

March 2016 Newsletter  
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*“The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”—John 2:13-22*

Today I remembered an old family Easter ritual I hadn’t thought of in decades! When we were little, my siblings and I used to color Easter eggs during Holy Week using Paas egg dyes and wax crayons. We would gather six coffee cups, add a half cup of vinegar to each one, drop the color tablet in, and when it was dissolved we would top the cup off with water. If you have ever done this with young children you know it can be a messy job, and so Mom was always in the kitchen supervising the egg coloring, keeping the color in the cups and off the floor and out of our clothes (as much as possible.) My father, however, was always conspicuously absent from this process. He had a different role in this ritual: when the eggs were colored and dry, Dad would take a cloth and a small amount of margarine and polish the eggs, leaving them shiny and bright, and then deposit them in an aluminum serving tray filled with plastic grass. There the eggs would remain until Easter Sunday—shiny reminders throughout Holy Week of the Easter joy that was coming.

When I was younger I would wonder why in the world he even bothered. After all, the Easter eggs were consumed in a few days, and our crayon and dye artwork was often less than inspiring (toward the end we would mix all the colors together and dye the last egg a memorable mud color). Yet year after year he would shine those eggs whether we were attentive and appreciative of his efforts, or not...and whether we were attentive and appreciative of the Easter story, or not.

But now I think I know why he did bother. It was his own testimony to his quiet Easter faith, a small act anticipating a miracle that I never heard him question or take lightly. Throughout his life he had heard the story of Holy Week, how the Son of Man went to Jerusalem to give testimony to the truth of God—only to be arrested, tried, beaten, crucified, and left in a borrowed tomb. Perhaps the drama and pathos of that week resonated with him as another son of man, who was raised during the depression, served at the end of WW II, lost his father to death when he was only 17, lost his job to corporate downsizing after 38 loyal years of service, and saw his health deteriorate at the end of his life. Against the horror of that less-than-Holy Week he chose to hold on to Easter, rather than dismiss it or reject it... and against the struggles and wounds of his less –than-holy life he also chose to hold on to Easter, rather than give in to anger, resentment, despair, or hopelessness. In this sense my father’s Easter egg polishing was a subtle act of both anticipation and resistance: anticipation that Jesus’ resurrection was a real event to be celebrated, and resistance to the finality of the death-dealing and temple-smashing that Jesus-- and my father – had experienced in their lives.

Easter as both anticipation and resistance was the proclamation my father laid before his family with every polished Easter egg—a proclamation that has taken me a lifetime to understand and draw strength from. As Lent draws to a close with the drama and pathos of Holy Week, I pray that each of you also grow in your understanding of the Good News of Easter, and draw strength from the eternal miracle of new life and new hope that this day commemorates. Happy Easter! --Pastor Craig

## 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

February 7	82	February 14	51
February 21	71	February 28	

### Church Staff

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### PARISH NURSE NEWS

#### Protect yourself from Scams

- Pay close attention to your credit report ([www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)). Report inaccuracies.
- Never give personal information - Social Security#, bank account or other private data to anyone you do not know
- Put your name on the "do not call" list ([www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)).
- Use a shredder to destroy credit card offers or other info that others could use to pretend to be you.
- Don't give someone money in exchange for a promise to get money.
- Assume any get-rich-quick opportunity is fraudulent..

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1 - Jan Ryherd  
1 - Lara Yungclas  
1 - Maxwell Harfst  
4 - Jordin Smith  
4 - Vicki Blaufuss  
5 - John Van Diest  
6 - Jennie Williams  
13 - Shirley Yungclas  
13 - Shirley Hillyer  
14 - Talon Stockdale  
16 - Craig Blaufuss  
18 - Mark Hollingshead  
19 - Maribeth Martin  
20 - Verna Bierle  
20 - Jacob Meinders  
21 - Colleen Fogle  
21 - Connie McFadden  
23 - Todd Sonsalla  
24 - Garrett Shelton  
26 - Melody Burtnett  
28 - Shelly Sjoberg  
28 - Nicolas Groves  
28 - Jackson Leman  
31 - Marcy Nelson  
31 - Ted Yungclas

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

7 - Robert & Mary Van Diest  
15 - Curt & Lorraine McCoskey

## Worship Opportunities During Holy Week

**Sunday, March 20th**, we will observe the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with our annual **Palm Sunday worship service**.  
**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will gather to remember the last meal shared by Jesus with his disciples before his arrest and execution. At 7 pm we will observe **Maundy Thursday with a service of Tenebrae**. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.  
**Sunday, March 27th, is Easter Day**, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We will celebrate the resurrection with a **Son-Rise worship service at 8:30 am.**, followed by a breakfast sponsored by the Christian Ed Board beginning at 9 am. Following breakfast, we will have our traditional Easter **worship service**. Adult and children's Sunday School is cancelled for the day.



# Thrift Sale

## April 22 & 23

Spring Cleaning and Sorting

**Friday & Saturday, April 22 & 23 -**

Women's Fellowship will be conducting their semi-annual Thrift Sale.

**Wed. April 20** - We will be accepting those items cluttering up your lives.

If you need assistance transporting your items, call Cindy Henning – 297-0422 or email [jbhfam@mchsi.com](mailto:jbhfam@mchsi.com).

**Please note** - Bringing items that are **clean, complete, and in good repair**. We will **no longer accept older TVs** because there isn't anywhere to take them after the sale.

Thank you for your donations and help making this fundraiser a success.

**Pecans** are still available from Haystack Circle. Contact Dalene 835-0636 or Pat Kesler 712-540-0750.

### **Going The Extra Mile**

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, lives literally are changed daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and much more.

**1. What is One Great Hour of Sharing?** OGHS is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

**2. How is the United Church of Christ's offering used?** Almost 60 percent of the UCC's offering supports international development, including annual support for missionaries. Currently there are four OGHS supported missionaries and two Global Mission interns working in disaster relief, health care, education, sustainable agricultural development, and refugee support. The offering also funds disaster preparedness and response, and disaster related volunteer initiatives in the United States.

**3. Where and how are OGHS funds shared?** The UCC responds to development, disaster, and refugee needs in 138 countries, and provides disaster relief and immigration assistance in the United States. We also support the direct mission efforts of churches and church-based organizations that the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have direct partnerships with through Global Ministries. Nearly one-third of the UCC's offering is shared through Church World Service to support refugee, disaster, development, and advocacy programs.

**4. What percentage of OGHS donations are used directly for mission?** On average, of every dollar given to OGHS, 92 cents is used for mission programming; 6.5 cents for interpretation materials, 1 cent for administrative costs and .5 cents for program monitoring and evaluation. Most administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) National Basic Support.

**5. When?** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC in Webster City will collect OGHS on Palm Sunday, March 20. If you write a check, please make it to 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC and write OGHS on the memo line. Envelopes for the offering will be in the bulletin Sunday, March 13. Please give generously! Thank you. *The Mission Board*

### **Thanks**

The family of Richard Burnett would like to thank you for all the care and concern, the food, visits and the memorials. We are overwhelmed by the love we have received from our church family.

## **Stepping Forward Romania**

Steve Mather was here on Saturday February 6 speaking on the progress of the Stepping Forward Romania ministry with abandoned children and Camp Living Water.

## **Lenten Luncheon**

The women of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church wish to invite you to the annual community Lenten Luncheons. The luncheons continue through March 15. Serving will begin at 12:00 followed by a short devotion. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or let Michele know by Monday noon previous to the luncheon you are attending. The cost is \$6.00.



## **KAH**

Packed food at The Bridge on Sunday, February 7

## **D/SAOC Auction**

Mission Board is once again planning on supporting the D/SAOC auction with a basket. More information will be included in upcoming bulletins. Our baskets always bring in one of the largest donations at the auction. Help us make that true again this year.

## **Beacon of Hope**

Mission Board is hosting a Beacon of Hope meal on March 29. Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.

## **Our Kids Make a Joyful Noise in Worship**

In March we will enjoy the musical talents of our young people-- 2 weeks in a row! Join us in worship on March 6, when our Sunday School children will sing under the leadership of Katie

Sonsalla. Then join us on March 13, when Anne Sherve-Ose leads our KLAB kids in playing the ORFF instruments. Anne has been working with KLAB twice monthly with the ORFF music program.

## **Danger—Men Cooking!**

I have a black apron with that logo emblazoned on it, and I want to test it out! The ladies of our Women's Fellowship work tirelessly for the Gospel and for this church, and I want to thank them for their efforts by preparing and cooking their May Dinner meal. To do that I will need the help of a few good MEN—perhaps husbands or sweethearts of our women. Experience with cooking is preferred BUT NOT NECESSARY—all that is needed is a willing spirit and a desire to serve our ladies a palatable meal. And yes, we have fire extinguishers if things get too dangerous! If you would like to help with this meal, please speak with me. —Pastor Craig

## **Volunteers Sought for Summer Camp Leadership**

Dave Mears, Pilgrim Heights Director of Programs and Facilities, is searching for volunteers who would lead a week of camp, or serve as a camp counselor. Dave also is looking for paid summer staff, which would include college-age students. Want to volunteer, or know more? Please contact Dave at [dave.mears@pilgrimheights.org](mailto:dave.mears@pilgrimheights.org)

**Task Force** Our current Board and Committee structure is in need of revisions, and the Cabinet is assembling a task force of 5 individuals to review our current structure, make recommendations for improvements, and author the necessary changes to our church constitution in keeping with their recommendations. Their recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet and then the congregation for a vote. The Cabinet is seeking 2 members at large from the church to join this task force. If you are willing to serve, or simply wish to know more, please speak with the Moderator, Sherry Leksell, or speak with Pastor Craig.

### Treasurer's Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Pledges and Offerings	\$24,876.25	\$24,876.25
Other Income	.35	.35
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,876.60</b>	<b>\$24,876.60</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Outreach and Mission	\$1,583.26	\$1,583.26
Pastoral Services	5,186.08	5,186.08
Maintenance and Repairs	10,457.77	10,457.77
Church Office	2,631.19	2,631.19
Music Ministry	850.00	850.00
Christian Education	25.00	25.00
Local Ministry	0.00	0.00
Misc. Expenses	58.70	58.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,792.00</b>	<b>\$20,792.00</b>

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Webster City, Iowa

### Cabinet Meeting – February 9, 2016

Members Present:

Moderator.....Sherry Leksell	Pastor.....Rev. Craig Blaufuss
Vice-Moderator.....Alan Yungclas	Trustees.....Tom Riemenschneider
Finance Sec..... Luverne Bierle	Women's Fellowship.....Joyce Gelhaus
Finance..... Tracy Wehrhan	Mission.....Gayle Olson
Staff/Parish.....Dalene Schlitter	Worship.....Holly Riemenschneider
Christian Ed..... Vicki Blaufuss	Evangelism.....Sharon Perry
Clerk.....	Treasurer.....Tracy Wehrhan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Vice- Moderator, Alan Yungclas. Pastor Craig Blaufuss, opened with a meditation and prayer. Tracy moved and Tom seconded the motion that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Reports of Committee and Boards were given. Worship did not meet in January but will meet next week. Tom reported that Trustees have picked the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm for their meeting. Vicki is working on getting the Christian Ed Board to meet next week to plan for Easter. Staff Parish is meeting on March 8, 2016. Evangelism will have training on the Defibrillator in May for members of the congregation. The future of the nursery is still being defined. Meals' n More in May will again be a potluck with our Mother's Recipes and then a cookbook will be put together. Stephen Ministries is entering into a new contract with Quakerdale on the "Hope For Healing" program. Stephen Ministries may start a new class for volunteers next November.

Mission Board reported that they will meet next week. A check for almost \$ 400.00 was presented to UDMO. 24 people helped with packing meals for Kids Against Hunger and a check for \$ 188.00 was given to them. Women's Fellowship reported that Lenten Lunches begin

Tuesday February 16 and Marjorie Groves will give the first message. Finance Board has not met yet.

Tracy reviewed the Treasurer Report. Tracy made a motion to accept it and Dalene seconded it. Motion passed. Dalene asked the Finance Board to discuss paying someone to audit the church books. She will find out what a qualified person would charge. We are not talking about a CPA Firm.

Old Business: The Safe Church Policy was discussed. The Policy Team needs to be set up as defined in the Safe Church Policy. Plus a member at large from the Congregation needs to be on the Team. Luverne suggested that we try to have all in place by the start of the next school year.

Tracy reported that the renovation is moving along with the new carpet installed. Other items on the to do list are being completed.

New Business: Sherry brought up the subject of a new Church Directory. Leah and Sherry will look into this and report back to the cabinet.

It was moved by Dalene and seconded by Tracy to move Mark Brim from the Associate Member List to the Active Membership List. Motion passed.

Alan moved and Sharon seconded a motion to appoint a Task Committee to work on reconstructing the Board and Committees which means changing or amending the Constitution. Tracy, Vicki and Holly volunteered to be on the committee. Pastor Craig will be on the committee as well as two people from the congregation. The goal would be to have this ready to present to the congregation at the November meeting and then be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Dalene Schlitter, Secretary pro tem

## **Reports of Boards and Committees:**

**Pastor's Report:** We have again been in a season of loss with the death of Dorothy Englehart (Jan. 18) and the death of Dick Burnett (Jan 28). Please continue to pray for and support their families as they grieve the passing of their loved ones. In spite of the terrible weather this past month, we did not have to cancel any services. Pastor wishes to again express his gratitude to Melissa Hindt our accompanist, and Sunshine Yoders, our choral director. Both of these talented ladies have added much beauty and meaning to our worship services. Lent begins on Wednesday February 19th in the East Chapel at 5:30 pm with an abbreviated Ash Wednesday service. KLAB has finished the story of Samson—it was popular! On January 27<sup>th</sup>, eight children went to visit Almost Home in Fort Dodge and delivered the supplies donated over Advent. KLAB had to be cancelled on February 3<sup>rd</sup> due to school cancellation. The Adult Education Class is now working on a video series “A New Place to Be”, which focuses on transformation and spiritual rebirth. The January meeting of WCMA was cancelled so no decision has been made on how to disburse the Salvation Army funds collected over Advent. There will be a community services summit at Hamilton County social service on February 16<sup>th</sup>, to gather information on what resources are available in the community to help with emergency needs. Ryan was at the last meeting of Stephen Ministry presenting information on the “Hope for Healing”. This program is a ministry of Quakerdale and it seeks to connect people who need resources with churches for

accompaniment and spiritual care. Quakerdale provides the resources or links to referrals; church volunteers help the people in need navigate the channels to get the resources AND offer them the opportunity for Christian friendship and a church home. We are in the process of discerning if this is a ministry our Stephen Ministers would like to engage in. Grief support is again in the midst of a 6 week program; 3 individuals are currently attending. Currently there are 3 Stephen Ministers matched with Care Receivers. At the annual meeting the congregation voted to approve the proposed Safe Church Policy. The next step is to form the TEAM who will oversee the implementation of the policy. Also at the annual meeting the proposed slate of candidates for the year's boards and committees were elected; after the close of the meeting delicious soups were provided by the Mission Board, with a free-will donation taken for UDMO's food pantry. On the renovation the work continues: new carpet has been laid in fellowship hall and in the pastor's office; bathrooms continue to be worked on; the elevator foyer is receiving its wainscoting. Again many thanks to the Trustees, who have worked tirelessly and often behind the scenes (they even emptied pastor's office for re-carpeting) to make this renovation a reality.

**Evangelism Board:** Met on January 11<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Blaufuss, Carol Crystal Laurie Epps, Marjorie Groves, Kay Harfst, Sharon Perry, and Wilma Reinsel attending. Sharon reported a correction that Stephen Ministers made a donation to the jail commissary, rather than a Christmas tree for the jail. The pastor reported on prayers for Judy Ellis; mother of Melissa Hindt our organist; Ron Epps' back surgery; Dorothy Englehart; her son-in-law who had a stroke; Vicki Blaufuss who will have hand surgery soon and Karla Krebs whose mother Marion recently passed away. Get-well card sent to Tracy Wehrhan and a sympathy card to the family of Roger Wold. Al Fiala and Ginnie Veach will lead the new Grief Support group beginning on January 24<sup>th</sup>. A letter was read from five jail prisoners thanking the Stephen Ministers for the donation to the jail commissary at Christmas. The defibrillator is being checked at the hospital. Carol cleaned the church nursery and while doing so sorted out toys that were not appropriate for the age of children who come to the nursery. The board gave her permission to give these toys to Riverview Day Care. Wilma reported the January meal of Meals 'n' More was not well attended (seven people coming to eat and seven working in the kitchen). Meals 'n' More was originally offered to the community but has not attracted many beyond our church members. Should we continue with this project? It was decided to continue it at least through May. It might be time to re-envision the Wednesday meal purpose. The board will host coffee time after worship on January 17<sup>th</sup> and will recognize those in the congregation with January birthdays. The Safe Church Policy will be voted on at the annual meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup>. If it receives a favorable vote, two adults will be needed in the nursery or an adult recorded by a camera when children are in the room. Another option would be to close the nursery and encourage parents to take crying or fidgeting children to East Chapel. Kolleen Taylor has agreed to join the Evangelism Board. Next meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

**Board of Trustees:** Met on January 29<sup>th</sup> with Tom Riemenschneider Bruce Perry, Tracy Wehrhan, Pastor Craig, Holly Riemenschneider and Joyce Gelhaus present. Old Business: Denny Armentrout of Schlotfeldt Engineering came and went over what had not been completed on the punch list as follows; Women's Restroom-tile on the partition by the sink is inconsistent and not lined up, will need to reset tile to provide a uniform look-tile contractor originally missed grouting inside a small portion of the base in the stalls and when repaired used the wrong color of grouting-west wall base needs to be grouted in the stall-re stain the door trim at the original hinge location and replace damaged door-remove caulking at the mortar joints and apply correct color grout-clean up construction debris and dust-inconsistent joint width is of concern; Stairway-nosing of the stair treads in numerous locations is loose and very flexible when foot traffic is applied-should review the existing tread installation with flooring supplier and have threads

removed and reinstalled as directed-clean over spray on the window and frame-repair wood filled area on the upper level step #4-clean window glass-touch up paint and texture as needed on stairway walls-paint the conduit along the ceiling on the fellowship hall to match the wall-the finished surface of numerous areas of the wood panels and balusters are rough and the entire wood area needs to have a consistent finished surface; Unisex bathroom door—is rough and needs to be sanded and sealed. Tracy moved and Bruce seconded to order 4 paper towel holders, 5 toilet paper holders, 4 soap holders and 4 sanitary holders from Weber with them installing the holders. Motion was approved. The changing station in the unisex bathroom will be moved to the Women's Bathroom. The picture will be put back up over the kitchen when they move the changing station The carpet for fellowship hall will be delivered late afternoon on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Gilbert's will start installing the carpet in fellowship hall on Tuesday.

New Business: Bruce moved and Tracy seconded to have Tom stay on as chairman and Joyce as secretary of the Trustees. Motion passed. Tom will be the cabinet representative. Cindy Henning requested to use the church on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm for a shower. It was approved. Joyce will call Kinnetz Signs to set up a time for him to come and get new signage for the church. She will also check on bulletin boards at PSI and Holly will do an on-line search. Tom moved and Bruce seconded to make all the single bathrooms unisex. Motion was approved. Tracy will fill out the bonding information needed. Next year the Trustees will look at a handicap door opener for the west entrance. A new water heater is needed. Mark Trueblood has a new scratch and dent 50 gal. unit that he will sell us at a reduced cost. At this time we are waiting for a price. A routine meeting time was set for the Trustees to meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm starting in February. Next meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Women's Fellowship:** Executive Board met February 1 at 5:00 pm. Present were Joyce Gelhaus, Verna Bierle, Cindy Henning, Gayle Olson, Pat Kesler, Ginnie Veach Wilma Reinsel, and Kay Harfst. The Kenville family and Pam VanderLugt were lifted up. Pam's address is 218 Georgia Ave. N.W., Orange City, 51041. Verna Bierle gave the treasurer's report—Old Balance-\$2933.06, New Balance-\$2827.90 and Savings of \$1736.13. Wilma presented a bill for Shirley Yungclas for stamps, \$9.90. Shirley sent sympathy cards to Karla Krebbs and Dorothy Englehart family and thinking of you card to Pam VanderLugt. Cindy shared thank you cards from Craig and Vicki Blaufuss and Stepping Forward Ministries. Requests from several agencies were received and passed along to Resource Committee. Cindy reported from Providence Circle that the December Luncheon was easily served and thanked those from other circles that helped. The board agreed that serving the luncheon after worship on Sunday was a success. On February 16<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Groves will be the speaker at the Women's Lenten Lunches. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend these luncheons by Monday noon the week of the luncheon. We do not serve these until 2019. Joyce will talk to Pastor Craig about the offer to provide grilled meat for the May Dinner. Morning Star offered to provide desserts. Gayle will talk to Joel Peterson about his program on trip to Africa and what day will work. Possible date would be May 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. We will need to promote the meal and program in a big way. Joyce will ask the care centers what day works best for the May Birthday Party held at the care centers. She will also email Don Bruner about singing hymns for program. Glenda Wehrhan will be our president when the next term begins. Verna and Cindy agreed to stay in their positions. Glenda is chair of nominating committee for other open positions. She can ask 2 others to help her. Many positive comments have been received on our meals and how we serve and run funeral lunches!!

Next meeting: March 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cabinet Report by Dalene Schlitter, Clerk Pro tem

Reports of Boards and Committees by Mary Van Diest, Clerk

**Address Service Requested**

God is still speaking  
to everyone in the home of:

