

**June 2014 Newsletter**  
**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
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*"Whoever believes in me believes not in me but the one who sent me. Whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have not spoken on my own, but the father who sent me has told me what to say and what to speak. What I speak, I speak just as the father has told me."-- John 12:44-50*

Have you ever spent time underneath the hood of a car? Through the years I have spent my fair share of time doing car repairs, and it's fair to say that my abilities began in my younger days when I would help my father work on cars. Whenever I would help Dad with a car repair project I always came away from it knowing that I'd learned something about brakes or radiators or exhaust systems...

And I also came away from those projects feeling that there was more going on underneath the hood than just fixing a vehicle. In the midst of the oil, the rusty bolts, the frayed belts and the broken parts there was, if you will excuse the pun, a transmission going on—a kind of transferring of something important from a father to his son. Dad was transmitting to me his legacy; giving witness to what was most important in his life...so that I might make use of it in mine.

As Father's Day approaches I have been thinking about the ongoing legacy I have received from my father. Like most Dads, he wasn't preachy or wordy about his legacy and his faith—yet it was there, embedded in his life...transmitted to me even when we were working together on cars. I have made a partial list of his legacy, which I have entitled:

**"Lessons I learned from Dad while wrenching on cars"**

- If you are willing to get involved you may get your hands dirty, but there is no shame in this—and they will clean up.
- If you try things you have never done before, new doors will be opened to you.
- All problems can't be solved alone, and there is no weakness in asking for help.
- Learning is greatest when there is a little showing and a lot of doing.
- Devotion to something beyond your self is a sign of high character and maturity.

Fathers' Day is an opportunity for all of us to think about the legacies we have received from our fathers; it is also an opportunity to weigh what kind of legacy we are even now creating and passing on to others. That means we have a dual responsibility in our lives: a responsibility to sift through the legacies we have received and take ownership of the qualities we find the most compelling, and a responsibility to make sure that we are passing on a legacy that honors God, honors what is best in our lives, and honors the lives of those who receive it.

So what is your legacy that you are transmitting to others? Does your legacy reveal that people and relationships are more important than things? Does your legacy reveal that you treat all people with dignity and respect? Does your legacy reveal that you know how to give, as well as receive? Does your legacy reveal that you have a relationship with God, and are allowing that relationship to transform your life? Does your legacy reveal that you are a Christian—that your life, like the life of Jesus, is a "window" that allows your Heavenly Father to shine through?

Summer is now upon us, and as we plan our summer activities we would all benefit from taking time to think about the legacies we have received, and how we are sharing our legacies with others—especially the next generation. May your summer be richly blessed as you use every opportunity to pass on a legacy worthy of what is best in our fathers...especially our Heavenly Father, whom we have seen in the legacy of the True Son—Jesus the Christ.

--Pastor Craig

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1 - Tyler Mosbach  
2 - Aaron Olson  
2 - Lee Ryherd  
3 - Marjorie Gescheidler  
3 - Peyton Heslop  
4 - Virginia Veach  
4 - Grace Larson  
6 - Rick Ruppel  
7 - Jan Breen  
7 - Brett Downs  
8 - Trey Thompson  
9 - Pamela Heimberger  
9 - Stacy Wearda  
10 - Daron Harris  
10 - Kennedy Kay Harris  
10 - Savannah Remington  
12 - Abby Fiala  
13 - Dalene Schlitter  
13 - Sandi Weieneth  
14 - Amanda Lahr  
14 - Zachary Lahr  
14 - Livia Oberender  
15 - Alexis Byrne  
16 - A.J. Weieneth  
17 - Dona Jaycox  
18 - Bailey Fogle  
18 - Dale Hillyer  
19 - Mark Gustafson  
19 - Wilma Reinsel  
21 - Wade Nelson  
22 - Jackson Kesler  
22 - Katherine Kesler  
25 - Charles McMurray  
26 - Lynn Jaycox  
28 - Jack Van Diest  
29 - Jim Downs  
30 - Katie Holdgrafer



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

2 - Emily & Troy Stockdale  
5 - Travis & Tresa Stearns  
5 - Mike & Christa Stirling  
11 - Bill & Nancy Shelton  
14 - Duane & Mary Vavroch  
15 - Dick & Audrey Burtnett  
17 - Caryl & Verie Hollingshead

20 - Marcy & Wade Nelson  
23 - Daron & Kelly Harris  
23 - Ed & Ann Latham  
26 - Howard & Barb Stearns

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M 8 am - 1 pm  
T 9 am - 1 pm  
W 8 am - 12:30, 1 pm to 4:30  
Th 8 am - 12:30, 1 pm to 4:30  
F 9 am - 1 pm

## ATTENDANCE

May 4	84	May 11	112
May 18	79	May 25	68



According to estimates, almost 20% of serious car crash injuries are associated with driver sleepiness.

Warning signs that you're fighting fatigue:

- Turning up the radio or rolling down the window.
- Delayed reaction time and judgment.
- Trouble focusing, keeping your eyes open, or your head up.
- Daydreaming or wandering thoughts.
- Yawning or rubbing your eyes repeatedly.
- Drifting from your lane, tailgating, or missing signs and exits.
- Feeling restless, irritable, or aggressive.

## Church Staff

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**Luverne Bierle: Church Treasurer** 832-4752

## **MEALS N' MORE/RELAY FOR LIFE**

It's that time of year again—Relay for Life. The walk to raise funds to help beat cancer will be held this year at the Webster City High School Track from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join in the walk, regardless of whether you have signed up for a team. To raise funds for this cause, the First Congo UCC will host Meals 'N More on June 4 from 5-6:30. Join together for the evening of fellowship. The pickle jar will also be out the month of June for anyone who wants to contribute but is unable to join us for Meals 'N More. Thank you once again to all of you who support all the causes that make such a difference in the lives of so many in our church, community, state, country and world. You are all gems!

## **KLAB SUMMER EVENT –JUNE 4**

Hey KLAB kids—summer has just begun, and we've already missed you so much that we want to have a KLAB summer event! Come at our regular time on Wednesday, June 4th (3:30 p.m.) and we will have games, snacks, and then do VBS crafts for our upcoming joint VBS week at Asbury UMC (to be held July 28-August 1). Afterward you are invited to stay for Meals 'N More at 5 p.m. See you on June 4!

## **Scholarships**

The Finance Board will be receiving scholarship applications until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available from the church office. The Finance Board requires the applicant fill out a separate application for each scholarship they are applying for.

## **Special Thanks from Special Olympics!!**

A hearty thank you for the May Day donation for Special Olympics. \$161 was raised from our Pickle-Jar contribution. Amy Steen, at the Webster City Middle School, sends her heartfelt thanks. She is planning a celebration to honor the Special Olympians and their accomplishments. We are all so proud of all of these young people and their accomplishments.

## **Announcements**

In order to improve the flow of the worship service the practice of members making announcements is being discontinued. Announcements will be printed in the bulletin and projected onto the screens before worship, provided that Michele receives those announcements by Friday morning at 9 a.m. For those announcements that miss the deadline, or in the case of announcements that need special emphasis, Pastor Craig will make those announcements if he is provided with a written copy.

## **!!! LOAD UP THE LOFT !!!**

The Quire is retired for June, so let's put that space to good use for an UDMO paper product drive. Our goal?? Load the loft in:

- paper plates
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- feminine products
- napkins
- Baby wipes
- Kleenex

As we fill the choir loft...look for clever uses of our donations throughout the month of June. Your contributions are much appreciated. (Thanks to the choir as well!)

## **Quilt Auction**



The Piecemakers are once again offering some lovely handwork to raise funds for Relay for Life. There is a fall wall hanging and gender neutral baby quilt up for silent bids. Both are on display in Fellowship Hall along with the sheets to take bids. Bidding ends June 22.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual ice cream social sponsored jointly with Faith Methodist Church will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 6-8 p.m. this year. The entertainment will be selections from Guys and Dolls presented by the cast from the Community Theater. This year the proceeds from the free will offering will be given to UDMO and the free clinic. And, of course, we will need your help with the homemade ice cream, bars, toppings and workers! A sign-up chart will be posted in Fellowship Hall. We do thank you for your great support of the yearly event. Mission Board

## Children's Books Needed

Children's books are wanted for the summer meal program and book give away. If you have any young people's books to spare please bring them to the church office or to Pastor Craig.

## Saturday Service

Our next Saturday evening service will be on June 14 at 5:00.

## Are you a Caregiver?

Feeling stretched caring for a loved one? Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class designed to provide you—the family caregiver—with the skills you need to take care of yourself. You'll learn to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Balance your life
- Better communicate your feelings
- Increase ability to make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources

To learn more about classes beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> call Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Hamilton County at 832-9597.

## Membership Classes Offered

Do you want to become a member of First Congregational UCC? Pastor Craig will offer new membership classes this summer. If you wish to join First Congregational, please contact Pastor Craig or the church office, so we can schedule class meeting times.

## A BIG thank you

A big thanks goes out to the 8 people who gathered at Kmart on Thursday May 22 to pick up trash. It took less than 1 hour to fill the 15 or 16 garbage bags we had. It took 3 different tries to finally make this event happen and the area around Kmart and McDonald's looks better for our perseverance and hard work!

Thank you!

Mission Board



## Hygiene Kits

The tub for collecting items for the Hygiene Kits is still in Fellowship Hall. As a reminder the following are the things that are included in each kit:

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| 16x28 hand towel | Washcloth    |
| Wide-tooth comb  | Nail clipper |
| Bar of soap      | Toothbrush   |
| 6 band-aids      |              |

Help us collect enough so we can send another box of kits to CWS to be used by those in need due to natural disasters. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project.

Mission Board

## **Summer lunch program at Webster City Middle School begins June 16**

The Webster City Middle School will again host the free summer lunch program, beginning Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the WC Middle School from 11:30a.m.--12:30 p.m. and ending Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. First Congregational will be leading off the program as the volunteer staff for the week—and we need your help! We need at least 8 volunteers each day to help make the lunch program flow smoothly, interact with the kids, and help with enrichment and recreational activities. Volunteers need not work all week long—smaller commitments of time are welcome. This year Karin Yungclas is our lead volunteer. If you wish to volunteer sign up or speak with Karin.

**Strengthen the Church** Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, these visions and dreams can become a reality.

As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your generous gifts will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking,"

All gifts are directed to activities and programs within your local Conference, as well as the UCC's national ministries.

## **WE'RE GOING TO ROMANIA!**

That's right! Joyce Gelhaus and Donna Ryherd from our congregation are flying to Romania for two weeks in July to work at *Camp Living Water*, the Christian Camp supported by *Stepping Forward Romania* and administered by Donna's cousins Steve and Cami Mather. The Mather family has visited with our congregation several times.

The Iowa team will also include, Joyce's nephew Karl Heimberger of Dexter, Donna's



husband Dan, cousin Bob Griffith of Elkader, and Katelynn Griffith of Waukon.

While at camp they will help out where needed. 200 youth are expected this summer from Romanian orphanages and nearby villages. The theme is "The Beach in the Mountains". The team will be taking requested supplies. These are being collected thru June 22 and can be left in Fellowship Hall at the Kid's pool and sand bucket. Your support is GREATLY appreciated! If you have questions, please call Donna -835-8016.

**Inside Games** (for rainy days & free time - simple & easy to play with language barrier Ex: Jenga, Connect 4, Uno, Twister Games can be used, just so they are complete. We can use multiple sets of games( 4-6).

**Travel Size Shampoo & Shower Gels** (boys & girls) (about 3 ounces) up to 200 needed

**Small LED Flashlights** – up to 200

**American Candy**-small, non chocolate –Ex. Fruit by the Foot; Tootsie Rolls, Jolly Ranchers, Air Heads, Taffy, Skittles for the camp store. Campers earn point to redeem at the store.

**Deodorants**- boys and girls

**Cash Donations-to fund:**

**The purchase of 6 totes (will be left in Romania for storage)**

**40-Pillowcases—Hand made with a heat transferred Bible verse**

**Swimsuits for campers**

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

For anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, the next grief support group will be in June and July. It will be held for 7 weeks beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and running each Sunday afternoon through July 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Stephen Ministry Room of 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church of Christ.

The support is being offered to anyone in the community wanting to participate. We will offer the support group 3 times per year –February and March, June and July, September and October. We will also present a 3 week class "Surviving the Holidays" in November. Please call Michele at 832-2231 to enroll in our next grief support group! Class size is limited, so call soon to enroll.



## May Dinner

The Women's Fellowship held their annual May dinner on Wednesday, May 21, and attendees were treated to good food, fellowship, and a powerful presentation on human trafficking. The guest speaker, Joy Fopma, shared testimony of her work with the rescue organization "Wings of Refuge". This organization seeks to rescue and restore female victims of trafficking by offering them safe shelter and the opportunity to learn new life skills. Following her presentation the Women's Fellowship presented Joy Fopma and her co-worker Paula Nugent with \$500 to benefit "Wings of Refuge".

The churches Women's Fellowship continued to disburse gifts to various organizations: \$1000 to OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission), \$250 to UDMO for swim passes, \$300 to Beacon of Hope, \$300 to A.C.E., \$300 to the Webster City Free Clinic, \$500 to Youth and Family Services, \$400 to Kids Against Hunger, \$100 to Crimestoppers, \$200 to the Stepping Forward Ministries/Romanian Mission Trip, and \$150 to the WC Summer Lunch program.

A total of \$4000 was given by the group from their fundraising through the year. To raise the funds they host Thrift Sales in the fall and spring, and each circle contributes as they are able. As the Women's Fellowship ends its program year for the summer, we invite anyone interested in joining a circle to please contact the UCC church office at 832-2232.



## Promotion Sunday



## KLAB Lockin



## Graduates



Livia Oberender and Brandon Arkland



*You are invited to hear*  
**Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton**

Winners of the  
George H. W. Bush's 5000<sup>th</sup> Daily Point of Light  
Award.

*Floyd and Kathy are the founders of Outreach Inc., a non-profit corporation that creates sustainable communities by developing water systems, supporting medical training, establishing feeding centers, and opening schools around the world. Kids Against Hunger, a local food packaging initiative sponsored by Main Street Morning Kiwanis of Webster City, was developed by Kathy and Floyd to provide meals to children and families in need.*

**Sunday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m.**  
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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Webster City, Iowa

## Cabinet Meeting – May 13, 2014

Members Present:

Moderator-----	Verna Bierle	Pastor-----	Rev. Craig Blaufuss
Vice-Moderator----	Luverne Bierle	Trustees-----	Tom Riemenschneider
Finance Sec.-----	Myra Maxon	Women's Fellowship----	Dalene Schlitter
Finance-----	Duane Vavroch	Mission-----	Ginnie Veach
Staff/Parish-----	Dalene Schlitter	Worship-----	
Treasurer-----	Luverne Bierle	Evangelism-----	Wilma Reinsel
Clerk-----	Mary Van Diest		
Christian Ed-----	Todd Sonsalla, Vicki Blaufuss		
Guests-----	Donna Ryherd, Joyce Gelhaus		

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator Verna Bierle. Pastor Craig Blaufuss opened with a meditation and prayer. Vicki Blaufuss moved and Todd Sonsalla seconded to accept the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as printed. The board and committee reports were open for discussion and review. Wilma Reinsel reported that the Evangelism Committee has planned for three summer picnics to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Duane Vavroch reported that the Finance Committee needs to have the applications for scholarships by the end of June. Dalene Schlitter moved and Duane seconded to accept the reports of the boards and committees. Luverne Bierle reported the following in the Treasurer's report: April 30, 2014 offering - \$11,412.00; April 30, 2014 expenses - \$12,506.49. Luverne moved and Duane seconded to put the report to audit. It was noted under pending business that there has not been an auditing report for the year ending 2013 as of this date. Also under pending business, Tom Riemenschneider and Joyce Gelhaus brought the board up to date on the church renovation. They showed the plans that Schlottfeldt Engineering has drawn and discussed these with the board. Donna Ryherd, representing the Evangelism Board, asked that the boards and committees go back to their respective groups and see if they have fulfilled their obligations as a result of the survey of the task force done in 2013. A discussion was held on our procedure of making announcements at the beginning of our worship services. Todd made a motion and Tom seconded that in order to improve the flow of the worship service the practice of members making announcements is being discontinued. Announcements will be printed in the bulletin and projected on the screens before worship, provided that Michele, administrative assistant, receives those announcements by Friday at 9:00 am. For those announcements that miss the deadline, or in the case of announcements that need special emphasis, Pastor Craig will make those announcements, if he is provided with a written copy. Motion carried.

### Reports of Pastor, Boards and Committees

**Pastor's Report:** He reported that Graduation Sunday/Mothers' Day service was observed on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our graduating seniors are Livia Oberender and Brandon Arkland. He will be helping with the baccalaureate service at the high school. May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Promotion Sunday and Children's Sabbath. On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will observe



Memorial Day and the beginning of our summer worship time at 9:30 am. Vicki, church rep Marjorie Groves, and the pastor attended the Spring Association meeting for the NW Association on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Congregational UCC in Fort Dodge. The Iowa RECHARGE event will be held in Ames, June 6-7, with Krista Tippet as the keynote speaker. The pastor will be attending that event in order to fulfill the Association requirement of 6 hours of Continuing Education for ministry. The last day of KLAB will be May 14, and on May 16 will hold a lock-in at the church for all KLAB kids with Wil Groves, Alexis Tudor and the pastor as chaperones. The Sunday Adult Ed finished the year studying faith healers in the Christian tradition and the healing miracles of Lourdes in France. Our joint VBS will be held at Asbury from 4:30-7:15 pm starting July 28-August 1.

The next Grief Support group will begin Sunday, June 1st. The Middle school will again be the site of the summer lunch program offered Monday-Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>. It will run until the end of July, with First Congo being the first group of volunteers to staff the program. Karin Yungclas has volunteered to be the lead person of our group. We are still collecting children's books to give away-if you have any to donate, please see the pastor. Kathy Getting presented "Medical Marijuana: Beyond All or Nothing" in our sanctuary May 5<sup>th</sup>. Although the crowd was small, the conversation was passionate regarding the recently passed legislation concerning cannabis oil. The Mission Board hosted this event. UCC has brought a lawsuit against North Carolina, arguing that the state's marriage laws violate the First Amendment rights of clergy and the principle of "free exercise of religion." It is a crime in the State of North Carolina for clergy to officiate a marriage ceremony without determining whether the couple involved has a valid marriage license. Their marriage laws define and regulate marriage as being between only a man and a woman.

**Christian Ed Board:** Reported that 47 people attended the early Easter service. Thirteen+ children participated in the Easter egg hunt and 72 people dined at the Easter breakfast. Bibles will be given out to all young people who have not received them, 10 adults and 8 children. Discussion regarding a Christian Ed director was held. Todd stated an outside family did not choose our church for the following reasons: smells, no parking, and nothing for their children. Todd will check for a job description and the cost of a Christian Ed director. The board has decided to do an every other week summer program on Wednesdays, possibly with the assistance of the teens. More will be discussed at the next meeting. Todd and Katie Sonsalla would like to have the teens meet on Wednesday evenings for Sunday School to allow more or some to attend. The board approved. It was suggested per Wil Groves and Leah Maas that it was time to obtain a new Sunday school curriculum. Nursery books will be passed out for babies baptized per Don Bruner and Leah. It was suggested that a list be composed of two candle lighters per Sunday starting in the fall. Will check and see what children want to do this. Rally Day will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> with games, fun and a potluck dinner. The couch in Leah's classroom has been removed. Don and Pastor Craig will be helping at VBS. Anyone wishing to help contact Pastor Craig. The next meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Trustees:** The exhaust fan in the kitchen will be replaced with a larger unit. It will be purchased from Home Appliance at a cost of \$650.00. Mark Trueblood has worked on the heater in the kitchen. The new thermostat in Fellowship Hall is installed but not programmable. Tom will talk with Chris McNeil to install a thermostat that can be programmed. The work on the wireless router has not been done. The fire alarm inspection was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$255. We were informed that the alarms

need to be calibrated, Tom will check with the Fire Department to see if they can do this. Donna Ryherd trimmed the spirea. Joyce, Gretchen and Don Bruner cleaned up leaves and branches around the church and on the empty lot. It was approved to have Stony Creek to take care of the lawn again this year. They will also check on the large bushes on the south side, which are hard to trim. Next meeting, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm with Wayne Schlotfeldt. Results of April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting: Thanked Joyce, Gretchen and Don for their leaf and branch clean up around the church. Stony Creek has done the first application of fertilizer and weed killer. The library will be moving in the next two weeks. The new larger hood for the kitchen will be put in the next couple of weeks. Continuing to check on the calibration of the fire alarms. Wayne Schlotfeldt brought the start of the plans for our renovation. We reviewed the west entry and the first floor and basement bathrooms. The next meeting time is to be determined.

**Mission Board:** Our D/SAOC basket brought \$3,000! Karin Yungclas reported the OGHS offering raised \$1,056.00. Reported that the 2014 Summer Lunch Program will be held again this summer. See the Pastor's report for the details. The Ice Cream Social will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Faith UMC. Mary Vavroch will be captain for the Relay for Life to be held the last week in June. Will have April clean-up on 4/29/14 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at McDonalds. Gayle Olson will talk to Kent Harfst and do the advertising. She is also in charge of getting the message out that Strengthen the Church is in June. Mission will host a coffee on May 4<sup>th</sup> for Special Olympics. Sherry Leksell will make May baskets and the rest of the board will bring the fillings. The next Beacon of Hope dinner will be May 28<sup>th</sup> with Gayle in charge. Report of the boards May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: The Special Olympics coffee collected \$161.00 The April clean-up will happen on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm at K-Mart parking lot. UCC will need volunteers to help serve at the Summer Lunch Program from June 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Mary Vavroch will coordinate fund raising opportunities of the June 27<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life. Ginnie Veach and Karin Yungclas will meet with Faith Methodist on May 20 to discuss the Ice Cream Social set for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm. Gayle will promote the Strengthen the Church Offering which will be collected in June. The focus this year will be on Literacy. June is our Church's month to donate to UDMO. This time will emphasize paper products and try to fill the choir loft with these products. UDMO is also inviting donations of dollars for summer family swim passes. The next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

**Finance Board:** Luverne Bierle went over the investment funds of the Church. He highlighted the sale of the Cole Property Stock with a sold price of \$43,056.00. Thirty thousand will be reinvested and the rest, \$13,056.00 will be put in the money market account. Scholarship application forms were passed out and approved for this year. ONE form must be filled out for each scholarship applied for by the applicant. The due date is June 30<sup>th</sup> for the scholarships. The church organ will be repaired in July. Scholarships will be awarded in August.

**Women's Fellowship:** The treasurer's report: Old Balance \$2,338.61, New balance is \$3910.35. with \$1734.75 in Alverson Trust. The May Fellowship dinner will be held on May 21, 2014 at 5:30 pm. Decorations and set-up will be Mayflower, Hostess-Providence, and the program will be given by Joy Fopma on Human Trafficking. The reports from the circles/committees will also be given. Please make 3 copies-one each for Cindy Henning, Dalene Schlitter and the church office. The price for the dinner will be \$6.00. Cindy Henning will do publicity. She asked that the award recipients have a representative present for a photo for the newspaper. The Birthday Party on May 13 for Southfield is at 1:00 and Crestview at 2:00. Storyteller, Iris Eriksen, is presenting the program. Five dozen cookies and workers for each home are needed. The Keep Iowa

Beautiful Lunch is May 7<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting approximately 70 people. Give all bills to Verna Bierle. Haystack Circle will decorate on Tuesday at 5:30. Those making sandwiches report at 9:30 am. Clean-up will be at 12:15, anyone available can help. The Thrift Sale earned approximately \$1,300.00. The next sale is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Still have electric cart from the Groves family to sell. Cindy will try to sell over the Internet. As it needs a new battery, it can go as low as \$500.00. Please have the sign-up sheets from each circle for next year turned into Joyce before May 30<sup>th</sup>. The watering schedule for plants is: June-Mayflower; July-Haystack; August-Morning Star; September-Providence. The leftovers from the May 7<sup>th</sup> lunch for Keep Iowa Beautiful meal held earlier in the day will be served at Meals 'n' More that evening. Dates to remember: May 7-Keep Iowa Beautiful Lunch; May 8-Morning Star meets at 9:30 with Ginnie Veach as hostess and Nancy Shelton with the program; May 8-Mayflower meets with Sharon Perry as hostess, co-hostess is Shirley Yungclas and Program presenter Audrey Burtnett; May 8-Blood Drive at UCC at 12:00 pm-5:30 pm; May 9-Providence Circle meet at 6:00 pm for dinner at Fieldstone; May 11-Mother's Day' May 13-Birthday party at nursing homes; May 14-Haystack Circle meets at 6:00 for a Salad Supper with hostess Marjorie Groves; May 15-Piecemakers Work Day at 9:30 am; May 21-May Dinner at 5:30 pm; May 22-Piecemakers Work Day at 9:30 am; May 29-Piecemakers Work Day at 9:30 am.

**Worship Board: No report.**

**Evangelism Board: No report.**

The next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Van Diest, Church Clerk

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

**Treasurer's Report**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
Pledges and Offerings	\$11,412.00	\$54,004.31
Other Income	108.53	1,018.16
Memorial/Special Income/Interest	3,284.75	8,534.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,805.28</b>	<b>\$63,556.77</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Outreach and Mission	\$1,583.33	\$6,333.36
Pastoral Services	5,487.91	26,847.74
Maintenance and Repairs	2,274.16	12,252.52
Church Office	2,261.95	9,755.91
Music Ministry	604.00	2,416.00
Christian Education	107.57	316.72
Local Ministry	30.00	31.42
Mem. Funds Distribution	0.00	1,488.01
Misc. Expenses	157.57	963.56
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,506.49</b>	<b>\$60,405.24</b>



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