



*Internally Nurturing – Externally Serving*  
*June 2015*

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## *Congregational Care*

“We Care” members celebrating birthdays in June are Rose Davis on June 9, Lucille Zachmeyer on June 17, and John McCalmant and Mary Lensch on June 22. You may contact the church office for their addresses.

Hal and Bev Klink extend their thanks to everyone who sent well wishes at the time of Hal’s hospitalization for a heart problem. Your prayers, cards, notes, visits and calls lifted their spirits immeasurably!

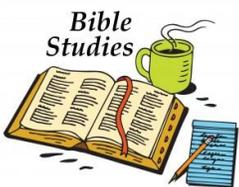
David & Dixie Jurgens wish to thank all who called or sent cards to wish them “Happy Birthday” in May.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Larry & Joleen Twachtman. Larry’s brother passed away recently.

Longtime member Ruth Marie Schueler Pickart died on May 20. Ruth Marie joined FPC in 1949 and served on the Board of Deacons. Pastor Chapman conducted her memorial service on May 30.

Rides to church during June are provided by Deacon Jean Bailey. Call the assigned deacon or the church office to make arrangements. PLEASE don’t hesitate to take advantage of this service. Your presence in worship is important to your church family.

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### **ADULT STUDY**

The Upper Room Bible Study will be vacationing during the summer. Watch for their return in the Fall.

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### **THANK YOU**

We have been blessed to have Jess Kozloski serve as our Youth Director for the past two years. This last year Jess has gone back to work as a substitute teacher and hopes to have her own classroom next fall.

She has a busy schedule juggling her position here, teaching, and the activities of her five children. As a result Jess has decided to step down as the Youth Director so that she can focus her time on her family and teaching. While we are sad to see Jess leave this position we are also excited for the teaching opportunities that may come her way. We thank Jess for her service to the youth of this church and we welcome her as a volunteer.



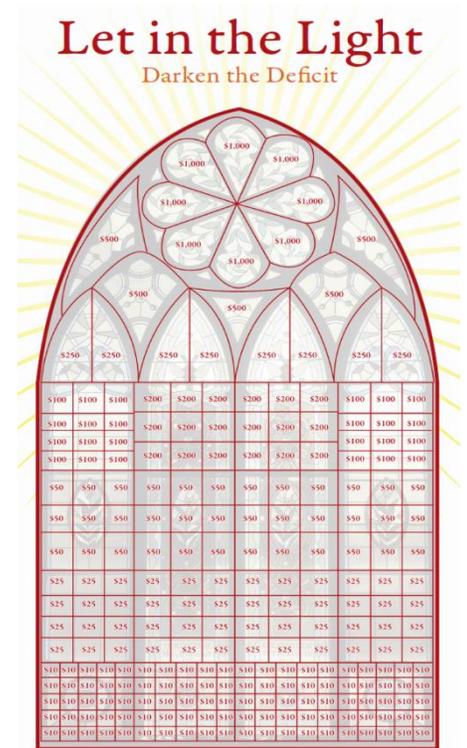
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(For Your Information)

## LET IN THE LIGHT: AND DARKEN THE DEFICIT

There is an old proverb you have probably heard that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. And, of course, if you have five or twenty or a hundred candles, then obviously cursing is a complete waste of time. The Finance Committee is launching a campaign, not to light candles, but to let in the light on our 2015 church budget. The Session approved a budget for this year with a shortfall of approximately \$20,000 between anticipated income and expenses. All the committees are working at cutting back expenses, but we are also looking to increase some income, and we are looking for your help.

We have made up a poster of our beautiful stained glass window, covered with lots of stickers in a variety of different sizes and with a variety of amounts printed on them. We are asking you to consider what you might be able to do to help let in the light. Stop by the poster and consider prayerfully what you might be able to do to help us out. Then take a sticker off, and place it in an envelope with your gift of that amount. The more stickers removed, the more of the window will be revealed, the more the deficit will be dimmed. We realize that some will be able to afford to give larger amounts, but not all. However, everyone should be able to give at least \$10. If all the stickers are taken our deficit will be gone and our deficit would be dimmed for good.



## HELP WANTED: PRAISE TEAM LEADER

Perhaps you or someone you know can help us out. We are looking for a part-time Praise Team director for our 11:00 Sunday morning Synergy service, starting in September and running through the end of May. This person must be familiar with today's Christian praise music, comfortable leading and coordinating the flow of this music during the service. In addition, the director must work with the pastors, tech team, and other music staff in planning worship, selecting music, and rehearsing with the Praise Team. Typically the team consists of a keyboardist, bass guitar, drums, and two or three vocalists. Ideally this person would be skilled on an instrument such as keyboard or guitar. Please contact the church office with a resume and/or listing experience.



## YOUTH DIRECTOR OPENING

We are looking for a new Youth Director to work with the middle and high school youth. If you are interested in this position or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Pastor Beth or the Personnel Committee for a full job description.

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## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, May 10, the 2015 Confirmation Class was welcomed into full membership of First Presbyterian Church. They are pictured from left to right: Andrea Hayes, Nicole Thies, Zack Hofmann and Logan Bogert

On Sunday, May 24, Linda Kushpinsky and Barbara Nuechterlein joined the FPC family.

Linda moved back to this area from Connecticut and joins by letter of transfer from United Presbyterian Church in Milford, CT. She has served as Elder, Deacon and Trustee.



Barbara has been away from the Cedar Rapids area and has returned to join our membership. She joins by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw, Michigan. Barbara is an ordained Elder.

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## GRADUATING SENIORS

On May 31 we recognized the achievement of our graduating high school seniors: Jordan Bliss, Brandon Bockstahler, Austin Brown, Ryan Clifton, Alyssa Deuso, Megan England, Lauren Larimer, Emma Miller, Jack Miller, Ben Myers, Jonny Williams, Sarah Young and Emily Young. They were presented with handmade quilts by the Thursday Sewing Group.



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## MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

On May 17 a group gathered in the chapel to hear Silentor Thomas Esthill-Henderson speak about Mission Starfish Haiti. When asked what it is that Mission Starfish could use the most, Silentor's answer was **you**. The best thing we can do is take a group of people to Haiti to experience it first-hand. This ties in well to our understanding of externally serving.

So, we have an opportunity to join with LeClaire on a trip to Haiti October 26 to November 3. We estimate the trip costing no more than \$1500 per person including the flight. On **June 7** following worship we will have a meeting in the Chapel for those interested in the trip. If you think this is an experience you would like to have, please come to this meeting. Contact Pastor Beth for more information.

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## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The middle and high school youth are excited about their respective mission trips this summer. The Middle School youth will travel to Minneapolis to work with Urban Immersion. High School youth will work with Mountain Top in Coalmont, Tennessee.



Registration and travel costs are a part of offering these opportunities to our young people and they have worked all year to raise money for these trips. They have served pancake breakfasts, raked yards, baked cookies and much more and they are very grateful for the congregation's support.

The funding is almost in place but they could use a little extra help. Would you be willing to be a sponsor for one of the participants? Any amount you care to contribute would be deeply appreciated.

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## RAY BLUE

Jazz saxophonist, Ray Blue, will be with us in worship on Sunday, June 21. Mark your calendar now to come and enjoy his mellow music enriching our service.



## LIBRARY NEWS

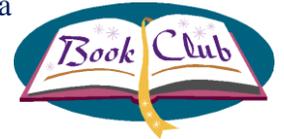


Summer is coming, and with it come family vacations, sunshine and relaxation. Your church library is a good source of books for reading in the hammock, such as current fiction, romance novels, biographies, or devotionals for quiet contemplation. Check out our DVD selections for family movies. Going on a trip with kids? Find out how to respond to the question “Are we there yet???” in our library. Staying at home? We have several books with ideas for fun projects for kids. Stop by any time to use our self-checkout system.

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## BOOK CLUB

The June selection of the FPC Book Club is *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum. It is a novel about the Second World War. The group meets at 1:00 pm on June 11 in the Lounge. All are welcome!



## COOKBOOKS



Cookbooks are still available at \$12.50 a book. An additional correction has been identified. Change the amount of Tarragon vinegar to ¼ cup in Gordon’s Potato Salad on page 50.

Contact someone on the PW Cookbook Committee to arrange a purchase or obtain a label for the above correction: Dixie Jurgens, Melanie Mabee, Ricky Machula, Barb Mineart, Shirley Pantini, and Verna Stutt.

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## MARION<sup>†</sup> Cares

Marion Cares will honor individuals making a significant contribution to the lives of children and families in the Creative Corridor at the **Impact Citizen Awards** on Thursday, June 4, at Lowe Park from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Honorees are Althea Cole, Dr. Vic Klopfenstein and Sarah Pinion. Guest speaker is author, motivational speaker and Army veteran, Beth Peterson. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes heavy hor d’oeuvres and beverages. Call 319-377-5344 or email [www.marioncares.org](http://www.marioncares.org) for more information.

# Internally Nurturing

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp Wyoming is coming to First Presbyterian Church, Marion!!

This year our Vacation Bible School will be a Day Camp. June 15-19 Camp Wyoming counselors will come here and lead activities, crafts, Bible Study, story time, and worship for children who have completed Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each morning we will begin at 9:00 and end at 3:00 pm. This does include lunch. We still need volunteers to help the Camp Wyoming staff.

There are a variety of ways you can help:

- ☆ Cooking and serving lunch
- ☆ Participating in the activities, games, songs, and Bible Study
- ☆ Serving mid-morning snack
- ☆ Check-in/Check-out desk
- ☆ Setting up

We can use Junior Counselors as well so any youth under 16 yrs. old can also be involved. If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Beth. Registration deadline is June 5 and forms are available in the Social Hall.

## Presbyterian Women

SARAH CIRCLE is on hiatus and will not meet again until September.

MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. (**note the change of date and time**) in the Social Hall. We will have a potluck. Please bring your favorite dish. Drinks and tableware will be furnished.

## Fellowship Groups

### CORNERSTONE

We're navigating the globe with our dining selections this summer. The first two luncheons were Italian and for June, we are going Chinese to Ting's Red Lantern located at 650 Boyson Road, NE. Please arrive no later than 11:30 am on the third Wednesday of June, which is June 17. We are considering changing our meeting date, so be sure to bring your calendar to see what works best. You will get a reminder call shortly before the luncheon date. Cornerstone is open to all First Pres church singles.

### NAVIGATORS

Navigators will host a fellowship time in the Social Hall after worship on June 14. You will be able to help yourself to **Strawberries 'n More!!** Donations will be accepted to defray expenses. Come and enjoy good company, good conversation and good food.



# Externally Serving

## CHURCHES OF MARION FOOD PANTRY

Each month the Churches of Marion Food Pantry highlights a specific need and requests contributions. In June they would like to stock supplies of bathroom tissue and facial tissue. If you wish to make a financial contribution, make checks payable to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Please indicate your church affiliation on the memo line of the check.

## FAMILY PROMISE OF LINN COUNTY

submitted by Sheila Myers

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped welcome Family Promise guests May 17 – 24. We had three families (12 people) stay with us. The families were thankful to be in the program and told me how nice our volunteers are!

Since Family Promise opened in November 2012:

- We have hosted 12 times
- 25 families have stayed with us; 33 adults and 56 children
- We have provided 84 nights of shelter and 84 evening meals

There is a strong need for shelter programs in Cedar Rapids. The work we are doing within Family Promise is very important to the well-being of each family and more importantly, to the children in these families. I am grateful for all our volunteers from set up to tear down and everything in between. You are doing good things. Thank you, also, to Howard and Beth!

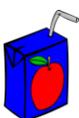
## MARION CARES SUMMER PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to assist staff with the Marion Cares summer programs for children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers would help with activities such as sports, art, STEM, and reading at Azure Apartments, Marion Village and Squaw Creek Village. Programs begin June 8 and run through August 14, Monday through Friday from 12:15 to 1:15 pm. Spots are open for 150 volunteers. For more information or to help, call Marion Cares at 377-5344 or email [joe@marioncares.org](mailto:joe@marioncares.org).

## F.L.Y.

(Feeding Lunch to Youth)

It's time to get organized for the 2015 FLY program. FPC will be responsible for preparing and delivering lunches on Wednesdays. Preparation starts at 10:45 am at the First United Methodist Church and delivery from 11:50-12:30. We are **extending the opportunity** to those delivering lunches to Azure, Squaw Creek and Marion Village to stay until 1:15 and help the Marion Cares summer staff with their program. If you are interested in volunteering for FLY there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Please include your email address and a phone number, and if you are interested in helping with Marion Cares, please indicate that as well. You can also send an email to [flylunches@yahoo.com](mailto:flylunches@yahoo.com).



We will again be collecting juice boxes at the back of the sanctuary. **Boxes** of juice rather than pouches are requested because small children have difficulty with the pouches. On Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 am we will form a “Juice Box Brigade” to deliver the juice boxes to the Methodist church. After delivery, pizza will be available for lunch. So start bringing those juice boxes and join us on June 20 for the “Juice Box Brigade”!

# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		5:00 Prayer Team 6:00 Youth C.E. 7:00 Building & Grounds 7:00 Children C.E.		9:00 Sewing Group & Yarn Overs  6:00 Pizza & Painting  6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship 10:15 Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 Coffee Chats 10:15 Haiti Mission Trip Meeting		5:00 Prayer Team  6:30 Personnel  7:00 Evangelism & Membership	5:00 Finance & Stewardship  6:00 Pizza & Painting	9:00 Sewing Group  1:00 Book Club  6:30 Knitters  6:00 Martha Circle	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Chats 10:15 Navigators <b>Strawberries 'n More</b>	 9:00 Vacation Bible School	 9:00 Vacation Bible School  5:00 Prayer Team  6:30 Adult C.E. 7:00 Mission	 9:00 Vacation Bible School  11:30 Cornerstone	 9:00 Vacation Bible School  6:30 Knitters	 9:00 Vacation Bible School  8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Chats 	<b>First Press Deadline</b>	5:00 Prayer Team  7:00 Session		9:00 Sewing Group  6:30 Knitters	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
28	29	30				
9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Chats	Social Hall rented for evening	5:00 Prayer Team				