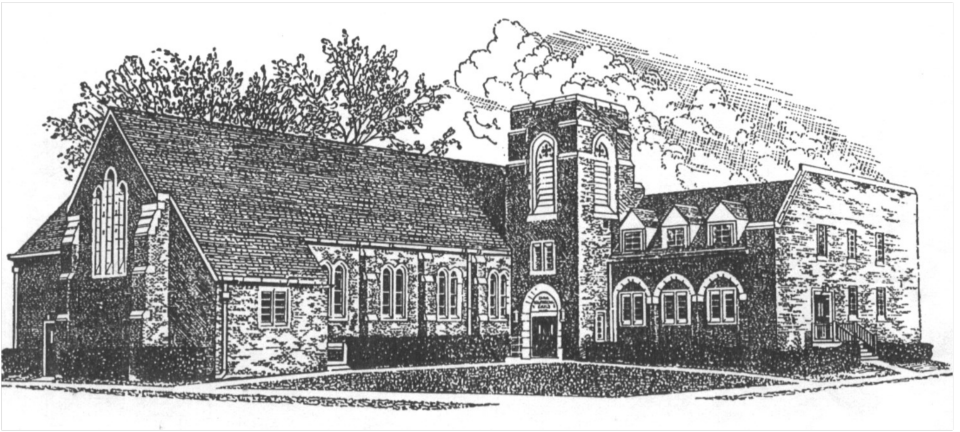


# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

July 30, 2017

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Worship 10:30 a.m.      July 30, 2017

*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

*Father God, I come to church today to worship you and give you glory. I wait patiently for you, God. You incline your ear toward me and hear my cry. You raise me above my troubles and set my life on a firm foundation. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay. Amen.*

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord.

**We rejoice in His name.**

You have done great things for us, O Lord.

**We cannot count the many blessings you have given us.**

You have opened your ear to our cry.

**We will tell others of your great deliverance.**

Do not withhold your mercy from us, O Lord.

**You are our hope and deliverer; do not delay.**

\*HYMN #446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son that I may have life and have it abundantly. You call me to be your disciple, and yet there are times I have chosen another path. I have failed to love you with all my heart. My sin is before me. Forgive me, Lord. Restore me by your grace. Renew my spirit that I may follow you. Lead me once again in the pathway of life that I may be blessed and that you may be glorified, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE GLORIA #579

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology (#592)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #2167 (Black Hymnal)

*More Like You*

OLD TESTAMENT page 843

Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT page 1506

Matthew 7:13-14

THE MESSAGE

Title: "Choosing the Narrow Gate"

Text: *Enter through the narrow gate.* Matthew 7:13a

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #326

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

\*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

*SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES* are taking a summer break — including the Merriwed class, and will resume September 10th. Watch for announcements of special events during the summer, and mark your calendar for the fall kick-off!

*CARPET* – The session has been made aware of the deteriorating condition of the carpet in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. The seams are coming apart in several locations, and, besides being unattractive this constitutes a possible tripping hazard. We have been given an estimate from the Floor Store in Newton to replace the hallway carpet and also the carpet on the landings and stairs going downstairs. The estimate for this project is \$7,250. As you know, we had several major projects last year (roof and tuckpointing), which depleted our building and major maintenance fund. The session would like your input to determine if the congregation feels this is a worthwhile project, and if you would be willing to support it financially. Please contact any session member with your input on this project.

Thank you. Gary Marshall, Property and Finance Committee

*FOOD PANTRY NEEDS* for July are Jell-O and powdered milk. August needs will be peanut butter and jelly. Donations can be left in the fellowship hall. Your donations are appreciated.

*CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER* (through August) will be 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays (closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). This is when the secretary will be out of the office. The pastor will be in his office during regular hours.

*WE NEED YOUR HELP!* Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the table in the front of the fellowship hall. Volunteer lawn mowers can save the church about \$1,000 if we have enough people willing and able to mow our lawn each week this year. Thanks!

*IF YOU KNOW OF A HOSPITALIZED PERSON* who would like for the church family to be notified, please contact Linda at the church office. Those reported to the church office will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter.

*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](mailto:unitedpres@iowatelecom.net), leave a note in the secretary's box, or stop into the office and leave your message in person.

*IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH* and interested in receiving the bulletin by mail, please notify Linda at the church office.

*PER CAPITA* – The second of four annual per capita apportionment payments was made at the end of June. The 2017 amount is \$40.43/member. United Presbyterian is assessed this amount for each member. The funds are distributed for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly budgets. 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 haven't already done so. 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!

*And he also said,  
"It is finished!  
I am the Alpha and the Omega -  
the Beginning and the End.  
To all who are thirsty I will give freely  
from the springs of the water of life."*

Revelation 21:6

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1st.....Shirley Johnson  
2nd.....David Jensen  
4th.....Morgan Daniels

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 30th.....Ken & Shirley Johnson  
August 3rd .....Marvin & Margery Potter  
4th .....Lane & Heather Ross

*If your special day is omitted from the birthdays and anniversaries,  
please contact the church office.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

*For Health:*  
J.D. Wood,  
Jeff Brittain,  
Mildred Swalwell,  
Barbara Hartgers,  
Pat Clayton,  
Janet Nichols,  
Lois Blumeyer,

Ruth Hill,  
Martha Hill,  
Betty Hanbeck,  
Marcia Harrington,  
Leo Harrington,  
Alice Beatty,  
Phil Pearson,  
Fran Caldwell;

*For Protection:*  
Those who serve us  
(law enforcement,  
EMTs, firefighters,  
military);

*For Comfort:*  
The families of  
Viva Jones, of Russell  
Blumeyer and of  
Niles Vorthmann  
(Jill Hook's brother);

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

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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## JUNE 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Income Year-To-Date: \$64,851  
General Operating Expenses Year-To-Date: \$65,803  
Missions Support Year-To-Date: \$6,394

*Radio, Building Major Maintenance, and other  
non-general-operating funds are not included in this report.*

*Note from Linda:*

*This income figure includes per capita apportionment receipts to date;  
the expense figure includes two of four 2017 per capita payments.*

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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USHERS	Tom & Sue Wolters
SCRIPTURE BEARER	Mara Prihoda
ACOLYTE	Anna Hanbeck
LITURGIST	Gary Marshall
GREETERS	Duane Daniels & Joy Osborn-Daniels
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Jean Ibbotson
FELLOWSHIP	Bev Nearmyer J.D. & Phyllis Wood

Today, July 30th	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
		Worship Committee Mtg.
Tuesday, August 1st	7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Gathering
Sunday, August 6th	10:30 a.m.	Worship, Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship

## **OUR CHURCH AT WORK**

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

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Margaret Jensen Personnel	Deb Zieman Evangelism	Duane Daniels Nominating
Sue Wolters Christian Education	Gary Marshall Property/Finance	Chris Moore Congregational Life
Cynthia Poots Worship	Rachel Summers Clerk	Scott Griffith Stewardship/Mission

### BOARD OF DEACONS (meets as called)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Joy Osborn-Daniels	Phyllis Wood	Kristin Titus
Lori Vos	Doneta Sullivan	Joy Lane
Jill Hook	Tiffany Lehrman	Jill Titus

## **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><b>LIVE</b></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**

Church Office hours are Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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