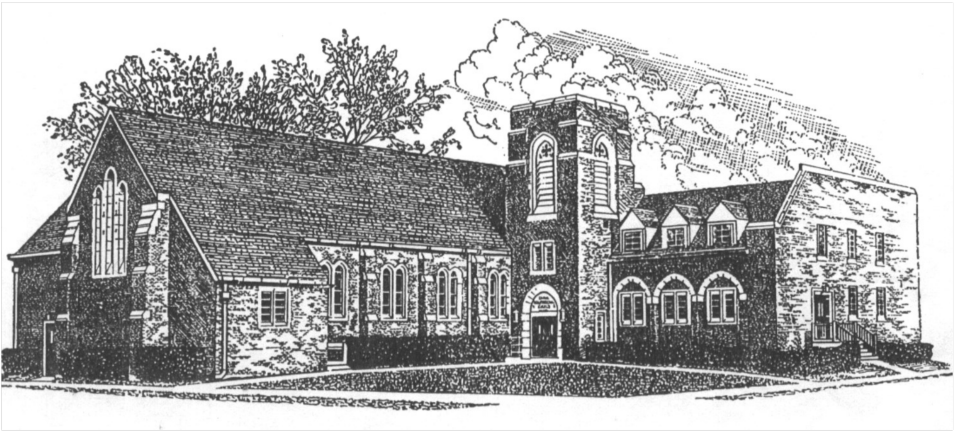


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

September 24, 2017

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship 10:30 a.m. September 24, 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, you have said that if we are in Christ old things have passed away, and all things have become new. Help me to see through the eyes of Christ the old things to leave behind, that I may press on to your high calling. Keep me steady, trusting, and faithful as I press on in the faith of Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Father in heaven, Holy is your name!

We worship you and long for your kingdom to come.

Enlighten us with your Word.

Embrace us firmly with your Spirit .

Fill our hearts and minds with good news for all people.

*HYMN #293

This Is My Father's World

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your path of truth and life. We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead

to our own way. Show us your tender mercy and restore us to the security of your fold. Lead us once again to the still waters and seat us again at your bounteous table. As you have forgiven us, fill us with your Spirit so that we may fully praise your name. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA #579

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC *Grace Flows Down/Amazing Grace*

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology (#592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #2203

In His Time

OLD TESTAMENT page 905

Psalm 69:13-18

NEW TESTAMENT page 1507

Matthew 8:5-13

THE MESSAGE

Title: "Believe!"

Text: *When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. Matthew 8:5*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*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

PLEASE PRAY for Gordon Brand, who has surgery tomorrow for treating his prostate cancer, and for Matthew Borland (nephew of Mary Griffith), who deployed to Kuwait last week.

NEWSLETTER FOLDING PARTY – All help is welcome at 11:00 a.m. this Thursday when we meet in the fellowship hall to fold, label and sort the October/November issue of the *Ambassador*, our church newsletter. *Many hands make light work!*

THE CROP WALK, sponsored by Mission Coalition, begins at 2:00 p.m. next Sunday at the Jasper County Courthouse, and finishes at the Salvation Army for refreshments. If you have any interest in either walking the 3-mile route or donating to the CROP Walk, please see Joy Lane. The money raised supports both the national CROP Walk and local food banks.

HAYRIDE & BONFIRE—The congregational life committee invites everyone to a hayride and bonfire on Saturday, October 14th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Moore farm. Hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Bring a chair, a dish to share, and marshmallows for s'mores. Hope to see you there.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017 – It's time to think about the shoeboxes which bless children around the world with toys, coloring books/crayons, combs/brushes, hair accessories, stuffed animals, etc., as well as a book about salvation, and the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ in their own language. Last year United Presbyterian Church in little ol' Newton, Iowa made 140 shoeboxes. That is *awesome* for a church our size!!! The Kids' Adventures Club *loves* to shop to fill shoeboxes, so if you would like them to shop for you, they would be happy to do so. Or, of course you can pack a shoebox on your own. Materials are on the stage in the fellowship hall for your convenience. Remember that candy, food, lotions, liquid soaps and toothpaste should not be included because of the possibility of melting/leaking and ruining the other items in the shoeboxes. Also, toy guns or military items are not sent because many of the recipients live in war zones. It is fine to include toothbrushes, bar soap and a wash cloth. If you have questions about shoebox packing or donating financially, please contact Sue Wolters or Jill Hook. We thank you in advance for always so generously supporting this mission. November 12th is the deadline date for bringing shoeboxes.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. You are encouraged to show your appreciation to Pastor Don & his family.

MISSION COALITION PIE SALE—Mission Coalition will be selling pies the morning of October 21st at the McCann Flea Market, with proceeds going to Friends in Hope, which is a local ministry that helps the unfortunate with housing, food and spiritual matters. Put this on your calendar for your holiday pies!

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED – Employee evaluations will be conducted early next month, and the personnel committee would very much appreciate feedback from the congregation. Please share suggestions, comments, commendations, or concerns about our church employees (Pastor Don, Secretary Linda, Organist Jean, and Custodian Ann) with Margaret Jensen at 792-7720 or Mary Griffith at 792-4209. *Thanks!*

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS—Please keep the following college students in your prayers: Ben Ellis, Morgan France, Sierra Griffith, and Abby Zieman. Collegiate addresses will be available in the next issue of the *Ambassador*.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for September are pancake mix and syrup. October needs will be canned soups, saltines, & ramen noodles. Donations can be left in the fellowship hall.

CARPET – The carpet in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall needs replaced. The estimate for replacement of the hallway carpet and the carpet on the landing and the stairs to the downstairs is \$7,250. With last year's roof and tuckpointing projects, our building major maintenance fund has been depleted. There has been enough response to this need that we are going forward. A big thank you to all who have already responded to this need. All donations toward this expense are appreciated. Thank you. Gary Marshall, Property/Finance Committee

REMEMBER this month's "All are Precious" youth, Christelle Alzahrani and Masyn Titus. You are invited to pray daily for these youth, reach out to them on Sunday mornings, send an encouraging note, and/or remind them that they are, indeed, "Precious in His Sight!" Christelle's address is 510 North 8th Avenue East, Newton, IA 50208; Masyn's is 9378 North 67th Avenue East, Kellogg, IA 50135.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 25th.....Jae Wilson

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship - 55

Sunday School - 26

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:
Gordon Brand,
Mara Prihoda,
Bud Summers,
Alice Beatty,
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,
Phil Pearson,
Fran Caldwell;

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

For Comfort:
The families of
Marjorie Freeman
(Pastor Don's Mom)
Sandie Pearson
(Phil Pearson's wife),
and Tom Holmes (Pat
Summers' 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,
please call Linda at 792-4158, leave a note in the secretary's box,
e-mail unitedpres@iowatelecom.net, or stop into the office
and leave your message in person. Thanks!

AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Income Year-To-Date: \$83,637
General Operating Expenses Year-To-Date: \$85,375
Missions Support Year-To-Date: \$7,434

*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.*

Today, September 24th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
		Worship Committee Mtg.
Wednesday, September 27th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 28th	11:00 a.m.	Ambassador Folding Party
Sunday, October 1st	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	2:00 p.m.	CROP Walk
Tuesday, October 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Community Prayer Gathering
Wednesday, October 4th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

USHERS	David & Jill Hook
SCRIPTURE BEARER	Mara Prihoda
ACOLYTES	Aliviah Ross & Addison Ross
LITURGIST	David Hook
GREETERS	Pam Moore & Mary Griffith
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Collette Hill
FELLOWSHIP	Rachel, Pat & Bud Summers

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>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

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

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