



Internally Nurturing – Externally Serving
January 2016

Congregational Care

“We Care” members celebrating birthdays in January are Helen Fernow on January 10, Mary Mann on January 18 and Don Heald on January 31. You may contact the church office for their addresses.

Notes of appreciation for the concern, prayers and cards have been received from Sandi Richards and family at the time of her brother’s illness and passing; from Amanda Brose and her family following her recent hospitalization; and from Mike Perry at the time of his surgery. The support of church family in difficult times is deeply appreciated.

Marilyn Johanos and Faye Armstrong are enjoying the cookies and Christmas flowers delivered to them by the Deacons. They send their thanks for the remembrance.

Rides to church during January are provided by Deacon Judie Henderson. 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.



BAD WEATHER POLICY

Only under extraordinary circumstances will Sunday worship services be canceled, but do not take risks coming to church. If you do not think it is advisable to go out, by all means, stay home. Activities during the week may be postponed or canceled due to the weather. **If school is dismissed early or canceled** on a given day, children/youth activities scheduled for that day here at church will also be canceled.

DE-DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

We will be taking down the Advent and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 3, right after the Synergy service at around noon. If enough people are willing to help, it doesn’t take very long. If you could join us, it would be greatly appreciated.



ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

Are you responsible for submitting a report to be included in the Annual Report? All committee and group leaders are asked to have their reports to the church office no later than Friday, January 15. The reports will be available on January 24, one week prior to the Annual Meeting, which will be held between services on Sunday, January 31.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School meets from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m.

Please pick up your younger children from their classrooms at the close of Sunday School. Classes are divided into Preschool, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd through 5th Grade.

Middle School & High School will meet in the Youth Basement of the Mission House from 10:10 to 11:00.

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Class meets from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m.

- *Coffee Chats* is a casual, coffee-drinking discussion group focusing on the day's sermon. This group meets in the Lounge.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The LOGOS program meets Wednesdays from 5:20 to 7:00 p.m. A meal is served at 6:30 p.m.



Children from Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited for an evening of fun, music, a meal and studying God's word.

LOGOS themes in January are:

January 6 – Hollywood

January 13 – Breakfast

January 20 – Crazy Sox

January 27 - Western



CHERUB CHOIR, for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade children, meets as part of the LOGOS program from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. All K-2nd Grade children are welcome.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP AND TEEN CREW meets at 5:15 p.m.

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Presbyterian Women

SARAH CIRCLE is using the Horizon Bible Study for 2015-2016 entitled *Come to the Waters*. January's lesson is "Stormy Water." (Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33.) Lesson five focuses on the disciples who encountered stormy times in their faith, and so do we. What does it mean to be people of faith? How does our faith sustain us? Join Sarah Circle on Wednesday, January 6, at 9:30 am as Verna Stutt leads the study of this lesson. Dixie Jurgens is the hostess. All are welcome!

MARTHA CIRCLE will not meet in January, February or March. Stay warm, stay safe and as you go your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you and within you to give you peace.

Navigators

Navigators invites you to play *Murder on Misty Island*. Stephanie Stevens' murderer can only be one of us. Let's spend the night catching up with each other and determining which of us did this to dear Stephanie. This will be a Murder Mystery Dinner held in the Social Hall on Sunday, January 17, at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Cathy and Denny Bossard by Wednesday, January 13. You will be told what to bring for food and what part you will take.

A get-together will be held at Wendy's on Collins Road NE on, Wednesday, January 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Navigators will receive 10% of all sales, not just what our members purchase. So please bring your friends, family, neighbors... Take out and drive through counts, too. Thank you for your support. Contact Cathy Bossard for more information.



FINANCIAL NEWS

REMINDER: If you requested offering envelopes, you may pick them up at the back of the sanctuary.

THANK YOU for your 2016 pledges!! As of December 23, 2015, pledges for 2016 total \$329,000.
It's not too late to turn in your pledge card if you haven't already done so.

Contact Barb in the office if you would like to sign up for automatic payment of your church contribution.

2015 contribution statements will be available at the back of the sanctuary in MID-JANUARY.
Watch for them and save a stamp!!

Check out the Annual Report for the financial status of FPC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!!

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CHURCHES OF MARION FOOD PANTRY

Each month the Churches of Marion Food Pantry highlights a specific need and requests contributions. In January they would like to stock supplies of canned soups. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In 2016 we challenge the congregation to collect items to fill at least 375 boxes. This is an achievable goal considering in 2015 we filled that many boxes. A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful congregation for their continued support of this mission.

Specific items will be collected each month, but any can be donated throughout the year - except dated items such as candy and toothpaste. Offerings will be requested periodically to assist with postage and purchasing items for the shoeboxes. Tallies will be provided all year to keep you informed of our progress. We do NOT need to collect shoeboxes as we get them at no cost from the OCC organization.



Our focus in 2016 will be on older children and boys as they tend to have fewer boxes donated. Sewing kits and fishing kits are good ideas for older children. These can be created using old medicine bottles (which we already have plenty of) and placing needles, thread and buttons or bobbers, hooks, line and sinkers in them.

The monthly plan is as follows:

January – Toothbrushes, Washcloths and Soap – Please place soap in Ziploc bags to reduce scent

February – Hats & Gloves – Girls & Boys All Ages

March – Fishing Supplies and Toys for Boys – i.e. Matchbox Cars, Yoyos – NO WAR TOYS

April – Socks – Girls & Boys All Ages

May – Sewing Supplies & Toys for Girls – i.e. Small Dolls, Jump Ropes, Hair Accessories, Jewelry

June – T-Shirts – Boys All Ages

July – T-Shirts – Boys – All Ages

August – School Supplies – Notebooks (small size), Crayons, Colored Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Bags/Boxes

September – Toothpaste

October – Candy – prefer hard candy; i.e. Tootsie Pops or Dum-Dums

November - Stuff shoeboxes and deliver for National Collection Week (November 14-21)

December - Travel to Minneapolis to processing

Boxes cost \$8 to ship from the processing center to the final destination. If you choose, \$25 can be pledged to help purchase necessary items to fill your box. Monetary donations and pledges are accepted all year to help defray the costs. Contact Carrie Dancy for more information.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					NEW YEAR'S DAY 1	2
					OFFICE CLOSED	
					8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
COMMUNION 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:00 Blood Pressure 11:00 Synergy Svc.		5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Youth C.E. 7:00 Building & Grounds 7:00 Children C.E.	9:30 Sarah Circle 5:20 - 7:00 LOGOS Theme: Hollywood 6:30 Chancel Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7:10 Chancel Choir	9:00 Sewing Group 9:00 Yarn Overs		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Synergy Svc. 5:00 H.S. Youth		5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Personnel 7:00 Evangelism & Membership	5:00 Finance & Stewardship 5:20 - 7:00 LOGOS Theme: Breakfast 6:30 Chancel Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7:10 Chancel Choir	9:00 Sewing Group 1:00 Book Club	<u>ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE</u>	
					8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Synergy Svc. 5:00 H.S. Youth 5:30 Navigators		5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Adult C.E. 7:00 Mission	5:20 - 7:00 LOGOS Theme: Crazy Sox 6:30 Chancel Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7:10 Chancel Choir	9:00 Sewing Group 9:00 Yarn Overs		
					8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Synergy Svc. 5:00 H.S. Youth	<u>FIRST PRESS DEADLINE</u>	5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Session	5:20 - 7:00 LOGOS Theme: Western 6:30 Chancel Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7:10 Chancel Choir	9:00 Sewing Group		
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