

First Presbyterian Church  
1220 South Market Street, P.O. Box 758  
Lake Park, IA 51347  
Church Office: 712-832-3401  
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

# WE OUR SPONSORS

Want to honor a special event or loved one?  
Reserve your special events for 2022 Now!  
Sunday Worship Bulletin: \$15.00  
Sponsor a Newsletter: \$50.00

The March, April & May newsletter are available to sponsor. All but one week in February, March and April are available to sponsor a bulletin. Please contact the Secretary to be put on the calendar!

**In the Service of the Lord**  
**Flower Chairperson**  
Marcia Schumacher

**Did you miss a Sunday?**  
Please visit our website [www.fpclakepark.org](http://www.fpclakepark.org)  
Audio Worship Services Available

**Newsletter Sponsor**  
Betty McClure

**Month Attendance & Giving**  
**01/02/22 - No Service (cold weather)**  
**01/09/22 - 23 - \$ 2,074.00**  
**01/16/22 - 21 - \$ 2,769.00**

**01/23/22 - 25 - \$ 2,722.62**  
**Per Capita for 2022 is \$43.00**  
**Per Capita Paid for 2022 is 12**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY**  
**Many Blessings to you all!**

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 - Angela Boles & Jeanie Hawn  
5 - Diana Jacobsen & Chloe Manwarren  
8 - Denise Tuinstra  
9 - Karla Bevers  
12 - Jocelyn Ehret  
14 - Denise Lev  
16 - Sally Ingwersen  
18 - Carl Ingwersen & Merle Wiese  
20 - Bryce Perkins

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES** 23 - Donna & Dennis  
Stoltenberg

## **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, **Office will be closed**  
**Wed. Feb. 9, 2022.**

**EASTER LILY ORDERS (6" Lilies) ARE DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2022, by 5:00 pm, to our Office Secretary.** You may have your flowers dedicated in memory of loved ones. *Please bring your Order, Payment, and Dedication to the Office Secretary, who will be placing one order by March 1, which is the floral shop dead-line. Thank you!*

## **Communion Servers - FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Set Up: Nancy Younie,  
Assistant: Linda Nissen

**On January 9, Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries,** gave a great presentation on "The Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation". Two handouts were given to attendees, which are on the office bulletin board.

1. Diagram showing the bell-curve of **Lines of Vitality vs. Lines of Sustainability**. Pastor McMullen stated FPC is at the Bureaucratization state (upper right portion of bell curve).

2. **Seven Marks of Congregational Vitality Survey Form** to be completed by each member and discussed with FPC leaders. The form is "designed to help you understand the attitudes, opinions, and perceptions of worshipers and leaders in your congregations"... by "assessing its strengths based on seven marks of congregational vitality—discipleship, outward focus, evangelism, servant leadership, worship, caring relationships, and ecclesial health"... (Source: <https://uscongregations.pcusa.org>)

**“SOUPER” BOWL Community Event Sunday, Feb. 13th, 11:30am - 12:30pm**

**Cost: Free Will Offering** This event is an FPC Soup & Fellowship Fundraiser, serving Chili and Potato Soups.

**Invite your friends, families & neighbors to attend!**

**\*\* 7-8 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED\*\*** To donate food items, prep soup ingredients, cook soups, set up serving line & tables, bus tables, clean up, wash dishes, take down & clean tables, take out trash, etc.

**Sign-up Sheets** will be passed around during Worship Service on *Sundays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6.*

**Please sign up** for the activities *for each day* you can help: **Fri., Feb. 11, Sat., Feb. 12, and Sun., Feb. 13.**

**If you miss a Sunday & would like to volunteer to help or bring soup ingredients and food items, please call the Office Secretary during normal office hours.** Would prefer a phone call so we can ask each other questions, if needed. Office Hours: Tue-Fri., 2-5pm. 712-832-3401.

#### **FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE**

**“SOUPER” BOWL FUNDRAISER Event Date: Feb. 13, 2022**  
**Sign-up Sheets\* will be available on Sundays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2022 to sign up to bring food, do food prep & cook, serve food, or clean up before / during / after the event.**

**Food needs have already been met. Need Kitchen Help and Cooks to make Crockpot Potato Soup.**

#### **VOLUNTEER & FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Feb 11, 12:00 pm: Food Donation Volunteers:** Please have all food donations to the church kitchen or office by Friday, Feb. 11 at 12:00 pm. If you have cold food donations, please put into refrigerator. *Note the Office is closed on Wed, Feb. 9.*

**Friday, Feb 11, 12:30 pm: Chili Soup Prep & Cook Volunteers and Set-up crew** – *Still in need of 2 people for this day.* Tasks: Chili Soup food prep, cook chili soup, set up serving line, set up tables & wash dishes. (\*\*Potato soup will not be prepped or made today.)

**Saturday, Feb. 12 OR Sunday Morning, Feb. 13: Potato Soup Volunteers** - *\*\*Still in need of 4 people to make Crockpot Potato Soup at your own home. Recipe can be picked up in office or be emailed to you.* Tasks: You will purchase & donate the ingredients, make the Potato Soup, deliver soup in crockpot to Church Kitchen on Sun., Feb. 13 **BY 10am.**

**Sunday, Feb 13 – Event Day Potato Soup & Kitchen Help**  
*Still in need of 2 people to help throughout the day, see schedule below:*

\* 10:00-10:30am:

**\*\* Crockpot Potato Soup:** Cooks will deliver their cooked Potato Soup in crockpots to be heated by Kitchen Help.

**\*\* 3 Kitchen Helpers:** Tasks: to heat soups, set up serving line, wash dishes, etc. as needed.

\* 11:30am-1:30pm:

**\*\* 3 Kitchen Helpers:** *Still need 1 Kitchen helper,* Tasks: Serve soups, pour drinks, bus tables, wash dishes, etc. as needed.

\* 12:30pm-1:30pm:

**\*\* 3 Kitchen Helpers:** *Still need 1 Kitchen helper,* Tasks: Bus tables, wash dishes, clean up tables, take out trash, etc. as needed.

## **SESSION NOTES**

### **Highlights of Annual Meeting**

The congregation approved the budget and reports as they were presented.

Pastor Ullom discussed a couple possible things that could happen in the future regarding our church hiring a Pastor; one was working with Round Lake Presbyterian Church and the other is working with a National PCUSA program called Pathways to Renewal.

The Nominating Team was only to recruit two nominees for the three elder positions and they were Richard “Dick” McClain and Marcia Schumacher. The congregation accepted the nominees and elected them to their three-year terms, and they were installed.

The Nominating Team said they could not find anybody to fill the two deacon positions, nor could they find anyone to fill the teams. If anyone is interested in serving as an Elder, Deacon or on any of the teams please contact the Clerk of Session.

### **Highlights of January Session Meeting**

Session welcomed back Marcia Schumacher and Dick McClain back to the Session.

The Session appointed Brian Kessler as Clerk of Session and Commissioner to Presbytery, Jeanie Hawn as Treasurer, Ann McClain as Assistant Treasurer. United Community Bank was chosen as the church’s financial institution, and the Treasurer’s and Assistant Treasurer’s signatures on the General Fund, Deacons Fund, and Memorial Fund accounts.

The second Tuesday of the month was selected as the night the Session would meet at 6:30 PM.

Communion was scheduled to be monthly, unless there was no one qualified to administer communion in each month.

The Session discussed changing insurance coverage as our current insurance coverage was getting more expensive and not covering as much. The Session met with Huisenga Pearson Insurance of Sibley, Iowa and compared coverages, and after good discussion, the Session voted to switch insurance starting March 1. The coverage is with Grinnell Mutual insurance and is a little higher than our current coverage, but gives us more coverage on the Church, Bell Tower, and the Manse.

Session approved donating one-time funds to Wendy and Mike Buchanan (daughter of Carl Gochnauer) in their funds became too low to handle everything.

The Session approved the purchasing of a Culligan water softener for the church, with it being noted that we had received a donation to cover the cost of a new water softener.

Building and Grounds team reported the Manse has been rented starting February 1st.

The Session approved three fundraisers in the coming months, “Souper Bowl” on February 13th, “Baked Potato Bar” on March 13th, and a Lenten season fundraiser (like we did last year), all to go to lowering our roof loan.

Next meeting was set for February 8th, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

~ **Message from The Session** ~

Last year during Lent we had a special time of giving to bring down the principle on our roof loan. It was very successful and because of that our loan balance now is near only \$16,000.00! We started at \$26,000.00. We would like to encourage this same program again this year. Please pray about your part in this. Our monthly payment is \$240.00. Any amount that is given at this time will go directly to the principle. We will begin this drive on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), and it will last until Easter (April 17, 2022). Gifts may be given on Sunday morning with your offering or you may drop off your offering at the church office or at United Community Bank. Please be sure to designate that it is for the “Roof Fund Drive”.

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church Lake Park**

**CHERISH HOUSE**, a maternity home located in Spirit Lake, is in **immediate need of Relief House Parents to serve, as needed**, when the regular relief house parents are unable to be there.

This position is approximately a 48 Hour shift, two - three times per month, to serve expectant women and their children at Cherish House.

House Parents are key in developing resident character, entailing constant mentoring, role modeling, advising, etc. House Parents serve, support, love, and supervise expectant mothers and their children, modeling a healthy, spiritual and moral marriage and home. The House Parents set and maintain

healthy boundaries and loving relationships for residents within a family environment.

If you or someone you know would like to help, **Please Email Your Resume To: [info@cherishcenter.org](mailto:info@cherishcenter.org)**

**For questions, please contact:**

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