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December 30, 2018

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

The church's website is

www.schallerpresby.com



Miracle Quilters

Miracle Quilters will be meeting on Thursday, January 3rd and January 17th at 1:00 p.m.



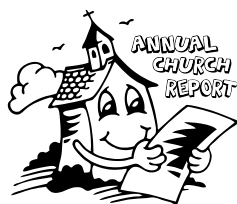
Rev. Ken Fells will be leading us in Worship on Sunday, January 6th while Michael is out of town.



CHRISTIAN GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Christian Growth Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Approaching Deadline



Those responsible for annual reports PLEASE give them to Denise no later than Sunday, January 13th.

Ordination & Installation

Session has set Sunday, January 13th for the Ordination of Cathy Sydnor and Installation for Phil Diersen, and Kirk Langner our newly elected elders. (Snow date will be January 20th.)

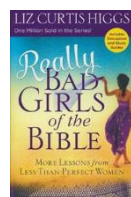


Congregational/ Corporation Meeting

On Sunday, January 20th following worship we will have a pot-luck dinner with meetings

immediately following. Business will include Annual Reports. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting. (Snow date will be January 27th.)

Following the meeting the Christmas decorations will be packed away for another year.



Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, January 17, 2019 7 PM

Our next study is about Bathsheba from 2 Samuel. We tend to think Bathsheba was a victim of circumstance, caught in the crossfire of lust by a powerful king but did she have a voice? In this MeToo# age, do you think she was a victim or should she have tried to stop what was happening between her and King David? But even though she and David sinned and suffered consequences when called on that sin, God still had a plan to save David and his line. Speaks volumes about God's plans for us, even when we make bad choices. Join us for an evening of fellowship and snacks as we study this next "Bad Girl" and how the decisions Bathsheba makes can still make an impact in our living today.

OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION.

JANUARY USHERS

01/06 – 01/13 Jordan & Chris Grothe

01/20 – 01/27 Missy & Jim Kestel

FEBRUARY USHERS

02/03 – 02/10 Richard & Florene Cork

02/17 – 02/24 Scott & Lorna Currie



USHERS: Ushers will serve 2 weeks. Please be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out

bulletins. Count and post attendance. Take up the offering.

If unable to serve find a replacement.

PLEASE have new visitors sign guest book.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Mornings

12/02 NO CHURCH

12/09 50 12/23 27

12/16 Worship & Children's Christmas Program (74)

Christmas Eve (46)

(Ushers PLEASE Post Church Attendance)

Elder for January: Jane Bisenius



Elders remember this includes helping count the Sunday Offering.



Reminder the next stated Session Meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

JANUARY

01/06 Mike & Mallory McDonough

01/20 Congregational Meeting (Pot-luck)
Melanie Pyle, Audrey Currie
Joyce Currie

FEBRUARY

02/03 Communion

02/10 Stuart & Angie Claussen

02/24 Jordan & Chris Grothe

(If unable to serve, please exchange with someone.)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

12/02 NO S. S. 12/09 11

12/16 NO S. S. 12/23 4

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDRAISER

You are invited to a Community Impact Fundraising Event to Benefit Alex Kron on Monday, January 7th at the Pizza Ranch in Storm Lake from 4-8 p.m. Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of your guest check to the designated organization.

Alex found out in November that she had a tumor in her brain. They got the tumor but it was cancer so starting in January she will be taking both chemo and radiation treatments for 5 weeks every day.

Any donations can be made at any United Bank of Iowa under Alex K Fundraiser or mail to Megan Hansen.



Anniversary Congratulations!

Anniv.	Name
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01/26	Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Birth day	Name
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01/02	Jordan Grothe
01/04	George Turnquist
01/05	David Sydnor
01/12	Brett Currie
01/15	Dylan Johannsen
01/23	Dan Bailey
01/27	Bonnie Currie
01/28	Denise King
01/28	Carolyn Young
01/30	Shane Reimers



January 2019 Lectionary Readings

January 6

Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12;
Matt. 2:1-12

January 13

Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; I Cor. 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11

January 27

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; I Cor. 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21



Note from Denise King

Newsletter Deadline with
January information is
Sunday, January 20TH.

The Meaning of the Snowflake

Every new snowflake comes to the earth
as a picture of our Saviour's birth,
because they are sent from up above
and remind us of God's care and love.

Each one is as intricate and small
because Christ sees the details of us all,
and just as two are never the same
the Lord knows and calls us each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,
showing us how He covers our sin
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind
and in every bit of white may you find
a reason to celebrate anew
and a reminder of His love for you.

--Holly Gerth

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

SHARE THE WARMTH

The friendly snowman yielded many handmade stocking caps along with several coats, gloves, mittens, snow pants and head bands.

They were distributed to kids in our local area.

TOY TREE DRIVE

We would like to thank you for helping us display Christmas Trees with tags for the toy, clothing drive this year.

Colleen Hansen and Kari Limbert and
Schaller-Crestland Ministerial Association

STUFFED ANIMALS

Thanks to everyone who donated stuffed animals for a special child this Christmas season in our area.

Early Achievers 4-H Club and
Schaller-Crestland Ministerial Association

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!



Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia plants to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. What a beautiful way to honor the memory of loved ones.

Thanks to the everyone who stayed and decorated the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 25th. These faithful ones included the Pyle family, Jim & Cathy McDonough, Bruce & Jackie Mentzer, Cathy Sydnor, Denise & Marilyn King and Julie Langner.

Q: How do you scare a snowman?

A: You get a hair dryer!

CHRISTIAN GROWTH



A Round of Applause

We would like to give a warm round of thanks for those who helped make our Christmas

Program a success this year. We had a lot of help from the Diersens, who helped with the costumes, the stage scene, and the roundup of cast of characters. Our pianist Janice made the night special with all the carols being played and was very helpful with the planning. The families who participated in reading and formed the tableau under the wreath included the McDonoughs, the Pyles, the Jacobsons, the Frankens, the Curries, the Kings and the Langners. We thank all the people who donated the goodies for fellowship following the program, the Christian Growth committee for its leadership and volunteers, and all others who helped make this a warm and meaningful Christmas to celebrate the Christ Child. Blessings to you all.



Those wishing to make donations or offerings to the church, please mail it to the church:

Presbyterian Church
Box 156
Schaller, IA 51053

2019 Per Capita

2019 Per Capita amount is \$40.66. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The December meeting was held in Fellowship Hall with the following Elders present: Bruce Mentzer, Phil Diersen, Aaron Jacobson, Kirk Langner, Jane Bisenius, Janice Ploeger, and Lorna Currie. Julie Langner was absent with excuse.

After declaring a quorum was present, Moderator Michael Sydnor opened the meeting with prayer at 7 p.m.

MSC to approve the amended November 14th printed minutes to include vacation time from December 25th through January 1st.

MSC to accept the financial reports and file them for audit.

WORSHIP

Communion will be served at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Jane will serve as Elder for January 2019.

The Corporation-Congregational meeting will be January 20th.

MSC to Ordain and Install elders on January 13th with January 20th set as snow date.

MISSION

The food stand committee will meet in January to make plans for the Popcorn Days.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

They did not have a December meeting but the committee was active with preparing a successful

Christmas program. Rev. Sydnor noted the VBS curriculum "To Mars and Beyond" had arrived.

MSC to accept the Christian Growth Report.

BUILDING/GROUNDS

Wiese Plumbing and Heating installed a igniter for the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall furnace and found that the back housing was cracked and had to be caulked it in order to hold the new housing in place. Due to the age and condition of the furnace he recommended instead of further repairs that a new furnace should be considered. It was the consensus of session for Phil to get a bid from Wiese Plumbing and Heating for a new furnace.

MSC to install a Wi-Fi extender upstairs.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Sydnor reported on visitations, conducted a funeral for Phyllis Ayers, and confirmation class was going well and will be on recess until January 13th. Rev. Sydnor will start a study on the book of Romans for the Adult Sunday School Class on the 13th of January. Also, he noted attending a Committee on Ministry Meeting.

Rev. Sydnor would like to change his previous vacation request of December 25th through January 1st to January 4th through the 6th to attend his mother's funeral.

MSC to honor his request and those days would be considered as funeral leave and not vacation time.

CLERK'S REPORT

Phyllis Darlene (Fogg) Ayers' funeral. Death date was 15 December 2018 with services conducted by Rev. Sydnor on December 18th. Inurnment will be later.

NEXT MEETING January 16th at 7 p.m. with snow date of January 23rd.

MSC to adjourn. Rev. Sydnor closed the meeting with prayer at 7:46 p.m.

--Marilyn King



IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Church, Our Session, Jim Ayers, Janice Rydberg, Jim & Jane Bisenius, Florene Cork, Bev Alderson, Jean Grundmeier, Jeanette Peterson, Arline Schill, George Turnquist, Nick Langner, Alex Kron, Bill Madsen, Judy Beyler, Scott Naberhaus, Jan Ronfeldt, Roger Beebe, Athenna Beebe, Doug O'Bannon & his family, Sharlene Segebart Richey, Andrew King, Don Siebrecht, Maxine & Ron Warrick, the Military, our President and Congress.



Shane Reimers
2015 Strawberry Lane
Sioux City, IA 51104

Carolyn Young
1033 190th
Galva, IA 51020

George Turnquist
Box 122
Schaller, IA 51053

JOYS: Congratulations to Allison Kestel and Jonah Kistenmacher who were married on December 29th.

Congratulations to Audrey Currie on her new great grand-daughter.

--SEND A CARD--MAKE A PHONE CALL--SEND AN EMAIL--
VISIT--SAY A PRAYER--

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Rev. Michael Sydnor (275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516).



May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into your heart, giving peace and strength.

With Sympathy to the Family of Phyllis Ayers.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.



A big thank you to Cathy Sydnor, Sue Diersen, and Sarah Jacobson who served on Christian Growth. Your service has been much appreciated.

Thanks also to those continuing to serve and welcome to those newly elected!

Session Members

Class of 2021

Phil Diersen*
Kirk Langner*
Cathy Sydnor

Class of 2020

Lorna Currie
Aaron Jacobson
Bruce Mentzer

Class of 2019

Jane Bisenius
Janice Ploeger
Julie Langner

(*Indicates ineligible for re-election)

Christian Growth Committee

Class of 2020

Theresa Bailey
Cathy McDonough
Jackie Mentzer
Brenna Franken

Class of 2019

Melanie Pyle
Angie Claussen
Denise King

Church Treasurer (1 year Term)

State Bank of Schaller

Co. Lorna Currie

Tellers: Betty Franken & Cathy Sydnor

MAILING ADDRESS:

Jim Ayers
2304 State Street
Guthrie Center, IA 50115

Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a biblical solution
Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly spoken
But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within.

--Mary Fairchild

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