 19th, at the Parish Center, 7:00 PM.

Ecumenical Breakfasts begin February 24th, 6:30 A.M., at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Harvest Family on March 3rd, St. John's Lutheran on the 10th, St. Patrick's on the 17th, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN on the 24th, Methodist on the 31st.

Easter last year Ebenezer had a Sunrise Service at 7:30 AM, and First Presbyterian had a 9:00 service. I suspect repeating this schedule...but this is not yet set in stone as of this time.

Pastor Roger

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

This year "Souper" Bowl Sunday will be February 1. As in the past, please bring a can or two or more of soup with you to worship service.

The cans will be evenly distributed between Caring and Sharing and Family Development Center.

Note: If you need a print out of your financial giving for income tax purposes, please leave a message in the office.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

The new Elders (Bernice Barnes, Paul Walther, Loretta Petersen) were ordained and installed and the new Deacons (Ron Lebeck, Mavis Lebeck, Camilla Lawshe) were commissioned. The pastor's salary was increased as well.



Home Communion

We will serve Holy Communion in the homes of anyone who wishes. In February communion will be served at the Friendship Home at 10:45 AM Feb. 2 with individual home communions starting at 1:00 PM on Feb. 2.



If you desire to partake in the Lord's Supper or know of someone who needs to receive communion in their home, please call the church and leave a message.

Death: Glen E. Ditto, 93, passed away on December 5, 2014, at the Manning Plaza in Manning, Iowa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 9, in the sanctuary with Rev. Roger Claxton officiating. Interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon.

Death: Merle H. Petersen, 96, passed away on December 23, 2014, at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital in Audubon, Iowa. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 27, in the sanctuary with Rev. Roger Claxton officiating. Interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon.

Now is a Great Time to THANK. . .

Our retiring Elders and Deacons. These leaders put in countless hours to make certain our church is operating in a worshipful, cleanly, meaningful, lasting, efficient manner for all who enter our doors. Next time you see them, give them a pat on the back!

Class of 2014 Elders: Carma Hutchins
J. D. Mendenhall
Joni Fancher

Class of 2014 Deacons: Carolyn Blohm
Tom Gardner
Vickie Gardner

THANKS ALSO to the anonymous donor who gave \$100 to the Doris Ditto Memorial. What a wonderful way to honor our loved ones!

Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting on January 21, 2015. Highlights included:

- Instruction for Deacons and Elders was held at 6:30 PM, January 21, 2015.
- Building and Grounds Committee reported on copier lease situation.
- Building and Grounds reported new security door bell has been installed.
- Stewardship Committee reported donation pledges are about the same as last year.
- Lenten Breakfast will be served at FPC on March 24.
- Worship Service time will change to 9:00 AM in August of 2015.

The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2015, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Room.



By the Numbers Treasurer's Report

December	
Receipts:	\$ 8,913.44
Expenses:	\$ 7,271.22

Per Capita for 2015 has been set at \$40.00 per member.
2015 breakdown is as follows:
Presbytery \$27.73; Synod \$5.20; General Assembly \$7.07

In Our Prayers

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

Floyd Ditto
Jean Griffith
Norma Petersen
Dick Paske
Delores Klever
Donna Kessler
Lila Jean Jessen



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please let the church know.

Faith Sound

Faith Sound will be coming to our church on February 15! This is a highly sought after inter-denominational contemporary musical group from Harlan, Iowa. This group travels extensively throughout the Midwest January through June of each year. Faith Sound in its 39th year begins with tryouts for students in grades 9th-12th grade in October of each year with practices in November and December. So far, over 300 students have been members in this highly praised, motivated young group. Faith Sound is supported by free-will offerings and is a qualified 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Their sole purpose is simply... **God's Word through the ministry of music!**



Please mark your calendars for February 15. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Faith Sound will be only performing in Audubon once this year and it's at our 10:30 worship service!

PW Women

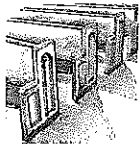
On February 5, the PW will have their general meeting at 2:00 PM here at the church. We will be assembling hygiene kits and Birthday Offering will be due. The Ruth Circle will be hostesses.

Worship Flowers in February

Ruth Circle

Kitchen Planning Committee for Events

Carolyn Blohm



View from the Pews

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

January	4	23
	11	28
	18	20
	25	36

February Birthdays

- 2 Donna Kessler
- 5 Norma Petersen



6	Betty Owen	21	Bob Jacobsen
18	Wilma Bowman	25	Lorraine Ditto
19	Carolyn Mulford	27	Rodney Benton



February Anniversaries

- 8 Paul and Lila Jean Walther (22)
- 19 John and Sharlette Weighton (20)

Who's serving our church in February?

1	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/ Ushers	Gary Fancher, Charles Griffith, Paul Walther, Larry Klever
	Videographer	Jordan Jensen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
8	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Gary Fancher, Charles Griffith, Paul Walther, Larry Klever
	Videographer	Ed Andersen
	Coffee Hosts	J D & Peggy Mendenhall
15	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Gary Fancher, Charles Griffith, Paul Walther, Larry Klever
	Videographer	Vickie Andersen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
22	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Gary and Joni Fancher, Larry and Mary Klever
	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!

Deacon of the Month

Nancy Owen

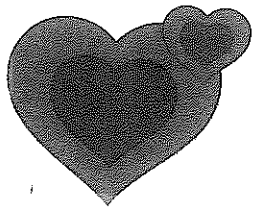


Session Members

- Class of 2015: Mary Ellen Fischer, Dennis Smith
- Class of 2016: Mary Klever, Ed Andersen, Charles Griffith
- Class of 2017: Bernice Barnes, Paul Walther, Loretta Petersen

Board of Deacons

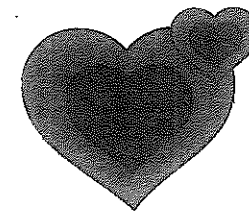
- Class of 2015: Sue Barnes
 - Class of 2016: Nancy Owen, Becky Marten
 - Class of 2017: Ron Lebeck, Mavis Lebeck, Camilla Lawshe
- Peggy Mendenhall, Congregation Member-at-Large



February

First Presbyterian Church

Audubon, Iowa
(712) 563-3475



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion-Souper Bowl 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee	2 10:45 AM Communion at Friendship Home 1:00 PM Communion in Individual Homes	3	4 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Building & Grounds Committee	5 2:00 PM PW Hygiene Kits-Birthday Offering Hostesses - Ruth	6	7
8 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee	9 6 PM BS Parents 7 PM Boy Scouts	10 4:30 Deacons Meeting	11 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	12 WIC Clinic	13	14
15 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Faith Sound 11:30 AM Fellowship	16 7 PM Priscilla Circle at Connie Claxton's home	17 6:30 PM Session	18 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:00 Worship with Holy Communion Ash Wednesday	19 9:30 AM Ruth Circle meets at Church 7:00 PM Dartball at Parish Center	20	21
22 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee Dimes for Deacons	23 7 PM Boy Scouts	24 6:30 AM Ecumenical Bkfst at Our Saviour's	25 4:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	26 9:30 AM Ecumenical Breakfast at First Presb.	27	28