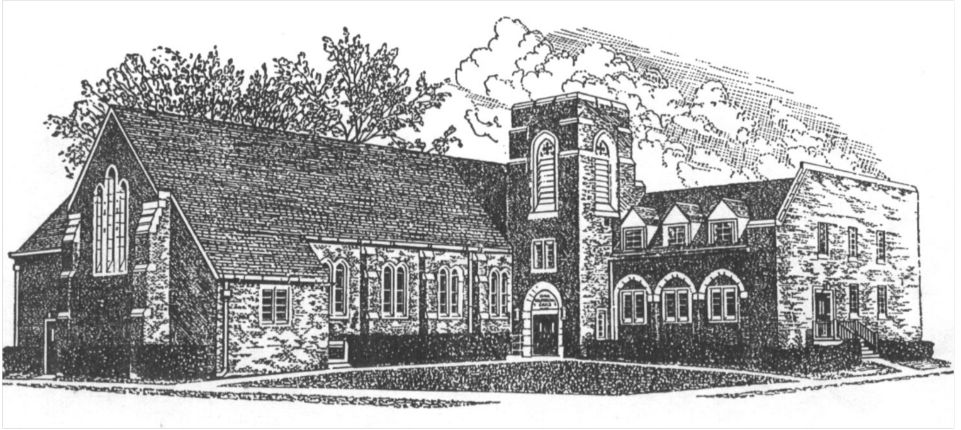


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

October 22, 2017

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship 10:30 a.m. October 22, 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

I praise you, Jesus, for making me a new creation. The old has passed away and the new has come. I leave behind the ways of the world and reach now for the life everlasting. Let me be crucified with you, Christ, dead to sin and alive in you. Teach me how to live by faith and by the Holy Spirit of God who now dwells in me. Amen.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall always be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me.

We will call on the name of the Lord together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are all who find refuge in Him.

*HYMN #478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have sinned and are unworthy to come into your presence. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. And yet, O

Lord, we also acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. We humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to have mercy on us, and forgive us all our sins. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that the actions of our life, the words of our mouths, and every thought of our minds, will be guided by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA #579

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology (#592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #2065

More Precious than Silver

OLD TESTAMENT page 974

Psalm 139:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT page 1508

Matthew 9:1-8

THE MESSAGE

Title: "Hope for Your Heart"

Text: *Take heart, son, your sins are forgiven.* Matthew 9:2b

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

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

REMEMBER October's "All are Precious" young person, Mikayla Creech. Pray for her, reach out to her on Sunday mornings, or send an encouraging note (831 1st Street North).

A FREE PARENTING SEMINAR on "Children and Anxiety" is being offered at Newton Christian School 6:30-7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Dr. Joel Ashby, a licensed psychologist at Family Legacy Counseling, will provide practical ideas and parenting tools to guide your child through difficult times and excessive worry.

"HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS" - Area youth are invited to experience a night of homelessness at UP Church on Friday, November 3rd, beginning at 8 p.m. This will be a time of fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness. **This event will take place regardless of the weather!** Youth will construct shelters from cardboard (stored in the church basement) and are reminded to dress **WARMLY** complete with coats, hats, gloves, and bring their own sleeping bags/pillows. Plastic covers and/or tarps and flashlights will be helpful. The parking lot entrances will be **CLOSED** to vehicles during this event for safety of the youth. The church youth room and basement Sunday School room will be open and supervised for anyone wanting to come out of the cold and sleep indoors. A hot breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall on Saturday morning and the youth will tear down their cardboard structures and be ready to go by 9:30 a.m. Adults are needed to take shifts (around a warm fire pit!) and to keep watch during the night. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Between now and November 3rd, the youth are collecting warm blankets for local individuals in need. A box is on the stage in the fellowship hall for your donations, which are greatly appreciated.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – The 2018 volunteer ministry sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. If you could serve as an usher, acolyte, liturgist, greeter, or on a fellowship committee, please indicate on the sheet the month(s) you would be available.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Materials are on the stage in the fellowship hall. If you prefer for someone do your shopping and packing, please contact Sue Wolters or Jill Hook, who will take the Kids' Adventures children shopping and help them pack shoeboxes! Collection Sunday is November 12th. Please don't pack items that might melt or leak, or toy guns or military items.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS are available in the narthex. Please take yours and save the church some postage expense!

COLLEGE STUDENTS—Please keep our college students in your prayers: Ben Ellis, Morgan France, Sierra Griffith, Abby Zieman.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for October are canned soups, saltines, & ramen noodles. November needs will be instant potatoes and macaroni & cheese. Donations can be left in the fellowship hall.

CARPET – The cost for the carpet project will be \$7,250. You have responded with donations to cover more than half the cost (thank you!). Installation is planned for December 4th-5th. Additional donations are much appreciated. If enough is raised to also replace the fellowship hall carpet, we will do that. If enough is *not* raised for that, a professional cleaning of the fellowship hall may be done, if there is enough to do that. We respectfully ask that donations for the carpet not be at the expense of other programs, as it is important to continue to fund our day-to-day expenses. Thank you. Gary Marshall, Property/Finance Committee

PER CAPITA – The third of four annual per capita apportionment payments was made at the end of September. The 2017 amount is \$40.43/member. United Presbyterian is assessed this amount for each member. The funds are distributed for 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. To ease the church's financial burden in this way, mark your check or envelope "Per Capita" and drop it in the offering plate or the mail. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT DAY will be November 5th. To make a commitment of your finances, please be prepared to present your commitment card during the worship service (or mail it to the church). For a commitment of your talents or time, please talk to a session member, a member of the nominating committee, or Pastor Don. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the work of the Lord through United Presbyterian Church.

Pastor's Office Hours

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Cell phone # (preferred): (641) 417-9376

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 23rdSierra Griffith
24thDavid Summers
28th Evan Marshall

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship - 47
Sunday School - 27

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:
David Jensen,
Margaret Jensen,
Gordon Brand,
Mara Prihoda,
Alice Beatty,

J.D. Wood,
Jeff Brittain,
Mildred Swalwell,
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 Bor-
land;

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!

SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Income Year-To-Date: \$93,329
General Operating Expenses Year-To-Date: \$97,541
Missions Support Year-To-Date: \$8,366

*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 three of four 2017 per capita payments.*

Today, October 22nd	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Wednesday, October 25th	5:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 26th	3:30 p.m.	Kids' Adventures
Sunday, October 29th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
		Worship Committee Mtg
Wednesday, November 1st	5:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 3rd	8:00 p.m.	"Hope for the Homeless"

USHERS	Joy Lane & Deb Zieman
SCRIPTURE BEARER	Mara Pihoda
ACOLYTES	David & Andrea Freeman
LITURGIST	Scott Griffith
GREETERS	Tom & Sue Wolters
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Jean Ibbotson
FELLOWSHIP	Joy Lane & Deb Zieman

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	Doneta Sullivan	521-3094
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., 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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