

THE GOOD NEWS OF

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The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G Growing in Christ through worship.
- R Reaching out in fellowship.
- A Affirming faith through *discipleship*.
- C Caring for the lost through evangelism.
- E Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

November Memory Verse

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12.



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3. Be sure to turn your clocks

back one-hour Saturday night, and check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Trunk or Treat



On Wednesday, October 30, our Church will be providing an opportunity for local children, our Wednesday Club children, and our Church children to safely do some trick or treating.

Time for Trunk or Treating is 5:15 to 6:30 pm. Last year was our first year and it was a hit, and we all had fun!

We are asking for individuals to provide a trunk—decorated or not—for the kids to enjoy and get their candy.

We are also asking if you would like to provide candy to give out for the cars participating. We will have a box in the Narthex for the congregation to also help provide the candy.

Poinsettia Order



Once again, we will dress the chancel for Advent and Christmas. You may sponsor one or more of the 40 poinsettias (mix of red and white) with gold foil that will be on display. The cost will be \$9.00 per plant.

Please pick up your plant after Christmas.

with your check by Sunday, November 24. Check one: In loving memory of, In honor of,
In celebration of:
Given by:

Please return this form to the church office



The next Hymn Sing program will be on Sunday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

There will be NO Hymn Sing in December.

Operation Christmas Child



It is time to consider filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through mid-November. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Fill the box with

small toys, hygiene items & school supplies. An instructional pamphlet is in each box. Be sure to include a check for \$9 for each box to cover shipping costs. Make the check out to Samaritans Purse.

Return filled boxes to the large box in the Narthex by **Sunday**, **November 10**.

All boxes will be delivered to E-Free Church by Sunday, November 17. Thank you.

---Barb McBride

Handel's "Messiah"



"Messiah 2019" in Marshalltown is soon upon us! Our presentation this December 8, will be the 67th annual community event, and we want this year's program to be

another valuable experience for participants and listeners. Please consider singing in the *Messiah* chorus directed by Janet Collison. We are hoping for 60 singers all accompanied by Chad Mussig on the majestic pipe organ.

Here is the rehearsals schedule: Group rehearsals and the final presentation will all be at First United Methodist Church, 202 W Main; Marshalltown, lowa (use the glass doors on the north or south sides of the building.) The schedule will be:

Sun., Nov. 3, 2:00-4:00 (Sanctuary) Sun., Nov. 10, 2:00-4:00 (Sanctuary) Sun., Nov. 17, 2:00-4:00 (Sanctuary) Sun., Nov. 24, 5:30-6:30 soloists, 6:30-8:00 full choir (Sanctuary)

Sat., Dec. 7, 9:00 - 11:00 full run-thru, shortened solos. (Sanctuary)

Sun., <u>Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m.</u> - Presentation of the "Messiah" in the Sanctuary of First Un. Methodist Church.

Night of Bowling



It's time to go bowling!! M & I Committee would like to invite everyone to join them for a night of bowling on Sunday, November 10, at 4 p.m. at Wayward Social bowling alley on S. 6th Street. We

will bowl for about an hour and then have pizza together. All ages are invited.

Please join us whether you are a bowler or not!! There will be a sign-up in the Narthex soon whether you will be attending and if you need a ride.

Family Night

Please join us for a great time to visit and worship. Family Night in November are Wednesday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. Dinner is



served from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm.

On Nov. 6, the children will be working on a craft while the adults are involved with worship. This is a great time for all!!

Financial Report for September

SEPT. 2019	Actual
Total Receipts Budget	\$35,263.00 40,178.00
Total Expenses Budget	\$32,354.00 30,629.00
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts Budget Difference	\$289,952.00 327,441.00 (37,489.00)
Total Expenses Budget Difference	(\$303,678.00) (314,950.00) 11,272.00

Church Women United will meet on Friday, November 1, for a celebration meeting for World Community Day at United Church of Christ featuring Brittny Edwards speaking on "NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A).

PWC News



Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, November 19, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Lounge. All women are invited to attend.

Medicare Open Enrollment

The Annual Open Enrollment Period for Medicare is coming soon. The dates are October 15, - December 7, for you to meet with a SHIIP counselor to compare plans and make sure you have coverage that meets your drug and health care needs. To meet with a SHIIP counselor, contact Unity Point Health Marshalltown at 641-754-5399.

SHIIP is a free, confidential, objective service of the State of Iowa Insurance Division.

Alternative Gifts

As we approach the end of the year, we can again participate in a special way of giving. Sarah Circle is sponsoring Alternative Gift Fair starting November 24, and going through December 22. You will be able to choose items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog or from needs at Jonathan's House for Orphans in the Central African Republic. As we are richly blessed, we can choose to give to those in need in an impoverished part of the world.

Holiday Concert

You are invited to begin your Holiday Stroll at a Holiday Concert sponsored by Elim Lutheran Church and hosted by First Congregational Church, 312 W Main St, Marshalltown, on Saturday, Nov 23, at 3:00 pm. This free concert of holiday music will feature . . .

<u>Hudson Lourenço, organist</u> – native of São Paulo, Brazil, with a master's degree in organ performance from the University of Iowa and newcomer to Marshalltown.

<u>Josh Grimes, pianist</u> – local musician best known for his membership in the Seymour Family Gospel Group and resident of Toledo.

<u>Community Bell Choir, handbells</u> – a gathering of handbell ringers from several area churches including Elim Lutheran, First

Congregational, St Francis Catholic, and Trinity Lutheran.

This free concert will take place just prior to the opening of the 2019 Holiday Stroll in downtown Marshalltown. "Strollers" are invited to begin their evening activities at this concert at the First Congregational Church before "strolling" down Main Street.

Time to Thank, Time to Share



Thanksgiving is a time to share. A roasted turkey stuffed with care, potatoes, yams and buttered rolls are passed around in festive bowls. But first we thank our God above

and share with others his great love. The dish served last is always best —a slice of pie for every guest. —MaryAnn Sundby



Wednesday Club is underway and will run through November 20. Our theme is "The Parables of Jesus." We have 24 children registered, ten of whom

are new. Only 1 in 4 of our Wednesday Club kids listed a church home, consistent with past sessions. We also have several youths who will help when their schedules allow, and at least seven of them are former Wednesday Club kids themselves.

Currently, our greatest need, besides prayer, is people to provide and serve snacks. Please sign up on the clipboard or talk to Michelle if you are able to help in this way. Please thank the following volunteers when you see them: Wynona Anderson, Matt Broshar, Janell Dommer, Jackie Hughes, Garry Rottink, Cindy Wise; the youth: Winner Banissan, Eva Dommer, Lars Dommer, Kaylin Mitchell, Vicente Rodriguez, Elliana Rottink, and Kailla Ryan; bus riders Jenny Buschbom and Beverly Free; and our snack providers Abra Banissan, Jan Faber, Jackie Hughes, Susan Lawyer, Lola Rinnan, and Lavonne Watkins.

Sunday School

Sunday school learned about Noah in October. In November, they will begin learning about Daniel, then they will begin practicing for the Christmas program (mark your calendars for December 15). They will pick back up with Daniel in January. Preschoolers are learning that God is involved in all of our relationships with our family and friends, and as part of that they have joined the K-1st class for shared activities about Creation and Noah.

Awesome Presbys

Awesome Presbys meets during the first Family Night each month. They will also help with Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on October 30, from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Next month, they will meet during Family Night on November 6, and will serve at the House of Compassion on November 21.

Thank You, Veterans

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

Luke's Ministry Diabetes - Know the 10 Symptoms

Are you at risk for diabetes? If you have any of these symptoms, you should see your doctor right away:

- 1. Frequent urination
- 2. Unusual thirst
- 3. Extreme hunger
- 4. Fatigue and irritability
- 5. Sudden, unexplained weight loss
- 6. Frequent infections, especially yeast infections or infections of the skin, gums, or bladder
- 7. Cuts or bruises that are slow to heal
- 8. Blurred vision

- 9. Dry or itchy skin
- 10. Numbness, tingling, or pain in your hands and feet

Diabetes is a danger to your overall health and well-being. And, according to the American Diabetes Association, people with diagnosed diabetes have average medical expenses that are 2.3 times higher than if they did not have diabetes.

Though these 10 symptoms are a warning sign, diabetes can occur with no symptoms. This is why you should have <u>annual preventive care visits</u> with your doctor and get the <u>scheduled tests</u>, at no cost to you.*

- When you see your doctor for a preventive care visit, there is **no cost** to you – no copay, deductible, or copayment – for the visit or for scheduled tests.
- If you have any of these 10 symptoms and visit a network primary care physician for treatment, your visit is considered a sick visit; you'll have a \$25 copay. (The visit is only considered to be a well visit, or preventive care, if you go to the doctor with no symptoms.)

Enjoy better health through preventive care and early diagnosis. If you have a diagnosis, remember that complying with your doctor's orders is important!

Learning to Give Thanks

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year's in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning — with God's help — to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

—Sandy Hyland

The **Emergency Food Box** is currently in need of the following food items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned tomato



sauce, pork 'n beans, peanut butter, canned soup, cereal (12-14 oz. size). Please no glass containers. (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food

items are not outdated.)

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) any weekday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box.* Our mailing address is: EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally. We could not provide food to so many people without your help! All food items are donated or purchased with the money contributed.

We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy Seberger, 752-8363.



our faithful workers at the House of **Thanks &** Compassion during the month of October: Matt Broshar, Jenny, Reagan & Reese Buschbom,

Mercedes Dirksmeyer, Beverly Free, Marlene Hall, Ed Jackson and Garry Rottink.

The chill is in the air, the leaves are changing color and piling in the nooks and crannies of every corner. Times are changing. They always are. God, His



mercy, His grace, and His mission on the other hand never fade.

If you've had a chance to hear me speak, you know that I am a man of many thoughts, words and passions. I love deeply and intensely. It, at times, feels like both a blessing and a curse, but mostly a

Because of this, I have a great heart for missions, people, the sick and the hurting. This is a rather deep lead up to a simple thing: An announcement for the Chili Cook-off. It is important to me that you know that these events aren't just "fundraisers" to me, but the support and hand in the mission that God has personally impressed upon my heart, and the desire to share this with our students.

The Chili-Cookoff is going to held following Sunday school on November 24. We like this date because as it nears Thanksgiving, it is a great time to remember the blessings God has given us, as we gather around food to bless others. It also serves as a nice "calm before the storm" for Thanksgiving cooking and preparation.

Please join us. Not for a fundraiser but joining hands in hearts in the mission of our church and our students. I thank you for all the support in this over the years. It has changed the hearts of many students. And mine!

Faithfully and Humbly

Jon Rottink



New member classes Wednesday November 13, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday November 17, at 11:30 a.m. We would like to invite all of those

who are attending our church to become members. You don't need to be a member to receive assistance, or to belong to a Bible Study, or serve in anyway. But as members, you get to serve this church as officers: Deacons and Elders. These are elected position that last traditionally three years. Not everyone is asked during their first years as members to serve in this way.

But we do need an influx of new members to bring fresh ideas to our Boards and other activities. I encourage all nonmembers to consider joining the church and committing to our congregation. With your help we can continue to reach out to our community.

Please let me know if you are interested and make plans to attend one of our new member meetings.

Pastor Rich

OCTOBER SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the Session meeting at 7:05 p.m. with Richie Ritter presenting the devotions and opening prayer.

Staff reports were presented.

Motion prevailed to approve the amended September 17, 2019 Stated Session meeting minutes by correcting the spelling of Zechariah in Pastor Rich's report, changing Bryon Lesch's name to Byron Lesch in the Mission's report and changing the total cost of refurbishing the bells as \$4,226 in the W & M report.

Motion prevailed to remove **Kathryn Schaudt** from the rolls due to her death 10-13-2019 and remove **Dianne Josten** from the rolls due to her death 10-14-2019.

Finances: Matt Broshar presented the Financial report noting that September giving has been consistent for the last three years. Giving is down compared to the budget, but we are within the budget. After the tornado in 2018, a lot of money was donated to disaster and not to the budget. Utilities continue to run high. The church received notice that Bette Etter has left a bequest to First Presbyterian Church. Committees need to make sure their budgets are turned in before the November Session meeting.

Mission/Evangelism: Pat Kremer reported that they discussed their 2020 budget and lowered it to \$40,500. Matt Broshar, Carter Strand and Pat Kremer will go to Ames to defend the Presbytery Mission Grants that have been approved by Session. A group from Meredith Drive Church in Des Moines will be staying at the church to work for Habitat for Humanity October 21-25.

Worship & Music: Wynona Anderson reported. Communion—134 in September and 154 in October. About 26 people attended the September 15, Hymn Sing with Garry Rottink leading the singing, Wynona Anderson playing the piano and Marla Grossman playing the organ. Paul and Karin Podhajsky will be ushers on the third Sunday of each month. Pat Kremer reported the A & P Committee is exploring the idea of a second less traditional worship service. The 2020 budget for their committee was discussed and they reduced their budget for 2020 to \$4,050. The trumpet pipes have been cleaned and tuned by the Dobson Organ Co.

Christian Education: Doug Bacon reported that CE will help the M & I Committee with Trunk or Treat Oct. 30. They are inviting the kids from Franklin, Rogers & Woodbury schools to attend. They still need people to decorate their cars for this event. Sunday school is going very well. Amber Young is coordinating the Children's Christmas program on December 15, with a meal to precede the program. Adult Sunday school classes are arranged for the remainder of this year with Jinita Boyd and Roger Anders leading the classes. The committee needs to add camp scholarships as a line item to the budget and will also plan to do some fundraising to secure money. The church pays one-half of the cost for each camper fee. Eleven kids went to camp in 2019. No decision was made to have a meal at the church for the Cross-County members.

A & P: Pat Kremer reported they discussed an alternative worship service to try to get more people

to join the church and will work with Worship & Music to start this service. This could be held at the second Family Night event.

Membership & Involvement: Case Hegeman reported that the new church directory has been sent to "LifeTouch. Many of the individual pictures have been returned to the church and picked up by people. They are helping to coordinate "Trunk or Treat." A simple meal will be provided before "Trunk or Treat." They are helping prepare food for Family Night events. A "Bowling Night" is planned for Sunday, Nov. 10. Deb Williams will now be calling for adult volunteers to work in the nursery with her each Sunday. A meal is being planned for Sunday, October 27, for the King family to celebrate Pastor Appreciation month. The committee's 2020 budget was discussed, and they have asked for \$1,450 for M & I for 2020. They are working on a list of people who are members but don't attend church to determine if they want to be removed from the rolls.

Property: Richie Ritter reported that the steps and approach to the steps on the east side of the church have been replaced. The protective glass on the outside of the large rose window has been replace after being damaged by the July 2018 tornado. They met with an audio/video vendor to go over the audio board, projector, acoustic tiling and screens and will request a quote for any upgrades needed. The bus should have a maintenance check-up each year. The committee is working on a 2020 budget for big items for the church and getting quotes for these projects. They are still discussing costs for a new parking lot, AC for the rest of the basement area and new carpet for the Lower Lounge and offices. They are looking at updates in the Gathering Place.

Other: Rich will get the Nominating Committee activated to get new Elders and Deacons for the class of 2022.

Pastor Rich closed the meeting with prayer.



Members in mission making a difference.
GOOD NEWS from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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Newsletter deadline with <u>DECEMBER 2019</u> information is due <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 20, 2019 for anyone wanting</u> to submit an article.



Reminder:

Nov. 1— All Saints' Day

Nov. 3—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. 11— Veterans Day Nov. 19—Deacon's Meeting

Nov. 19— Session

Nov. 24—Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 28—Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Nov. 29—Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed



November 2019 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Dennis Grabau Francis Strand Ron Wilson	4 Jan Faber Lily Johnson	5	6 Susan Lawyer Leah Mosher Heather Rottink	7	8 Marla Grossman	9 Carole Permar Karen Schoell Ken Smith
10 Mariah Reed	11 Wendy Thiessen	12 Marcus Henze	13	14	15	16 Cindy Butler
17 Dean Baker	18 Hope Britson Liz Rickert Renee Vogt	19	20 Bob Boeyink Alisha Neuroth Bert Tice	21 Reagan Buschbom Traci Hala	22	23 Jacob Schrum
24 Kelcy Madison	25 Jean Bower	26 Jessica Johnson Pat Kremer Elliana Rottink	27	28 Sue Bryant	29 Carrie Bell	30 Kevin Strand

	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17		Nov. 24	
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Flowers	Larry & Barb Schru	m Keith & Diane Oles	son Terry & Rhono	da Buzbee	Ed Jackson & Fa	amily
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Roger Bristley Doug Butler Jim Grimmius	Pat Kremer Doris Langenbau Orlyn Langenbau	Tracy Ostrem LaVern Paul Harlan Quick	Jerry Schaudt Brenda Severson Don Smith	Barb Vovo Dale Wed		

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NOVEMBER 2019

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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:00 a.m. Worship - Communion 10:15a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages – Kids to Accura Care 2:30 p- Presbytery - Cedar Heights in Cedar Falls	4 Nancy on Vacation today 3:00p Messiah Meeting 5:00p Girl Scout Mtg. – GP 5:30p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. CE	5 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. M & I	6 9:00a-2:30p- Quilters - LL 3:30p Wed. Club – GP 5:15p Family Night w/meal 6:30p Youth 101 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:30p.m. Praise Team	7 8:30 am Flapjacks-LL 12:00p Oasis -LL 12:00p Pastor's Prayer Group 5:00p Cub Scout Mtg GP 5:30 p.m. Property	8	9
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