



# PRESBYTIDINGS



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUDUBON, IOWA

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Rev. Roger Claxton

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## What's New at First Presbyterian Church?

- **Ecumenical Breakfast at First Presbyterian - March 1, 6:30 AM**
- **Holy Communion Served March 6, 9:00 AM**
- **Friendship Home Communion - March 7, 10:45 AM**
- **Home Communion - March 7, 1:00 PM**
- **Day Light Savings begins March 12**
- **Session Meeting Date - March 16, 7:30 PM**

## Roger's Reflections...

### MARCHING THROUGH MARCH!

Secretary Sylvia has informed me that there is not a lot of space in the newsletter this month...so I'll be keeping this short!

We continue with Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday this month. Tuesday morning Ecumenical breakfasts continue at First Presbyterian on the First, the Parish Center on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and St. John's on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Midweek Lenten services continue at Ebenezer on Wednesday evenings; meal at 6:00, service at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday service, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, at First Presbyterian at 6:00, Ebenezer Lutheran at 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday Service at United Methodist Church at 6:00 - all are invited.

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 A.M. out at Ebenezer, and NINE O'CLOCK at First Presbyterian.

We "SPRING AHEAD" Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> into Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Dartball at Ebenezer on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.

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## Audubon Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Breakfasts

All breakfasts are set for 6:30 AM on Tuesdays.

- March 1 - First Presbyterian
- March 8 - St. Patrick's Parish C.
- March 15 - St. John's Lutheran



**Lenten Prayer Breakfast**

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Have you submitted your One Great Hour of Sharing donation yet? It's not too late. Either send or include your gift marked OGHS with your regular offering.

### Our Mission

Food pantry donations in March go to the Family Development Center.



## Easter Lilies

If you would like to share an Easter lily on Easter Sunday (March 27) in memory or in honor of a loved one, please sign your name and information on the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Room.

## Joint Pastoral Relations Committee

The purpose of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to work towards resolving concerns of the Congregations of Ebenezer Lutheran and First Presbyterian with the Pastor. Additional responsibilities of the committee include an annual performance review of the Pastor and a recommendation to the Ebenezer Council and the First Presbyterian Session regarding the Pastor's annual compensation package.

Current members of the committee are Dennis Smith and Ed Andersen. The committee will be meeting sometime in March.

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 4. Two services have been planned for that day. First United Methodist Church will host a prayer service at 9:30 AM and the Brayton Lutheran Church will host a prayer service at 2:00 PM. This year's service is entitled "Receive Children Receive Me" and was written by the women of Cuba.

## Very Special Request

This week FPC received a very special request from one of Rev. Andy Hofer's granddaughters. Her name is Beth Farias and she plans to enter the seminary next fall.

Beth would like copies of anything – sermons, texts, articles, photos, etc. – that Rev. Hofer may have left in the community. Let's all help with this project and enjoy the walk down Memory Lane.

## PW Women

On March 3, the PW will have their general meeting at 2:00 PM here at the church. The Priscilla Circle will be the hostesses.

*Kitchen Planning Committee for Events*

Becky Marten

## Home Communion



Once again we will be serving Holy Communion in the homes of anyone who wishes. In March, communion will be served at the Friendship Home at 10:45 AM March 7 with individual home communions starting at 1:00 PM also on March 7.

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.

## Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting on February 17, 2016. Highlights include:

- Approved Carma Hutchins as Clerk of Session.
- Approved money counters: Carma Hutchins, Sue Barnes, Loretta Petersen
- Approved new manse furnace at \$2,894.
- Approved Relay for Life Team sponsorship
- Camera for recording worship services is ready for use.

Next Session will meet March 16, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

## By the Numbers . . .

### *Treasurer's Report*

	January
Receipts:	\$ 7,790.06
Expenses:	\$ 7,008.21

*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.*

## In Our Prayers

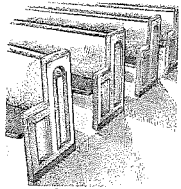
Let us remember daily those who need our prayers most. Among our people, prayers are extended to:

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



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church and leave a message.

**Note:** If you need a print-out of your financial giving for income tax purposes, please leave a message in the office or sign the provided clip board in the church office.



View from the Pews

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

February	7	20
Ash Wed.	10	15
	14	15
	21	24
	28	

## March Birthdays

1 Taryn Zinke  
2 Carolyn Blohm  
7 Marjorie Andersen  
11 Janet Williams  
Pat Wood  
16 Linda Jensen  
19 Dick Paske  
21 Dell Martin  
Doug Olson  
23 Mary Ellen Fischer  
26 Nancy Kessler



## March Anniversaries

22 Mark & Angela Kessler (8)  
29 Alvin & Peggy Grabill (30)  
31 Tom and Vickie Gardner (37)

## Who's serving our church in March?

<b>6</b>	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/ Ushers	Earl Blohm, Larry Klever, Jordan Jensen
	Videographer	Vickie Andersen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
<b>13</b>	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Earl Blohm, Larry Klever, Jordan Jensen
	Videographer	Ed Andersen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
<b>20</b>	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ivan Andersen, Charles Griffith, Connie Claxton
	Videographer	Jordan Jensen
	Coffee Hosts	TBA
<b>27</b>	Liturgist	TBA
	Greeters/Ushers	Ivan Andersen, Charles Griffith, Connie Claxton
	Videographer	Ed Andersen
	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

Camilla Lawshe



### Session Members

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

### Board of Deacons

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

Carolyn Blohm, Congregation Member-at-Large

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>March</h1> <h2>2016</h2> 		<b>1</b>  6:30 AM Ecumenical Bfst. at First Presby.	<b>2</b>  6:30 PM Choir Pr. 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee	<b>3</b>  2:00 PM PW Meets	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Communion</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee  3:30 PM Vespers at Exira Care Center	<b>7</b>  10:45 Fr. Home Communion 1:00 Individual Home Communion	<b>8</b>  6:30 AM Ecumenical Bfst. at St. Patrick's Parish Center  4:00 PM Adult Bible	<b>9</b>  8:30-1:00 NHS Blood Drive at High School  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>10</b>  WIC Clinic 2:00 PM Priscilla Circle Meets at Bernice Barnes	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Daylight Savings Begins
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School	<b>14</b>  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 6:30 AM Ecumenical Bfst. at St. John's Lutheran  4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b>  6:30 Choir Practice,  7:30 PM Session	<b>17</b>  7:00 pm Dartball at Ebenezer	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 2:00 PM Deacons Meet  4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>24 Maundy Thursday</b>  6:00 PM Worship Service	<b>25 Good Friday</b>  7:00 PM Worship at United Methodist	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  <b>Easter</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Coffee 10:30 AM Church School	<b>28</b>  7 PM Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>  4:00 PM Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b>  6:30 Choir Practice	<b>31</b>	<b>First Presbyterian Church</b> <b>Audubon, Iowa</b> (712) 563-3475	