

January 2017

## Report from the December Session Meeting

The regular meeting of Session was held on December 15 with Rev. Larry Lalama moderating. Ruling Elders in attendance were Nancy McEwen, Dana Vargo, Rich Wilder, Don McDonald, Bill Patt, Chris Evans, Debbie Feichter, Gary Werner, Carl Wise, Camille Leslie, Cheryl Anderson, and Roger Sibert. Deacon representative was Carolyn Kennen. Elder Wilder offered devotions followed by review of the church family prayer list and opening prayer by Rev. Lalama.

### General Business

- Approved minutes of the October 20, 2016 and November 18, 2016 regular meetings of Session.
- Approved request from Amber Barlow to use the church for a Girl Scout reunion on Saturday, December 17.
- Approved request from Heather Vignos to use the church social hall and kitchen for a benefit pancake breakfast for the Bagnoli family on Saturday, January 28, 2017.
- Approve motion to remove Mildred Sibert from church rolls due to death.
- Approved pastor's vacation request for February 20 through February 26, 2017.
- Approved Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt to fill the pulpit on Sunday, February 26, 2017.
- Approved reelection of David Rankl as church treasurer for 2017.
- Approved Sunday, January 29, 2017 for annual congregational/corporation meeting.

### Report of the Pastor

Pastor Lalama submitted a written report recapping his activity since the November Session meeting. He reported 6 hospital visitations and 3 home visitations. He officiated 5 funerals, 2 baptisms, conducted 1 pre-baptismal counseling session, attended 4 church committee meetings, and led 4 Sunday worship services. Several other activities were noted.

### From the Ministries

- Approved the Report of the Treasurer which showed an Operating Fund Balance of - \$1,959.68 as of November 30, 2016.
- Approved motion to provide a \$100 Christmas bonus for each staff member.
- General discussions regarding Christmas morning worship, additional duties for office manager position, fund investment, first reading of proposed budget for 2017, Share-a-Gift, church directories, Need-a-Lunch kitchen leadership, work of Team Vision 21.1, and activities of Deacons.

### Report of the Clerk

- Holy Communion served on December 4, 2016 to 169 communicants.
- Death of Mildred "De" Sibert (11/21/16)

***Respectfully Submitted by Roger Sibert, Clerk of Session***

### Congregational Meeting

At its regular meeting on December 15, Session approved the date of Sunday, January 29 for the first of our two annual congregational/corporation meetings. It will be conducted immediately following worship. There will be four items of business: 1) Review of 2016 finances, 2) Presentation of the 2017 budget, 3) Vote on pastor's terms of call for 2017, 4) Report of the Nominating Committee.

### Communion Date Change

Please note that the celebration of Holy Communion will be during worship on Sunday, January 8, 2017 rather than the usual first Sunday. Rev. John Lane will be preaching on January 1 in Pastor Larry's absence.

**Happy New Year**

## January Birthdays

Meredith Rankl-----2  
 Jeffrey Fogle -----3  
 Happy Snively -----4  
 Beverly Denholm -----5  
 Robert Phillips-----5  
 Louis Lalama -----5  
 Keith Paulus -----6  
 Vanessa Lash -----7  
 Gloria Armitage -----8  
 Jeff Busby -----9  
 Marilyn Fogle----- 10  
 Phil Kennen -----13  
 Jean Rice -----13  
 Mary Sloan -----14  
 Grace Erichsen -----16  
 Rich Long -----16  
 Madeia Mendenhall-----16  
 Melissa Price-----17  
 Samantha Smith-----18  
 JoAnn Mungo-----18  
 Dot Homman -----21  
 Grace Kanipe -----21  
 Larry Lalama ----- 26  
 Carl Wise ----- 29  
 Lorna Patt-----31  
 Bob Thatcher -----31

**Fellowship  
Hour**

Westminster  
Class

**Card  
Ministry**

Brenda Wise

## Please Pray for:

Marie Buckey ----- Caldwell  
 Chuck Cochran ----- Rose Lane  
 Earl Coen -----Regency  
 Mickey Coen ----- Hanover House  
 Patty Daughenbaugh ----- The Landing  
 Margaret Fetzer ----- Altercare Navarre  
 Dick & Sally Frieg ----- Amherst Meadows  
 Herm McClurg----- Home  
 Barbara Mertes -----Inn at Belden Village  
 Jenny O'Connor ----- The Danbury  
 Orson Rice -----Brewster Park  
 Hank & Genie Ross ----- Home  
 Annitta Schrickel----- Tuttle Crossing  
 Hermine Schwendiman ----- Amherst  
 Walker Smith -----Inn at Belden Village  
 Happy Snively ----- Home  
 Velda Snyder----- Hospitality House  
 Helen Swann----- Amherst Meadows

## Hospitalized In December

Bea King  
 Don McDonald  
 Gene Pfeiffer

## January Anniversaries

Gunther & Judith Lill-----5  
 Bill & Lorna Patt----- 26  
 Bill & Marcia Indorf----- 29

## January Greeters

Dana Vargo ----- 1  
 Rich Wilder & Carol Hauenstein -----8  
 Joanne Williams & Judy Miday ----- 15  
 Jean Rice & Camille Leslie ----- 22  
 Dave & Linda Pfeiffer ----- 29

## January Liturgists

Rich Wilder ----- 1  
 Roger Sibert-----8  
 Don McDonald -----15  
 Beverly Denholm ----- 22  
 Tom Madaffer ----- 29

## Stewardship of Attendance

December 4-----196  
 December 11---- 186  
 December 18 ----137  
 Christmas Eve-- 265  
**Average-----196**

Blessings Joy  
 Hope Life  
 Love Peace  
 Happiness Faith

## Financial Snapshot

	<u>As of November 30, 2016</u>	<u>As of November 30, 2015</u>
YTD Receipts -----	\$290,134.22	----- -- \$307,742.23
YTD Disbursements -----	\$301,562.84	----- - \$300,608.61
YTD Surfeit -----	\$(11,428.62)	----- ---- \$7,133.62
Operating Fund Balance ----	\$(1,959.68)	----- --- \$16,590.62

Thank you for your faithful giving over the course of 2016!

## A Little Funny



## Thank You

Greetings to you from Iowa. Tim and I are adjusting to our new community, reacquainting ourselves as alumni with the Iowa State University, and enjoying being close to family. Thank you to the church, Deacons, members and friends for encouragement, love and prayers that sustained me to accomplish the planning, work, and travel of our move, as well as through the 21 years of membership at Central. I **know** God's plan for my life led me to this faith community and made it possible to be involved, serve, and grow in this church. The lovely planter gift is doing well. Thank you. Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,  
Pat Tuberty

## Pancake Breakfast Saturday, January 28 8a.m.-Noon

Central Presbyterian will host a benefit pancake breakfast for Stephanie Bañoli, a friend of the Viñnos family, who is struggling with thyroid cancer. She is a single mother, 2 of her children suffer with serious medical disorders as well. She is struggling with medical bills and to keep her home. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us!!!

## Cash Crew Reminder

Don McDonald begins on January 1, 2017 and completes it on January 22. Bud Shaffer begins his schedule on January 29 and completes it on February 19. Please report to the office after worship on your scheduled Sundays. If you have any conflicts please contact Bob Dawson.

## We Share Your Loss

We extend our sympathies to Jackie Pfeiffer, and to the many family and friends of **Gene Pfeiffer** who was called home to glory on December 19 at the age of 87. Services were conducted for Gene on December 23 with Pastor Larry officiating and son-in-law Greg Hollinger providing a ministry of music. Inurnment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery at a later date.

We also send our condolences to Harold Weatherbee, family and friends of Harold's sister **Myrna Goldsberry** who was received into the arms of the Lord on December 19. She was 78 years of age. Private services were conducted for Myrna at Rose Hill Memorial Garden on December 28.

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."**

*John 14:1-4*

Pancake  
Breakfast



## [Need A Lunch](#)

The Need A Lunch Christmas dinner was served to about 140 guests and servers. Dinner consisting of turkey, ham, stuffing, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and gravy. The food preparation was performed by Char Bickel, her son Brian and his girlfriend Anna on Friday in honor of Randy. They have expressed interest in continuing the food preparation for the Christmas dinner as an annual tradition. Saturday morning the church was busy with preparations for the Need a Lunch events. Tom, Joanne, and Nancy prepped the food for serving. An artistic group frosted cut out cookies for desert. Christmas gifts were prepared for give away to the children including a raffle for a bicycle. The clothes closet was open for business. The cleanup crew was busy with the dishes. Grab bags with supplies and other goodies were prepared and given to each guest as they left for home. Susan Rooney presented The Need A Lunch a sympathy card for the loss of Randy Bickel. Merry Christmas.

## [An Awesome Program!](#)

Under the leadership of Director **Pauline Lawrence**, Musical Directors **Rachael Fleischaker** and **Jacquie Ferrel**, and accompanist **Leigh Conti**, our children presented a delightful Christmas Musical entitled *“Jesus Means Christmas”* on Sunday, December 11. Performed in five scenes, the children sang *“Emmanuel,” “Angels from the Realms of Glory”* (solo by **Audrey Baker**), *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”* (solo by **Alyssa Georgiou**), *“Sing We Now of Christmas,”* and *“Silent Night”* (solos by **Riley Price, Ian Fleischaker, Olivia Fleischaker, and Grace Kanipe**). Other youth participating in the program were **Sydney Price, Abigail Kanipe, Morgan Price, Kaylee Rankl, Lincoln Shaw, Piper Werner, Anna Rankl, Maddox Werner, Hollie Beltz, and Will Beltz**. We also extend our thanks to sound staff **Jen Shaw and David Rankl**, and to ushers **Craig Aguon and Olivia Aguon**.

## [Thank You 2016 Liturgists](#)

An important element of our weekly worship leadership is the work of our liturgists who open our services with a call to worship, prayer of confession, and assurance of pardon. The liturgists also serve as Scripture readers, collectors of prayer concerns, and call the congregation to our time of offering. We extend our gratitude to these who have offered their leadership over the past year: **Elisa Castile, Don McDonald, Stew Fryer, Pat Tuberty, Shannon Baker, Bev Denholm, Tom Madaffer, Bob Dawson, Dale Smith, Carrie Paisley, John Beltz, Rosie Sikorsky, Ellen Baker, Rachael Fleischaker, Charla Paulus, Mike Cosgrove, Patrick Baker, Barb Cornell, Camille Leslie, Carl Wise, Rich Wilder, Bob Porter, Sue Kelewae, Roger Sibert, Darlene Johanning, and Ann Butler**. If you would be interested in serving as a liturgist, please contact the church office. Liturgists typically serve once or twice per year.

## [Outreach Ministry Highlights](#)

### **Report of Christmas Past:**

Our mitten tree gathered 122 items of hats, gloves, scarves, and headbands for youth and adults that were donated to Salvation Army for distribution to families of our community in need of warm clothing.



The church adopted 6 families from Salvation Army. The church family provided a gift of clothing and 2 toys for each child 14 years and younger. We provided a gift of their choice to each adult or young adult age 15 or older. The church provided each family with food certificate, from money given with gold stars, from giant Eagle for the family to purchase their Christmas meal and possible 2-3 additional meals. The families picked up their gifts on Saturday December 17. The Outreach Ministry would like to thank the entire congregation for their support of this huge project.





# JANUARY



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Rev. John Lane preaching 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway	2	3 8:00 Men's Prayer Group	4 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	5 6:30 Human Resources	6 Pastor's Day off	7
8	Communion 10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship	9 ABLE 1:00 Quilters & Shawl Ministry 7:00 Men's Study	10 ABLE 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Trustees & Outreach	11 ABLE 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	12 7:00 Deacons	13 Pastor's Day off	14 Need A Lunch
15	10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Nominating Committee	16 MLK Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12:00 Stark County Srv. Bd. 1:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	17 ABLE 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 Team Vision	18 ABLE 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	19 6:30 Session	20 Pastor's Day off	21
22	10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Fellowship	23 1:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	24 ABLE 8:00 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 Faith & Nurture	25 ABLE 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir	26 Pastor's Day off	27 Pastor's Day off	28 Pancake Breakfast 8am -Noon
29	10:30 Worship 10:45 Gateway 11:30 Congregational Meeting Fellowship	30 ABLE 1:00 Quilters 7:00 Men's Study	31 ABLE 8:00 Men's Prayer Group				