

## DECEMBER 2017

*The angel said to the shepherds,*

*"Do not be  
afraid; for  
see—I am  
bringing you  
good news of  
great joy for all  
the people:  
to you is born  
this day in the  
city of David  
a Savior,  
who is  
the Messiah,  
the Lord.  
Luke 2:10-11*





## **ADVENT and CHRISTMAS** **AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Come prepare again for the coming of Christ  
into our lives and into the world!

### **SUNDAYS IN ADVENT**

During the Season of Advent we will be preparing for the Season of Christmas with the Gospel writers: Mark, John and Luke. Come learn what the words of these authors who were witnesses to Jesus' life have to say to us as we prepare for Jesus' birth.

### **Sunday Dec. 3rd --Poinsettia Orders Due**

**Poinsettia Orders Are Here! Starting Nov. 19th** It's that time of year again! Orders will due for on Sunday Dec. 3rd. Poinsettias will be \$8.50 each. Poinsettias will be at church beginning Sunday Dec. 17th. Look in your bulletins beginning Nov. 19th for the order forms.



**DEC. 3rd--11:05 A.M. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** There is a Called Congregational Meeting Immediately after worship The sole purpose of this meeting is for receiving the 2017 Budget and the report of the Nominating Commission regarding the new Elders and Deacons for 2017.



### **Tuesday, Dec. 5th--Noon--Women's Christmas Luncheon**

All Women of the Church--Christmas Luncheon.

***All must have an ID with them!***

We will be loading up cars and the Bus at 11:05 to Depart at 11:15 a.m. Please have your Driver's License, State ID, or Passport with you.

**Saturday Dec. 9th--10 a.m. to Noon-- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** FOR ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH, Sanctuary

Contact Laura for more information.

Although written by a German, Franz Gruber incorporated the Danish hygge into his beloved hymn.

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace*

Christmas Blessings to All,  
Laura Brown, RN Parish Nurse

December Sundays: 3: 8:45-9:25 (Choir), and after worship  
10: 8:45-9:55, and after worship  
17: 8:45-9:55, and after worship  
24: 8:45-9:25 (Choir), and after worship

My Parish Nurse is in the Choir now. Is she still accessible to consult with? Yes, she is! Laura is available to you on choir Sundays from 8:45 to 9:25 when the choir warms up, and then after worship. On Bell Sundays, Laura will be available before worship (8:45-9:55) and after Worship. Don't forget that Laura is available "on-call" during the week. You can call her at 309-314-5605.



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### Do you Hygge?

Christmas-the most wonderful time of the year...well, mostly. But the frenzy of holiday to-do lists can take the joy out of the holiday season. Maybe it's time to practice hygge!

Hygge has been an important part of the Danish lifestyle since the early 1800's, and plays into the fact that Denmark is considered one of the happiest nations in the world.

According to the website [hyggehouse.com](http://hyggehouse.com), hygge (pronounced hue-guh) is a Danish word that cannot be translated to one single word but encompasses a feeling of cozy contentment and well-being through enjoying the simple things in life. Other English words that can be used to try to describe the idea of hygge include coziness, charm, happiness, contentedness, security, familiarity, comfort, reassurance, kinship, and simplicity. Helen Russell, who authored *The Year of Living Danishly*, describes hygge as "complete absence of anything annoying or emotionally overwhelming," with "a focus on togetherness and prioritizing the people in your life."

There is no "how-to" for hygge. It is not a tangible thing that you buy or create. "Hygge literally only requires consciousness, a certain slowness, and the ability to not just be present – but recognize and enjoy the present." according to author Lindsey Matthews.

Some examples of hygge include a cup of tea and a good book, small intimate gatherings with friends, cuddling, fresh sheets on the bed, candle glow, honking geese and line-dried laundry, **lingering at the dinner table for conversation and relaxation, enjoy what you have instead of striving for what you don't have, avoid falling into the perfection trap (people come to see you, not how well you keep house), and when folks come to your house, invite them to help you in the kitchen-this fosters caring and sharing, practice self-care without feeling guilty...**

**What can you think of that makes you feel cozy, content, and comforted?** Need a little extra help to incorporating Hygge in your life? Journey to Bethlehem, a healthy habits program has components that encourage contentedness daily. Journey to Bethlehem began November 12<sup>th</sup>, and ends with final reports in by December 17<sup>th</sup>. As of Sunday, November 26, we have acquired about 1/3 of the mileage needed to complete the Journey to Bethlehem. New participants are always welcome (and needed!) at any time during the Journey to Bethlehem.

### CAN YOU HELP THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH 2 DOZEN COOKIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT--SIGN UP BY DEC. 11TH ?

After worship, after the Christmas Pageant, we'd like to serve Christmas Cookies...and we need your help! Could you bring 3 Dozen cookies to church that Sunday? If the answer is YES, please sign up on Mission Central by Dec. 11th!



**SUN. DEC. 10TH--P.M. YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE**, See page 8 for all the details, then invite your friends and sign up on Mission Central by December 3rd!



### **SUN. Dec. 17TH—ALL-CHURCH CAROLING TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS -CARPOOLING TOGETHER!**

WHO: Carolers of all ages — this is a GREAT family event!  
WHEN: Pastor Becky won't be able to be with us this year, so we'll carpool together., unless someone wants to drive the bus! We'll head to a fast food lunch (those in attendance will vote where) and then carol until about 3:30 p.m. BRING: Money for fast food lunch and lots of Christmas Cheer. Plus invite at least one other person or family to join you! PLEASE SIGN UP by the doughnuts so we know how many cars we'll need :)

### **Saturday Dec. 16th--10 a.m. to Noon-- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal FOR ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH, Sanctuary**

Sun. Dec. 17th — GOD'S KIDZ SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP--REMEMBERING THE REAL "CHRISTmas"!!! Come experience "the Christmas Story with our children and youth! Bring your family and friends to worship and let our children tell you the Christmas Story in a new way!



### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH--WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.**

The answer to the question is "Yes!, of course we will join together on Christmas Eve morning--The 4th Sunday of Advent . And then yes we will gather in the Evening for Candlelight Service at 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY DEC. 24TH—8:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH CANDLE LIGHTING**

Come share in the story of that first Christmas, through Bible readings, Anthems and Hymns. The Service will end with the lighting of candles, filling the darkness with the Light of Christ, as we sing Silent Night together. This is a special service with a long tradition of touching our hearts. Please consider inviting family and friends, or ask one of our members who doesn't drive to join you, as the bus will not be running this night.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST --WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.**

Gay Behrensmeyer will be returning to our pulpit and preaching.

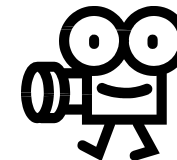
**SUNDAY JAN. 7TH---WORSHIPPING WITH THE NEW HYMNALS**  
**AND COMMUNION!**

**WHERE'S PASTOR BECKY DECEMBER 25TH TO JANUARY 2ND?**

I will be spending my vacation in Northern Minnesota again, because it just isn't cold enough here :). I'll be in Duluth with my friends Ron & Joy Sorenson (whose RV is sometimes in my driveway) and the Revs. Loren & Judy Anderson-Bauer & their family who also live in Duluth! If you need a pastor during that time please call Karol Ellison, Laura Brown or Cathy Runburg and they will get you in touch with the Pastor on call!



**2ND FRIDAYS AT THE MOVIES**  
*Fun, Food, Fellowship...And A Movie!*  
**FRI. DECEMBER 8TH—6:30 PM—YOUTH ROOM**  
**MOVIE: PRANCER**



From IMDb: "A farm girl nurses a wounded reindeer she believes is one of Santa's, hoping to bring it back to health in time for Christmas. Her holiday spirit inspires those around her, something her disheartened father is having trouble understanding."

**PLEASE BRING** a movie munchie to share and join the fun! *We decide on the next month's movie at the end of the night, so bring your suggestions!*  
***NEED A RIDE?*** Call Pastor Becky

**JOIN US 2ND SATURDAYS**  
**TO CREATE PRAYER SHAWLS!**



**DECEMBER 9TH, 9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.**

**FIRST-TIMERS & BEGINNERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**WHAT DO I DO WHEN I TAKE A SHAWL? #1**

Please put your name and the number of shawls you've taken in the Prayer Shawl Book on the counter above the Shawls AND #2 Take one of the tags on the counter and attach it to the Prayer Shawl! **We would love to welcome some new people to this group,** the yarn is provided...we just need your knitting or crocheting fingers!

### **Presbyterian Women**

Reminder--The Presbyterian Women do not meet for Bible Study in January and February, due to the cold and snow of winter! See you on March 6, 2018!



### **PRESBY SENIORS**

**Presby Seniors WILL meet on DEC. 27TH at Noon.**

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except November  
at high NOON and *WELCOME*  
*all who consider themselves "Seniors!"*  
**at The Deerfield Inn Restaurant.**  
2215 John Deere Road, East Moline

*An Invitation from Pastor Becky...*

*Helping you prepare to  
Give an Invitation too!*



**WHO WILL YOU INVITE, AS YOU ANSWER JESUS'  
CALL TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL THE LANDS?**

Who will you invite in the "Lands" of your school, college,  
office, neighborhood, club, gym, team, or family?

**CHRISTMAS EVE WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE  
THE NIGHT OF OUR GREATEST GOOD NEWS  
EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US**

*...DON'T HOARD THE LOVE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN...*

Please give away the Gift of Love you've been given...by being so bold as to  
say this simple sentence to someone in your life: "I'm wondering if you'd like to  
join me/us at our Christmas Eve Service on the 24th at 8:00 p.m.?"

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIGHT-BEARERS,  
SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!  
WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO JOIN YOU AS WE  
WELCOME AND WORSHIP  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE?!**

**OH COME LET US ADORE HIM,  
CHRIST THE LORD!**



### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

The Rev. Becky Sherwood	Pastor
Karol Ellison	Church Secretary
Laura Brown, R.N.	Parish Nurse
David Blakey	Choir Director
Gail Glockhoff-Long	Bell Choir Director
Linda Miller	Organist
Sarah Lack	Nursery Attendant
Cathy Dillon	Indoor Custodian
Marty Ellison	Outdoor Custodian

### **Please Keep Our Nursing Home and Homebound Members in Your Prayers**

Friendship Manor: Mary Glockhoff, Marynell Kirkwood, Mary Catherine Sneed;  
The Fountains: Dorothy Horton; Hope Creek: Viola Lyon; The Lighthouse of Sil-  
vis: Florence McCaulley; Park Vista: Carol Brewer; Personal Residences:  
Shirley Belanger, Kay Etzel, Ted and June Frels, Lloyd Strohm, Bev Warren

***Please remember in your prayers those who serve in the armed forces.  
May God bring comfort to them and their loved ones, until all are reunited  
in peace.*** Lance Corporal William (Billy) Betsworth, Bethel's grandson, is  
scheduled to be deployed in April 2017. Both Michael and Caleb Kassehin are  
in ROTC through the National Guard. Captain Kyle Curry, Minnesota Army Na-  
tional Guard

### **Please keep our college students in your prayers, that they may know God's love and guidance:**

Edwige Barrigah—Quincy Univ., Ines Kassehin—Pharmacy School, Caleb  
Kassehin—Univ. of Iowa, Jack McNeil—DePaul University, Katey Maxwell  
& Lathan Reynolds—Black Hawk College. If you have a college/technical  
school student to add to this list please call the church office.

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## Join Us for. . . **The East Moline Lighted Christmas Parade & Program!**

### **December 9th—6:00 p.m.**

**5:00 p.m.** Meet at church to carpool

**5:30 p.m.—line up at the 1200 block of 15th Avenue**

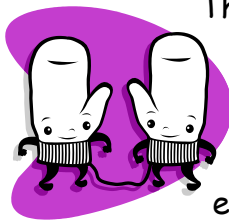
FPCEM will be walking in the parade. Put on your Santa hat and light-  
up decorations and join us as we hand out coloring books to children along  
the route.

The parade will head down 15th Avenue, making a left at VanHoe  
Funeral Home and ending at Cleary Hall.

St. Anne's and Our Lady of Grace will host a musical program and  
Chili Supper at Cleary Hall at the end of the parade. COST FOR SUPPER is  
\$5.00. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with wrapped gifts for all the  
children and a Basket Raffle for those last minute Christmas presents.

Have any questions? Give Carol Haines or Ella Layer a call!

**THE MITTEN TREE IS REALLY THE:  
The Hat, Scarves, Mittens,  
AND Socks & Underwear Tree!!!**



The time for the "Mitten Tree" will soon be here—in late November! Remember, there is also a need for socks and underwear for the children, as well as hats, scarves and mittens. I would like to share all the places that have benefited from our "Mitten Tree" in the past 14 years with everyone: Project Now HeadStart—right here in our church building, Project Now HeadStart—Silvis, Hillcrest Elementary School—East Moline, Ridgewood Elementary School—East Moline, Wells Elementary School—East Moline, Eagle Ridge School—Carbon Cliff, Colona School—Colona, Bethany Home—Moline, Logan School—Moline, Washington School—Moline, Hawthorne-Irving School—Rock Island, Horace Mann School—Rock Island, Longfellow School—Rock Island, Riverdale Elementary School—Port Byron, Black Hawk Special Education—East Moline and Willard School—Moline. If there is a place or school that you would like to see some of these items go to, please let me know.



Bless you all, Wanda White



**HOPE CREEK NURSING HOME GIFTS DUE  
AT CHURCH--WITH THEIR LABELS--DEC.**

**13TH** On behalf of the Mission Commission, Dixie Volk has gotten a list of names from Hope Creek Nursing Home again this year. We give gifts to those residents who have no family or friends who give them gifts! There are still tags on the tree!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!**

***"Continuing on the journey of faith."***

4 year olds through 12th Graders —Sunday School

**8:30 A.M.** Youth Choir for 4 years through 12 Graders in the Music Room

**8:45 A.M.** 4 year olds through 5th Graders

(3 year olds are welcome if a parent is with them for the class—nursery care for younger children)

6th to 12th Graders—Youth Room—with Darlos Stroud!



**ADULTS--TAKING THE TWO HOUR CHALLENGE**

**Give a 2nd hour to God on Sunday Mornings**

*Adults*—Good News Bible Class by the Elevator —OR— Class with Pastor Becky in the Library

**The Good News Class**—Studying the Bible with the Presbyterian Church!

**The 2nd Floor Seeker's Class**—The Reformations Class through December 3rd. Then we will return to the Good News Class for the rest of the month.

## YOUTH GROUP:

### December 10th--THE MOVIE WONDER-- DINNER & DISCUSSION!

We're going to the late afternoon show in Davenport...so we can recline in style...but times aren't printed yet SO WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR A POSTCARD UPDATE. (This week it's at 4:25pm...if that is true for the 10th we'll leave the church at 3:42 p.m.)

We'll watch the movie together & then go to supper to discuss it. You'll be driven home, probably around 8:00 p.m. Details to follow!

COST FOR YOU is \$7.00. The Youth Fund will cover the rest of the cost of dinner & the movie!

The time for this event changed because 4 of our group are on a weekend Boy Scout's Camping Trip until Sunday lunch time.



First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for your donation of \$763.75 to Churches United of the Quad City Area. Your donation will help with the general operating cost of Winnie's Place, a ministry of Churches United. With your donation we will be able to continue our mission of serving our community. Thanks again for your donation.

Blessings, Anne Barss, Executive Director

### A Note from the Finance Commission:

October Income	= \$ 18,415
October Expenses	= \$ 13,482
January-October	= \$152,576
January-October Expenses	= \$144,738

### Sharing in the Ministries of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A...

#### PER CAPITA = \$32.00

#### **The Finance Commission invites you to give your per capita gift soon!**

It's that time of year again, when your Finance Commission and your Pastor come to you to talk about per capita giving. Each year, at the beginning of the year, we pay a per capita fee for each of our members, based on the previous year's membership. This per capita giving allows for maintaining the basic operating costs of our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Great Rivers, plus the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the offices of the General Assembly (the national church's headquarters). Per capita allows each member to share equally in the ministries of the larger church. Being connected like this is one of the gifts of being Presbyterian, we are a connectional church; we care for each other! You can put it in one of the envelopes in the pew racks and mark the outside "Per Capita". If you have questions, please talk to the Finance Commission Elders: Jim Barber & Pat Tyler or Pastor Becky.



### **Buy Your Dining Tour Books Now!**

The sale of dining tour books begins on October 1, 2017 and will continue until all 30 books are sold!

Think now about possible Christmas presents, how you will spend the money you save by using the coupons and how much fun it will be to try out new restaurants. As you may know, the proceeds of the dining tour books help support our meal site endeavors

and the price is still \$35.00. The new book includes "buy one, get one free" coupons for 144 different restaurants in the QCA. Your dining adventure can start as soon as you pick up your dining tour book and all coupons are good until October 31, 2018. Come to the library after the service this Sunday and purchase your new dining tour book. You can visit your favorite restaurant or have an opportunity to try a new restaurant and save money!



database as the need continues to grow. Everyone we serve is thankful for the help and usually say so. We have heard “God bless you” many, many times and want you to know that you are a part of this ministry whether you donate time, food, money, or prayers. It’s always interesting at the food pantry. Please consider a donation or volunteering for an afternoon shift. Our open hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 pm. There will also be opportunities for stocking shelves, inventorying donations, etc.

At this time we have enough plastic bags, but other ongoing needs aside from monetary donations are: toilet paper, macaroni and cheese, corn bread/muffin mix, any canned fruit, canned tuna/ham/chicken, boxed dinner mixes, instant mashed potatoes – almost anything to make a meal. All food items must be within their “fresh date” per Churches United regulations. We use some of the cash donations to buy fresh milk and eggs.

Again, thank you all for your support and prayers and please feel free to ask any of us questions you may have. Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas season!

Until next month-

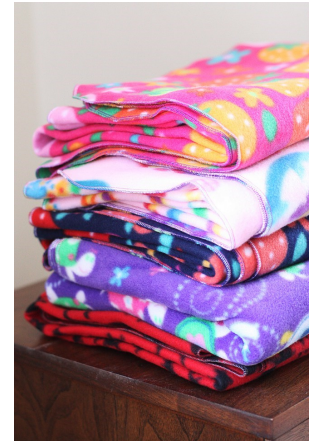
Mike & Pat Tyler

### **Getting Fleeced for Mission for Children!**

Christian Ed and Outreach & Mission are both collecting fleece for Mission Projects! Our children give fleece scarves to area schoolchildren. They need from 6 inches to 1 yard of plain and kid-friendly fleece for the scarves.

On February 18th Outreach and Mission invite you to our first Lenten Mission Project & Meal as we tie fleece blankets for Project Linus to help children in area hospitals and other transitions. They need 1.5 yard of plain and kid-friendly fleece for the blankets. Blankets are two sided, so you may want to provide two 1.5 yard pieces --one can be plain and one patterned.

We will be collecting fleece through February 11th! If it is easier for you to provide the money for fleece you can make a donation and we will do the shopping. Get fleeced this winter and help area children!



### **2017 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: “OUT OF GRATITUDE WE GIVE!”**

*“Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift.” II Corinthians 9:15*

You can help bring Joy to your Presbyterian family around the country. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a Presbyterian tradition for over 80 years. Your giving to this annual offering helps the Presbyterian Church in two ways:

1. With half the Offering, we support the ministries of the racial ethnic schools that help students discover their gifts and find ways to use them to serve the larger community.
2. With the other half, we ensure, through the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions, that when ministers, their spouses and missionaries who have given their lives to serving the Church find themselves facing unexpected needs, we are there to thank them and help them meet those needs.

**We will be collecting this offering during the four Sundays of Advent, Dedicating it on Dec. 24th.**

### OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 25TH TO JANUARY 1ST

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH. Karol will be on vacation Wednesday, December 27th & Thursday December 28th. The office will be open these two days from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and will be staffed by a church volunteer.

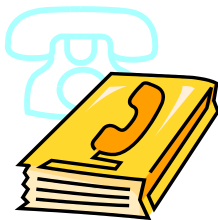
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL THEN BE CLOSED AGAIN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY. Karol will be back in the office on January 2nd and Pastor Becky on January 3rd

**Elders & Musicians —Annual Reports are due in the Office Before the End of the Year.** Please make sure Karol has yours by January 5th. Thank you!!!

### HELP US HELP YOU

#### WITH THE 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

In the coming weeks, please come to the table by the doughnuts, and PLEASE CHECK YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL. If you would like us to include your cell or work phones, just fill them in. If you have an e-mail address, you will then receive notes and prayer requests from the church. If you would like to receive these updates but not have your e-mail address published, just write that by your name.



## **Watertown Food Pantry News**

Once again, we'd like to thank you, and especially the volunteers, for the support that has been given during the first nine months of the Churches United Watertown Ecumenical Food Pantry re-opening. We especially thank: Pat Wendt who picks up and delivers the bread from Hy-Vee and always has his eye open for new ways to help with funding, and Jim and Linda Barber who have faithfully volunteered at the pantry every other Friday. We wish them a fabulous winter in Arizona and look forward to their return next spring. (We could use a couple new volunteers on Fridays if you're interested) ;) And Chuck and Mary Lou Massa who also faithfully show up every other Friday in between the Barbers and Paul Glockhoff who is there almost EVERY Friday and helps with whatever needs to be done. And also the generosity of the Mission Commission throughout the year.



This month's big **THANK YOU** is for the response to the cereal sale at Hy-Vee. We received at least **75 boxes** and counting!! Since cereal is something that keeps for a long time, we are glad to have it and so thankful for your help. Gaines Chapel has also started a weekly donation program and we are thankful for their generosity as well as the ladies who volunteer on Tuesdays. We also really appreciate the many cash donations that are quietly handed to us on Sunday mornings and the food we find in the cart. We couldn't do it without you!!

(A little personal confession I have to make is that I was starting to fret because funds were getting low and we're going into the winter season and seeing homeless as well as our regular clients. But "magically", while I was trying to figure out what to do, donations of both food and money started to show up from several different sources. Maybe it was coincidental, maybe it's the time of year, but I actually believe that God answered this need before it was even prayed for. He knew and He delivered. How amazing is that?!? PT)

During the month of October we helped 104 families which were composed of 198 adults and 180 children which now makes that our second busiest month since opening. While our numbers fluctuate from week to week, we continue to add new families daily. We currently have almost 300 families in our

## Mission News

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM YOUR

### MISSION COMMISSION: THREE WAYS TO HELP!

### ON OUR 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MISSION—



The Mission Commission invites you to **#1**— bring food for the **Food Pantry**, and to **#2** — bring aluminum pop/beverage cans to support the **Children & Youth Going to Church Camp**. Please make sure pop cans are rinsed out, and **#3** — don't forget to take off the pop tabs (and other kinds of pull tabs too!) and bring them to support the **Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City**. Please join us in our mission!

### MEAL SITE MONDAYS

### THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Our church serves the meal at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. as part of the Churches United Meal Site Program.

### 3RD SUNDAY BEVERAGE CAN

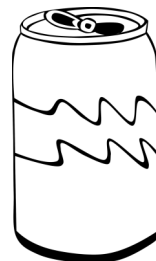
### COLLECTION CONTINUES!!!

### HELP OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH GO TO

### SUMMER CHURCH CAMP!

### A Mission Project of the FPCEM Youth Group!

The collection of beverage cans for recycling will continue! The funds that were once raised for the First Day Fund will now help our Children & Youth go to summer Church Camp at Stronghold! So on the 3rd Sunday of Each Month just drop your bag of cans by the front walk and the youth will do the rest! (And don't forget to save those Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House ; just drop them in the House on the bookshelf in the library!)



## Giving Care in the Parking Lot

As the weather gets colder, and ice and snow are added to the forecast, please pay attention to where you are parking when you come to meetings, gatherings and Sunday worship. If you are able, please park at the back of the parking lot, leaving those two front rows for those who find walking more difficult. Thank you!



## SNOW CLOSINGS ON SUNDAYS —HOW DO YOU FIND OUT?



On the Sundays that are so snowy or icy that we need to cancel church there are a variety of ways to get this information. As soon as the decision is made, by 6:30 a.m. I will send out an email to the church email list. I will then contact Channels 6 and 8 which are the two that will list non-school closing information. In addition I will be at the church from 6:30 a.m. so you can also call the church. But if there is nothing in your email or on TV then assume that worship is happening, which is of course my preference :-).

Becky

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!

Do we have your winter address & phone number? If not, and you want to receive your newsletters at your winter address, please let the office know. We are charged \$.59 for each returned newsletter.

