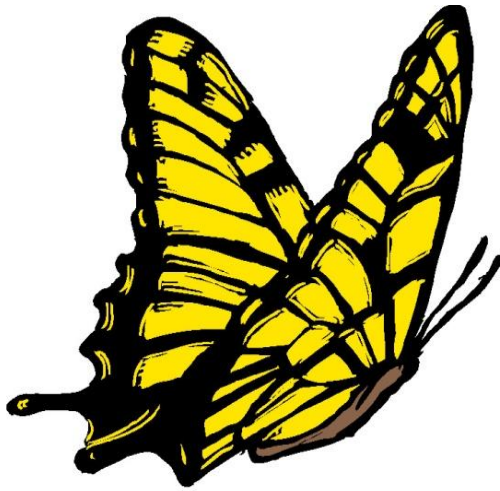


For
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Galatians 5:1




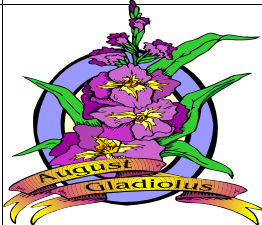
**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**2011
NEWSLETTER**



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Breakfast Family Table 7:00 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m.	3 Worship Comm. 6:30	4 TOPS	5	6
7 Worship 9:00 Brunch to Honor Ken & Judy Fells Lue Baker 10:00	8	9 Men's Breakfast Family Table 7:00 a.m.	10 Bingo @ Denison Care 2:00 p.m.	11 TOPS	12 Summer Sing @ Camp on Okoboji August 12 thru August 14	13
14 Worship 9:00 Coffee 10:00	15	16 Men's Breakfast Family Table 7:00 a.m.	17 	18 TOPS	19	20
21 Mission Mtg. 8:15 CE Mtg. 10:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee 10:00	22	23 Men's Breakfast Family Table 7:00 a.m.	24 TOPS	25	26	27 Cleaning Day @ Church 8:00 a.m.
28 Worship 9:00 Coffee 10:00	29	30 Men's Breakfast Family Table 7:00 a.m.	31			Birthstone—Peridot Flower—Gladiolus

To United Presbyterian Church Family:

The Bible is full of stories. In fact it is one long story, the story of God's Love for us, and our need for reconciliation with God and with one another. It is also the story of God's plan of reconciliation. Jesus, the fulfillment of that plan, also taught and spoke in stories. Stories are important in life and in our spiritual lives.

My recent arrival here as Pastor at United Presbyterian Church of Denison, concludes a chapter in the story of my life, and lives of my family: my wife Danica, son Drew, and daughter Lake. My arrival marked a completed goal and the conclusion of a ten year journey. I received the call to ministry in October of 2001, and there is a long and rich story of that journey, and of God preparing me, that I bring with me.

You, as a church have a story too. You have history, memories and customs that you all share together as a church family. For some, this story reaches back many years, while others recently joined the narrative.

Now our stories come together. Together, we are at the start of a new story—or perhaps the continuation of both of our stories in new chapters. It is at this point that we both must look back on our stories to this point and reflect on God's involvement, direction and grace in our stories, and in our lives. I personally consider the fact that I am here as the fulfillment of many miracles, as well as God's grace, and provision. I am sure that God's work is evident in your narrative as well, as I have witnessed God's love and Grace through you already.

As we head to the future and continue writing our stories together, it will serve us well to remember the work that God has done in our lives in the past. Much as the Israelites recount the story of the Exodus, and the miracles God performed to release them from slavery, we too need to recall God's work in our pasts. But we also need to look forward to the work that God will do in our midst as our narrative continues into the future. It is with eager anticipation that I look toward writing that story together with you, and to watching God work in our lives, in our congregation and the world around us.

Session Notes

- A Stated Session meeting was held on July 21, 2011 at the church.
- 73 persons received Holy Communion on July 3, 2011 during the morning worship service.
- Spring and summer mission projects include organized work groups to help in the community. Please let Joan Osterlund or Shar Hulstein know if we can help you with any job at your residence or in the community.
- It was reported that donations toward the roof project totaled \$10,070. The shingles for the new church roof will be delivered on Monday, July 25, 2011.
- Bible School which was a community Bible School held at the Cornerstone Church took place from July 11-15. Ten children attended representing the United Presbyterian Church.
- The Pentecost Offering was \$480 with 40% or \$192 staying at the UPC Church in Denison. The Session agreed to use the money toward youth mission under the direction of the Mission Committee.
- There will be no Stated Session Meeting in August. The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Please remember the Session in your prayers as they strive to discern God's guidance as spiritual and financial leaders of the church.

Mary Ann Irwin, Clerk of Session



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

Watermelon and sandwiches were served by Fellowship and Outreach to the Denison Care residents following Bingo on July 13th.

Sundae Sunday was enjoyed following worship on Sunday, July 17th. Ice cream, all kinds of toppings, cookies, and root beer floats were served.

Clean up Saturday is scheduled for August 27th beginning at 8:00 a.m. We hope to have a lot of people who will volunteer their time, energy, and equipment to paint, dust, vacuum, trim trees and remove limbs from damaged trees, or whatever else may need some attention. Fellowship and Outreach Committee will supply pizza and beverages for the workers lunch.

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee will be hosting a Salad Luncheon on Saturday, September 24th in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for hostesses for the table settings and themes. We are also encouraging you to sign up to bring salads for the luncheon. It takes quite a few salads to make the luncheon buffet table enticing for everyone. Signup sheets for the table hostesses and the salads are in the hallway. Tickets are available for \$8.00/each. We're looking forward to sharing this special luncheon with you, your relatives, friends, and neighbors.

HARVESTERS

Harvesters are not meeting the month of August.

A Labor Day Retreat is planned at the Camp at Okoboji for September 3rd to the 5th.

Our next meeting will be in September 2011 with Fitzgerald's and Kuehnhold's as hosts.





WORSHIP, MUSIC & SACRAMENT

The Worship, Music & Sacrament Committee had only one short meeting this summer, however, the worship services reflect the diligent efforts of the people on this committee.

Ann Voggeser contacts people for special music and many of us have responded. The liturgists who volunteer do such a fine job of leading the service. Communion would not be possible if we didn't have volunteers to set it up and serve it. The list of responsibilities goes on and they are capably carried out.

Pastor Paul and his family have been here almost a month. Please stop in to see him. His office reflects the warmth of his personality.

And.....you'll want to stop and visit with Danica, Drew and Lake at church on Sunday. You'll, no doubt, be treated to a warm hug from Danica.

Please remember that worship hours will again change back to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th.

God Bless you all,

The Worship Committee

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Committee is getting ready for another exciting year; learning about the Bible and our Lord. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m. The curriculum this year is yet to be decided.

We will also continue our Wednesday night activities beginning Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church. We will continue to share with the Methodist Church and they will host in October. Remember to bring \$1.00 for supper and be ready for fun and fellowship.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

The Christian Education Committee

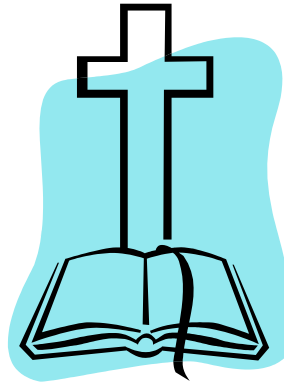


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

<i>Jeff Chance</i>	<i>8-07</i>	<i>Patty Morgan</i>	<i>8-14</i>	<i>Steve Fitzgerald</i>	<i>8-23</i>
<i>Deb Littleton</i>	<i>8-12</i>	<i>Ruth Moen</i>	<i>8-16</i>	<i>Dean Argotsinger</i>	<i>8-26</i>
<i>Robin Adams</i>	<i>8-13</i>	<i>Dale Kinney</i>	<i>8-20</i>	<i>Dave Adams</i>	<i>8-30</i>
<i>Marge Meyer</i>	<i>8-13</i>	<i>Tyler Prussing</i>	<i>8-21</i>	<i>Taya Herrig</i>	<i>8-30</i>
<i>Jacob Irwin</i>	<i>8-14</i>	<i>Mary Ann Irwin</i>	<i>8-22</i>		

*The best portion of a good man's life is his
little, nameless, unremembered acts of
kindness and love.*

William Wordsworth



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

<i>Ron & Marcia Bierma</i>	<i>8-04</i>	<i>Matt & Lindsey Gotto</i>	<i>8-21</i>
<i>Bill & Margaret Wohlers</i>	<i>8-12</i>	<i>Bob & Sharon Irwin</i>	<i>8-30</i>

*Strangers are friends that
you have yet to meet.*

Roberta Lieberman

Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary lists updated and accurate. If your name has been omitted or there is a mistake in the month of your birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 263-4130 or e-mail to thehill@frontiernet.net with the correct information. Many thanks!