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March 2015

Messenger

First Presbyterian Church

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Worship Services: Sundays at 8:50 & 11:15am

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Chicken Noodle Soup.....	March 4
Hamburgers.....	March 11
Taco Bar.....	March 18
Spaghetti.....	March 25

Automatic Giving

Forms are available in the office for anyone wishing to begin automatic giving. Please see John Calsbeek for more details.



“The Peace of Christ...”

Though the handshake is our most common form of greeting, it isn't universal. Touching foreheads, placing hands on shoulders, kissing the cheeks, and bowing to one another are all forms of greeting used throughout the world. The handshake, however, is the most popular form of greeting worldwide (though given the rising fear of spreading germs, the fist-bump is quickly gaining ground).

The history of the handshake is a little sketchy, but it is depicted in art by the 5th century BC and seems initially to have been a gesture to assure the person being greeted that you were not holding a weapon. The Romans developed a later version that grabbed the forearm to show that neither party was hiding a weapon, and some historians suggest that the shaking motion was added to try and shake free any weapons hidden up the sleeve. Whatever the origins, it seems likely that shaking hands had something to do with an offering of peace and a promise that one would not be attacked.

Among the early Christians, a greeting called the “Holy Kiss” or the “Kiss of Peace” was used. This was basically a kiss on one or both cheeks, and both Paul and Peter commend the practice in the early church. It was a sign of fellowship, of affection, and respect, and like the handshake which would follow, it communicated welcome and hospitality.

We probably greet people often enough in church that we really don't think much of it, but welcoming people with hospitality is a deeply important practice. A smile and outstretched hand still tells people that they are safe here, reassuring them that whether they believe what we believe or not, they won't be attacked. The way we greet people says a lot about our church and one of the most damaging things a church can do is welcoming people poorly.

I think hospitality is one of the things First Pres. does pretty well, but we must continue to be intentional. It's hard to remember to greet new people sometimes. We all naturally look for people we know and some of us struggle to reach out to strangers. But let's make it our goal that no one ever sets foot in our church without being welcomed because how we greet people matters. Greet people you don't know yet, and whenever possible help new people with where things are or how things are done here. It's more than

simply a way to say hello, it's a way of communicating that we are grateful that someone would show up and worship with us, or consider that we might be a community of faith they would like to be a part of. Our extended hand is to be an extension of Christ's peace, and of Christ's love. It says, "you are safe here, and welcome."

Thanks for the many ways so many of you strive to live out Christian hospitality through our church. Keep up the good work and may all of us be on the lookout for ways to welcome guests, visitors, and strangers in our midst.

Greet one another in Christ...

Clint

Lenten Bible Study

Easter Deconstructed – A look at what's happened since the cross

We generally spend Lent thinking about the events that led up to Easter, but what about what's happened since? Join us as we explore some of the great themes of Christianity and the differences they have made in people and in the world. Each week will focus on an idea that grew out of the Christian story and a person or persons who lived it out in particular ways. We hope this will be far more than church history, but a chance to examine the living faith of some of the forerunners of the faith in a way that inspires and challenges us. Each week includes supper and child care, and there is no cost. Lent is from Sunday, February 22 through March 29, with the soup supper at 4:30pm and a Bible Study from 5:00-6:00pm.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery, please notify us with the number of children. There is a sign-up sheet for food in the Narthex. Each week we need three people to bring soup, one person to bring bread, one person to bring a veggie tray and two people to bring desserts. We hope to see you there.

March 1 – **When's it all gonna end?** – Christians and the end times

March 8 - **It's hard to be Holy** – The Christian quest for Piety

March 15 – The B-I-B-L-E – Christians and the Good Book

March 22 – Joyful Noise? – Christian and the worship wars

March 29 – Whom shall I send? – Christian Missions



Growing in Faith

“Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” Mark 15:39

Bible scholars have written volumes about “the messianic secret” in the gospel of Mark. This “secret” is a recurring theme found in this particular gospel where Jesus demonstrates his power and authority by traveling throughout Israel performing miracles and teaching the people the things of God but then forbids them to tell anyone that he is the messiah. For most of the story, people don’t understand Jesus’ teaching and almost no one (except the demons) know that he is the Son of God. The few times when someone’s eyes are opened and they recognize Jesus’ Lordship, he strongly commands them not reveal his true identity to anyone. This continues throughout the entire Gospel until the text when Jesus was crucified. When he died, a Roman Centurion standing at the foot of the cross immediately exclaimed, “Surely this man was God’s Son!” In the Gospel of Mark, the message is clear, the secret is over, even the Roman centurions can now see the truth as bright as day!

Profession of faith reaches throughout the centuries of Christian history until today as an incredibly important marker in the life of a Christ follower. For some in the history of the church profession had an immediate impact on their own livelihood. In fact, in the early church, making the profession of faith in Jesus often meant that you would be excluded from professional associations and guilds, thereby forcing you to leave your trained vocational profession and livelihood. For others, calling Jesus Lord, would cost them their very lives in the Roman games. Today, in Spirit Lake, Iowa our congregation still provides opportunities for each other to profess and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ. Parents profess and affirm their faith at their Children’s baptism, our church leaders affirm their faith when being ordained to their offices of leadership, we all join in an affirmation of faith after the sermon in worship, and our confirmation students make their profession of faith before Session before they are admitted as members of our congregation.

This March, eight students will come before the leaders of our congregation and share their personal statements of faith. These students have been considering how their faith makes a difference in their lives and have come to the time when they are ready to share that faith with the entire

congregation. While we are blessed to live in a place where publicly professing faith in Christ will not endanger our lives, it does not diminish the importance of this moment. These students will raise their voices, just like their Christian forebearers, and speak to the difference that Jesus has made in their lives.

As you journey towards the death and resurrection of Christ this lent, let me encourage you to consider how you too can profess your faith, not just formally in church, but in the less obvious moments in life. How can you share good news through both word and deed with those who are in need? If someone asked you, could you give an account of your faith? This lent may be the perfect season to consider and write down your own story of faith that you can pass along to the generations that follow you. Or you might consider taking the Apostles Creed, an affirmation of faith shared by almost the entire Christian church, and study how it might make a difference in your own life of faith. Regardless of what practice you choose, let us actively consider the faith that we hold and strive to boldly share the good news of those affirmations with others as we celebrate the students who have come to profess their faith in Jesus this month.

In Christ,

Michael

Lent Preaching Series

@The Cross #LastwordsofJesus

This Lent we will explore the seven things Jesus said from the cross. Each week we will look at one of the "last words" and try to hear Jesus' voice again in a new way. We hope you can make it for worship this Lenten season.

March 1 – Into your hands I commit my Spirit

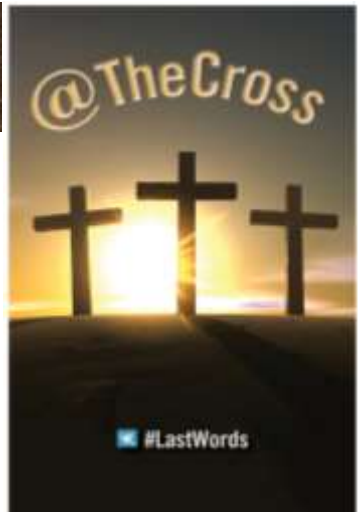
March 8 – Here is your son, Here is your mother

March 15 – Forgive them, they know not what they do

March 22 – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

March 29 – Today you will be with me in paradise

April 5 – It is finished





7th/8th Grade Movie Night:

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on March 20th at 7pm for a movie party at church. Everything is included, candy, popcorn, and of course, an exciting new movie (stay tuned for the exact film soon)! No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost, so be sure to bring a friend. We can't wait to see you there!

Confirmation Profession of Faith:

Parents remember that your Confirmation student is asked to join session on March 17th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church for their profession of faith. Students should dress casually but bring a copy of your statement of faith questions. Parents, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Michael with any questions or concerns as we come to this important milestone of faith.

Senior High Fellowship:

Senior High Fellowship meets immediately following the Wednesday Night Fellowship starting with dinner at 6:45 and continuing with High School programming at 7:15pm in the youth room. All high school students are invited to join us as we live life together and seek to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation:

Confirmation meets during the Sunday School hour from 10:10-11:10am every Sunday. All 7-8th graders who are interested in Confirmation are invited to join Pastor Michael as we explore the foundations of the Christian faith, the New Testament, and its significance for our lives today.

Wednesday Night Fellowship:

Wednesday Night Fellowship meets every Wednesday beginning with a family meal from 5:30-6pm and ending with classes from the Nursery through Adult Education from 6-7pm. Registration for your entire family is now available for the second semester. You can get more information about the evening schedule, registration options, and more from the church office or on our website at <http://fpcspiritlake.org/wnf/>. Second semester will continue until March 5th.

Easter Lilies

Again this year, the lilies will have even more meaning. We have decided to add to the cost of each lily and use these proceeds to benefit the Spirit Lake Backpack Program. So while we celebrate resurrection, we will also be ministering to those in need. The cost of a lily alone is \$10.25, if you want to make a donation to Spirit Lake Backpack the total cost is \$15.00. Please call Cheri at the church office at 336-1649 to place your order, and please let us know if this is in memory of, or honoring someone. Thank you.



Friday, March 6th, 1:00pm

United Methodist Church of Spirit Lake invites your friends, family and members of the community to join us at 1:00pm on Friday, March 6th to celebrate World Day of Prayer. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The focus this year will be on Jesus. Through prayer and song we will give praise to God for he created us in his image yet we are all different and unique in His eyes. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Synod School 2015



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Wednesday Night Fellowship

- 1) Wednesday Night Fellowship is for everyone, not just kids or families. *Everyone* is welcome.
- 2) Nursery will be provided as well as a Pre-K/T-K class.
- 3) Dinner Time Change: This year dinner will be served from 5:30pm to 6:00pm so you can eat whenever you arrive.
- 4) You can register online at <http://fpcspiritlake.org/wnf>.

Schedule

- 5:30pm - Dinner begins and will be served until 6:00 (eat as you arrive)
6:00pm - Children and adult programming begins
6:30pm - Sr. High meal for those who come later
7:00pm - Dismissal
7:15pm — Sr. High Fellowship begins

Adult Ed Classes

Caring for an Elderly Loved One ~ Various Speakers

Parenting Adolescents ~ Clint Loveall

Join a Meal Team

To sign up to serve with a group, please contact Cheri in the church office or notate your interest on the sign up board now in the Church Narthex.

Meal Rotations

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| 1. Tacos | 2. Spaghetti | 3. Meatball Subs |
| 4. Potato Bar | 5. Fettuccine Alfredo | 6. Soup |
| 7. Hamburgers | | |

March

SUN	MON	TUE
<p>1 8:50am-Reformed Service 10:00am-Coffee & fellowship 10:10am- Sunday School for kids 10:15am- Adult Ed 11:15am-Reforming Service 12:30pm-E5 Meeting 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>2 9:00am-PW Sewing 5:30pm-Worship Comm Mtg 6:30pm-Christian Ed Mtg</p>	<p>3 8:15am-WIC 1:30pm-Women's Bible</p>
<p>8 <i>Girl Scout Sunday</i> 8:50am-Reformed Service 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship 10:10am-Sunday School for kids 10:15am-Adult Ed 11:15am-Reforming Service 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>9 9:00am-PW Sewing 6:30pm-Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>10 1:30pm-Women's Bible</p>
<p>15 8:50am-Reformed Service 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship 10:10am-Sunday School for kids 10:15am-Adult Ed 11:15am-Reforming Service 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>16 9:00am-PW Sewing 5:15pm-Stewardship Mtg</p>	<p>17 1:30pm-Women's Bible 7:00pm-Session Mtg **Confirmands meet With Session</p>
<p>22 8:50am-Reformed Service 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship 10:10am-Sunday School for kids 10:15am-Adult Ed 11:15am-Reforming Service 2:00pm-Worship Service at Hilltop 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>23 9:00am-PW Sewing</p>	<p>24 1:30pm-Women's Bible</p>
<p>29 8:50am-Reformed Service 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship 10:10am-Sunday School for kids 10:15am- Adult Ed 11:15am-Reforming Service 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>30 9:00am-PW Sewing</p>	<p>31 1:30pm-Women's Bible</p>

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<p>4 5:30pm-WNF 6:30pm-Bldg & Grds Mtg 7:00pm-Chancel Bell Practice 7:00pm-Mission Comm Mtg 7:15pm-High School 8:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 9:00am-Men's Bible 5:15pm-PWCT Mtg 7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 1:00pm-World Day of Prayer Service at United Methodist Church</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11 5:30pm-WNF 7:00pm-Chancel Bell Practice 7:15pm-High School 8:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 8:00am-Foster Care 9:00am-Men's Bible 9:30am-Mary Circle 6:30pm-Martha Circle 7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>18 5:30pm-WNF 7:00pm-Chancel Bell Practice 7:15pm-High School 8:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 9:00am-Men's Bible 9:30am-PW Projects Day 7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 7:00pm-7th & 8th Grade Movie Night in the HS Room</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>25 5:30pm-WNF 7:00pm-Chancel Bell Practice 7:15pm-High School 8:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 9:00am-Men's Bible 7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



First Presbyterian CHURCH HAPPENINGS

[Newsletter Available Online](#)

If you would like to receive your newsletter online please let us know by sending an email to: office@fpcspiritlake.org. Also, you can access the newsletter anytime on our website at www.fpcspiritlake.org/newsletter

[Monday Morning Quilters Needed](#)

⇒ Sewers are needed to put quilt tops together

⇒ People are needed to help tie them.

This group meets from 9:00 - 10:30am each Monday morning. These quilts are mission projects and sent all over the world. No experience necessary and *TRAINING INCLUDED!*

[Join in Prayer](#)

Join in prayer for the Church each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We will be in prayer for the pastor, for the music, for every part of the Service, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst as we worship. God hears and answers prayer.

[Healing by Elders—Prayers of Healing](#)

Elders will be available for prayer. If you have a need for physical or spiritual healing, the opportunity will be available every communion Sunday in the chapel following the worship service for Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands. Please call Owen Primavera (332-2537) for more information or if you would be interested in another time for a healing service.

[Attn: PW Coordinating Team](#)

A reminder to the PW Coordinating Team, the next meeting will be Thursday, March 5th at 5:15pm.

[Message from the Deacons](#)

The Deacons ask for your help in order that we might continue to help with special needs in our congregation and in the community. If you know of any needs, please give them to the attention of Kirk Huisenga or any Deacon. Please use the "Deacon Envelopes" located in the pew racks to make contributions each Communion Sunday for the work of the Deacons. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and may He find us faithful in His service. ***"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name."*** - Psalm 100:4

Worship Service Broadcast Schedule

The radio broadcast of the Worship Service is each Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00a.m. on KUOO (103.9FM). OR you can go to our Web Site under Media and receive the KUOO Live Stream under Sunday Audio Stream. It is also televised the following Tuesday at 9:00am and Saturday at 7:00am on Channel 22 if you have a black box. With a new or digital TV it is channel 86-25 or 86-5. We invite you to sponsor a radio or television broadcast for \$50 each; this can be in honor of, or memory of a loved one. Please contact the church office if you are interested at 336-1649.

Sunday School Snacks

A sign-up sheet and PEANUT/FREE SNACK LIST has been placed in the library window. Please take a snack list and sign up for your favorite date!! 5 dozen snacks and 2 large juice (not red) are needed in the Cantina for Sunday School by 9:45am each Sunday morning.

Box Tops and Labels for Education

A new list of labels accepted for box tops and labels for education has been posted on the window of the church office. This list shows all the new products that labels can be clipped from.

Adult Education Classes

- ◆ *New Member Class ~ Clint Loveall*
- ◆ *Book Study Running with Horses by Eugene Peterson ~ John & Cindy Knabe*
- ◆ *Autobiographies of Grace ~ Various Speakers*

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

The congregations of our county take turns supporting the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry. Long ago it was decided by the churches that the county would be best served by having this pantry. Our congregation has the opportunity to provide to the pantry for the months of April and October. Please consider donating your items during the month of April. Items may be placed in the wagon in the Narthex. Monetary gifts are welcome as well.



March 27-28 ~ Be Still—Sabbath Retreat

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday Movie Night

April 25 ~ Spring Work Day



Attention all Women

Please plan to attend Presbyterian Women Projects Day on Thursday, March 19th from 9:30-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Morning coffee & treats will be provided. This is a fun morning to work on various projects with some great fellowship. If you haven't attended before, we would love to have you join us.

Spirit Lake Backpack Program

First Presbyterian Church is participating in the Spirit Lake Backpack Program. This program provides food for kids whose families need assistance. If you are willing to donate food, these are the items we are accepting:



Easy Mac—microwave macaroni and cheese

Cans of Spaghetti and meatballs/spaghetti o's/ Ravioli—bite size

Chewy Granola Bars—peanut butter or chocolate chip

Quaker microwavable quick oats—with flavoring

Juice boxes—any flavor

Individual bottles of juice

Peanut butter crackers package

Crackers and cheese package

Jif peanut butter to go containers

Cans of chicken noodle soup

**Individual packages of cheez it's,
gold fish, 100 calorie treat packs**

Pudding cups

Fruit Snacks

Jars of Peanut butter

Jars of jelly

Individual cereal boxes

Hormel Complete dinners

Mini Muffins/Poptarts

Pretzels



GriefShare

Since 2007 the Lakes GriefShare program has featured biblical Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features some of the nation's most known and respected grief experts and the real-life stories of people. GriefShare will be held for 13 consecutive weeks on Monday, from 6:30-8:30pm, **stand-alone sessions**, beginning in April at the Okoboji Lakes Bible and Missionary Conference Grounds, (corner of Highway 71 and Broadway St.). For more information or to register, please call Jo Winkowitsch at 330-7091, or go online to www.griefshare.org. GriefShare is partnering with Intersect, a year-round ministry of the Okoboji Lakes Bible and Missionary Conference.

Low Vision Support Group

The Low Vision Support Group is a local support group for the blind and visually impaired. They meet the third Wednesday of every month (except July and December) at 1:30 pm at Homestead. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Bev McGlothlen @ 336-4591.

Okoboji Bereaved Parents Support Group

"Offering help in dealing with the loss of a Child" Okoboji Bereaved Parents Support Group meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Good News Community Church in Okoboji, IA. For more information call 332-5698.

Overeaters Anonymous Area Meetings

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a self-help, non-profit organization that offers a three-fold recovery program from the disease of compulsive overeating-physical, emotional and spiritual. The OA program is an anonymous fellowship open to any one with an eating disorder or weight problem; there are no dues or fees. There are meetings held weekly offering fellowship, experience, strength and hope. They are open to anyone: compulsive eaters, visitors, or anyone who wants to learn more about OA.

OA meets at 5:00pm on Wednesdays at St. Alban's Episcopal (east of the hospital) in Spirit Lake. Contact: Helen at 712-380-0081 for more information.

Grief Support Groups at Iowa Hospice

Sharing the Journey, a general grief support group that incorporates activities to help us express our grief and guide discussion on grief, coping skills, holidays, and other topics requested. Meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Suicide Support Group, this group provides an opportunity for loved ones to come together and to share their hurt, their questions, and their struggles. And to know they are not alone. Meets every first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.

Caregiver's Support Group, this group sets aside a time for you to refocus on yourself and discuss the challenges of providing care to a loved one. Meets every third Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

All groups meet at Iowa Hospice, 1370 Lake St., Spirit Lake

For more information, contact Carissa VanWyhe, LMSW, Bereavement Coordinator at 336-2941.

Attention Sewers

The children's and lap quilts are now in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. These quilts have been given in the past to CAASA, Dickinson County Public Health for the "New Moms" program, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the new babies, Gentiva Hospice and Hilltop Care Center. Please help with this project which provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.

Rhea Sybesma & Dee Fibelstad
Sewing for Mission Needs

Nursing Home Ministry 2015

Following is a list of locations and dates where First Presbyterian Church will be holding Worship Services. Hilltop Care Center at 2:00pm, WEL-COV at 2:45pm, and Pride Group of Okoboji at 3:30pm. The services last about 20 minutes and we would like church members to attend and participate. The residents love the attention and Pastor Clint loves our participation.

Communion Sundays would be especially good for one or more of us to help out. If interested, please contact the church office at 336-1649.

March 22 at Hilltop



Music Department Performance Schedule

March 10—Coffee House at The Max, 7pm, Estherville Campus

Live broadcast!

March Anniversaries

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| 1 | John & Sue Ziegenbusch | 18 | Doug & Carol Stueven |
| 7 | Chuck & Gloria Ditsworth | 25 | Todd & June Howatt |
| 15 | Dave & Carolyn Butterworth | 29 | Wayne & Maryl Glasnapp |

March Birthdays

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| 2 | Amy Profit | 18 | Betty Elgin |
| | Joy Eldridge | | Rob Oldson |
| 3 | Mary Ann Jansen | 19 | Jack Luhring |
| | Sandy Kasson | 20 | Zach Arneson |
| 4 | Roger Andersen | | Josie Byers |
| 5 | Nick Poolman | | Fran Travis |
| | Molly VanDyke | 21 | Ellie Bolluyt |
| 6 | Marilyn Grice | 22 | Marlene Avery |
| | Katherine Webber | | Ashley (Peckham) Petersen |
| 7 | Tony Jennings | | Ellie Carney |
| | Amy Stover | | Max Carney |
| 8 | Kay Monson | 24 | Joe Oldson |
| | Susan Travis | | Tristen Murray |
| 9 | Sue Ewen | 25 | Matt Lippon |
| | Bruce Goodenow | | Tony Weber |
| | Milly Tillotson | | SuCha Moffitt |
| | Presten Murray | | Rose Top |
| 10 | Becky Welch | 26 | Don Clauson |
| 11 | Jill Jennings | | Emma Fisher |
| | Gladys Rosenberg | 27 | Bev Cother |
| | Caden Hassel | 28 | Jackie Jenkins |
| 12 | Esther Haburn | | Angie Peterson |
| | Roger Lahm | | Kelly Stecker |
| | Caitlyn Roberts | 29 | Erin Davelaar |
| 14 | Shirley Funk | | Ellie Richter |
| | Leah Bolluyt | 30 | Paul Pritts |
| | Cassie McKeen | | Abby Tillotson |
| | Rick Hayes | | Jada VanderWolde |
| 16 | Maxine Hix | | Courtney (Ditsworth) Wegner |
| | Jim Radcliffe | 31 | Sarah Kennedy |
| | Dave Dreeszen | | |
| 17 | John Calsbeek | | |
| | Phyllis Egeland | | |
| | Macy Jennings | | |

Church Library NEWS



by: Pat Heiser, Librarian

March is here and with it more daylight and the hope of warmer temperatures. There are still those cold days that make you want to curl up with a good book.

The library catalog has been updated by Linda Bolluyt. Take a minute to look through it or on the shelves for a book you might enjoy. If you have any DVD's checked out that your family has been watching, please return them so another family may enjoy a movie night complete with popcorn and hot chocolate.

There's a new devotional book for men in the church library called "Man Stuff" by country music star, Josh Turner. A southerner from South Carolina with 3 young sons, "he has a lot to say about the road he's traveled to stardom, the growing of his family and his steadfast faith in God".

I'll be looking for you in the library.

Items Needed at Forest Ridge

The young women at Forest Ridge are so thankful for all that has been donated to them. But, their supply is running low on the following items: *Yarn, hotel shampoo, conditioner, bar soap and lotion*. Please leave your items in the box labeled Forest Ridge in the library.

Coupons for Soldiers

If you receive coupons in your newspapers and don't use them, we'll take them. We are forwarding them on to a man in a care center in Aurelia who clips them and sends them to the troops overseas. They can even use outdated ones up to 2 months old. The troops thank you.



Girl Scout Sunday

All girl scouts, leaders and parents are invited to be a part of Girl Scout Sunday during our worship service on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 8:50am here at First Presbyterian Church. You will be recognized by Pastor Clint at the beginning of the worship service by standing up from where you are seated with your families.

Listed below are the 6 Girl Scouts and 2 Adult Members that attend our Wednesday Night Fellowship and/or Church School:

Daisy Girl Scouts

Zoe Drost

Brownie Girl Scouts

Zoey Stecker

Junior Girl Scouts

Brenna Bengé

Cadette Girl Scouts

Grace Radcliffe

Senior Girl Scout

Brianna Pratt

Breanna Cother

Adult Members

Amy Bengé

Bev Pratt



Are you a Gold Award, First Class, Curved Bar, Golden Eagle or Golden Eaglet of Merit Girl Scout?

Those in our church family who have received the highest award in Girl Scouting are Anna Coffin, Amber Cother, Sara Grice, Shelbie Hurdle, Sara Jensen, Emily Mendenhall, Kate Mendenhall, Jessica Moffitt, Megan Moore, Kate Mueller, Beth Primavera, Amy Stover, Emily Stover and Jessica Wallace. Please let us know if we can add your name to this very special list.

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