



Grace Notes

Enjoying the Gift of God Together at FCPC!

February 2015

February Anniversaries

John and Brenda Orr

February 13, 1988

Gregg and Cheryl Miller

February 21, 1987

**Melaney Towerton and
John Musser**

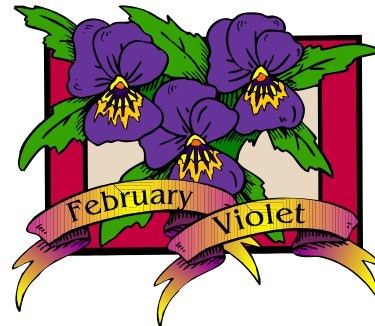
February 24, 2001



What Fort Calhoun
Presbyterian Church believes
and tries to practice to be is a
church that provides
opportunities for all to serve, to
celebrate, to worship and to
share in the active pursuit of a
life in Christ.

February Birthdays

Fred Schutz	February 1
Leah Jane Nelson	February 4
Lauren Nelson	February 4
Mary Jo Dolinsky	February 8
Gene Ohrt	February 9
Daryl Arndt	February 10
Richard Burmeister	February 10
Ben Swanson	February 10
Cheryl Miller	February 11
Linda Bluedorn	February 12
Nancy Boyer	February 14
David Ludwig	February 14
Jake Penas	February 17
Andrew Shields	February 17
Michelle Quinlan	February 19
Agnes Smith	February 19
Darrell Vandermeulen	February 19
Joe Genoways	February 22
JJ Shields	February 22
Clayton Bolen	February 27
Ron Frahm	February 27



PASTOR'S CORNER

“And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation. ¹⁸ May you have power together with all the Lord’s holy people to understand Christ’s love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. ¹⁹ And may you know his love, even though it can’t be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.”

Paul prays that this church will enjoy many things from God. I pray this as well for us as we head in the deep of winter because as the winter months draw on we can get down and loose our passions for faith and life. Let Paul’s words guide you into examining your life:

1. Your love is the first part of his prayer. He prays for us to have deep roots of love. He doesn’t want us to have a shallow love, but have people in our lives who keep us strong and nourished. Even though February has Valentine’s Day, this passage reminds us to make sure the loves of our life are strong. So take time this month to express to those you love your appreciation.
2. Your foundation is strong. He prays for the church to be standing on God’s Word and experience. In the middle of this month we begin our Lenten journey, which is a time to examine how strong and firm is our faith in God. Are we being just a fan of God – just watching from the sidelines but never participating in what God is doing in our midst? I pray that we will examine how strong our faith is - our faith is being attacked from all sides and if we are not standing strong in what we believe we can let foolishness and laziness weaken our faith and life. So take time this month to examine the strength of your faith.
3. Your togetherness to be the Lord’s holy people. He prays that they stay together! My prayer is for us to continue to be moving together as a people. Life is busy – I know that! My priorities, though, include time with my brothers and sisters in faith – through worship, prayer, meals, games, and or mission. How are you spending time with our church family? If you have gotten away from meeting together, it is easy to start again through worship – it is the same time every week. This will allow us to grow deeper friendships and really understand God’s love. So take this month to challenge yourself to gather with your church family.
4. Your knowledge of the love of Christ. His final prayer for the people he loved was that they would know how much God loves them. Isn’t love a wonderful thing, and knowing without a shadow of doubt that God loves you can fill you and me with what we need to enjoy this life, and to face its challenges head on. Remember that knowing this love of God isn’t head knowledge, it is heart and gut knowledge – knowing to the very core of your being and caring to do something about it. So this month have a long, long, long conversation with yourself on how well do you know the love of Christ.

The reason you do this examination? Here is what Paul says “then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.” Ephesians 4:14

Let’s face it there is a lot of voices and noise out in our world today trying to get us to not care about our faith or about our brothers and sisters in the faith. The key to discipleship is that we spend time understanding and experiencing the love of God. So may we all enjoy deepening our faith and exploring areas that we have never gone before in understanding our awesome God!

Blood Drive
February 1, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

**Bring a friend and donate
 together!**

**If you have any questions or wish
 to volunteer or donate, please
 contact Jim Morley.**



**American
 Red Cross**



**February—*Sarah's Secret Key*
 by Tatiana Derosnay**

Next Meeting—February 17, 2015

Please invite a friend to join you!

Check out our new website!

www.fcpchurch.com

Want to Learn to Knit?

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

2:00-4:00 p.m.

FCPC Fellowship Hall

Lessons are taught.

**Contact Alice Ludwig, if you have any
 questions, otherwise just show up and have
 some fun and maybe cross something off
 your bucket list!**



NEW WEEK DAY BIBLE STUDY

**A NEW WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY HAS
 BEGUN— THURSDAYS, AT 10:00 A.M.
 WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH 1 & 2
 COINTHIANS. EACH WEEK WE WILL
 BE GOING TO A CHAPTER OR SECTION
 TO HELP US SEE WHAT THE EARLY
 CHURCH WAS DEALING WITH.**

**WHICH WILL HELP US
 UNDERSTAND HOW WE MIGHT DEAL
 WITH SIMILAR ISSUES TODAY.**

**THE STUDY IS OPEN TO ANYONE, JUST
 BRING YOUR BIBLE AND AN
 ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT.**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED
 FOR FEBRUARY 12TH.**



The Food Pantry is in need of :
Tuna
 So for the month of February we will
 collect Tuna to help stock their
 shelves!

Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU!

With the new year well under way,
 the Administration Team would like
 to thank those who do so much to
 keep our church clean, neat and
 ready for worship.

These custodial jobs are not the most
 pleasant or rewarding but they are
 essential for the upkeep of our
 church.

The following people are helping in
 the current quarter. When you see
 these people, please take a moment to
 thank them for their time and effort.

Jill Shields
 Linda Dorrell
 Kristy Bolen
 Jim Morley
 Kathy Morley
 Ritch Nelson
 Cheryl Miller
 Landon Miller
 The Everswick Family
 The Melville Family
 Barb Moriarty
 Towerton/Musser Family

And visit the sign up sheet in the
 Sanctuary and help when and where
 you can.

Usher/Greeters and Liturgist Schedule

Usher/Greeters

8:30 am

February 1	Nancy Goldapp and Mary Jo
February 8	Steve and Robin Anderson
February 15	Jim and Kathy Morley
February 22	Pat Nelson

10:45 am

February 1	The Shaner Family
February 8	John and Becky Grabow
February 15	The Klabunde Family
February 22	Josh and Ronee Christensen

Liturgists:

8:30 am

February 1	Don Johnson
February 8	Jill Shields
February 15	Stu Sprick
February 22	Paul Oestmann

10:45 am

February 1	Kristy Bolen
February 8	Sheri White
February 15	Melaney Towerton
February 22	Joanne Slader

Audio Visual Team:

February 1	Mike Moriarty
February 8	Laura Shaner
February 15	Jill Shields
February 22	Jim Morley

Senior High Youth Group February 2015 Calendar

2/1/15	Open Door Mission
2/8/15	Small Groups Meet
2/15/15	Sweetheart Dinner
2/22/15	Small Groups Meet

**Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
The Sweetheart Dinner is near,
I plan to be there,
Hope you do too!**

**Valentine's Dinner
Sunday, February 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

**Youth Group Fundraiser
\$25.00 per couple
\$13.00 per person**

**Please visit the sign up sheet to
make your menu selection.**

Childcare will also be provided



2015 Church Elders/Deacons

Administration: Dave Stevens, Jeff Shaner, John Orr
 Congregation: Sheri White, Wendy Allely
 Education: Shawn Klabunde, Julie Shaffer
 Outreach: Ronee Christensen, Dale Everswick, Michelle Quinlan
 Worship: Andy Melville, Megan Moriarty

Treasurer: Jim Morley Clerk: Nancy Boyer

Deacons: Alice Ludwig, Christ Nanfito, Glenda Rathjen,
 Julie Lester, Katie Moriarty, Daryl Arndt, Pat Arndt,
 Linda Bluedorn, Melaney Towerton

Session Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
Deacons Meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

**Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church is a Church
Community that welcomes people wherever they
are on their faith journey.**

**If you know of someone that may be interested in
more information about FCPC or you are a
regular visitor that would like to talk to someone
about joining the church, please contact a member
of the Outreach Team or Pastor Miller.**

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**Ronee Christensen
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**Michelle Quinlan
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Lifetree Café

**Wednesday
7:30 pm
Too Far North**

Come Join the Conversation!

**Sunday
9:30 am
Adult Faith Village**





SPAYghetti
Fundraising Dinner

SATURDAY, February 7th
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1656 Colfax Street, Blair NE
5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

**Support the Friends of the Jeanette Hunt Animal Shelter's
Spay & Neuter Programs!**

- **Silent Auction**
- **Live Music!**
- **Raffles**
- **Information Sharing!**



Advance Sale:
\$25.00/seat
Day of: \$30.00/seat

Dinner by


Spaghetti & Choice of 3 Sauces,
Garlic Bread, Salad and Dessert!

Cupcakes by


Buy Your Tickets Online!
www.BlairAnimalShelter.ORG
or call
(402) 676-3359





Ash Wednesday Service – February 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

“Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”
Hebrews 12:1b

Being a Follow of Jesus takes discipline! This year's Lenten journey is all about removing those sins that keep us down and not getting any traction in your life. Let us be disciplined in our life with God – Come and begin Lent by getting in spiritual shape!

CROSSROADS CONNECTION FEBRUARY 22, 2015

We are in need of side dishes, desserts and servers. Please visit the sign-up sheets on the table in the Sanctuary and help where you can.

We will leave the Church at 5:00 pm that evening to serve at this wonderful ministry.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please pick up a Church Directory located on the Table in the Sanctuary.

Thank Jill Shields for the work that she did in getting this Directory done.



NOT A FAN – Lenten Study beginning February 22nd @ 9:30 a.m. – Faith Village

fan: an enthusiastic admirer.

In the Gospels, Jesus never seemed too interested in fans.

Is that how you define your relationship with Him? An "enthusiastic admirer"?

Close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close to require sacrifice?

He was looking for followers. Not just any follower though, but a...

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

How would things change if you lived as Jesus lived, and loved the way He loved?

Maybe you're ready to join the hundreds of people who have stepped across a line and said:
I am not a fan.

Spend the next six weeks following a family who make the choice to change their walk with God. We will follow them and challenge ourselves at the same time. Invite someone to join with you for this important look at our walk with God.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Congregation Team would like to start a Church Prayer Chain.

This will be a great way for our Congregation to keep informed about the people in our Church.

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please put your phone number or e-mail address on the Sign-Up Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheri White.

Low Impact Aerobics

**Every Monday, Wednesday
and Friday.**

9:30 a.m.

FCPC

Fellowship Hall



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00-3:00 FCPC Blood Drive	2 Pastor Miller in Hastings for Pastor School	3 Pastor Miller in Hastings for Pastor School	4 Pastor Miller in Hastings for Pastor School	5 Pastor Miller in Hastings for Pastor School	6 Pastor Miller in Hastings for Pastor School	7 2:00 pm Knitting Lessons
8 6:00 pm Sr. High YG Small Groups	9	10	11 6:00-8:30 pm Teams and Session Meeting	12	13	14
15 6:00 pm Sweetheart Dinner	16	17 7:00 pm Book Club	18 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Lifetree Cafe	19 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	20	21 2:00 pm Knitting Lesson
22 5:00 pm Crossroads Connection 6:00 pm Sr. High YG Small Groups	23	24 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl	25 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Lifetree Cafe	26	27	28

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