



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
DECEMBER 2015



Friends in Christ—

Advent arrives. And once again in the chill air we sense the call to change our direction, to do something new. We sense that all is not calm, all is not bright.

John the Baptist, echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah tells us to prepare the way of the Lord: “Every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight.” As much as any year, we recognize this December how much preparation needs to be done, how much change is needed in our own hearts and in the world.

John Polkinghorne, the physicist and an Anglican priest, wrote that “In Advent we think about the coming of Christ, particularly that first coming in Bethlehem and that final coming at the end of the age to judge the world. But the truth of the matter is that Christ comes to us every day, anonymously, in the people in need who cross our path. . . . We need to pray for grace to perceive the need of those we encounter, for, although that need will sometimes be obvious, quite often it will be veiled. . . . We also need to pray for the wisdom and generosity that will enable us to play our part in the meeting of that need”

Prepare the way.

Let us take those words as *good* news.

It has been said that preparing means accepting the forgiveness that is offered: The valleys which John wants us to fill up are valleys of fear which, when it is excessive, leads to discouragement when we see our lives as they really are. Fill up the valleys, that is, fill your heart with confidence and hope because the transforming love of God is closer than you think.

True repentance begins with the good news that we are loved by God—right now in our hectic, noisy, crowded lives. We are children of God. Courageously and painstakingly we reorient our priorities, learn new patterns, and turn our faces, like the sunflower, toward the dawning of the light of God.

We actively bring about the advent, the coming of God into the world.

Bill

INTERFAITH STATEMENT ON THE RAISING OF THE MINIMUM WAGE

As representatives from diverse religious traditions, we applaud and support the Johnson County Board of Supervisors passage of a wage increase ordinance.

We believe that this is a step in the right direction for all public and private sector employers in Johnson County not only because it is just, but because it enhances the quality of life for everyone – especially those individuals earning low wages who must work two or three jobs in order to pay for the basic necessities of life such as housing, medical care and food.

We commend and are encouraged by small business owners in our area who are already leading the way by paying their employees above the minimum wage because this fair practice is good for business, it stimulates the local economy and helps lift people out of poverty.

Faced with an 18% poverty rate in our county, we believe that a higher minimum wage will help reduce the impact rising poverty has on our schools, housing needs and social services. And while we are aware of the role that “charity” plays in certain circumstances we are convinced that “justice” for workers and their families is the far superior way of addressing these concerns.

Therefore, we call upon you as elected leaders to further the common good and quality of life in our city and county by supporting and promoting an increase of the hourly minimum wage safeguarding the prescribed increments of \$8.20 on November 1, 2015, \$9.15 on May 1, 2016 and \$10.10 January 1, 2017 and for qualifying tipped employees at: \$4.92/hour November 1, 2015, \$5.49/hour May 1, 2016, and \$6.06/hour January 1, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Fr. Rudolph Juarez, St. Patrick Catholic Church
Rev. John Greve, New Song Episcopal Church
Pastor Bob Loffer, Faith United Church of Christ
Rev. William Lovin, Congregational United Church of Christ
Pastor Dorothy Whiston, First Baptist Church
Pastor Scott Roser, First Baptist Church
Pastor Anthony Smith, New Creations International Church
Rev. Tom and Adey Wassink, Senior Pastors, Sanctuary Community Church
Rev. David Borger Germann, Associate Pastor, Sanctuary Community Church
Rev. Dan Kolander, Interim Senior Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Pastor Bev Marshall-Goodell, Grace United Methodist Church
Father Steve Witt, St. Mary Catholic Church
Rev. Armel Fandohan, Senior Pastor, Voice of Christ Ministries International
Pastor Sean McRoberts, St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Father Stephen Page, St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Pastor Gloria Villatoro, Iglesia Torre Fuerte
Pastor Scott Kober, UMC, Solon
Anna Kusiak, Iowa City Friends Meeting
Ruth Dawson, Iowa City Friends Meeting
Carolyn Otis, Coralville Community Church of Christ
Consultation of Religious Communities (CRC)
Pastor Sam Massey, First Presbyterian Church

TRANSITIONS AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Long time member Glenna Cobb died on Saturday, November 28th. Her memorial service will be on December 21st at 3 p.m. with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. in Rockwood Hall and a reception following the service also in Rockwood Hall.

During worship on the last Sunday in October, 11 men and women were welcomed into membership in Congregational UCC. They are:

Sharon Garton— Sharon is a South Dakota native who has lived in Iowa City since 1967. Now retired, she was a teacher for 37 years. She enjoys antique shopping, auctions, canoeing, reading, and working with her golden retriever, Sophie. Word has it that she makes wonderful desserts.

Lenore Maybaum and Nathan Morton— Lenore is an Assistant Professor of English at Kirkwood Community College, where she's taught composition and literature courses for ten years. She received her Ph.D. from the UI in late 2013, just in time for the birth of their fourth son, Willem. She is passionate about homebirth, adult literacy, and restoring old Moffit cottages. Nathan is an Academic Advisor at the UI and an artist. He received his MFA in sculpture from UI in 2009. He and Lenore have been married for over ten years. In addition to Willem (20 mos.), they are the parents of Noam (8), Jasper (6), and Renn (4).

Dale and Patty Roberts—Dale is a retired physician, Patty a retired nurse. They have two grown children. They lived in Iowa City for ten years over thirty years ago. After spending many years in Louisville, KY, they recently returned to Iowa City.

Stephen Warren and Kristy Nabhan-Warren—Stephen is an Associate Professor of American History in the area of Native American history at the UI. Kristy is the V.O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Fellow in Catholic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies. They have three children, Cormac, Josie, and Declan.

Dean Logan and Jeff Schabilion—Dean recently retired and moved to live in Iowa City full time. He is interested in gardening, classical music, and 19th century glassware. Dean has two adult daughters. Jeff retired from UI where he served for forty years as professor and Chairman of the Botany and Biology departments. He is a founding member of United Action for Youth and Friends of Historic Preservation. His interests include gardening (especially hostas), historic preservation, and rocks and fossils.

Ed and Becky Keogh—new residents of Iowa City who moved here so Ed could pursue a Ph.D. in Classics. They lived in four different states in five years and are eager to make Iowa City their home. They like UCC congregations because of the tradition and the sense of inclusion. Becky, a former university softball coach, works as an admis-

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

♦ ADVENT, CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS AT CONGREGATIONAL UCC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6: Second Sunday in Advent—Saint-Saens' *Oratorio de Noel* presented by the choir during worship. Advent Pot Luck Lunch in Rockwood Hall after worship. Mission Board's "Gifting Outside the Box" in Rockwood Hall after worship.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13: Third Sunday in Advent— Children's Pageant during worship and Caroling with the Choir in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 5:30. Bring your family, your relatives, your friends, or come by yourself. A warm and joy-filled celebration of God's love shared with us in Jesus. Gala reception follows.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10: Epiphany Sunday—Celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship. Epiphany Cake and crowning of the king/queen in Rockwood Hall after worship.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES Cont.

◆ PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANNUAL GIFTS FOR PARENTS PROJECT

Every December we collect and distribute gift items that are appropriate for children ages 3 to 14 to give to their parents and other significant adults in their lives. This annual, city-wide event gives children an opportunity to experience the joy of giving. Volunteers help the children choose presents from among items donated for up to four adults in their lives. Other volunteers wrap the gifts. All enjoy a free pancake breakfast provided by St. Mark's United Methodist Men beginning at 8 AM on December 5th. Please check your closets and shelves for those "white elephants" that someone else might enjoy, or the extra wrapping paper, bows, and boxes you have tucked away. A collection box will be placed in Rockwood Hall for your new or slightly used items **and will be collected and delivered to St Mark's on December 3**. If you have the time to help, volunteers are needed to set up and sort gifts on Friday, December 4th, starting at 9 AM. Volunteers are also needed to escort the kids and wrap gifts (bring your own scissors) on December 5th, starting at 8:30 AM. **For more information, contact Edie Roberts at edie-roberts@uiowa.edu.**

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24. At 5:30 p.m. we will have a service for people of all ages. This will include a special time for children, special music, Christmas carols, a reading of the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke, and lighting of candles. If you would like to be an usher for this worship service, please sign up in Rockwood Hall or call the church office.

Everyone is invited to the gala reception in Rockwood Hall after worship. This is a warm and wonderful time of fellowship and a chance to catch up with students and friends who are home for the holidays. The reception will be even better if you volunteer to bring some cookies or other goodies to share. Sign up in Rockwood Hall or call the church office to let us know what you're bringing.

Members and friends may provide poinsettias for the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship service. If you would like to remember or honor someone with a poinsettia, please let the church office know that you will bring a poinsettia and the name of the person by December 19.

◆ GIVING AT YEAR END

The end of the year is a good time to remember the commitments we made during the year. Sometimes we forget about a gift we wanted to make: a gift to the food pantry; extra support for a particular program; a memorial gift for someone special; or even a commitment to the general ministries or Capital Campaign of Congregational UCC. Now is the time to make that gift! The calendar year is rapidly coming to a close. If you want to include that gift in your charitable deduction for tax purposes this year, now is the time. All gifts received before December 30th will go on the 2015 tax year. And thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

◆ THE CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

Each year our Christmas Fund Offering allows the UCC to assist retired pastors living on limited incomes as well as to supplement small retirement annuities and health premiums and to provide emergency grants to active and retired clergy and lay employees. The mission of the Christmas Fund is to provide assistance dollars in situations of critical need, while preserving the dignity of those who receive the aid. We will receive the Christmas Fund Offering during our 5:30pm worship on Christmas Eve. Please remember that your generous contributions can and do make a difference in the lives of many people.

◆ UPCOMING LECTURE

Congregational United Church of Christ member and author Marilyn Robinson will be appearing at the Englert Theater on December 9 at 5:30 pm in downtown Iowa City. Her lecture is entitled "The American Scholar" based on the essay of the same name by Ralph Waldo Emerson and known as "America's Intellectual Declaration of Independence". The lecture is free.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued

◆ COLLECTING FOR THE CRISIS CENTER FOOD BANK AND SHELTER HOUSE

Continuing through December, The Mission Board would like to have all of us consider contributing generously to two of our local missions . These have both been long standing projects of the Congregational Church. The needs, as always, continue to be great. Your donations may be placed in the collection box in Rockwood Hall where you will also find take-aways lists of needed items. **For more information, contact Edie Roberts at edie-roberts@uiowa.edu.**

Shelter House Items of Greatest Need:

Toothpaste (full and travel-sized tubes)

Body Wash

Toilet paper

Laundry detergent (high efficiency and regular)

Lotion

Foot powder

Grocery store gift cards

Over-the-counter medications: Antihistamine, Sinus Medication, Acetaminophen and DayQuil

Diapers (Size 3 and up)

Facial Tissue

Deodorant

Shampoo/Conditioner

Hotel/sample sizes: shampoo, conditioner, lotion

Ear Plugs

Iowa City/Coralville bus passes or strip tickets

Crisis Center Food Bank Top 10 Needed Donations:

Financial Donations

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pastas & Rice

Hearty Soups & Stews

Baby Formula & Food

Toilet Paper

Canned Fruits and 100% Fruit Juice

Canned Vegetables

Baby Diapers (all sizes)

Laundry Detergent

◆ VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

The Ten Thousand Villages pop-up store at 112 E Washington St., Iowa City, is seeking volunteers who are interested in assisting customers. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit organization with the goal of bringing quality, fair trade products to the Iowa City area. Products include artisan-crafted gifts, home decor, jewelry, personal accessories, textiles, art, and sculptures from over 130 artisan groups in 38 countries around the world. Three-hour work shifts are available from now through December. Contact iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com or [330-310-3750](tel:330-310-3750) if you are interested in helping. Volunteering also gives you opportunity to check out the Villages products for your Christmas gift giving.

◆ OFFICE CLOSED REMINDERS

The Church Office will be closed on the following dates: December 24 and 25. The office will reopen on December 28 at 9am. The office will also be closed December 31 and January 1 and will reopen on January 4 at 9am.

◆ FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

Our church served **170** lunches on November 30th at 1105 Gilbert Court. Many thanks to the following UCC members who donated and prepared food and/or served and cleaned the facility.

◆ CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Each December members of our church choir join with other members of the congregation in singing Christmas carols at various locations. This year we will sing together on December 13th beginning at 3pm. This is a great way to share the joy of the Christmas season. There will be a reception afterwards at Oaknoll's new addition on George Street in The Bistro on 3rd. Check back to the Newsletter in the next couple of days—the schedule and times will be added or check the church bulletins.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES Continued

◆ PRAYER/MEDITATION GROUP MEETS WEEKLY

Wednesdays at Noon in the Sanctuary: You are invited to join others for a time of silent prayer and meditation each Wednesday at noon. After a brief reading, participants sit silently for about 20 minutes. We conclude our time together with a brief period of conversation. This group is open to everyone. You do not need to attend every week

LOOKING AHEAD

◆ UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your Calendars for the upcoming Annual Meeting on January 31st. We will meet in the sanctuary following our 10:15 worship service. Reports will be given by Boards and Committees, we will vote on the budget for 2016 and transact any other necessary business. Copies of the Annual Report will be available by Sunday, January 24th. Thanks to all of our current and future board and committee members for their time, effort and guidance.

◆ PLANNING FOR A NEW WEBSITE:

We are looking for anyone interested in helping develop our new website. All experience levels needed. We need a small group to look at how we want to proceed and how to choose who will build the website and what content will be included. This will be a short term project. Our website is the first thing many people encounter when they are looking for a church. It is the “new front door”. Our current website has been great but it is time to update and get mobile friendly. What do you think we need to have on our new website? Do you have ideas? We want to hear from you. There are countless options, styles and set ups available. Take a little time and browse other church websites. It is very informative. Start with some UCC churches. There are many that have great websites. Let us know what you like and what you don't. We will begin our planning very soon and your input will help. If you are interested in being part of this short term interesting project, please let the office know. We are eager to get started. Cynthia Kemp and James Robinson

◆ RIPON COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS TO PERFORM IN MARCH

On March 13, 2016 there will be a special edition of Sundays at Four featuring a concert by Ripon College Chamber Singers directed by Dr. John C. Hughes.

As you may remember, John was the choir director for three years at our church following the retirement of Dr. Richard Bloesch. He received his DMA in choral conducting from the University of Iowa and took the job as director of choral activities at Ripon College in Ripon, WI. Now in his second year at Ripon he will be touring with his premier group this spring and will include Iowa City on the schedule.

We need help from the congregation to provide housing for the choir members and we plan to provide the Sunday evening meal for the choir. Several folks have volunteered housing and help but more are needed. If you have room for one or several students please let Marie von Behren know. Thank you for welcoming John and family back to Iowa City.

◆ WORK CAMP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016

Following a planning meeting on November 15, two week-long work camps are scheduled for 2016. During the week of **March 14-18** (which is Spring Break for the University and Iowa City Schools) we will be working at the former post office in Coralville to get it ready for and to help with moving the Ecumenical Food Pantry to a new location there. We will be working mainly out-of-doors at the Village Community during the week of **June 20-24**. We are still hoping to plan an international work camp with the medical clinic in Dominica or through the Global Ministries of the Disciples/UCC but those opportunities are not yet organized enough for us to commit to them.

Your Gift Can Benefit Generations

Do you have a hard time imagining your name among some of the famous philanthropists in history? While few have the resources of Bill Gates or Warren Buffet, you can create a gift that will have a lasting impact on the Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

When planning for your health care and retirement you might consider a modest or substantial gift to the Endowment Fund of the Congregational Church.

Tax-deferred retirement plan assets and life insurance policies are two of the simplest assets to give away. Contact the administrator of your retirement plan or your insurance carrier and request a new beneficiary-designation form. You may direct that our church receive all or a portion of the asset by adding the Endowment Fund of the Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Iowa City, IA and our taxpayer I.D. number to the form.

While funds in qualified retirement plans grow on a tax-deferred basis, when they are distributed they are subject to income tax. This tax is paid by the recipient – by you while you are receiving payment, by your beneficiaries following your death. Because the church is a tax-exempt organization, any funds directed to the Endowment Fund are paid tax-free so the full value of your asset will go to work supporting the Congregation Church initiatives that are most meaningful to you.

Plan for a gift to the Endowment Fund and leave a legacy.

If you would like more information or have questions, contact a member of the Stewardship Board.

Stewardship Board Chairman,
Bryan Clemons

OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

An Egg Is An Egg

By Nicki Weiss

Ever notice how, sometimes, the most simple book is able to convey one of the most important ideas? The book I am going to review is new to our library. It was recommended by a member of our church, Jasper Morton. Jasper read the book to me and I was so impressed, I found a copy for our library, although the book is now out-of-print.

“A gentle and comforting story about a small boy and his mother as they discuss the changes in the simple things around them. An egg becomes a chick; a seed becomes a flower; day becomes night. But the important thing—the love they share—never changes. A wonderful progression is maintained throughout in text, page colors, and illustrations. Weiss employs a two-sentence refrain to reinforce the theme. Repetition of the soft green, yellow, and pink pages provides visual continuity as do the illustrations—a small element from one picture carries over to the next one. . . . the large print and overall concept widens this book's use to a slightly older audience. . . . Children will identify with the spare, childlike colored pencil illustrations and will find warmth and reassurance in the familiar objects, the repetitive phrases, and the love between mother and child.”—Jane Marino, School Library Journal

Of course, when I first heard this book, my thoughts continued on to, “We are children of God and God's love for us never changes.” But, this is a book that can also be used to discuss sad topics, such as divorce, death, and moving to a new home. It is a soothing show of continuation through change for very young children and a jumping off point to discuss these issues with older children. All of the illustrations point out the fact that change is common and not all bad. In fact, good things do come from change.

Look for this book (and others) on the library shelves in Rockwood Hall. And explore the rest of our library for cold weather reading with no due dates.

Eddie Roberts
Library Committee



Our Adult Library

The Givenness of Things

By

Marilynne Robinson

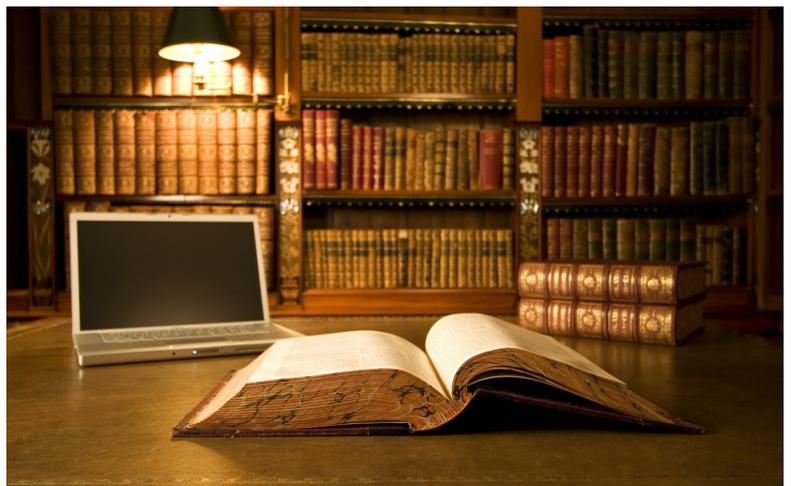
This is my favorite quote from Marilynne Robinson's latest book, a collection of seventeen essays based on lectures given throughout the U.S. and Europe:

“Open a book and a voice speaks. A world, more or less alien or welcoming, emerges to enrich a reader's store of hypotheses about how life is to be understood. As with scientific hypotheses, even failure is meaningful, a test of the boundaries of credibility.”

Throughout the essays, Marilynne gives insights to events of the world now and throughout history. Calm assurances to the reader that are often needed in this very tumultuous time of fear and finger-pointing.

A thought-provoking read that is available for checkout from our Church Library.

Andrea Rauer
Library Committee



Serving Our Church

In the Congregational United Church of Christ, we all share in performing duties for the worship service. A list is provided each month for the assignments of Greeters, Ushers and Hospitality.

Please arrive one-half hour before the service, which begins at 10:15 am.

If you cannot serve on the assigned date, please call someone else on the list to arrange a trade with them.

Please let the Deacon of the Month, Tarin Bell, know of any changes.

She can be reached at 515-310-2813 or cell tarinjbelle@gmail.com

DECEMBER	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
6	Diana Baculis Jane Murphy	Elizabeth Oakes Eugene Buck Emily and Ethan Buck	William and Jody Murph
13	Elain Donnoe Vickie Korroch	TBD Bob and Gloria Hanson	Diane Olson and Darin Wells
20	Ryan Downing Jen Sherer	John Fuller Blair Klinefelter James and Diane Jetter	Dwight and Connie Schumm
27	Pat Goeldner Shelagh Hayreh	William, Becky, Catharine and Benjamin Hoefler	James Robinson Megan Carnes

STATEMENT BY GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

In recent days, the world has witnessed heinous acts of violence in Beirut and Paris. These horrible attacks have claimed the lives of more than 170 people, and traumatized so many others physically, emotionally, and spiritually. In the aftermath of this violence, we observe a time of silence and offer our fervent prayers for all who have suffered this week.

As so often, it was the innocent and unsuspecting civilians who are the victims. Shopping, enjoying a sporting event, or a musical concert, Parisians and Beirutis suddenly faced indiscriminate violence and tragedy. We pray for them, for their families and friends, and for the people of France and Lebanon as they mourn—and fear—the renewal of terror on their soil. The Common Global Ministries Board of Directors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, meeting this weekend in Cleveland, Ohio, wishes to express its sympathy for and solidarity with church partners in France and in Lebanon, and with the people of those countries who live with questions about the future of their own safety and security in an uncertain time.

Our churches deplore and condemn this—and all—violence that has shattered hopes and dreams, knowing that violence is never the way to strive to attain a better and more abundant life. And we believe that violence in retaliation is too easy a response.

The group known as the “Islamic State” (sometimes referred to as ISIL and ISIS) has claimed responsibility for these two attacks, as well as the downing of the Russian airplane returning from Sharm al-Shaikh, Egypt with more than 200 vacationers on board last week. There were no survivors of that crash. We reject the use of religion to justify violence. We will continue to be among the many voices of churches and faith-based organizations—Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and others—that steadfastly oppose such violence, and that detest the employment of sacred texts to justify such acts.

We work and pray for reconciliation and peace with justice among God’s people and for creation. We yearn for the day when grievances and aggression shall be no more, and the lion can lay down with the lamb. We walk with the people of Lebanon and France, of the Middle East and Europe, and of the entire world, accompanying them in their times of tragedy and despair, hoping with them for release. We acknowledge the pain of the refugee and displaced who long for home; and of parents whose children’s futures seem bleak. We imagine the end of violence and conflict among nations, faith communities, and people, and cry unto God that God’s vision for creation be revealed. In your mercy, God, hear our prayer. Amen.

Cleveland, Ohio
November 14, 2015



DECEMBER 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -Foreign Relations Lunch Noon -Diaconate 7pm -Mission Bd 7pm	2 -Midday Prayer-Meditation Noon	3 - UCC Choir Practice 6pm -Literacy Class 6:30pm	4 -CRC Presents for Parents Set Up 9am - Orchestra Rehearsal 4pm - UCC Choir Practice 4:30pm	5 - CRC Presents for Parents 8:30am at St Mark's United Methodist
6 -Choir 9:00am -Choir Special Music -Church School 9:15am -Worship 10:15am -Chinese School 1:30pm -Coffee Sales -Advent Potluck -Alternative Gift Sale	7	8 -Christian Ed Bd 7pm	9 -Midday Prayer-Meditation Noon - FRC Lunch Noon -Marilyn Robinson @ Englert 5:30pm - Council 7:30pm	10 - U of I Graduate Brass Quintet Rehearsal 9:00am -Literacy Class 6:30pm -Voices of Soul 6:30pm	11	12 -Children's Concert Rehearsal TBD
13 -Church School - 9:15am -Worship 10:15am -Children's Christmas Pageant -Last Chinese School 1:30pm -Christmas Caroling 3pm	14 - U of I Graduate Brass Quintet Concert 7:30pm	15 -Stewardship 4pm -Membership 5:30pm -Trustees 7pm	16 -Midday Prayer-Meditation Noon	17 -Women's Lunch -Literacy Class 6:30pm	18 -Piano Recital 5:30pm	19 -Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at Waterfront HyVee -Piano Recital 2pm-9pm
20 -Choir 9:00am -Worship 10:15am -Piano Recital 5pm	21 -Glenna Cobb Memorial Service 2pm Visitation 3pm Service -Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 Midday Prayer/Meditation Noon	24 -Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 -Christmas Fund Offering OFFICE CLOSED	25 Christmas OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 -Church School 9:15 -Worship 10:15	28	29	30 -Midday Prayer-Meditation Noon	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 2016 OFFICE CLOSED	

Happy Birthday

1 Richard Bloesch
Sarah Myers

13 Carroll Hanson
Mary Shepherd
Bill Leefers

3 Laura Umlah

16 Rod Malcolm

4 John Reitz
Jane Murphy

17 Heather Leighton-Dick

5 Diane Jetter

20 Dwight Schumm

9 Diana Coberly
Chris Knapp
Benjamin Day

23 Eric Jetter

27 Sue Wolken

10 David Deifell

29 Sheilah McKenna

12 Alex Hansche
Emily Buck

30 Mark Whittaker

31 Rick Ruppert



Many happy returns of the day!

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DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking is available evenings and all day Sunday at the IMU or North Hall Parking Ramps.

Ask your usher for a voucher (or get one from the church office).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Church Office is open Monday - Friday 9-3pm

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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