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8:15—9:30 AM  
Chatterbox Café  
8:45 AM  
Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
English Language  
11:45 AM  
Karen Sunday School  
12:00 PM  
Karen Worship Service

## ATTENDANCE

April 2nd - 69  
April 9th - 66  
April 16th - 94  
April 23rd - 58  
April 30th - 59  
May 7th - 66

## FRIENDS



The year: 1994. The date: September 22nd. The debut of a new American sitcom: Friends. The plot: Six twenty-somethings, on their own and struggling to survive in the real world, find companionship, comfort and support they get from one another to be the ideal solution to the pressures of life.

Created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman the show became a staple of the NBC Thursday night line-up. It was a huge success during its ten year run, during which all the members of the cast achieved household celebrity status. Actors Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer let us know exactly what the theme song of the series said was definitely true: "I'll be there for you."

The final episode of the show was watched by an estimated US audience of 51.1 million. It still attracts good ratings for its episodes in syndication and is broadcast in one hundred countries. During its ten year run, the show won 6 Emmys, a Golden Globe, 2 SAG Awards and 56 other various awards with 152 nominations.

Why did this sitcom become so popular in its time and now still lights up the screens of millions of television sets even yet today? Why had its DVD set sold millions of copies worldwide? Why were people drawn to know each character personally to the point of knowing not only their successes but also their hardships and failures as well?

I tend to believe it all stems from our inborn instinct to want to have personal relationships with other people and to be able to know them as close friends. We love spending quality time with our friends. We all truly believe and practice the concept of this popular television series: "You can never have enough friends." Or as God's Word expressed it thousands of years ago, "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need" Proverbs 17:17 NLT. As the summer months approach, let's keep our focus on building relationships. They are the bridge over which the love of God flows!

Pastor Flint



## NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



### **What is Colon Cancer?**

Colon cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer, yet many people are uncomfortable talking about it. Colon cancer begins as a growth on the lining of the colon or rectum. This growth is called a polyp. Over time, some polyps may develop into cancer.

#### **The Facts**

- ◆ Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States
- ◆ Each year, nearly 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with colon Cancer
- ◆ Colon cancer affects men and women equally
- ◆ If detected and treated early, colon cancer is up to 90% curable
- ◆ There are currently more than one million colon cancer survivors in the U.S.

#### **Risk Factors**

Colon cancer can occur in anyone and does not discriminate. However, studies have been shown that those who fall into the following categories are at a great risk of developing the disease:

- ◆ Individuals with a family history of colon polyps or cancer
- ◆ Those with personal history of colon polyps or cancer
- ◆ People over the age of 50
- ◆ Those with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease
- ◆ Individuals with the genetic conditions Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colon Cancer (HNPCC) or Familial Adenomatous (FAP)
- ◆ Certain ethnic groups including African-Americans, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives and, Jews of Eastern European descent (Ashkenazi Jews)

#### **Symptoms**

Oftentimes, Symptoms do not appear in the early stages of the disease. It is important not to wait for symptoms to talk to your doctor about screening.

- ◆ A change in bowl habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in stool
- ◆ Rectal bleeding, or finding blood in your stool
- ◆ Persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas, pain or feeling full or bloated
- ◆ Unexplained weight loss
- ◆ Chronic fatigue

#### **What You Can Do**

- ◆ Get screened for colon cancer beginning at age 50, or sooner if you at a higher risk
- ◆ Maintain a healthy weight throughout life
- ◆ Adopt a physically active lifestyle
- ◆ Eat a healthy diet
- ◆ Don't use tobacco products
- ◆ Limit alcohol intake

# Notes

## 2017 SUNDAY GREETERS AT WELCOME CENTER

May 28 - Bev Nelson & Jackie Shattuck  
 June 4 - Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis  
 June 11 - Bob & Melba Moody  
 June 18 - David & Linda Luzadder  
 June 25 - Donna O'Neill

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED TO CHANGE THE TIME  
 OR DATE, PLEASE CALL DONNA O'NEILL AT 762-9572.**

## WEEKLY BUDGET NEED

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FOR 2017</b>   | <b>\$3,929.02</b> |
| <b>April 23rd</b> | <b>\$717.00</b>   |
| <b>April 30th</b> | <b>\$2,808.00</b> |
| <b>May 7th</b>    | <b>\$2,582.00</b> |
| <b>May 14th</b>   | <b>\$1,734.00</b> |

Dear Church Family,

This summer I will be spending two months in Jacksonville, Florida taking part in an intensive discipleship Summer Training Program (STP) through the Iowa State University campus ministry, The Navigators. If you would like more information, please stop by the Welcome Center. Thank you very much.

In Christ, Emma Newell

## Check the doors!

Please make an extra effort to check outside doors that you may use to make sure that they are locked behind you. We have a number of church members using the church for different ministries, so let's all take responsibility for making sure the church is secure. Thank you for your extra effort!

Thank you for the farewell reception you held for Gary and me. We want to give a special thank you to Paula, Willie and Donna who made everything extra special.

First Baptist Church of Moline has been part of my life literally since the day I was born. So many wonderful people have touched my life over the years and guided me on my Christian journey. I will be forever grateful. One of my favorite hymns is "Bless Be the Tie That Binds". The last verse expresses how I feel about leaving our church:

When we asunder part,  
 It gives us inward pain;  
 But we shall still be joined in heart,  
 And hope to meet again.

-Julie Rodell

*Thank  
 you*

# Prayer Works



*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*



## PRAYERS FOR HEALTH & HEALING

If you have a name that you wish to put on the prayer list, (someone with illness or other needs), please call the church office, and we will be glad to add them.

- Bev Nelson and Family
- Scott Maess (Enlarged Aorta, Nick's brother)
- Henry Faust (ICU Trinity West, Nick's Friend)
- Jim Anderson (Trinity West)
- Willie Newenham (at home)
- Mulu Zerihoun, (Liver Cancer)
- David Anderson
- Noah Deitch (Asthma— 3yr old relative of Johnsons)
- Bettylou Shipley (Broken hip, Hope Creek Rehab)
- Sharon Farral (broken ankle)
- Julie Fruitiger (home burned, 6-8 months repair)
- Kathy DeCap (cancer—Joe Johnson's sister)
- Bryce Orwig (10 year old with cancer)
- Maryann Schmidt
- Andrew Jarvis
- Jacob Schweitzer (has diabetes, under doctor care)
- Judy Murphy (Cancer - Friend of Johnsons)
- Bob Reynolds

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Patricia Ostrand (The Fountain)  
Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)  
Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)  
Cathy McGill (Home)  
Grace Orton (Home)  
Jim Anderson (Bickford Cottage)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Anthony Mathis    | D.J. Gladfelter       |
| Danny O'Neill     | Lauren Hugel          |
| Galen Ryan        | Nick Uzelac           |
| Wm. Robert Crouch | Zakris Sotirin-Miller |

## REMEMBER ALL OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER, ESPECIALLY THESE WITH WHOM WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

### HAITI

Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga -  
Partner Missionaries

### COSTA RICA

Lillian Solt - Partner Missionary

### OKLAHOMA

MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,  
Betty Martin

### Special Interest Missionaries

Taku and Katie Longkumer  
Kristy Engel  
Scott and Tan Coats

# Church Council

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MOLINE**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**

|                         |                     |                              |                |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Pastoral:</b>        | Pastor Flint Miller | <b>Financial Secretary:</b>  | Paula Newell   |
| <b>Human Resources:</b> | Terry Jarvis        | <b>Education:</b>            | Nancy Lee      |
| <b>Moderator:</b>       | Martin Newell       | <b>Diaconate:</b>            | Nancy Crawford |
| <b>Clerk:</b>           | Absent              | <b>Stewardship:</b>          | Tim O' Neill   |
| <b>Mission:</b>         | Barbara Miller      | <b>Worship &amp; Prayer:</b> | Cathy Jarvis   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>       | Tom VanDeventer     |                              |                |

Pastor Flint opened the May 15, 2017 meeting with prayer.

**Treasurer:** Our deficit dropped in April as we took in approximately \$10,000 more than spent.

**Parish Nurse:** We cooked and served a meal at Hope Creek Church in April.

**Education:** Vacation Bible school is June 19th through 23rd, from 9:30 to 11:30. Susan Gritton will lead. The theme this year is "Digging for Treasure." We will do a local postcard mailing to advertise in our neighborhood as that was successful last year. Camp in Springfield is July 25th through 27th and the Costa Rica Mission Trip is Aug 7th through 17th.

**Trustee:** We are switching contractors for the sanctuary roof to QC Roof Doctors and hope to have it installed before the heat of summer. The garage needs painting and we seek volunteers. We will schedule another work day, most likely Saturday, June 3rd. Lunch will be provided.

**Pastoral:** Our internet is slow. Flint will call the provider. The Little Free Library will arrive assembled and painted in June.

**From the Karen Congregation:** Plaw So Tha is in Thailand for a youth conference. The Karen will try to send a rep to our council meetings.

We will try to do Sunday breakfasts with hot food a couple more times this summer. After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Crawford

# Notes From the Editor

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## **They'll Be Missed!**

Gary and Julie Rodell will soon be moving west to be near their family. They've given so much of their time and talents to our church. Gary served our country in the military in Hawaii and they both loved it there. Julie will be sorely missed in our bell choir and sharing her talents in needlework. Gary, likewise has give so much of himself in serving our church. And isn't our bell choir terrific.

I know I write so much about Islam. I do it because they get so much bad press and because they are neighbors Jesus has called us to love. The following quotes come fro, the May 2017 *Christian Century* magazine:

### **Good Neighbors; Take One**

"After seeing a car painted with anti-Muslim slurs, the pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, put up a sign saying 'We love our Muslim neighbors.' Students at the Islamic Muslim Academy responded with handwritten notes to the church. Some (Muslims) said the sign made them smile or cry"

### **Good Neighbors; Take Two**

"Muslim youth in Jordan launched a campaign to protect Christian churches on Easter Sunday. It was their response to the attacks against two churches in Egypt the previous week for which ISIS claimed responsibility,"

Barbara Chaney, Editor

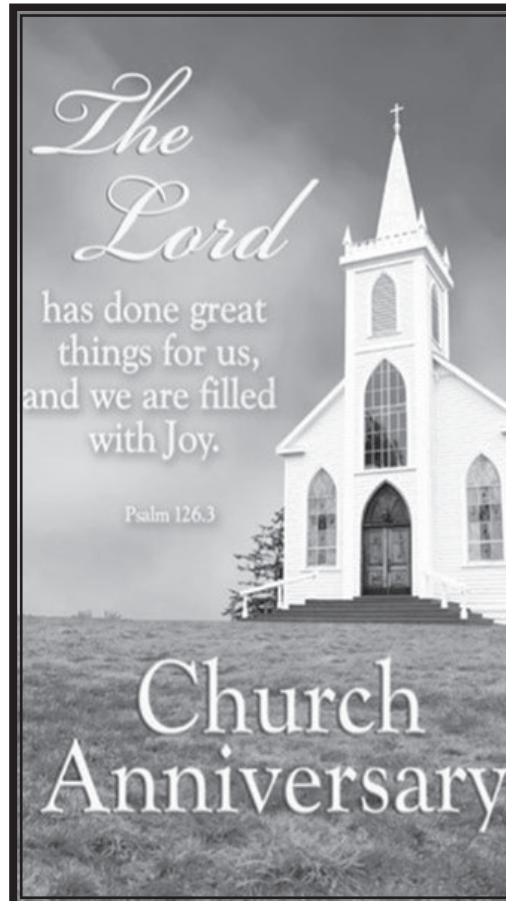


# Building Relationships

The group of friends at right recently met and feasted at Pizza Ranch across the river. They spent several hours eating, laughing, and telling stories. This is both exceptional and completely normal. What could be more normal than sharing a meal together.



The apostle Luke writes in the book of Acts, “All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper, and to prayer” Acts 2:42 NLT. In a manner of speaking, the early church “ate” their way into becoming a worldwide movement. As they reached out to fellow believers as well as those who as yet hadn’t heard the Good News, the message of God’s amazing love demonstrated by Christ dying on the cross spread from person to person. Over a dinner table, folks came to confess Jesus as Lord and that God had raised him from the dead. (Rom 10:9-10)



On May 28th, our church will celebrate its 165th Anniversary. During the month of May we’ll focus on what it means to be members of First Baptist Church and on our mission and focus today.

“Covenant membership” is part of our Baptist heritage whereby we are committed to God as well as to one another as a local church. As people of faith, we will celebrate together God’s faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness!

Our heartfelt condolences to Bev Nelson and her family in the loss of her daughter, Jill, on Monday, May 8th in Des Moines, Iowa. Services were held there on Friday, May 12th. A graveside committal service will also be held here in Moline on July 11th. Details will be shared closer to that time. May our Lord’s grace, comfort and, peace rest on the Nelson family as they grieve the loss of their precious loved one in these days.

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2017 Theme

Building Relation-  
ships Inside and Out-  
side the Church

Our Identity and Mission  
Statement:

“We are a multi-cultural  
family seeking to grow in love  
of God and neighbor intent on  
sharing the Good News of  
Jesus Christ.”



**LOOKING AHEAD 2017**

**MAY NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE— JUNE  
20TH**

**MAIL— JUNE 22ND**

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