



Internally Nurturing – Externally Serving
June 2016

Congregational Care

“We Care” members celebrating birthdays in June are:

June 9 – Rose Davis

June 14 – Jill Shadle

June 17 – Clara Bickel

June 22 – Mary Lensch and John McCalmant

You may contact the church office for their addresses.

The Shadle and Sloan families send the following message:

To the members of our church!

We have been so blessed to experience the love of our church family! Through this process we’ve tried to make good decisions based on what we knew each day!

Thank you so much for the \$. The stress and anxiety of what would happen next has helped us to transition Jill home the way we’d thought best for her.

With the \$, we paid another couple weeks rent, gave M.D. Anderson a share for her bill there and bought airline tickets to bring her home one more time.

We are trying to establish local care and make sure things go well in C.R. Jill’s biopsies show NO cancer but her bone marrow is low at 50%. We are hopeful she will continue to improve. She will go back to her Dr. at M.D. Anderson every 3 or 4 weeks for this next year!

We so appreciate your support & love! One of Howard’s prints will remain in our Houston apartment! The ministry at St. John’s Presbyterian Church is so pleased!

The congregation extends sympathy to Richard and Pauline Boots at the passing of Pauline’s brother recently.

Pastor Howard and Judy Chapman would like to thank everyone who helped them celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. On May 22, 86 bath towels, 56 hand towels, 110 washcloths and 7 dish towels were collected for the Helping Hand Storeroom. That is amazing and will be a wonderful help to those who need it. Howard and Judy appreciate your generosity, but more than that your love and best wishes mean so much to them.

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.



Come FLY with Us!

Don’t miss the annual concert to benefit the FLY (Feeding Lunch to Youth) program

presented by

Young at Harp

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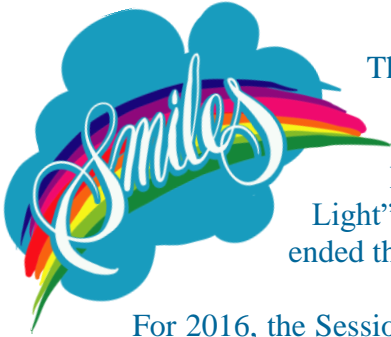
Deep Dish Divas

Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.

F Y I

(For Your Information)

SEE THE SMILES—SHARE THE STORIES



There is an old Jewish saying that the reason God created human beings, is that God loves stories. Each of us has our own unique story and these stories connect with one another and with the community of faith known as First Presbyterian Church. Last summer the Finance Committee launched a campaign we called “Let in the Light” to cover the deficit on our 2015 church budget. It was a real success story and we ended the year with a surplus.

For 2016, the Session approved a budget with a shortfall of approximately \$30,000 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.

Sometime in the next few weeks, we will set up a poster covered with lots of stickers in a variety of different sizes and with a variety of amounts printed on them. It is similar to last year only this time when you remove the stickers you will see various pictures of the smiling people of our congregation. We are asking you to consider what you might be able to do to help see the smiles. 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 smiles will be revealed, and the less of a deficit. 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 we have another wonderful story to tell.

PASTOR HOWARD TEACHING A CLASS ON A COMPLICATED TOPIC

For two Sundays, June 19th and 26th, Pastor Howard will lead a discussion on Dr. Mark Achtemeier’s book, *The Bible’s YES to Same-Sex Marriage: An Evangelical’s Change of Heart*. Dr. Achtemeier is a Presbyterian pastor and taught theology and ethics at the Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Pastor Howard is teaching this class at the encouragement of the Session. In March of 2015, the presbyteries of PC (USA) changed wording in the *Book of Order* allowing sessions to decide for themselves whether or not same-sex wedding ceremonies are appropriate in their churches. As of now, our Session has not had to make such a decision either way, but the elders feel that sooner or later they will. It would be helpful to spend some time studying and discussing the wide variety of ideas connected with this complicated topic.

Please join us for this time of learning and listening. This class will meet in the Chapel following the morning service. If you would like a copy of Dr. Achtemeier’s book, it is available in the church office for \$12.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Deacons are looking for assistance in providing transportation on Sunday mornings. A greater demand has been placed on this service and if you might be interested, please contact Jean Bailey or Pastor Beth.

We are still seeking people willing to help with lawn mowing here at the church. Volunteers will need to bring their own mower and other yard tools. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.



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PIZZA AND PAINTING WITH THE PASTOR



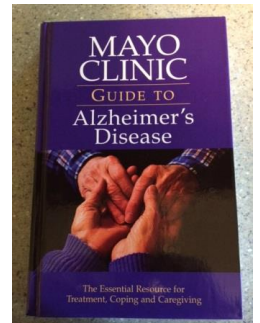
Once again Pastor Howard and Judy Chapman invite you to join them in having some fun with watercolors. We will have three sessions creating beautiful watercolor paintings using a few unusual techniques. Each class will focus on learning a “trick” and having some fun with color and design.

We will start each night at 6:00 with pizza, so you can eat and watch us demonstrate the technique. Then you will get to try it yourself.

The sessions will be on Thursday evenings, June 23rd, July 7th, and 21st. Donations will be accepted to cover some of the costs.

LIBRARY NEWS

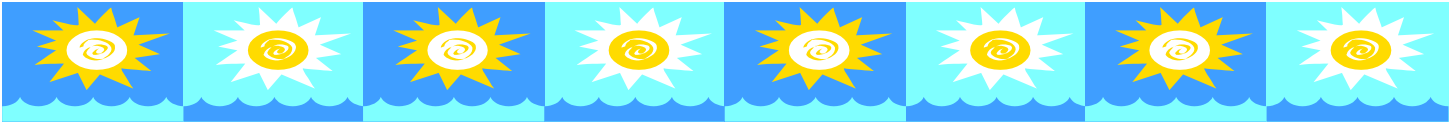
It has been a while since FPC sponsored support groups for members who are caring for adult loved ones. The church library volunteers would like to remind you that we have a collection of books relating to understanding and coping with age-related illnesses and other issues. We recently acquired the Mayo Clinic's *Guide to Alzheimer's Disease*, with comprehensive information for caregivers.



Summer is almost here! Don't forget that our church library has lots of fiction and DVDs for this more relaxed time of year.

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 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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

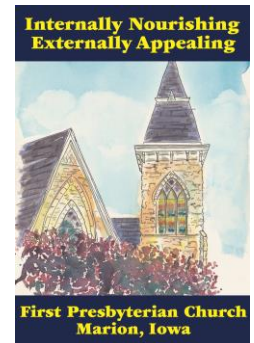
MARTHA CIRCLE will hold their June meeting in the Social Hall on June 8 at 6:00 pm. They will have a potluck dinner and then sign up for program dates for next year. Bring your choice of food. Table setting and beverage will be furnished. Jean Gritman has the Sunshine devotion. The Bible verse is *Father*. Hope to see you there.

COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are still available at ~~\$12.50~~ \$5.00 a book or two for \$7.50. PW used the profit to carpet the Lounge and to contribute to the remodeling of the kitchen. We are giving newlyweds a copy as well as new members.

We have priced the remaining cookbooks at a “bargain basement” price. If you are in need of a Father’s Day gift, a hostess gift or a birthday gift, this may be “just the right thing!”

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



NAVIGATORS

Navigators will host a fellowship time in the Social Hall after worship on June 12. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year’s plan for OCC is similar to that of last year and we need your help. For 2016, we challenge the congregation to collect items to fill at least 375 boxes.

In June we would like to focus on collecting t-shirts. The best deal that I have found is the large multi-packs of boys’ white t-shirts.



Current totals are available on the board in the Social Hall. There have been very few donations to date this year. If we are to make our goal, please help by donating items requested in past months: January – washcloths & soap; February – hats and gloves for boys and girls; March – fishing supplies and toys for boys; April – socks; May – sewing supplies.

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 Dancey for more information.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				9:00 Sewing Group 6:30 Knit Wits	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
COMMUNION 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
YOUTH SUNDAY 9:00 Worship		5:00 Prayer Team 6:00 Youth C.E. 7:00 Building & Grounds 7:00 Children's C.E	5:00 Finance & Stewardship 6:00 Martha Circle	1:00 Book Club 6:30 Knit Wits	8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Worship 10:00 Strawberries 'n More 2:00 FLY Benefit Concert	9:00 VBS @ Echo Hill	9:00 VBS @ Echo Hill 5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Personnel 7:00 Evangelism & Membership	9:00 VBS @ Echo Hill 11:30 Cornerstone	9:00 VBS @ Echo Hill 9:00 Sewing Group 6:30 Knit Wits	9:00 VBS @ Echo Hill 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
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