

May 2017 Newsletter
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“Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?” --James 4:1

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan of the Union Army issued General Order #11, designating May 30, 1868 as a day to decorate the graves and honor the memory of both Union and Confederate soldiers who had died in the Civil War. Since its enactment in 1868, Memorial Day has been a time to break from our routines and our “pursuit of happiness” *in order to remember those who have struggled and sacrificed-- not only for their own sakes, but for our sakes as well.* Remembering their lives and their sacrifice is what makes Memorial Day more than just the beginning of a summer of fun.

And yet Memorial Day would be incomplete if it was nothing more than a day of remembrance. It should also be a day of **resolution**--a day to resolve to work toward a future that has no need for wars. If humankind is ever to rid itself of the scourge of war, it will take more than governments to make that happen—it will take the collective will of all human beings asking themselves: *What can I do to help end this cycle of lost lives and broken hearts? What can I do to help make peace a reality, rather than a dream that is already too long delayed?* There are many complex answers to that question, but there is one answer that is relatively simple. To borrow an idea from a song we all know...if there is to be peace on earth, then it must begin *with me.*

Now those words at face value may either sound incredibly arrogant or incredibly naïve...and perhaps it is arrogant or naïve to think that the beginning of peace on earth begins with each of us. After all, what is one person in the face of the enormity of the forces that have spawned all wars? How can one heart, one mind, hold back an avalanche of human destruction and suffering that is at the very heart of war?

And yet *where does human aggression, human hatred, and the desire to attack another human being begin, if not in the human heart?* The apostle James, in his letter to the early Christian church, tells us how wars begin not on battlefields, but in human hearts that have lost their connection to God. James writes of the dangers of hearts filled with “bitter envy and selfish ambition”, which is the source of “disorder and wickedness of every kind.” James speaks of the conflicts and quarrels that he sees even within the early church, and he condemns the inner cravings of selfishness, greed and the desire to take what another soul has--cravings that wage war within individuals long before armies are assembled, and the battle cry is heard.

James reminds us that if there is to be peace on earth there must first be peace within ourselves...a peace that is born of God’s wisdom, which is a gift from above. James teaches us that God’s wisdom is peaceable; gentle; willing to yield; full of love and mercy, not tainted with hypocrisy or favoritism. That wisdom is seen in the life of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the one who came not with legions of angels to create a forced peace, but to show us the way to true peace...a peace that begins with each of us when our lives are connected to God, and we live following God’s ways.

When we desire God’s wisdom over the wisdom of this world, *then* we will find the resolve to do the courageous thing and look within ourselves and wage an inner war against those lusts, delusions and false desires that chain us to the demons of this world, which in turn feed the dogs of war. When we resolve to fight the inner war, rather than the external wars we wage with our spouses, our families, our coworkers, and our neighbors across the street—or a world away...then we will begin the process of purifying our hearts; then we will fill our corner of the world with a taste of true and lasting peace. That is about as much as most of us will be able to do to break the endless cycle of hatred, attack, and retaliation that leads to the hell of war. And although that may not seem like enough to bring much peace to this war-weary planet of ours...*when enough of us are doing that--then it will be enough.*

This month, as you go to Graceland Cemetery or the Boulevard of Valor to “remember”, I also urge you to remember the strong words of James as well. As you count the cost of war in lives lost because the world could not resolve to end warfare, I pray that we **all** resolve to fight the battle James urges each of us to fight...the battle within. That would be a most meaningful way of honoring the lives and the memories of our brothers and sisters who gave their lives for the hope of a better world.

--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

April 2 72 **April 9** 84
April 16 116 **April 23** 58 **April 30** 68

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PARISH NURSE NEWS

Lifestyle changes to reduce headaches,

- Drink plenty of water.
- Eat regular meals.
- Get regular sleep.
- Limit alcohol, caffeine, and other drugs.
- Reduce stress.
- Keep a food diary to learn which foods and activities cause headaches.
- If you have frequent headaches that limit your activities, talk to your doctor about the possibility of migraines.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

4 - Richard Abbott
5 - Kari Rabe
5 - Becky Myers
6 - Mitchell Downs
9 - Jon Reinsel
9 - Connie Gustafson
11 - Bob Butrick
11 - Ina Cormaney
11 - Lauren Leman
11 - Kelly Midtling
11 - Mabel Prescott
12 - Heather Butrick
15 - Lailah Jean Luevanos
15 - Lukah Lee Luevanos
16 - Neil Oberender
16 - Katie Fox
19 - Gretchen Bruner
22 - Hayden Butrick
22 - Sue Jaycox
22 - Lisa Swanson
25 - Mike Burtnett
26 - Carol Crystal
29 - Linda Lahr
29 - Jennifer Yungclas



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

2 - Emily & Troy Stockdale
4 - Al & Jan Maxon
5 - Jim and Christie Halliday
7 - Craig & Vicki Blaufuss
16 - David & Liz Weieneth
17 - Tracy & Glenda Wehrhan
29 - Dan & Donna Ryherd
30 - Joseph & Amy Doolittle

Scholarships

The Finance Board will be receiving scholarship applications until June 30th. Applications are available from the church office.

May Dinner

Wednesday, May 24th

5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Meal prepared and served by

Pastor Craig and Company.

Reservations would be appreciated by

Contacting the church office at

832-2232 or administrative.office@fcuccwc.org

Program Presented by:

Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach

Center (D/SAOC). Providence Circle is

coordinating a collection of items they currently

need. Please consider bringing one or more to

the dinner when you attend on May 24th. Thank

you.

Disinfectant wipes, Body Wash, Dish Soap,

Deodorant, Laundry soap, Dryer Sheets,

Cleaning Supplies, Bath Towels,

Twin Sheets, Batteries, Sippy Cups,

Towels, Paper Towels, Paper Plates,

Napkins, Disposable cups, Kleenex,

Toilet paper, Dishwasher Pods,

Light bulbs. Storage/freezer bags,

garbage bags, Diapers size 3-6,

baby wipes, gas cards,

conditioner and shampoo,

fragrance free items,

baby bottles, baby shampoo and lotion,

coffee, filters and creamer,

coffee cups, plastic tableware,

foil, plastic wrap, pillows,

Menard's Gift cards (for facility upkeep)

Northwest Association Annual Meeting—

April 29

39 people were treated to a special day at First Congregational on April 29! It was the Northwest Association Annual meeting, and we were blessed to have musician and composer Bryan Sirchio perform and give a very inspirational message about faith and the call to discipleship. The meal was catered by Leon's, and there were plenty of treats to enjoy throughout the day, thanks to the many donations of snacks by our congregation. The afternoon business went quickly and smoothly,

and we departed at 2:30 p.m. A special thanks goes out to those from First Congregational who came and offered hospitality to our guests! Annual reports from our Association are available in fellowship hall for your perusal.

KLAB Ends May 3

Another successful program year of KLAB is drawing to a close! May 3 will be our last scheduled day of KLAB before summer recess, and we will celebrate by taking our annual pilgrimage to Dairy Queen! We want to express our thanks to Ginnie Veach and Leah Maass for serving snacks, and to Wil Groves, Arden Schlitter and Luverne Bierle for leading games, and assisting with crafts and "keeping order". Thanks also to Jake Lahr who has led the ORFF program and musical component of KLAB. And many thanks to those who generously provided snacks and drinks throughout the year!

KLAB summer Lock-In June 2

Hold on to your flashlights—it's the annual KLAB summer lock-in at the church! We will meet at church on Friday, June 2, beginning at 7 pm, for 13 hours of games, snacks, movies, hide and seek in the dark! We will dismiss at 8 am on Saturday, June 3. A note about the event and a permission slip will be sent home May 3.

Summer Lunch Program Begins June 12

We need volunteers to help with the Webster City Summer Lunch program! A USDA sponsored free summer lunch program will be offered to the students of Webster City beginning June 12 and ending on July 25. The program will run Monday through Friday from 11:30 until 12:30 p.m., with the school system preparing the meals and offering the host site. Volunteers are needed each day to help set up, greet the children, supervise the site, and help clean up after the meal. Each church is being asked to supply volunteers for a particular week, and once again First Congregational will be the first group of volunteers to help launch the program on June 12. Gayle Olson has agreed to organize the volunteers this year. Volunteers need not work all week long—smaller commitments of time are welcome. Please sign up to help with this program!

Sunday School Ends May 14

Our Sunday school program is in recess for the summer beginning May 21, and we will honor our teachers and helpers and celebrate the program year of Christian Education during worship on Sunday, May 14. Join us in worship that day as we give thanks for the teachers and volunteers who help teach students of all ages more about the Bible, our faith, and our call to discipleship.

Summer Worship Services begin June 11

Our summer worship services will begin Sunday, June 11. The time of the summer services will be 9:30 a.m., and the choir will be in recess for the duration of the summer. Summer music is needed! If you, or someone you know, is willing to offer music for our summer services, please speak with Stephanie Hill, Kolleen Taylor or Sunshine Yoders.

Spring Clean-Up

Church family

A great big huge thanks from Mission Board to all those who came out Tuesday, April 11 and did such a SUPER job cleaning up the Boone River Trail. When you walk or bike the section from Des Moines Street to Ohio Street you will see a section of the trail that is much cleaner than it was April 10!! Thank you from Mission Board and as you will read below thank you from the city.

On behalf of the city of Webster City, I would like to thank all of you who recently picked up litter along the Boone River Recreational Trail. We are very lucky having your group help us keep the beautiful trail clean of any litter. By not only acknowledging your service to the community, I would like to have others made aware the need for volunteers and keeping Webster City clean.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Kent Harfst

Women's Fellowship Spring Thrift Sale

Our Thrift Sale was a huge success again!! Give yourselves a pat on the back. We raised approx. \$1475 before expenses. These profits will help us give support to many deserving organizations in this community and around the world, I especially want to "Thank" each of you

who helped donate, sort or unbox items, clean-up and haul the leftovers, bring food for workers, or worked during the sale. This project could not have been done without your help and support.

The next sale will be Sept 22 & 23

Thank you all so much!!!

Cindy Henning

Chairperson, Thrift Sale

Easter day bingo for our young people, hosted by Mary Van Diest.



On April 12 our KLAB kids visited Almost Home no-kill animal shelter, toured the facility and presented a check from their dog treat fundraiser.





Treasurer's Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Pledges and Offerings	\$14,519.00	\$50,292.12
Other Income	.25	1.06
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,519.25	\$50,293.18
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Outreach and Mission	.00	\$3,166.52
Pastoral Services	11,273.54	22,146.88
Maintenance and Repairs	4,238.89	9,118.73
Church Office	2,571.64	9,915.16
Music Ministry	643.75	2,183.50
Christian Education	.00	116.90
Local Ministry	0.00	0.00
Misc. Expenses	137.59	526.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,865.41	\$47,174.33

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Webster City, Iowa

Cabinet Meeting – April 11, 2017

Members Present:

Moderator-----	Pastor-----Rev. Craig Blaufuss
Vice-Moderator----Donna Ryherd	Trustees-----Joyce Gelhaus
Finance Sec.-----Tracy Wehrhan	Women's Fellowship-Karin Yungclas
Finance-----Dale Olson	Mission-----Karin Yungclas
Staff/Parish-----	Worship-----Mary Vavroch
Christian Ed-----Vicki Blaufuss	Evangelism-----Laurie Epps
Treasurer-----Tracy Wehrhan	Clerk-----Mary Van Diest

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-Moderator, Donna Ryherd. "Continual Cross Correction" devotion, followed by a prayer was given by Pastor Craig. Vicki moved and Dale seconded to approve the minutes of the March Cabinet meeting as printed. Tracy gave the treasurer's report as follows: March Offering--\$14, 119.00 and Expenses---\$18, 460.46. Tracy moved to put the report to audit. Vicki seconded. Motion carried. Highlights from the boards were given: **Christian Ed**-Vicki reported that Participation Sunday will be May 14, 2017. **Finance Board**-Tracy reported that the \$710 repair of the projector will come from the Building Fund.

Stephen Ministry-has four matches. **Trustees**-Joyce reported that the Flower Chart will be on the bulletin board by the office. She will do the spring cleanup around the church. **Women's Fellowship**-Karin reported

that the care centers birthday parties will be on May 4, on May 24th the May Dinner will be held at 5:30 with the men preparing and serving the dinner and Mayflower Circle providing the dessert. Cindy Henning, Stephanie Hill and Karin Yungclas will decide how to and where to distribute the Fellowships' funds. **Evangelism**-Laurie Epps reported that they are taking over the ushers and greeter duties with Wilma Riensel responsible for volunteers for the next two months.

Old Business: Al Yungclas waters the piano when Don Bruner is not in town.

New Business: Scholarships—the Finance Committee is responsible for the distribution of the scholarship funds. Applications are due June 30, 2017. The May and June bulletins will have information on the scholarships. The forms are available any time at the church office.

Dates to Remember: June 4th (Pentecost Sunday) confirmation will be at 10:30 am worship service; June 11th-summer worship hours begin at 9:30 am; Saturday, 18th of June will be a 5:00 pm service; September 10th worship service will begin at 10:30 am.

NEXT CABINET MEETING- MAY 9, 2017 AT 7:00 PM.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Pastor: On April 2nd, Rich Pleva joined us in worship and presented his message of thanks for our OCWM support of the often “invisible” work of the Iowa conference and wider denomination. On Palm Sunday the baptism of Mattie Ann Byrne was held. On Maundy Thursday we gathered in the sanctuary to remember the final events of Jesus' life leading to his crucifixion. The Christian Ed Board is offering a light breakfast at 9:30 on Easter Sunday. There will be no fellowship coffee after church on Easter Sunday. Pew communion will be served at the 10:30 am Easter service. The Shalom Circle has met three times during Lent and plans to continue to meet as participants' schedules allow. KLAB will not be held on March 15th due to Spring Break and also the following Wednesday will be cancelled due to the pastor's absence. On Wednesday, April 12th, KLAB will tour Almost Home animal Shelter. The final session of KLAB will be May 3rd, will travel to Dairy Queen for treats that day. A lock-in is in the works, but has not yet been scheduled. The Adult Education Class has concluded the topic of “White Privilege” and will be holding Bible studies until we break for summer recess. The Confirmation Class met on March 12th to discuss the topic “the Church” but cancelled March 21 due to the death of the pastor's uncle. The class is scheduled to meet on April 23rd and 30th and on May 30th the class will help serve the Beacon of Hope meal. There are four Stephen Ministers matched with care receivers. The Stephen Ministers met on April 6th for their monthly 2 hour session, hearing check-ins and studying the topic of “process versus results in caregiving”. The Association Meeting will be on April 29th. Bryan Sirchio, progressive Christian composer and musician, will be with us as a guest musician and presenter of the morning program. Leon's will cater the noon meal for \$10 per plate-reservations are required for that meal-otherwise attendees will need to leave the church to secure lunch on their own. We will be asking for donations of bars as snacks for meeting. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the meeting will begin at 10:00 am, with a morning worship service, Sirchio's program, lunch, the annual business meeting and concluding with a service of Holy Communion. The meeting should conclude by 3:00 pm. The Conference OWCM Thank You retreat was on Friday, March 31st, with Marjorie Groves and the pastor attending this 24 hour retreat sponsored by the Iowa Conference. The guest of honor was the UCC General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer. We learned that the Iowa Conference will continue to focus on supporting the Search and Call process, pastoral formation, and developing future leadership. With the new Conference Collaboration Proposal being implemented in 2018, the reduced staff in Iowa will not be able to attend to all our local church needs or problems, nor will the conference spend time trying to keep churches in the UCC who no longer wish to remain as part of our denomination. At the National Level, Rev. Dorhauer spoke of his mandate to lead the UCC in a time of transition, helping the UCC renew our emphasis on our denominations' unique perspective on the gospel, envisioning new ways of being “church” beyond our buildings and traditional institutions, and changing our narrative of decline and diminishment to a focus on our invitation to “love” and how we share that

invitation with others. He noted that there are now only 110 employees of the UCC in the National Office, and that each employee is rewriting their job description to emphasize how their position fits in the overall missional priorities of the UCC. The UCC will continue to use technology to leverage our mission and our proclamation—including developing a new UCC app for smartphones that will allow easier communication and searches for information than is currently available via our website. As part of the minister's training for the CoM, and in order to familiarize CoM members with the new Manual on Ministry for the UCC, Pastor Craig will be attending a training event in Chicago on Monday, April 24th through Tuesday, April 25th.

Mission Board: Met on March 30th for their April meeting. \$900.00 has been donated for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$866.00 was collected for the Domestic Sexual Assault Outreach Center cake auction. On March 21st, our church served the meal at the Beacon of Hope shelter for homeless men in Fort Dodge. We are grateful for all who gave food, prepared the meal and served it. Marjorie Groves is captain for the next meal—May 30th. Alyssa Kenville will chair our church's participation in the Relay for Life, on June 22nd, with Marjorie assisting her. Alyssa has begun to promote luminarias and ask the Sunday School teachers if their classes can assist her in decorating the luminarias. Pastor Craig gives the opening prayer for the Relay. The Mission Board, on behalf of our church's team, had signed up to host coffee fellowship time and will set out the pickle jar on May 7th. Five visitors from the All Cultures Equal Community Center were guest of the Mission Board, sharing information on immigration documentation. Gayle Olson will prepare a sign-up sheet for our church's Backpack Program packing. We will pack on April 25th and need 12-15 persons for our team. Children can participate if each has an adult supervising him/her, can keep up with the packing and stays on task. The Mission Board invites the congregation to join them for their Spring Clean-up activity—removing trash left along the Briggs Woods Trail. Gayle has talked with Kent Harfst, assistant city manager, and will supply the garbage bags and gloves and have the filled bags removed. We will meet at City Park (formerly campground) on April 11 and ask participants to come to the parking lot 4:30-5:00 pm. The Mission Board agreed that our church should be involved in the Summer Lunch Program. We again will be the lead group, first to help with the project, beginning on June 12th. Gayle will chair the volunteer sign-up. The Ice Cream Social fund-raising event, a partnership between our church and Faith United Methodist will be held at our church this year. The date to be determined. Karin Yungclas and Audrey Burtnett will co-chair our church's involvement.

Finance Board: Met on April 9th with Nate Lahr, Duane Vavroch, Don Bruner, Dale Olson and Tracy Wehrhan present. They reviewed the March Treasurer's Report. Tracy noted that we are presently sitting good for income but reminded the board that the slow income months of the summer are coming and we have very little reserves in the bonds interest account to cover expenses. They reviewed the bond interest that was received in 2016. Transfers have been made for the bond offsets and moved to the brokerage accounts. There is also a bond coming due in April and Tracy will get information for the purchase of new investment to replace the current bond. They reviewed the accounts that were moved from WCF Finance and First American Bank to First State Bank. A new resolution was drafted for all the accounts at First State Bank with Tracy Wehrhan, Nate Lahr and Dalene Schlitter listed for full access to all accounts and Michele listed to obtain needed information only. Tracy reminded the board that at the last meeting they approved that the repairs to the video projector and the new battery backup system was coming from the building fund account. The total cost for the project repair was approximately \$460.00 and the cost of the battery back and surge protector was under \$250.00. They reviewed the scholarship protocol and available funds available for each scholarship. Dale asked the board to consider using one scholarship from the Bess Lyons funds for a seminary student. After some discussion, it was decided that Tracy would check into the restrictions listed for this scholarship to see if would be possible.

Evangelism Board: Met on February 14th with Kay Harfst, Wilma Reinsel, Dawn Holdgrafer, Laurie Epps and Pastor Craig present. Sharon Perry was unable to attend. Pastor Craig offered a prayer to center our hearts and minds. He shared updates and concerns for our members in need of our prayers and support. We continue to send We Care Cards. As this was our first meeting following the inception of the revised board and committee structure, we recognize and acknowledge the Stephen Minister Program and the Parish Nurse Program will no longer fall under the duties of our board. We have absorbed the duties of the Hospitality Committee which

constitutes securing greeters and ushers for Sunday services. The board agreed each member would take the lead on ensuring there was coverage for greeters and ushers for two months as follows: Dawn-March and April; Wilma-May and June; Kay-July and August; Sharon-September and October; Laurie-November and December. To the congregation, the board reminds us that we are always in need of volunteers for the role of greeter/usher on Sunday's. Please volunteer early—or late for that matter! If you arrive on Sunday morning and see the need we are always welcome for the help. Next meeting is March 14th, at 6:15 pm.

Board of Trustees: Met on March 16th with Tom Riemenschneider, Tracy Wehrhan, Joyce Gelhaus and Sherry Leksell present. Absent were Bruce Perry and Pastor Craig. Old Business—Outside firebox-it is up and functional. Tom called the fire chief for permission to mount it to its present location. The outside door, pastor's office, office and all other keys to doors that re locked in the building are in it. The police and fire chief have copies for the codes. Outside sign-Joyce has not heard from Ray Kinnetz. The timer on the light needs to be reset after the power went out. We will fix it at the end of the meeting. Vacuum-It has been repaired and Curt McCoskey reports that it is working better. Also, he and Lorraine are very appreciative of having it repaired. Boiler and basement rooms-The relay pump was not working correctly and has now been fixed. This was the cause of cold rooms in the basement. In the future, Tom will be taught how to drain the pumps for maintenance. Back Hallway-Holly Riemenschneider is going to be asked if she is willing to paint it. Curt also is going to be asked about the bride's bathroom and ladybugs in the back hallway. Tom will address this. Joyce has two gallons of light gray paint that she could donate for church use. New Business—the extra set of keys for the two east door are kept with Joyce. Trustees got message from the alarm system to inform them the power went off. The sump pump was checked and everything was in working order. The projector in the sanctuary has been taken down and the Pastor is looking in to costs for repair. Tom made a motion that we purchase a surge protector and a new battery backup for about \$400.00 Tracy seconded and motion carried. There have been two requests for use of the church. One by WCCT auditions and another for a baby shower on April 1st. Sherry is responsible for unlocking and locking the door. A discussion on the media room for painting and updating was tabled until a later date. When the piano tuner from Ft. Dodge came to tune the grand piano on the 14th, she found the water was completely dry. Technically, the piano is under the auspices of worship board and music committee. It was unclear who scheduled the tuning, but in the future, Michele should be informed. Music committee should be in charge of piano maintenance. Don Bruner takes care of this when he is in church. Joyce will contact Cindy Henning to assign responsibilities when Don is not here. The chancel committee would like to put up a larger flower chart. Joyce will talk to Craig about one permanent spot. The Chancel committee will pay for this. Tom made a motion that the chancel committee has our permission if they will cover the cost of the bulletin board. Tracy seconded. Motion passed. The next meeting will be April 20th at 7:00 pm.

Women's Fellowship: Kay Harfst read the pastor's report. Easter activities begin at 9:30 with a light breakfast and activity for the kids downstairs The baptism of Matte Byrne, daughter of Matt Byrne and Kim Peck will be on Palm Sunday Association Annual Meeting will be hosted by our church on Saturday, April 29th. The special guest and presenter will be Brian Sirchio. Leon's will cater, lasagna, salad, garlic toast and a dessert for \$10. Everyone is welcome. Sympathy cards, thinking of you and get well cards have been sent to those in need. The May birthday party will be Thursday, May 4th. Cindy will arrange a short program. Each circle is responsible for two dozen cookies by noon. Crestview at 2:00 with cookies, Southfield at 2:45 (they are providing cookies). The May Dinner will be May 24th. DSAOC will present the program. Pastor Craig and the men will prepare the meal. Mayflower will provide dessert and Providence will do the tables. The committee to disburse money at end of program year will be Cindy Henning, Stephanie Hill and Karin Yungclas. Please ask in your circles of any group needing help. The Lenten Luncheons will be our responsibility in 2019!!

At 7:45 pm Tracy moved and Joyce seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Cabinet Meeting is May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Van Diest, Church Clerk

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Address Service Requested

God is still speaking
to everyone in the home of: