



# PRESBYTIDINGS



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## What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- **Worship with Holy Communion - Jan. 3**
- **Friendship Home & Individual Home Communion - Jan. 4**
- **Worship Service, 10:30 AM, Jan. 24 - Time Change due to ANNUAL MEETING**
- **Annual Meeting - 11:30 AM, Jan. 24, with Potluck Dinner following**

## ROGER'S REFLECTIONS

*Welcome to January 2016! May this be a wonderful year for us all, by God's grace! We have many schedule things to highlight for this month and next month.*

Faith Sound will be at First Presbyterian on January 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

Ebenezer will have its Annual Meeting after service on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

First Presbyterian will have its Annual Meeting after service on January 24.

**WE WILL HAVE A TIME "EXCHANGE" THAT SUNDAY TO ACCOMMODATE THIS MEETING. EBENEZER WILL WORSHIP AT 9:00, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIPS AT 10:30 THAT SUNDAY.**

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be January 18-25.*

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>. Ebenezer Worship Committee will be doing some planning for Lenten mid-week services when they meet on January 6<sup>th</sup> (the end of the 12 Days of Christmas) at 2:30 at First Presbyterian.

*Epiphany will be a short season this year, and we will get to use lessons **LATE** in the Pentecost season that we usually do not get to hear from when Lent and Easter come later in the year.*

Connie and I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have remembered Connie and I during the Christmas Season!

Pastor Roger

## Annual Meeting

Session has chosen January 24, 2016, as our date for Annual Meeting. The meeting will follow morning 10:30 AM worship services.

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	J. D. Mendenhall
Norma Petersen	Peggy Mendenhall
Donna Kessler	Lila Jean Jensen



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

## Our Mission

Please remember your food donations on Communion Sunday, January 3. 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 Communions

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. 4 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.

## Christmas Poinsettias

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



### In Memory of:

Dean Hollister  
Family Members  
Vaughn Bowman  
Ted & Louise Molgaard  
Nickolas DuVall  
Lorraine Nickum  
Gary Fancher  
Glenn Fancher,  
Lois Schmidt,  
Michael Schmidt  
Glenn & Gary Fancher  
Marion & Leona Rubel  
Bricy McCuen  
Clark & Betty Griffith  
Jean Griffith  
Daryl Fischer &  
Loved Ones  
Harold & Lola Griffith  
Muzetta Colvin

### Given by:

His Family  
John & Sharlette Weighton  
Warren & Wilma Bowma  
Jolene DuVall & Family  
Joni Fancher  
Joni Fancher  
Danny & Marilyn Rubel  
& Family  
Jerry & Bev Gaskill  
Charles Griffith  
Charles Griffith  
Mary Ellen Fischer  
Charles Griffith  
Connie & Roger Claxton

## Session Notes

Session met for their regular meeting on December 16, 2015. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Congregational Annual Meeting date was set for January 24 at 11:30.
- Personnel Committee has met with all employees.
- Worship Service Christmas Eve was set at 4:00 PM.
- Building and Grounds Committee reports a new hand rail has been installed at manse.
- Faith Sound will be performing Jan. 10.
- New hymnals have been ordered in memory of Dean Hollister.
- Five new tables & 30 chairs in memory of Jean Griffith have arrived.
- Resignation of Ron Lebeck as Deacon was approved.
- Pastor's salary was reviewed & approved.

The next Session meeting date will be February 17 at 7:30 PM.

## By the Numbers

### Treasurer's Report

November

Receipts:	\$ 9,830.00
Expenses:	\$ 6,350.49



Per Capita for 2016 has been set at \$40.00 per member.

2016 breakdown is as follows:

Presbytery \$24.98; Synod \$5.00; General Assembly \$7.02



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

December 6	26
13	20
20	28
24	-
27	11

## PW Women

We do not have a general meeting in January. However, the Priscilla circle will meet on January 14 with Carolyn Blohm as hostess.

Kitchen Planning Committee for Events – Bev Gaskill

Do you need a print-out of your 2015 Offering for income tax purposes? Leave a message in the office.

### HYGIENE KITS

The PW is still in need of the following items - no one needs to furnish all supplies. Drop your supplies in the tote provided in the Fellowship Hall before mid-January. The PW THANKS you!

Hygiene Kits need:

- 1 - 16" x 28" hand towel (no fingertip towels or bath towels)
- 1 - washcloth
- 1 - wide-tooth comb
- 1 - nail clipper (no metal files or emery)
- 1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 - toothbrush (in original pkg.)
- 6 - Band-Aids or other adhesive strips

If you prefer to donate cash, the PW will do the shopping. Money will also be used for postage.

### January Birthdays

- 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

- 2 Roger and Connie Claxton (27)
- 31 Dudley and Jonell Owen (57)

### Who's Serving our church in January?

- |           |                  |   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| <b>3</b>  | Liturgist        | Carolyn Blohm                                     |
|           | Greeters/ Ushers | Ed Andersen, Larry Klever, Jordan Jensen          |
|           | Videographer     | Vickie Andersen                                   |
|           | Coffee Hosts     | TBA   |
| <b>10</b> | Liturgist        | FAITH SOUND                                       |
|           | Greeters/ Ushers | Charles Griffith, Ivan Andersen, David Jensen     |
|           | Videographer     | Ed Andersen                                       |
|           | Coffee Hosts     | TBA   |
| <b>17</b> | Liturgist        | Nancy Owen  |
|           | Greeters/ Ushers | Charles Griffith, Ivan Andersen, David Jensen     |
|           | Videographer     | Larry Klever                                      |
|           | Coffee Hosts     | TBA   |
| <b>24</b> | Liturgist        | TBA   |
|           | Greeters/ Ushers | Larry and Mary Klever, Ivan and Marjorie Andersen |
|           | Videographer     | Jordan Jensen                                     |
|           | Coffee Hosts     | TBA   |
| <b>31</b> | Liturgist        | TBA   |
|           | Greeters/Ushers  | Connie Claxton, Earl Blohm, Jordan Jensen         |
|           | 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**  
Becky Marten



### Session Members

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

### Board of Deacons

Class of 2015: Sue Barnes  
 Class of 2016: Becky Marten and Nancy Owen  
 Class of 2017: Camilla Lawshe, Ron and Mavis Lebeck

Carolyn Blohm, Congregation Member-at-Large

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January 2016</b> <b>First Presbyterian Church</b> <b>Audubon, Iowa</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> <b>10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee</b>	<b>4</b> 10:45 AM Holy Communion at Friendship Home 1:00 PM Holy Communion in Individual Homes	<b>5</b> 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Faith Sound</b> <b>10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee</b> <b>10:30 AM Church School</b>  3:30 PM Vespers - Exira Care Center	<b>11</b>  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>14</b> WIC Clinic  2 PM Priscilla Circle – Carolyn Blohm hostess	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee</b> <b>10:30 AM Church School</b>  4:00 PM Vespers – Friendship Home	<b>18</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins	<b>19</b> 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Session	<b>21</b>  7:00 PM Dartball At OSLC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:30 AM Worship Service</b> <b>11:30 AM Annual Meeting</b>	<b>25</b> Week of Prayer Ends  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> 4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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