



PRESBYTIDINGS



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUDUBON, IOWA

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What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- **Worship with Holy Communion - Jan. 4**
- **Building & Grounds - 7:30 PM, Jan. 7**
- **Friendship Home & Individual Home Communion - Jan. 5**
- **Worship Service - 9:00 AM, Jan. 18 - due to Ebenezer Annual Mtg.**
- **Session Meets - 7:30 PM, Jan. 21**
- **Worship Service - 10:30 AM, Jan. 25**
- **Annual Meeting - 11:30 AM, Jan. 25, with Soup Lunch following**

Roger's Reflections for January 2015...

Happy New Year to you all!

A BIG thank you to all who have been so gracious to Connie and I with gifts of all sorts this Holiday Season!!!

Men's DARTBALL at Exira Lutheran on January 15th.

Ebenezer Lutheran will have its Annual Meeting on JANUARY 18TH. We will switch worship times that Sunday! **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WILL WORSHIP AT 9:00, AND EBENEZER WILL WORSHIP AT 10:30, with the Annual Meeting to follow.**

First Presbyterian will have its Annual Meeting on JANUARY 25TH, with the meeting to follow after the 10:30 service.

ASH WEDNESDAY is early this year, February 18th, with Easter on April 5th.

Pastor Roger

Annual Meeting

Session has chosen January 25, 2015, as our date for Annual Meeting. The meeting will follow morning 10:30 AM worship services and with a soup lunch served by the Presbyterian Women after the meeting.



If you are a chairperson of an organization or group, please submit your annual report to the office ASAP so that it may be included at the meeting.

In Our Prayers

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

Floyd Ditto Jean Griffith
Delores Klever Norma Petersen
Donna Kessler Lila Jean Jensen



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

Do you need a print-out of 2014 Offering for income tax purposes? Leave a message in the office.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Initially, the Audubon Ministerial Association asked for community donations to pay for 30 baskets at \$30.00 per basket for a total of \$900. Each basket was designed to provide a family of six food for a Thanksgiving meal. The community met that goal and surpassed it by another \$1,482.00 for a total of **\$2,382.00**. The remaining \$1,482.00 was divided between the Caring and Sharing and New Opportunities food banks.

Pastor Frock of the Ministerial Association was quoted as saying, "Though no longer surprised, I am, as always, impressed by the generosity of our brothers and sisters in Christ." This year's total surpassed last year's by a whopping \$859!!

Our Mission

Please remember your food donations on Communion Sunday, January 4. As we are fed at the table, let us remember those in need of the basic necessities. These food pantry donations in January go to the Family Development Center.



Also, please remember Dimes for Deacons is the last Sunday of every month!

Home Communion

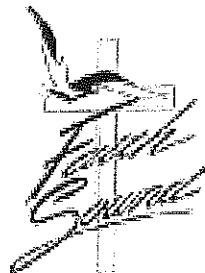
We serve Holy Communion in the homes of anyone who wishes. In January communion will be served at the Friendship Home at 10:45 PM Jan. 5 with individual home communions starting at 1:00 PM.



If you wish 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 with the office.

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. Faith Sound will be only performing in Audubon once this year and it's at our 10:30 worship service!

Christmas Poinsettias

A special thank you goes to those who shared poinsettias this Christmas season in loving memory or honor of the following:



Given by

In Memory or Honoree

Warren & Wilma Bowman
Howard & Camilla Lawshe
Todd Lawshe
Betty Owen & Family
Jerry & Bev Gaskill
Gary & Joni Fancher

Vaughn Bowman
Vaughn Bowman
Dick Owen
Bricy McCuen
Glenn Fancher
Lois Schmidt & Michael Schmidt
Fischer & Johansen
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Mardelle Weighton

Mary Ellen Fischer

Sue & Teresa Barnes
Margaret Evans & Family
Weighton Family



By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report

November

Receipts: \$ 9,830.00

Expenses: \$ 6,350.49

Per Capita for 2015 has been set at \$40.00 per member.

Session Notes

Session met for their regular meeting on December 17, 2014. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Congregational Meeting date was set for January 25 at 11:30 with soup lunch to follow.
- Worship Service times will change to 9:00 AM beginning, February 1.
- Personnel Committee has met or has scheduled meetings with all employees.
- Building & Grounds Committee will investigate security systems.
- Voted to give pastor \$2,000 raise.

The next Session meeting date will be January 21 at 7:30 PM.

PW Women

We do not have a general meeting in January. However, the individual circles will meet.

Worship Flowers in January - Ruth Circle
 Kitchen Planning Committee for Events
 Bev Gaskill

January Birthdays

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| 1 | Teresa Barnes |
| 2 | Megan Andersen |
| 6 | Dennis Smith |
| 16 | Rosalie Davis |
| 18 | Peggy Mendenhall |
| | Blake Tinder |
| 21 | Lee Jensen |
| 25 | Elaine Owen |
| | Michael Krauel |
| 29 | Kenneth Searls |



January Anniversaries

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| 2 | Roger and Connie Claxton | (26) |
| 31 | Dudley and Jonell Owen | (56) |

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

December 7	30
14	31
21	22
24	60
28	24

Who's serving our church in January?

4	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ed Andersen, Ivan Andersen, David Jensen
	Videographer	Jordan Jensen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
11	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ed Andersen, Ivan Andersen, David Jensen
	Videographer	Vickie Andersen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
18	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ed Andersen, Ivan Andersen, David Jensen
	Videographer	Gary Fancher
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
25	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ed & Vickie Andersen, Ivan & Marjorie Andersen
	Videographer	Gary Fancher
	Coffee Hosts	Soup Lunch

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

Deacon of the Month
 Carolyn Blohm





Session Members

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| Class of 2014: | Joni Fancher, J. D. Mendenhall, Carma Hutchins |
| Class of 2015: | Mary Ellen Fischer, Dennis Smith |
| Class of 2016: | Ed Andersen, Mary Klever, Charles Griffith |
| Class of 2017: | Bernice Barnes, Paul Walther, Loretta Petersen |

Board of Deacons

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| Class of 2014: | Tom Gardner, Vickie Gardner, Carolyn Blohm |
| Class of 2015: | Sue Barnes |
| Class of 2016: | Becky Marten, Nancy Owen |
| Class of 2017: | Ron & Mavis Lebeck, Camilla Lawshe |

Peggy Mendenhall, Congregation Member-at-Large

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			<h1>January 2015</h1> 		1	2	3
4 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee	5 10:45 Holy Commun-Fr. Home 1:00 Communion at Individual Homes 6:00 PM Meals from the Heartland-Our Saviour's	6	7 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting	8	9	10	
11 9:30 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee	12 6 PM Boy Scout Parents 7 PM Boy Scouts	13	14 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	15 9:30 Ruth Circle at Church WIC Clinic 7:30 Dartball at Exira Lutheran	16	17	
18 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School 3:30 Vespers at Exira Care Center	19 7:00 PM Priscilla Circle at Carolyn Blohm's home	20	21 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 PM Session	22	23	24	
25 9:30 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING Soup Lunch following	26 7 PM Boy Scouts	27	28 2:30 Eb. Confirm. 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice	29	30	31	