

# CARILLON NOTES



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I'm writing this newsletter article in October, so Halloween is in the air. Soon, the season will turn to Thanksgiving. And before you know it, businesses will be putting up Christmas decorations and radio stations will be running "Last Christmas" on a loop. The secular world jumps from holiday to holiday so quickly. It's always ready for the next celebration.

The church calendar moves more slowly. In a few weeks, we'll start the season of Advent. Christmas can wait for December 25th and have its 12 days. Advent starts on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs for 24 days of pure anticipation.

Advent is about looking forward to two things. First, we look to the past. We look to the birth of Christ in a manger in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. And by doing that, we look forward to hearing the stories of his ministry of teaching and healing and redeeming the world. On the other hand, we look to the future. We look forward to the day when Christ will return in glory and complete that work.

It's anticipation. And anticipation isn't just waiting... it's waiting with excitement.

That's why people want to rush to the stories about baby Jesus and the Christmas carols. We're excited to get to the amazing moment when God comes into the world as one of us. And while I'm not one of those pastors who insists that there be no Christmas carols during Advent (though we're going to sing other things, too), I want us to hold onto that excitement and anticipation.

We are Christians. We follow this person who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, who taught and healed in a land that was occupied by a powerful empire, who was betrayed and arrested and executed in a shameful way, who rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, and who will return one day as a king and a judge. And we follow him in the hope that he will heal this broken world.

That is something to excited about. And that feeling of excitement for the person and work of Jesus Christ – for the grace of God come to us – is what we try to capture in Advent. So, while the rest of the world jumps from celebration to celebration this holiday season, please, take a little time to anticipate the wonder that is to come.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris





# COMMITTEE MINUTES

from October meetings



## ◆ **Faith Formation:** Met Oct. 21

- ~ *Faith-in-Motion*: averaging 35 per week. 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade @ 5:30-6:30 and 5-7<sup>th</sup> grade @ 6:30-7:30 pm Sept. 12 thru Oct. 24 at Central Intermediate School gym. On Nov. 4 will go to Iowa basketball game. Activity follows Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) curriculum. Next class mid-winter.
- ~ Will take a winter break and start up again in February.
- ~ *Sunday School- "Young Children's Church Time"* started Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> for PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade with a 30-minute program following "Children's Time" and then return to worship. They are averaging 2-5 children per Sunday. Will continue until time to practice for Christmas program (Nov. 11)
- ~ *Christmas program*: Jen Froeschle and Cheri Mills met for 4 yrs-6<sup>th</sup> grade "All the Friendly Beasts" Christmas prog. Practice starts Nov 11 with program during worship Dec 16.
- ~ *Confirmation* class will break for November.
- ~ *Bible Study*: will have Advent program on Wed. in Dec.
- ~ *Youth Group*: Trick-or-treat for Referral Center is Oct. 27 with pizza following and then to Stanwood "Terror in Timber" Will participate in Christmas program w/practices on Wed.
- ~ Skiing in Jan/Feb. Plan bowling, lock-in and youth service.
- ~ Next meeting: Dec. 2 at 8:30 am.

## ◆ **Trustees:** Met Oct. 8 with 8 attending.

- Sept: income-\$12,674.08/ expenses-\$12,625.40
- YTD: income-\$92,938.03 / expenses-\$109,077.95
- ~ Sanctuary window sill being stained, Denny will install.
- ~ Garage cleanup will be at 5:30 pm Nov. 12 (meeting day)
- ~ Stewardship letters were mailed. 4 speakers are lined up for Sunday worship.
- ~ Narthex stained glass window is leaking. Scott will spray **Thompson's spray sealer or Flexseal.**
- ~ Two new furnaces were installed.
- ~ Roof leaking in sanctuary again.
- ~ Will start a list for Spring cleaning and enlist members.
- ~ Crafty Stitchers were given permission to store their supplies in the room across from the office (closer & heated)

## ◆ **Worship & Fellowship:** Met Oct. 9 w/10 present.

- ~ Nov. 4 will be All Saints Sunday, honoring those who have passed in the last year.
- ~ Tyler Spellious will be pulpit supply Nov. 11
- ~ Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be Sunday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 pm. We will host this year.
- ~ Group will decorate for Christmas on Wed., Nov 28 at 6pm and have pizza following. Anyone can help!
- ~ Will continue with Christmas Eve services at 5 & 7 pm.

## ◆ **Extravagant Welcome:** Meeting held Oct 28.

- ~ Two events were held in October. Workshop on Cultural Humility was held on Oct. 3 with 22 people attending.
- ~ **Second event is "Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid" and was held Oct. 24 with 5 people attending.**
- ~ "Radical Welcome" online course will be purchased for group participation with reps from each committee.
- ~ **Next event will be a "Dinner & Movie" night in January.**
- ~ Other future events to plan, will be in April and June.
- ~ No meeting will be held in December. Last meeting of the calendar year is: Sunday, November 25 at 10:30 am.

## ◆ **Mission Trips:** Cancelled Oct. meeting.

- ~ Will research UCC Disaster Ministries to see what kind of help is needed in the Carolinas from hurricane.
- ~ Possible mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. Will have information table in Narthex on Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.
- ~ Contacting Cindy Broders for presentation on ServeHaiti and UCC Mission Team's work in Grand Bois.

## ◆ **Community Outreach:** Met Oct 2 with 4 present.

- ~ Winding up Summer Lunchbox bills.
- ~ Sheila Busch & Ellen Waldorf had scarecrow face crafts for kids at the Autumn Fest.
- ~ Jean Schmidt resigned from committee.
- ~ Sunday, Dec. 16 is the date selected for the collection, assembly and distribution of Shut-in/elderly Cookie trays.
- ~ CROP Walk was Sunday Oct. 7. No walkers signed up. Do we want to cont. or do UCC Neighbors in Need?
- ~ Oct. donation will go to CROP Walk, Nov. to community wide Thanksgiving meal.
- ~ Mobile meals delivery schedule is: Nov-Jean Schmidt, Dec-Jen Claeys.

### **November meeting schedules**

|         |                |                      |
|---------|----------------|----------------------|
| Nov 05  | 6:30 pm        | Community Outreach   |
| Nov 12  | <u>5:30 pm</u> | Trustees             |
| Nov 13  | 6:30 pm        | Worship & Fellowship |
| Nov 18  | 10:30 am       | Mission Trips        |
| Nov 19  | 6:30 pm        | Church Council       |
| Nov 25  | 10:30 am       | Extravagant Welcome  |
| Dec. 02 | 8:30 am        | Faith Formation      |

**Committee Reports due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

11/04 Mike & Angela Ahrens

11/09 Rodger & Zina Becker

11/26 Matt & Heather Ohnemus

11/24 Jim & Jennifer Block

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



11/2 Jill Bresnan

11/10 Carol Hansen

11/2 Kyleen Irwin

11/10 Parker Petsche

11/18 Hannah Roman

11/2 Roger Rittmer

11/11 Ella Taylor

11/19 Dave Mayberry

11/3 Dianne Ehrler

11/13 Heidi Barber

11/20 Barbara Mohr

11/3 Pat Hergert

11/14 Mike Conard

11/21 Teresa Yegge

11/3 Ken McMain

11/14 Scott Oltman

11/24 Dottie Burrichter

11/6 LaVerta Cheney

11/15 Mike Bossom

11/24 Charlie Freese

11/6 Maggie Froeschle

11/15 Randy Fuller

11/26 Jeff Ohnemus

11/7 Colin Siegel

11/15 Ruth Walrod

11/27 Carolyn Stampe

11/9 Rose Galitz

11/18 Mary Broadfoot

11/28 Carol Beck

11/9 Kory Tuttle

11/18 Margaret Claeys

11/29 Jessica Taylor

### Our Visioning Process, let your voice be heard!

1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC is in the midst of a visioning process as our church council is busily interviewing members. To make sure your voice is heard, you have three options:

- 1) Contact Pastor Chris to schedule an interview with him, either in person or by phone.
- 2) Go to our website and fill out the convenient online form.
- 3) Pick up the questionnaire on the rack outside the office, fill out and turn into the office.

*Return your responses in by Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. We need your input!*

### THOSE WHO COULD USE A WORD OR SMILE

#### **Evelyn Barber**

Grand Haven, 201 E Franklin St, Apt. #410  
Eldridge, Iowa 52748

#### **Rose Galitz**

Grand Haven, 201 E Franklin St, Apt #216  
Eldridge, Iowa 52748

#### **Jeanne Grimm**

West Wing #33, 1118 11<sup>th</sup> St., DeWitt, Iowa 52742

#### **Lois O'Connor**

Wheatland Manor Nursing Home  
316 E Lincolnway, Wheatland, Iowa 52777

### 10 Years of Crafty Stitches:

The Crafty Stitches got their start in winter 2008 to cure "cabin fever" and help others stay warm.



The first year crafts were made to sell at the UCC craft fair. The money raised was donated to the Referral Center. Several lap blankets were donated to West Wing residents.

Since 2008, the following have been made and donated: 399 lap blankets, 74 twin/full quilts, 344 baby items, 104 pairs of short for mission trips, 57 misc. items.

Thank you to all who have donated supplies so we can make the items for those in need. If you like to knit, crochet or sew... come join us on Wednesday mornings!

Marilyn Nielsen, Phyllis Jansen,  
Madonna Sagers, Marilyn Hair and Mary Lou Andresen

### **Reminder! Lions Ladies... need help with desserts!**



Thanks for your continued help! Please keep them coming! Sign-up in narthex or contact Ruth Wilson.

### *Lions Ladies Nov/Dec 2018*

Any questions, concerns or comments - contact:  
Jean Schmidt at 659-3439 or Ruth Wilson at 659-3940.

#### Schedule:

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dottie Burrichter - Nov. 01 | Christi Fulwider - Dec. 06   |
| Christi Fulwider - Nov. 08  | Dottie Burrichter - Dec. 13  |
| Gaylene Mangan - Nov. 15    | Christmas vacation - Dec. 20 |
| Jean Schmidt - Nov. 29      | Christmas vacation - Dec. 27 |

ECUMENICAL  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC



**Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 pm**

St. Joseph's, UMC, UCC, Emmaus Road  
and Cornerstone Baptist churches

*Joint choirs will be singing*

Refreshments served following service.

**ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS...**

Applications for Endowment Fund grants and College Scholarships will be available on our website or from the Church office **after November 1st** and are due back to the church office by **December 3rd**. Grants will be approved the second Sunday of December.

Remember that money from this fund cannot be used for the general budget. College Scholarships are for students who have successfully completed at least two or more semesters at the college level and have been active participants in our church.



*Planting for the Future*



**Children's  
Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 16, 2018  
at 9:30 am "during worship"**

Practices: Nov. 11, 18, 25,

Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 8:30-9:20 am

Possible Dress Rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 15

Open to all children, ages 4 yrs-6<sup>th</sup> grade

*7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: share your talent and join the program  
Contact Jen Froeschle to plan your part in the show.*



**All Souls Sunday  
November 4, 2018**



Every year we pray for those who have died in the past 12 months. Those remembered from Nov. 1, 2017 thru Oct. 31, 2018 and were either a church member or had family who are members and whose service was conducted under the auspices of our church are: Aileen Owens, Arlene Schnoor, Opal Fox, Jeanette Mohr and Vanessa Hunt. This year members may also request a candle be lit for other loved ones who have passed.



**Poinsettias...**

will again be available to purchase as a dedication, in memory of a loved one, a thank you, or just because.

**Orders will be taken November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> before and after worship.**

The plants can be taken home after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve service (7:00 pm.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

Held during worship service  
**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**



Those receiving Bibles are:

Cooper Barber Carlie McPherson  
Ella Taylor

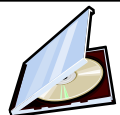
*Congratulations and God's Blessings!*



Have you returned your pledge form?

In October, you received two letters and a plea to fill out and return your pledge form. Consider how you will give to your church over this year, then, come to church on Nov. 18 and we will bless our giving during worship. We will realize our dream together and First Congregational will promise to be a good steward of the gifts.

**CD delivery in NOV:  
Phyllis Jansen**



**REMINDER... News Deadline  
for the Dec. Newsletter  
is November 20<sup>th</sup>**

## USHERS/GREETERS - NOV/ DEC 2018

Head Usher for November JEN CLAEYS

- Nov 4** Jen, Brandt, Klaire, Brady Petersen  
**Nov 11** Bill & Tami Petsche, Matt & Heather Ohnemus  
**Nov 18 am** Bim Prichard, Ellen Schau, Roger & Jan Rittmer  
**Nov 18 pm** Worship & Fellowship (**Ecumenical Service**)  
**Nov 25** Jean Schmidt, Becca Schroeder, Scott & Kelly Siegel

Head Usher for December BRENDA OHNEMUS

- Dec 2** Jessica Taylor, Luanne Smith, Dan & Jody Smicker  
**Dec 9** Steve Thayer, Jean Truelsen, Kory & Stacie Tuttle  
**Dec 16** Roger & Kim VanDeWalle, Eli Voss, Ellen Waldorf  
**Dec 23** Jack & Carolyn Wiese, Mike & Laurie Wildes  
**Dec 24** 5 pm - ?, 7 pm - Kevin Fox family  
**Dec 30** Harold & Ruth Wilson, Andy & Tracia Andersen

## LITURGISTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Becca Schroeder and Jena Edwards  
**Nov 11** Ellen Waldorf  
**Nov 18** Sheila Busch - am, church Pastors - pm  
**Nov 25** Jena Edwards

## ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Kalli or Cooper Barber  
**Nov 11** Max Froeschle  
**Nov 18** Carlie McPherson  
**Nov 25** Dawson Petsche

## PROJECTIONISTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Rory Maricle  
**Nov 11** Jen Claeys  
**Nov 18** Moira Murrell - am, Jen Claeys - pm  
**Nov 25** Noah Conard

## NURSERY FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Benen Greubel  
**Nov 11** Reagan Hofer  
**Nov 18** Ashli Bossom  
**Nov 25** Parker Petsche

## ORGANIST FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Jody Smicker  
**Nov 11** Ruth Wilson  
**Nov 18** Cheri Mills - am, Jody Smicker - pm  
**Nov 25** Jody Smicker

## COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Denise Block & Steve Thayer

## LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

- November 4 Wherever You Go  
Mark 12:28-34; Ruth 1:1-8; Ps 146  
or Deut 6:1-9; Ps 119:1-8; Heb 9:11-14
- November 11 Risk and Restoration  
Mark 12:38-44; Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17;  
Ps 127 or 1 Kings 17:8-16; Ps 146;  
Heb 9:24-28
- November 18 Praise the Holy One  
Mark 13:1-8; 1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10  
or Daniel 12:1-3; Ps 16;  
Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
- November 25 A Wise Reign  
John 18:33-37; 2 Sam 23:1-7;  
Ps 132:1-12, (13-18) or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Ps 93; Rev 1:4b-8



Choir rescheduled in Nov.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Nov. 4 & 25**

Practice at 8:45 am / service at 9:30 am

## Vocalist / Instrumentalist

**Share your** special music  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
for the 9:30 am worship services  
If interested, contact:  
Becca Schroeder 659-8235 to schedule



## ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS

Sign up to provide Sunday altar flowers  
-OR- sponsor the Sunday bulletin for \$15.00  
Sign-up sheets are on the office door, or call Pam.

## AUDITORS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 4** Josh Greubel and Laurie Wildes  
**Nov 11** Marilyn Ahrens and Kim VanDeWalle  
**Nov 18** Heidi Barber and Jack Wiese  
**Nov 25** Will Froeschle and Scott Siegel





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**Organists**

**JODI SMICKER (AND CHOIR DIRECTOR)**

**RUTH WILSON, MARILYN AHRENS  
AND CHERI MILLS**

**Childcare Provider**

**SHANNON EDWARDS**

**Treasurer**

**MIKE WILDES**

**Custodial Staff**

**KEVIN FOX**

### Coming in... **November**



*All Souls Sunday  
Endowment grants available  
General Election polls here  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving service*

### LOOKING AHEAD...



- Nov. 01 Endowment applications available
- Nov. 04 Practice for Children's Christmas prog.
- Nov. 06 General Election polls here 7am-9pm
- Nov. 11 Cont. Christmas prog. practice/ every Sun.
- Nov. 18 Hall rented - Harlan Fischer anniversary
- Nov. 18 Ecumenical Thanksgiving service - 6:00 pm
- Nov. 28 Decorate for holiday with pizza following
- Dec. 03 Endowment applications due to office!
- Dec. 16 Children's Christmas program
- Dec. 16 Assemble & Deliver Cookie Trays
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services ( 5 & 7 pm)