



Bridge View

Keeping the Congregation, Community and the Church informed



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**Per Capita per member
for fiscal year 2012.**

General Assembly	\$6.63
Synod	\$5.00
Presbytery	\$20.00
Total	\$31.63

**Christmas Eve
Service**

*Join us for our Christmas
Eve communion and new
members service at 7 P.M.*

Don't forget

*We will have worship on
Christmas Day at 10:00 A.M.
This will be a casual service.*

To the Saints at Christ Church;

Christmas is almost here. This Sunday will be the fourth Sunday in Advent when we think about how God prepared the world for his first coming and we prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming. Soon many of us will be gathered with friends and family as we celebrate that first Christmas when God outdid himself by becoming human.

With our preoccupation with material gifts – things we can touch, see, feel and handle – it is good to think about the other gifts we have been given this Christmas.

The first is relationships. Christmas celebrations 'work' because it is a time when family and friends get together. Some of the most memorable gifts this season come not with great glitz and glamour, but because someone took time to demonstrate how important we are to them. It is a time to renew old relationships and make new ones.

The second gift is that of community. Last Sunday was the installation service when the congregation and I made promises to each other. It was a great service made possible by the many contributions of the Christ Church community. This is a place where we pray for each other and care for each other. This is the place where we come together as the local expression of the body of Christ.

The third gift we are given is the opportunity to pass on the gifts God has given us. Just as the first Christmas was about God giving to the world, this Christmas should also be about how we imitate our heavenly father by giving to those close to us and those in need.

It is a joy and delight to be the called and installed pastor. This is a wonderful Christmas gift. As we celebrate our call together to be the body of Christ, let us also show God's love as we rejoice in God's many gifts to us.

Celebrating God's consistent and incredible love,

Tim
Pastor Tim

Rev. Ronald Lewis

Rev. Ronald A. Lewis, 58, of Cedar Rapids, died Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at his home. Celebration of Life: was at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids by Rev. Dr. Katie Hopper, with military honors. Family greeted friends from 4-7 p.m. Monday, November 28 at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Marion.



Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Susan; two daughters, Amy (Scott) Shoemaker of Omaha, and Lisa (Rob) Dean of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren, Joey, Elizabeth, Grace, Noah, Aaron, and a greatly anticipated grandson, Lucas, due in December; four sisters, Deanna (John) Sammons, Elsie (Frank) Larkin, Frances (Frank) Perkins, and Sadie (Marlin) Halsey, all of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ron was born March 23, 1953, the son of Ashby and Sue (Merriman) Lewis, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. On August 17, 1974, Ron was united in marriage to Susan Christiansen in Fonda, Iowa. He had proudly pastored at Zion Presbyterian Church in Coggon and Christ Church Presbyterian in Cedar Rapids, until his retirement in November 2010. Ron enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of American Legion Post #727 of Cedar Rapids, and was an active member of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Presbytery of East Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Ron's memory.

Waiting to Blossom

A 1979 song called "The Rose" (written by Amanda McBroom and made popular by Bette Midler) encourages listeners to keep the faith, even when the source of our hope isn't visible.

In the depths of winter, we especially need the reminder that beneath mounds of snow lie seeds already being prepared to burst forth "with the sun's love" into springtime flowers.

When you're in the cold depths of despair, grief, illness or other struggles, remember the deeply buried seed. Beyond your view, God's love is already tending that seed, readying it to blossom into healing, new friendship, joy and life.

Cleveland Elementary School Early Dismissal Schedule

January, 2012

January 11: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal
January 25: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal

February, 2012

February 8: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal

March, 2012

March 14: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal

April, 2012

April 6: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal Fri.
April 18: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal

May, 2012

May 2: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal
May 16: Staff Learning Day
- Early Dismissal

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. —Author unknown

Ushers & Greeters



Head Usher

Head Usher: TBA
Alternate: Chris Ogden

Lay Leaders

1st Ann Heisdorffer

Sanctuary Greeters

1st Doralee Ainsworth & Ann Heisdorffer
8th Craig, Ellisha, Tyler, Garret & Gabrielle Bennink
15th Bill & LaVelleMcQuiston
22nd Connie Malmer & Doralee Ainsworth
29th Larry & Cathy Martinson

Entry Greeters

1st Dick & Doris Ekstrand
8th Doug & Jan Feil
Alt: TBA

Transportation & Coffee

Transportation: TBA
Alt: Chris Ogden

Coffee duties: Luedtka's
Alt. Dohrmann's

Chancel Guild

TBA



This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

Mick & Cheryl Miller	1/8/77
Leo & Leorita Hauschildt	1/13/68
Larry & Sherry Pipkin	1/14/56
Robert & Mary Alice Levi	1/31/48

Birthdays

Mary Remington	1/3
Brittany Norris	1/14
Cathy Martinson	1/17
Lila Olmstead	1/18
Dave Metz	1/24
Doug Feil	1/26
Addison Furry	1/30
Mick Miller	1/31

If I have over looked your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office, 364-3612, so we can update our records. If you are new to our church family, we would also like to have the same information, along with your phone number and email address, so that we can include you on our mailing list and directory.

Thank you,
Judi

SAVE the DATE!

July 18 – 22, 2012

Plan now to attend the
2012 Church wide Gathering of
Presbyterian Women
in Orlando, Florida!
www.pcusa.org/pw

January Food Bank

January Food Bank donations (food or money) will go to Linn Community Food Bank. Thank you for helping to feed our brothers and sisters in need. The Deacons

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:








1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6" -long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.









A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenica			
___ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

___ pdeesh		
___ dchilnero		
___ drove		
___ acehtr		
___ sarcos		
___ nusoaatim		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

January 2012



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1	9:30 Adult Study; 10:30 Worship; 11:45 Youth SS	3	5 pm Weight Watchers	4	7 Men's Breakfast 1 pm CWAP 6:30 pm Choir pct.	5	6	7
8	8:30 Bell pct; 9:30 Adult Study; 10:30 Worship/ Communion; 11:45 Youth SS	10	5 pm Weight Watchers	11	1 pm Cleveland Kids 6:30 pm Choir pct	12	13	14 6 pm God's Gang
15	8:30 Bell pct; 9:30 Adult Study; 10:30 Worship; 11:45 Youth SS	17	5 pm Weight Watchers	18	7 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Sunshine Circle 6:30 pm Choir pct.,	19	20	21
22	8:30 Bell pct; 9:30 Adult Study; 10:30 Worship; 11:45 Youth SS; Newsletter Deadline	24	5 pm Weight Watchers	25	1 pm Cleveland Kids 6:30 pm Choir pct..	26	27	28
29	8:30 Bell pct; 9:30 Adult Study; 10:30 Worship; 11:45 Youth SS;	31	5 pm Weight Watchers					

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