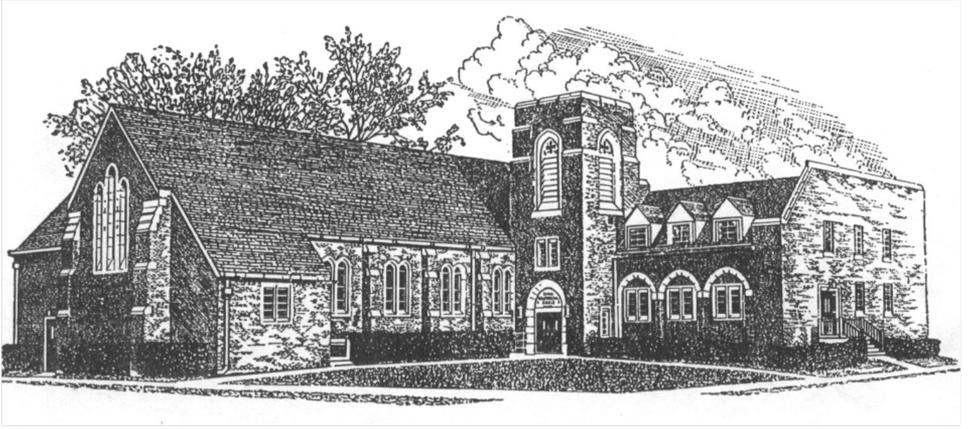


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Donald Freeman, Pastor



OUR MISSION

*Growing in faith in Jesus Christ
and guided by the Holy Spirit,
we seek to share God's love
and teach others Christ's way.*

OUR VISION

*To be a growing community of believers that
enthusiastically reflects the character of Jesus Christ;
a place where people encounter the Living God,
are nurtured within the Church family,
are equipped to grow into the image of Christ, and
seek to bring others into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

January 14, 2018

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship 10:30 a.m. January 14, 2018

We welcome all who worship with us and invite you to have a cup of coffee and share in the fellowship time following the worship service.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assistance is available; ask Ben Clayton for assistance.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship services, but a **staffed nursery** is available for infants and preschool children on the second floor during the worship service for those who need it.

PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

Jesus, my Lord, as I come to worship you this morning, I ask that you would quiet my fears, direct my affections and lead me into your presence. Reveal to me the beauty of your will and teach me the joy of the way everlasting. Amen.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens and earth sing glory to God.

Day by day, night after night they speak of God's majesty.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out to the end of the world.

Come; let us praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN #488

The God of Abraham Praise

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that your mercy reaches the heavens, and

your righteousness towers above the clouds. We seek your forgiveness, for we have sinned against you and done what is evil in your sight. Wash us clean from the stain of our sin. Deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may live lives worthy of your name. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA #579

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology (#592)

* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #527

Near to the Heart of God

OLD TESTAMENT page 870

Psalm 33:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT page 1874

Hebrews 11:1-3

THE MESSAGE

Title: "Hope for a New Year"

Text: *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation Please Stand

SECOND-SUNDAY LOOSE-CHANGE FOR DEACON FUND – All undesignated loose change in today’s offering will go to the Deacon’s Fund.

2017 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the narthex. Please take yours and save some postage. If we have an email address for you, you should already have your statement in your inbox. We have some glitches with our software, so statements were sent by email even to people who had not signed up for that. Please accept my apology if you received your statement by email, but prefer to get it the old-fashioned way. We are working with the software company to resolve the issue. However, in the future we will send email statements if we have an email address for you, unless you contact the office with a request otherwise.

ANNUAL MEETING - The annual meeting will be on January 28th following the worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of presenting the annual report and the election of an elder.

BABY SHOWER – Please hold the date of February 17th, 2018 at 2:00 pm for a baby shower for Nick Ellis’s son (Paul and Kathy Ellis’s grandson). We will have details to follow, but put it on your calendar as soon as possible.

REMEMBER January’s “All are Precious” young person, Addison Ross. You are invited to pray daily for Addison, reach out to her on Sunday mornings, send an encouraging note, and/or remind her that she is, indeed, “Precious in His Sight!” Addison’s address is 1526 South 16th Avenue West.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for January are spaghetti sauce and spaghetti. February needs will be tuna and other canned meats. Donations can be left in the kitchen. Your support is appreciated.

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ITEMS is 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday. The church office invites news items, announcements, calendar events, and joys and concerns. Church leaders, please be conscientious about getting relevant information to Linda in a timely manner for publication. Please keep the office updated concerning prayer needs. If a need should be added to or deleted from the prayer request list, please call 792-4158, e-mail unitedpres@iowatelecom.net, leave a note in the secretary’s box, or stop into the office and leave your message in person.

WINTER CHURCH CANCELLATIONS – In inclement weather, check KCCI television or KCOB radio station, or call a session member to find out if the worship service has been cancelled.

WINTER OFFICE HOUR POLICY: If there is weather-related school closing, delayed start, or early dismissal, the church office will follow suit.

THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is set at \$43.52. United Presbyterian is assessed this amount for each member. The funds are distributed for the Presbytery budget, the Synod budget, and the General Assembly budget. In recognition of the honor and benefits of church membership, the Stewardship Committee asks you to consider reimbursing the church for your member apportionment. If you would like to ease the church's financial burden in this way, just mark your check or envelope "Per Capita" or "Assessment" and drop it in the offering plate or the mail.

Thank you, United Presbyterian Church family,
you're appreciated!

The money gift is a blessing to/for me.

Thank you!

"May you be blessed by the Lord" Psalm 115:15

Sincerely,

Ann Raygor



Dear Friends,

On behalf of all the volunteers
and persons helped by Friends in Hope,
Thank you for the blankets and sleeping bags
donated to Friends in Hope.

Your generosity is much appreciated
by folks who are a little warmer thanks to you!

Friends in Hope

*Rev. Karen Crawford, Jeff Hoebelheinrich, Captain Janelle Cleaveland,
Jeannine Luetters, Gary Martin, Julie Gibson, Stephanie Huggins, and
Linda Curtis-Stolper*

Pastor's Office Hours

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Cell phone # (preferred): (641) 417-9376

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship 40
Sunday School 17

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In Thanks:
the resurrection,
blessings of health,
of family, of friends,
Pastor Don & family,
those who serve
others in many ways;

General:
Pastor Don & family,
wisdom for leaders of
our community, state,
and nation;

For Health:
Margaret Jensen,
Gordon Brand,
Mara Prihoda,
Alice Beatty,
J.D. Wood,
Jeff & Barb Brittain,
Mildred Swalwell,
Janet Nichols,
Lois Blumeyer,
Ruth Hill,
Martha Hill,
Betty Hanbeck,

Marcia Harrington,
Phil Pearson,
Fran Caldwell;

For Protection:
Those who serve us
(law enforcement,
EMTs, firefighters,
military),
1LT Matthew
Borland.

The church office requests your help
in keeping this prayer request list updated.

If there is a need that should be added or deleted,
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e-mail unitedpres@iowatelecom.net, or stop into the office
and leave your message in person. Thanks!

DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Income Year-To-Date: \$130,952
General Operating Expenses Year-To-Date: \$130,988
Missions Support Year-To-Date: \$11,934
Radio, Building Major Maintenance, and other non-general-operating funds are not included in this report.

Today, January 14th 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, January 15th ***Martin Luther King Jr. Day*** (office closed)

Wednesday, January 17th Deadline for February/March *Ambassador*
 9:00 a.m. Dolores Circle Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 21st 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday, January 24th 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25th 3:30 p.m. Kids' Adventures

USHERS	Jerry & Cynthia Poots
ACOLYTES	Alyssa & Garret Beerends
LITURGIST	Joy Osborn-Daniels
GREETERS	Paul & Kathy Ellis
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Jean Ibbotson
FELLOWSHIP	Jim & Amber Beerends and Beth Brand

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

SESSION (meets 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.)

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Deb Zieman Evangelism	Duane Daniels Nominating	Cynthia Poots Worship
Gary Marshall Property/Finance	Chris Moore Congregational Life	David Hook Personnel
Rachel Summers Clerk	Scott Griffith Stewardship/Mission	Margaret Caldwell Christian Education

BOARD OF DEACONS (meets as called)

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Phyllis Wood	Kristin Titus	Barb Hartgers
Doneta Sullivan	Joy Lane	Christina Hanbeck
Tiffany Lehrman	Jill Titus	Jill Hook

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETING TIMES

Sunday School		Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Evangelism Committee		As needed
Worship Committee		Last Sunday following Worship
Christian Education Committee		As needed
Dolores Circle		3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
Ruth Circle		2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Radio Ministry	KCOB AM 1280, FM 95.9	<u>LIVE</u> Sun., 10:30 a.m.
Pastor & Moderator	Rev. Donald Freeman	417-9376
Secretary	Linda Rex	275-1204
Choir Director	Cynthia Freeman	792-7177
Organist	Jean Ibbotson	521-8342
Custodian	Ann Raygor	791-9321
Financial Secretary	Mary Griffith	792-4209
Ass't. Finc. Secretary	Pam Moore	521-3955
S. S. Superintendent	Jill Hook	792-4274
Ass't. S. S. Supt.	Joy Osborn-Daniels	791-7232
Church Treasurer	Cynthia Poots	792-7718
Librarian	Betty Hanbeck	792-1142
Prayer Tree Leader	Kathy Ellis	792-5219

STAFF AND MINISTRIES

Secretary's Office hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Pastor's Office hours: Mon. - Thurs., 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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