

I am not ashamed
of the gospel, because
it is...the salvation
of everyone
who believes...

Romans 1:16, NIV



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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2011
NEWSLETTER



October



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Sunday School 9:15 Worship/Comm. 10:30 Coffee 11:30 Stewardship & Finance Comm. 11:30 Crop Walk 2:00	3	Men's Bible Study Family Table 7:00 a.m. Quilters 6:30	Youth Group 6:00 Methodist Church Chancel Choir 7:30 Worship Comm. 8:30	TOPS Bible Study 10:00 Evening Circle 7:30 Marilynn Jepsen Hostess	7	Girl Scouts 10:00—11:30 a.m.
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Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Now that me and my family have settled into the pleasant living of Denison, it is hard not to reflect on just how very blessed and fortunate that we are to be here in Denison, and at United Presbyterian Church with you all. Indeed we can witness to the grace and provision of God in getting us here. But we also must thank God for the gift of a loving, talented, gifted and active church family.

In Matthew 21:33-46, Jesus tells the story (parable) of the owner of the vineyard who allows his tenants to take full advantage of his property in exchange for a portion of the harvest. Unfortunately, the tenants do not give the owners messengers the share of the harvest that is owed the owner. Instead they beat, and abuse the messengers, and even kill some of them. Eventually, the owner sends his son to collect what is due, and to tell the tenants the errors of their ways. Even the owners son is ignored and killed by the tenants because they desire to take the property for themselves. Jesus then asks his listeners: "what do you think will happen when the owner returns?"

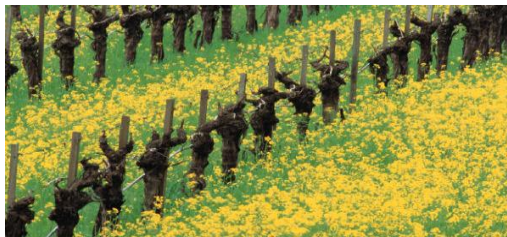
God gives us good things; in fact everything we have comes from God. God has given us humans Gods creation of this earth. Here in Iowa the soil is so rich and productive it is hard for me, an easterner, to believe. We all have personally been blessed in our lives as well. Even the poorest of us lives at a much better standard of living then much of the rest of the population of the world. And we have our church family and facility. We of faith also have the gift of knowing about God and Gods love for us.

All these gifts from God are given to us to use, and to have in Gods grace. But what do we do with them? Do we recognize that all these things, and even our very lives come from God? What is our reaction when we do recognize that what we have comes from God?

When Abraham (at the time Abram) is called by God, God tells Abraham: " And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Gen. 12: 1-2). Abraham is blessed to be a blessing to others. Are we any different?

The Grace and Peace of the Lord to you all.

Pastor Paul



Session Notes

- A Stated Session meeting was held on September 15, 2011 at the church.
- 48 persons received Holy Communion on September 4, 2011 during the morning worship service, despite the fact that many of the church were attending a Labor Day Retreat at the Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji.
- 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 the roof project has been completed. The shingles for the new church roof have been 90% paid for, and the final 10% will be paid upon approval of the completed project.
- Presbytery was held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji. Paul Seefeldt read and defended his “Statement of Faith”, was received into the Presbytery of Prospect Hill, and was approved for ordination/installation on Sunday, September 25, 2011.
- The Peacemaking Offering is underway; the offering will be received on the first Sunday of October. (October 2, 2011) (Note the Sunday inserts.)
- TAP donations are being received during the month of September. Please give generously to help those in need. TAP items may be put into the labeled baskets; monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plates or given to the church office.
- A stewardship letter is being prepared for the Stewardship Drive beginning October 9th and ending October 23, 2011.
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 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

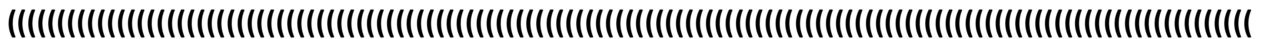
Harvest greetings from Fellowship and Outreach.

A fall salad luncheon was hosted by our committee Saturday, September 24th. There were many delicious salads, cheese spread, meatballs, punch, dessert, conversation and piano accompaniment by Anne Hulsebus enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thank you to everyone who brought food to share, decorated tables, purchased tickets, helped prepare the hall and cleaned up. We are truly blessed to have so many good cooks and kind, generous people in our congregation!

Cherry chocolate cake and sandwiches were enjoyed by the Denison Care residents on September 14th following the Bingo games. The residents really look forward to this day, so if you have an interest in helping with this project, please feel free to join us at the Care Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Our committee is planning a walking taco meal for Sunday, October 16, 2011 and our annual turkey dinner for Sunday, November 13, 2011 following worship services. We will be serving turkey, dressing, potatoes with gravy, a vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. Please plan on joining us.

Beth Argotsinger



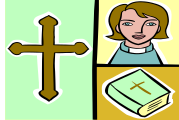
HARVESTERS

Harvesters met at the church on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Due to the rainy weather, we had “stone soup” served at the church. We all had a wonderful time eating soup, corn bread with Iowa honey butter, and dessert. Appetizers were also served.

We had a brief business meeting, discussed the Pancake Supper which will be held, October 19, 2011, the Labor Day Retreat, and dedicating the newly re-furbished Chapel. We also decided to purchase 2 plants for Pastor Paul’s Ordination/Installation.

There being no further business we adjourned and everyone joined in playing games. Our next meeting will be the Pancake supper.

Donna Kuehnhold



WORSHIP, MUSIC, & SACRAMENT

On Sunday, September 25, 2011 Paul Seefeldt was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and installed as the minister in the United Presbyterian Church, Denison, IA.

We are so proud to be a part of his journey of faith and we extend our sincere thanks to the PNC committee for their work in searching and finding Pastor Paul for us.

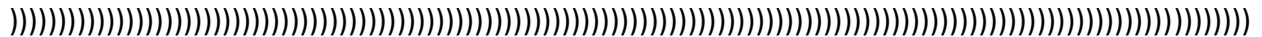
Pastor Paul has been at work since July, 2011. He has visited many people of our church and community, and has touched many more with love, caring, and prayer.

October is designated as Pastor Appreciation month. Thank him for all he does for us and give him and his family your love and support, remembering them in your prayers.

Now, remember, God works through you also. Reach out to others in any way you can. Invite friends, family, and yes, strangers to worship with us.

In Gods love,

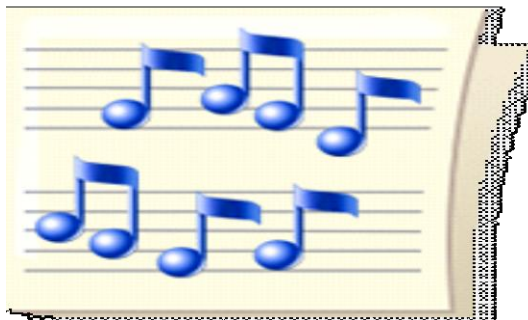
The Worship Committee



Thank you so much to all of those talented people who provided our church with special music for the church services this summer. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated!!

We welcome extra special music at anytime during the year. It is nice to have the choir return, but remember any person or group who would like to provide special music at any time is most welcome. Please let the church office (or Kristy, Ann, or any member of the worship committee) know of your plans, so we can include you in the order of service.

A big Thanks again to those who helped fill our worship service with special music this summer!!

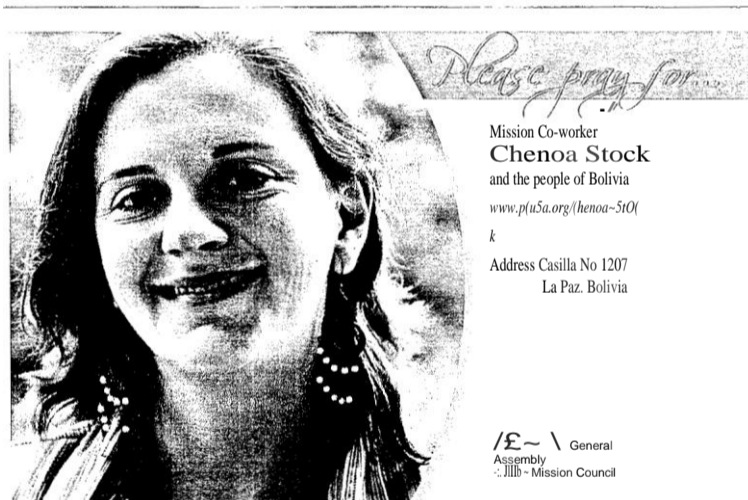


MISSION COMMITTEE

Presbyterian Church World Mission has supplied our church with prayer cards featuring many of our denomination's missionaries in the field. We'd like to share a card monthly. Please note that each card features a photo of the missionary, their place of residence, a small synopsis of their work, and some personal information including the verse they have chosen as their inspiration. This month we have chosen to share Chenoa Stock because she has been to Denison to share her work. However, if you look carefully, her new mission is with the people of Bolivia. Please pray for Chenoa this month and notice that she has an October 22 birthday. If you'd like to send a card, her address is listed.

It's that time again. It's time to begin packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project through Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son) and Samaritan's purse. The boxes have been purchased so grab your young friends and pack a box for a hurting child overseas. Along with the goods in your box, each child will be told the good news of Jesus Christ. If you so desire, technology now allows us to track our boxes online. Boxes and labels will be available in early October. We ask for a \$2.00 donation to cover the cost of our boxes. Please pack and return your box to church by November 2 so we can deliver them to our Storm Lake distributors. If you would rather just supply the money, our church youth would be very willing to do your shopping for you. If that's your case, please give the money to Shar Hulstein. Make checks payable to the Presbyterian Church. Any other questions? Contact Shar.

It's beautiful outside. Enjoy the colors of God's creation!



Chenoa Stock
Serving in Bolivia

Three questions guide the ministry of Chenoa Stock. What does it mean to live as a child of God to be part of a connected, world community? To love my neighbors down the street and across the ocean? She asked these questions as a Young Adult Volunteer in India and as a mission co-worker in Sri Lanka. They continue to guide her in her current role with the Joining Hands network in Bolivia, where she works with Bolivia's poor to help them improve their own lives. "I am a witness to the truth that we are many parts of one body of God," Chenoa says. "We are one creation, one people who are called to look beyond ourselves and work for justice, equality, and love."

Personal
Information
Birthday
October 22

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God » Romans 12:2

Give: www.pcu5a.org/donate en 1800 718
For general Information about Presbyterian World Mission, Visit www.pcu5a.org/worldmission Presbyterian World Mission, 100 Vitherspoon, Louisville, KY 40202



PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: **Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Barb Saunders, Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma,** and Leona Philipp.

We want to include anyone who has a need for prayer. Please help everyone out by notifying the church office if you know of a need. Some of the requests are for folks that are not members or are living away. If you know of a need, please call the church office (day or night) at 263-4130 or e-mail the church at thehill@frontiernet.net.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family for your many kind words of sympathy, compassion and comfort, and the many cards and phone calls the past few weeks following the death of Dean's mother, Marilyn. What a blessing you have been to us!

Dean and Beth Argotsinger

We hardly know where to begin to thank our church family for their support during Garry's six weeks of radiation at Mayo. Your cards, calls, e-mails and most especially your prayers kept us going. A special "thank you" to Paul and Danica for their visit before we left. Harold, Elaine, Scott, Gayle and Maggie, you are our angels on earth. We are so blessed to have you and our church family.

With our love and thanks,

Garry and Pat Chapman

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to reap that which is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

<i>Jenny Lochmiller</i>	10-1	<i>Dan Bohnker</i>	10-14	<i>Diane Norelius</i>	10-23
<i>Drew Seefeldt</i>	10-2	<i>Kelli Prussing</i>	10-16	<i>Linda Moran</i>	10-24
<i>Jodie Vazquez</i>	10-3	<i>Kerri Bilsten</i>	10-17	<i>Mary Pollock</i>	10-25
<i>Sami Vazquez</i>	10-6	<i>Louis Miller</i>	10-17	<i>Margaret Wohlers</i>	10-27
<i>Paul Seefeldt</i>	10-9	<i>Patti Boettger</i>	10-18	<i>Mary Jean</i>	
<i>Turissa Moreland</i>	10-10	<i>Pat Chapman</i>	10-19	<i>Rasmussen</i>	10-28
<i>Elizabeth Miller</i>	10-11	<i>Duane Zenk</i>	10-19	<i>Daniel Miller</i>	10-29
<i>Ruth Overhue</i>	10-12	<i>Joe Ferguson</i>	10-21	<i>David Moen</i>	10-30
<i>Joyce Bohnker</i>	10-13				

*Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.
Helen Keller*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Gary & Shelly Herrig 10-2

*“Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are.
Theodore Roosevelt*

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!



PANCAKE SUPPER

HARVESTER PANCAKE SUPPER

United Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Age 11 – Adult \$6.00

Age 5 – 10 \$3.00

Age 4 and Under Free

Serving pancakes, sausage, and applesauce

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Autumn has arrived but it still feels like summer some days. Please continue to save your Campbell Soup Labels. There is a sample copy of a label and what part we need to save, posted on the bulletin board. Give your labels to Barb Haley or drop them at the Church in the Narthex or the office. Thanks for your help!!