

AMBASSADOR

So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
II Corinthians 5:20

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THESE MONTHS?

Worship Services
 Community Prayer Gatherings
 I-Cubs Game Outing
 Committee Meetings
 Session Meetings
 Choir Rehearsals
 Labor Day
 Back-to-Sunday-School Rally
 Dolores Circle Meeting
 Evening Circle Meeting
 4-Hands Piano Concert
 Lisa Ellsbury Speaking
 Ambassador Folding Party
 Potluck Dinner

PASTOR'S NOTE

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

Long ago there was this song called "Big Yellow Taxi." I heard it sung by Amy Grant, but I have found out that her version was a remake of a Joni Mitchell song. It is a song about the environment, but it had a slight spiritual ring to it. In the chorus was heard "Please don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got till it's gone They paved paradise and they put up a parking lot I say, they paved paradise and they put up a parking lot."

I enjoy the outdoors and I enjoy the benefits of a modern world. I believe that Christians are to be good stewards of the earth. We just spent time in the Black Hills and enjoyed God's creation amidst the trappings of the modern world. It was great. Clearly we can have both, and the song is a good reminder that some things can't be undone and that we should give careful thought to what we build.

I read a lot more into the line "They paved paradise and they put up a parking lot." I think as individuals we need to be careful that we don't introduce things into our lives that pave over the work of God. God has made us in His image. He has done great things to offer us a clean heart, salvation, and eternal life in Christ, yet sometimes we take on things that cause us to forget how good we have it in God. When that happens, the chorus for us can be... "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone". But, it doesn't have to be that way. In Psalm 103, David starts out praising God, and then says "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

If we forget any of the benefits we have in Jesus Christ, if we forget the blessings He's given to us as a result of our faith, then we can become ungrateful, take for granted the life He has given us, and begin to walk away (or pave over) the very things that bring about God's blessing.

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OUR CHURCH AT WORK

STAFF AND MINISTRIES

Pastor & Moderator	Rev. Donald Freeman	417-9376
Secretary	Linda Rex	275-1204
Choir Director	Cynthia Freeman	792-7177
Organist	Jean Ibbotson	791-7114
Custodian	Ann Raygor	791-9321
Financial Secretary	Mary Griffith	792-4209
Assistant Financial Secretary	Pam Moore	792-4251
Sunday School Superintendent	Jill Hook	792-4274
Assistant S. S. Superintendent	Joy Osborn-Daniels	791-7232
Treasurer	Cynthia Poots	792-7718
Librarian	Betty Hanbeck	792-1142
Prayer Tree Leader	Kathy Ellis	792-5219

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETING TIMES

Sunday School	Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Evangelism Committee	As needed.
Christian Education Committee	As needed
Worship Committee	Last Sunday following Worship
Personnel Committee	As needed
Stewardship/Missions Committee	As announced
Congregational Life Committee	As needed
Property/Finance Committee	Third Tuesday of middle month of each quarter
U.P. Youth Fellowship	As announced
Women's Circles	Dolores Circle, Third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle, Second Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Radio Ministry – KCOB AM 1280 & FM 95.9	LIVE on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

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

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
David Hook, Congregational Life	Don Perkins, Property/Finance	Margaret Jensen, Personnel
Scott Griffith, Stewardship/Mission	Margaret Caldwell, Evangelism	Sue Wolters, Christian Education
Joy Lane, Clerk	Verle Summers, Nominating	Cynthia Poots, Worship

BOARD OF DEACONS (meets as called)

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Phyllis Wood	Pam Moore	Joy Osborn-Daniels
Doneta Sullivan	Kristin Titus	Lori Vos
Tiffany Lehrman	Dorena Marshall	Jill Hook

Church Office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
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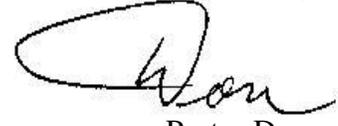
It is important for us to read the Scriptures, worship and pray often, and to remind ourselves repeatedly just how amazing God's grace is. If we aren't in the habit of regularly thanking God for what we have, we can soon lose it by leaving the ways of God.

Within the Psalm, David never speaks of the earth or earthly things. When thinking of blessings we tend to think of our family, home, church, possessions, job, food and clothing. These are all good things, but they are not what David focuses on.

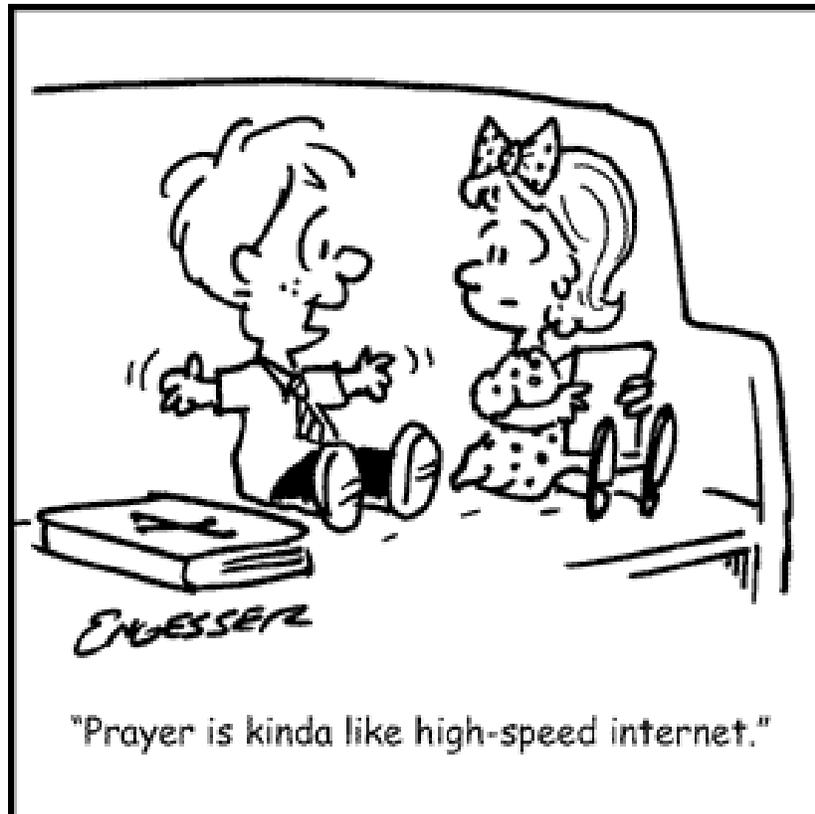
David turns his attention to praising God because God has forgiven all his sins, healed all his diseases, redeemed his life from the pit, crowned him with love and compassion, and satisfied his desires with good things.

Remember what God has given to you in Christ so that you don't "pave over Paradise" in your life. None of us knows the future and the challenges that lie ahead. But if you remember what He has done for you in the past through Christ your Savior, then you will have the passion of God's power and strength within you, and the power of the Holy Spirit to maintain the beauty of Paradise in the midst of every modern challenge. He will give you vision and strength for each new day. In Him, you'll always find a way for a bright and beautiful tomorrow.

In His love,



Pastor Don



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

AMBASSADOR DEADLINE is the second to last Monday of odd months. The church office invites news items, announcements, calendar events, and joys and concerns. If you are a leader in the church, please be conscientious about getting relevant information to Linda in a timely manner for publication.

Please keep the office updated concerning prayer needs. If there is a need that should be added to or deleted from the prayer request list, please call Linda at 792-4158, e-mail united-pres@iowatelecom.net, leave a note in the secretary's box, or stop into the office and leave your message in person.

*If your address has changed, or your mail has been temporarily stopped or forwarded, **please** notify the church office and help us reduce return-postage expenses.*

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING - Highlights of the monthly Session meetings are reported so members and friends can be informed of discussions held and decisions made. This report follows the Session's approving of the minutes, so the following items are from the March and April meetings. Please contact a Session member with comments/questions.



In addition to routine business items,

- ◆ Joy Lane reported the death of Izetta Moore on May 25, 2015, and the baptism of Saige Carley Ross, daughter of Lance and Heather Ross on Sunday, May 10th.
- ◆ Pastor Don reported on the health concerns and prayer concerns of the congregation and friends and asked for prayers for people with serious health issues. He also mentioned that he has been doing some counseling in the Prayer Room, and the session expressed appreciation for Ken and Shirley Johnson, who cleaned it out.
- ◆ Sue Wolters reported concerning VBS, the subsequent joint worship service, summer Sunday School, recognition of graduates, and presentation of Bibles to students.
- ◆ Margaret Caldwell reported concerning the baby shower for Saige Ross, and that she had favorable feedback from Delta Kappa Gamma on having a few meetings here and having some of their plants stay here for a couple weeks.
- ◆ Scott Griffith reported concerning donations/expenses, and submitted a motion from his committee for a home mission project, working with Bob McCormick at Cappy's to provide car repairs for people who can't afford them but require a car. The session approved.
- ◆ Cynthia Poots reported that we served communion to 69 people on May 3rd and to 56 people on June 7th.
- ◆ Bud Summers gave a comprehensive verbal report from Presbytery and submitted a written report with the details of actions and discussions that took place.
- ◆ Margaret Jensen reported that summer hours for Linda would be in effect through Labor Day (Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.).
- ◆ Don Perkins reported on the piano and organ repair/refurbishment, that he had the air conditioning checked, that the sign-up for lawn mowing is in the fellowship hall, that the sanctuary roof is showing wear, and that there is a possibility of a piano recital by the technician who did the refurbishment of the grand piano.
- ◆ David Hook reported that the hot dog lunch was successful, and that there might be a Cubs game outing.

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- ◆ Margaret Caldwell reported for the super committee that plans were being made for a sewing day, a picnic, and an Iowa Cubs game, and that she is also working on plans for a fall dinner and possibly a project on Protestant Prayer Beads.
- ◆ There was discussion about doing a Heritage Sunday in September to highlight the Palo Alto Church.

HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE/JULY: Dorena Marshall (5700 N. 59th Ave, W).

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.



DORENA IS HOME! She is quite tired and meals are greatly appreciated. If you could provide a meal, please sign up on the Care Calendar at <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/207471>. The calendar ID is 207471; the security code is 8952. Those without a computer may contact Joy Osborn-Daniels.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH and would appreciate receiving the worship bulletin by mail, please notify Linda at the church office.

THE "PRAYER TREE" is a telephone chain for the purpose of enlisting prayers when a member or friend of the church is in need. Remember this ministry when you become aware of a need, and call Kathy Ellis (792-5219) to begin a chain of prayer for that need. Don't hesitate to share your need with your church family. If you are a link in the chain, please be very conscientious about accurately passing on the request and praying promptly for the need.

Note: If you participate in the Prayer Tree ministry, please pick up your updated list from the fellowship hall stage.

SECOND SUNDAY FIRST STEP – Loose Sunday School offering on the second Sunday of each month is pledged to First Step. Remember this as you give in the Sunday School offerings.

SECOND SUNDAY DEACON'S FUND – "Loose-change" offering on the second Sunday of each month goes to the Deacon's Fund, along with any donations designated as such. You can designate your donation by writing "deacons" on the "for" line of your check, by enclosing it in any offering envelope and writing on the envelope the amount that is for the Deacon Fund, or by using one of the "Deacon Fund" envelopes in a pew rack. Deacons minister to many needs of the congregation. In addition to supporting this ministry financially, please remember to give them your prayer support.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS for September/October will be available August 23rd in both regular and large-print editions. Please ask an usher for a copy or pick up a copy from the table in the narthex. If you are homebound and would like to receive a copy of this devotional, please contact your elder or deacon or the church office.

A HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICE is available for those who need help hearing during the worship service. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to talk with Ben Clayton, who can show you how to use this new technology to improve your worship experience.

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CHECK OUT THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE at www.unitedpresbyterianchurchnewton.org.



Please look around and offer your input and suggestions. Note that you can access the weekly bulletin from the "Worship" page and the bimonthly newsletter (**in color!**) from the "Newsletter" page - look at them on your computer screen or print them out. Each Sunday's bulletin will be available by Friday afternoon. The newsletter will be available by the first day of the month of the current issue. You'll also want to check out the color photos of recent church activities. Who knows, you may even find yourself in a picture! If you have pictures that would enhance our website, please feel free to send them to the church office via email.

"COME" (James 5:14-16 & Revelation 22:17). If you are in need of healing and believe God can heal you, you are invited by Pastor Don and the elders to come for prayer. The first few minutes of every Session meeting are set aside for obedience to the James 5 directive. The next opportunity is 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 14th (there will be no August meeting). To avoid the disappointment of discovering that the meeting was canceled or postponed, before coming for prayer, please call the church office, the pastor, or one of the elders to confirm that the meeting has not been changed. Please don't hesitate to return again - and again - and again . . . if you do not receive healing the first time. God has put it on Pastor Don's heart to keep asking for complete healing until either he is healed or God tells him to stop asking, and Jesus taught in Luke 18 that we should pray and not give up. *Let anyone who is thirsty come.* (Rev. 22:17)

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. If you are a leader in the church, please be conscientious about getting relevant information to Linda in a timely manner for publication. Please keep the office updated concerning prayer needs. If there is a need that should be added to or deleted from the prayer request list, please call Linda at 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.

REACH OUT—Several churches in Newton joined together July 12th to serve people in our community. United joined this effort with 25 participants. Check out the pictures on the church website or Facebook page.

PRAYER—Don't miss the Community Prayer Gatherings at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month—August 4th and September 1st. Location is UP unless announced otherwise.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS are 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. These hours are in effect through Labor Day; regular hours will resume September 9th.



Note: The pastor will be in his office during regular hours.

MOW, MOW, MOW - Once again you have an opportunity to enhance the beauty of our church property and get some exercise while serving the Lord. No driver's license is required! Please check the sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall and help fill the vacancies.

I-CUBS GAME OUTING—UP has tickets for the August 11th Iowa Cubs game. Game time is 7:00 p.m. We will carpool from the church at 5:30 p.m. It's dog night (\$1 hot dogs) and Pizza Ranch bingo for prizes. Please sign up in the fellowship hall by August 5th, or contact David Hook at 641-275-0099 if you would like tickets (\$7). All are welcome!

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August

- 1stShirley Johnson
- 2ndDavid Jensen
- 4thMorgan Daniels
- 9thMildred Swalwell
- 10thGary Forbes
- 13thJanet Nichols
- 17thPat Clayton
- 18thPaul Ellis
-Guy Stormo
- 19thCynthia Poots
- 20thLois Blumeyer
- 23rdVerle Summers
- 24thTalbot Hook
-Jim Wilson
- 26thRachel Summers
- 27thBetty Hanbeck
-Adam Hammer
-David Freeman
- 29thDoneta Sullivan
- 31stDot DeRonde
-John Zieman
-Christian Dennis
-Julianna Dennis

Celebrating Life



We wish a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the people listed above who are celebrating another year of life!

Ministry Schedule

- Ushers.....Duane Daniels & Joy Osborn-Daniels
- AcolytesGarret Beerends
-Alyssa Beerends
- Scripture Bearer.....Mara Prihoda
- LiturgistJim Beerends
- Fellowship CommitteeDon Perkins
-Jerry & Cynthia Poots
- Greeters.....Ken & Shirley Johnson

*Like newborn babies,
you must crave pure spiritual milk
so that you will grow into
a full experience of salvation.
Cry out for this nourishment.*

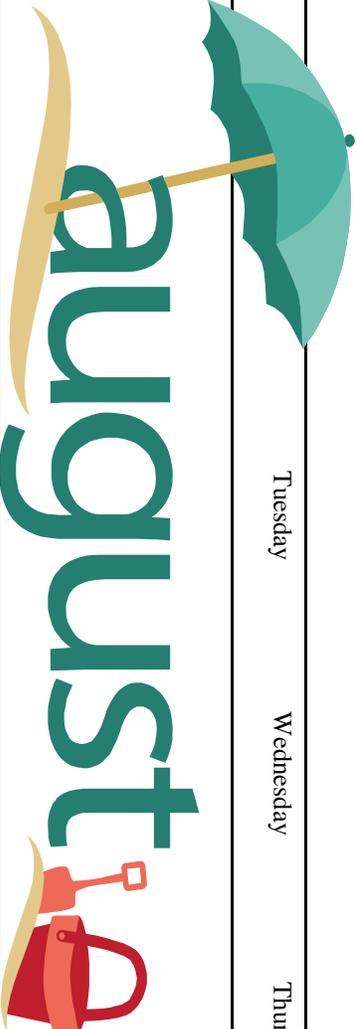
I Peter 2:2

Celebrating Marriage



The following couples celebrate the gift of marriage by observing their wedding anniversaries. We salute these who have committed their lives to each other.

- 4thLance & Heather Ross
- 9thPhil & Sandy Pearson
- 14thTom & Erica Kitt
- 17thJim & Dannette Mileham
- 22ndDanny & Janet Nichols
- 23rdRalph & Val McAdoo
- 25thRandy & Margaret Caldwell



Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 11:30 a.m. Fellowship	3	4 PRAYER MEETING 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
9 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship	10	11 5:30 p.m. Meet at church for Iowa Cubs Outing	12	13	14
16 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner	17	18	19	20	21
23 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28
30 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Worship Committee Mtg 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social	31	<p><i>For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!</i></p> <p>2 Corinthians 4:17</p>			

Ministry Schedule



- Ushers.....Fred Swank
Bev Nearmyer
- AcolytesCarter Lehrman
Addison Ross
- Scripture Bearer.....Mara Prihoda
- LiturgistJoy Osborn-Daniels
- Fellowship CommitteeJoy Lane
Ken & Shirley Johnson
- Greeters.....Val McAdoo

- 6thJill Titus
 7thJill Hook
 8thJim Worthington
 9thRilyn Titus
 12thRon Forbes
Charles Korte
 15thMissy Gettler
Kennedy Kitt
Kaiden Kitt
 18thDelmar Schnabel
 21stLindsey Hook
 22ndEllen Hill
Viva Jones
 23rdMara Prihoda
 25thSpencer McAdoo
Jae Wilson

*I waited patiently
 for the LORD to help me,
 and he turned to me
 and heard my cry.*

Psalm 40:1

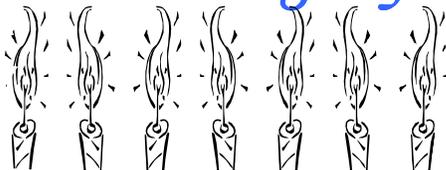
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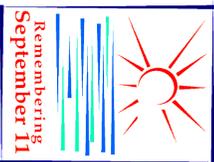
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 by observing their wedding anniversaries.
 We salute these who have committed their lives to each other.*

- 1stScott & Mary Griffith
 2ndDavid & Margaret Jensen
 3rdJerry & Charlotte Damman
 15thAndy & Tiffany Lehrman
 18th ..Duane Daniels & Joy Osborn-Daniels
 23rdJerold & Cynthia Poots
Trevor & Kristin Titus
 25thRuss & Lois Blumeyer

Celebrating Life



*We wish a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the people listed above
 who are celebrating another year of life!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>Choir Potluck BBQ & Rehearsal</p>			
<p>6 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion 11:30 a.m. Fellowship</p>	<p>7 Office Closed</p> 		<p>9 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 3:30 p.m. Kids' Adventures 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting</p>	<p>11 </p>	
<p>13 9:00 a.m. S. S. Kickoff 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship</p>	<p>14 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.</p>		<p>16 9:30 a.m. Dolores Circle Meeting 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>			
<p>20 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 4:00 p.m. Four-Hands Piano Concert</p>	<p>21 Deadline for October/November Ambassador</p>		<p>23 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 3:30 p.m. Kids' Adventures</p>		
<p>27 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Worship Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>28 11:00 a.m. Ambassador Folding Party</p>		<p>30 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.</i> Galatians 5:25</p>		

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL- Please come to UP Church on Sunday, August 30th, from 2-4 p.m., for ice cream with a rainbow of toppings. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors; ALL are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to bring cookies, bars, or pies. If you have any questions please contact David Hook. (641-275-0099)

THANKS TO those who are teaching Sunday School; all who serve faithfully on church committees, as acolytes, ushers and greeters; those who share their ministry of helping in such things as working with the youth, preparing the “Ambassador” and folding bulletins; and others who serve the Lord in various ways in the church and in the community.



* We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the Memorial Day weekend while Mom was transitioning from this life to the next. We all hated to see her go because we loved her. But she was ready. She missed Dad terribly. Now we will miss them both. *Chris & Pam Moore*

* A special thanks to everyone for all the prayers, visits, cards, and daisies after mom's fall. Thanks to Tiffany for her visit while mom was in surgery - it meant so much. What a loving congregation. Mom is doing great and is anxious to get home. *The Hill & Wolters Families*

* The Moore family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers as we struggled with the loss of Izetta. Your support was a great comfort with the assurance of things to come. *Chris & Pam Moore*

* United Presbyterian Deacons, Our family thanks you for all your thoughts and prayers during our loss of Izetta. We will all miss her greatly. She was such a great lady, a role model to all who knew her. Also thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent. Izetta loved her flowers. Thanks too for helping to serve, and set up and put away tables and chairs at the memorial. *The family of Izetta Moore*

* Dear UP Family, I'm honored to be a part of our congregation for many years, and your presence in my life is a precious blessing! My times amongst you all are something I'll never forget. Vielwn Herzlichen Dank von meinem Harzen! Thank you. *Ben Ellis*

* Dear Bev, Shirley, and all the kitchen help! Sending all you girls (& guy) a big hug for helping with Mother's memorial! At times like this, friends and family help to pull us thru. Sincerely, *Doug & Jeanette Harms* (Izetta's daughter)

Note from Linda: See the nice card on the bulletin board.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“ALL ARE PRECIOUS” pictures for the 2015-2016 school year will be taken before and after church on August 23rd and 30th.

KIDS' CLUB will kick off of on Thursday, September 10th from 3:30-5:00 p.m., and will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month through the school year. Kids ages K-6 are welcome to participate! If you have any questions, contact Sue Wolters or Jill Hook.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL ended on July 26th. There will be no opening exercises or K-12 or Upper Room classes in August.

2015-2016 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF—Everyone is invited to this year's Sunday School Kickoff "Master the Board of LIFE with a Winning Roll!" Bring a friend (or two!) on Sunday, September 13th, at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a light breakfast, fun, and Christian fellowship as we begin a new year of studying God's Word together!



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THE PRESBYTEERS (& their sponsors) will resume their monthly children's sermons on Sunday, September 20th. Watch for some puppet fun on the odd months with object lessons on the even months!

WORSHIP

SPECIAL SPEAKER ON ADOPTION—On Sunday, August 16th, during worship, we will have the privilege of hearing Lisa Ellsbury speak on adoption. Lisa and her husband Dan have adopted 9 children. God led them to adoption when Dan was working as a resident in Des Moines. A baby was born with severe heart defects. The mother chose to leave her in the hospital with a “Do Not Resuscitate” order. This child touched Dan’s heart, and after much prayer he and Lisa decided they would adopt the child so she would not have to die alone in the hospital without even a name. Through several miracle surgeries, she is now 16. God worked on their hearts to see many other children who have no homes and are left in institutions waiting to die. This has led them to adopt eight additional special needs children from China. Lisa and Dan are now on the Board of Directors of “Love Without Borders”, a group which advocates for adoption and medical care for orphans. Lisa also has a blog, “Seriously Blessed”. Please invite your friends who have adopted children or who are interested in adoption. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Zieman. Also, note that, following the service, there will be a **POTLUCK DINNER**. Chicken and drink will be provided; please bring a side or dessert.



STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS

THE 2015 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT—The second of four annual per capital apportionment payments was made at the end of June. The amount is set at \$40 for 2015. 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 have not 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. Thanks to those who have already done this.

GENERAL MISSIONS GIVING is distributed as follows: 25% to each of Presbytery Missions, the Sudanese Mission, the Bolivia Mission, and Hope Ministries. If you prefer that your missions contributions be distributed differently, please designate so on your check or envelope. Please keep all of these missions in your prayers.

 **HOPE MINISTRIES** ministers to many homeless and/or hungry men, women and children. Our donations have a positive and powerful impact, enabling the staff to provide safe shelter, nutritious food and new hope through God’s Word . There are many ways to get involved in this ministry; check it out at www.hopeiowa.org and pick up a copy of the May/June “Stories of Hope” newsletter in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for August are peanut butter and jelly; for September, pancake mix and syrup. Donations can be left in the kitchen. Your support is appreciated.



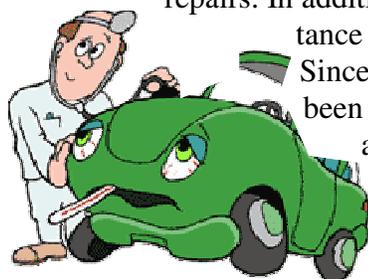
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THE BOLIVIA MISSION supports the Jaime Dunn Children’s Home in Camiri, Bolivia. This home is directed by Señora Eida Dunn and is dedicated to the care, nurture and education of homeless children in southern Bolivia. Your prayers and financial donations are much appreciated; you are a vital part of this ministry that makes it possible to provide a safe and loving home for these children. Señora Eida is currently in the U.S., and we anticipate having her as a guest here at UP sometime in the fall. Watch your bulletin for details, as it may be in September.



ROAD TO RECOVERY—The UP Church session has granted approval of a new, local mission program called “Road to Recovery”. It is not a 12-step program as the name might imply; rather it is a local assistance program for less fortunate car owners who need automobile repairs, but could not otherwise afford to make them. We have teamed up with Cappy’s to offer aid from time to time with the cost of parts and labor for repairs that might not otherwise get done. When a car is brought in that needs something in addition to the requested repairs—

something that could not otherwise be afforded— our mission dollars will help to pay for those repairs. In addition to making life a little better for the beneficiaries, this type of assistance will put safer cars on the road, making life a little safer for everyone.



Since the announcement of this program, several generous donations have been made. It is my hope that we can support this mission without taking away from our other mission giving. At the very least, it is another option for those of you wanting to impact your local community. If you would like to join me in supporting this cause, please mark your donation “Road to Recovery”. Thanks, as always, for your generous support! Scott Griffith, Stewardship and Mission Chair

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:

Dorena Marshall,
Martha Hill,
Betty Hanbeck,
Marcia Harrington,
Alice Beatty,
Viva Jones,
Leo Harrington,
Phil Pearson,
Fran Caldwell,
Ruth Adams,
Jeff Brittain,
Lois Blumeyer;

For Protection:

Those who serve us
(law enforcement, EMTs,
firefighters, military).

If there is a need that should be added to or deleted from this prayer request list, please call Linda at 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. Thanks.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THE DOLORES CIRCLE meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, excluding Dec. and summer months. The September meeting will be the 16th.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED – The Dolores Circle invites you to share in collecting personal care items for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. Items are needed for both adults and children; diapers are particularly needed. A receptacle for donations is on the stage in the fellowship hall.

THE RUTH CIRCLE will have its first meeting of the new season at 6:30 p.m. on September 10th, with regular meetings thereafter on the second Thursday of each month. All are welcome.



A CHEERFUL HEART IS GOOD MEDICINE . . .

Proverbs 17:22



A group of 4 to 8 Year-olds was asked "What does love mean?"

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt and then he wears it every day." Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - age 8

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine-age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

And then there was the four-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

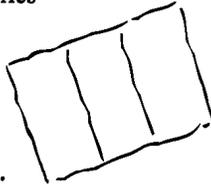
The Kids' Page



Make a Travel Brochure

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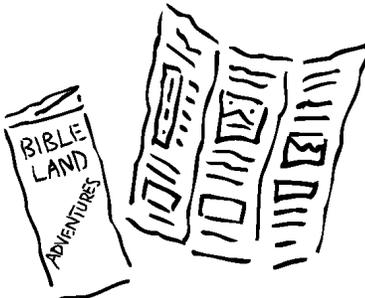
- piece of white/light paper
- old magazines
- scissors
- glue stick
- markers



How to do it:

Fold the paper in 3 parts. Use the names of the Biblical places from the puzzle answers. Make a section for each of those places. Cut letters from magazines. Cut out pictures to match each one. Glue them on. Describe each place.

Make a cover with ticket and travel information, etc....





"Take a Vacation"

Use your imagination to plan a great "Bible Lands" vacation. Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

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