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## Rejoice in the Promise of Renewal!

Mother nature seems a little confused lately with the wide spectrum of weather patterns, especially with warmer than normal temperatures in the middle of hibernation season! But God's creation is a mystery of ongoing life and renewal despite the manmade climate changes and the lack of stewardship on our part for our planet. We rejoice that "all creation praises Him!" Even as we anticipate the renewal of spring, how can we be renewed as people and as Christians?



Let's reflect on the parallels between the cycle of the four seasons the and the seasons of the church life which revolve around the life of Jesus Christ. We just remembered the Advent story and Christmas. Then there is Epiphany, a time for discovery and revelation through the Christ Child. Currently, we are remembering and celebrating the life and ministry of Jesus which leads into Holy Week, a remembrance of his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection to new life.

The season of Lent has traditionally been set apart by the Christian community as a time of reflection, repentance (changing our ways), and renewal. The forty days of Lent (excluding Sundays which are always reserved as a celebration of Jesus' resurrection), mirror the forty years of wilderness wandering for the people of Israel and the forty days Jesus endured in the wilderness after his baptism.

How shall we be "story keepers" and live out this miraculous story which has become the central part of our lives? Renovare is an organization that is dedicated to helping followers of Jesus practice classical spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, scripture study, guidance and worship, along with others. In Renovare spiritual disciplines are understood as activities undertaken through our own power that open us to power beyond our own---the power of God's own Spirit.

Come join us and be transformed by God's Spirit through the lessons of this Lent Season, "LESS IS MORE." Invite a friend to come and arrange to pick them up and bring them to FBC!

Rejoicing in the promise of renewal!

Your Pastors

Sunday Morning  
 Services  
 8:15 am  
 Chatterbox Cafe  
 8:00 am  
 Worship  
 (Karen Language)  
 8:45 am  
 Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship  
 (English Language)

## ATTENDANCE

January 20  
 133

January 27  
 138

February 3  
 112

February 10  
 133



Barb Chaney, Editor  
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*"2013 and Beyond  
 Give to Live"*

*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."*

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LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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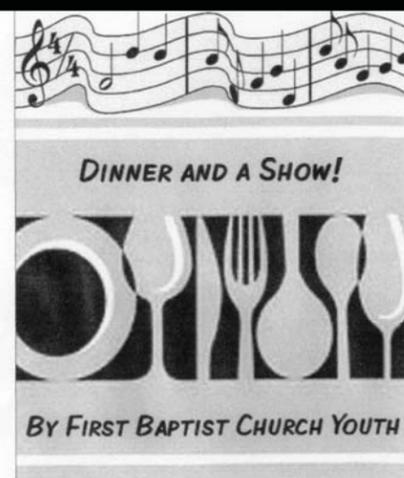
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### DINNER AND A SHOW!

1901 29TH STREET  
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOLINE

FEBRUARY 22, 2013

\$10 FOR ADULT  
 \$5 FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

SERVING 6:00 PM

MENU  
 SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS IN MARINARA OR  
 SPAGHETTI WITH CHICKEN IN ALFREDO  
 SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, HOMEMADE DESSERT

SHOW 7:00 PM

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT BY THE  
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH

BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH  
 BENEFIT FOR SENIOR HIGH  
 YOUTH PROGRAM  
 PURCHASE TICKETS FROM ANY YOUNG PERSON.



NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



FEBRUARY IS VALENTINE MONTH GIVE HUGS!

A joyful heart is good medicine! Prov. 17:22

Hugs are healthy - reduces stress, induces sleep and soothes pain.

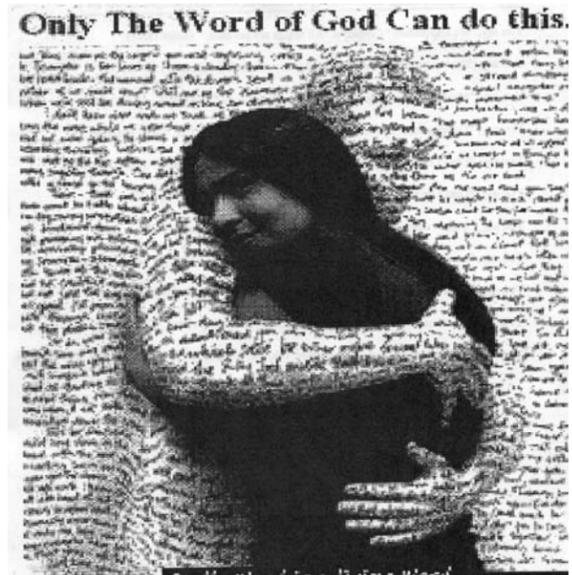
Hugs have no unpleasant side effects, all natural \ Ingredients.

Hugs warm the heart and breaks language barriers.

Hugs are a stretching exercise for short people and a stooping exercise for tall people.

Hugs make happy days happier and impossible days possible.

Hugs are an ideal gift - fun to give and receive, fully returnable, non-fattening/carbohydrate free.



FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH, ALSO ARE YOU BEING GOOD TO YOUR HEART?

The following tips will reduce your chance of having a heart attack by as much as 90%

- 1. Walk 30 minutes a day, then call someone who will be supportive.
2. Know your Blood Pressure and do whatever it takes to get it down to 115/75
3. Learn your HDL (good cholesterol) number and do what you can to raise it to 50.
4. Read labels and throw out all food that has sugar in the first five ingredients.
5. Eat 9 servings of colorful fruits and vegetables a day. That comes with a lot of fiber.
6. Eat only foods that have less than 3 gm of saturated fat and as little trans fat as possible.
7. Don't smoke or use tobacco. Nicotine constricts the blood vessels!



'Less is More' is our theme for Lent this year. Lent is a special time of preparation for Holy Week marked by prayer, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial.

- WEEK 1 - Confession: Less Guilt/More Grace
Week 2 - Solitude: Less Noise/More Listening
Week 3 - Fasting: Less Consumption/More Compassion
Week 4 - Simplicity: Less Stuff/More Freedom
Week 5 - Frugality: Less Spending/More Peace
Week 6 - Intercession: Less Me/More Others
Holy Week - a Reflective Reading of Holy Week Story: Less Fear/More Love.



We will celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter with special music and pageantry. On Maundy Thursday, (March 28th at 7:00 pm) we will gather in the Sanctuary for reflection and worship.

NEW LIBRARY BOOK

There is a new book in the Library, 'Adventures With God. The Missionary life of David and Georgina Solt.'



Written by their daughter Lois Solt Emr Blackwell, this is the exciting story of their missionary work in Latin America, Mexico and Europe over 65 years.

David and Georgina are also the parents of Lillian Solt, the missionary in Costa Rica to whom our church gives financial support

This book is the story of their lives and takes the reader into the real life joys and challenges of a missionary family.

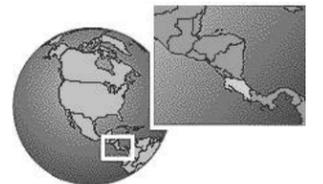
NINETH MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA

March 8-17 we will be making our annual mission trip to Costa Rica. Thanks to your support of our bake sales and change jar, we will be able to provide VBS experiences and a meal to several hundred of the neediest kids.

We want to thank you again for your support and ask for your prayers for the 16 people who will be trying to do God's work in a foreign cultural setting.

Those going from our church are Bill and Nancy Lee, Bert, Becky, Sydney, Maggie and Blythe Hinton, Mary Bash and her nephew, Tyler Patton, and Jennifer Villalobos (one of Bill's students at Scott Community College).

Bill Lee



The ABWM (Eleanor Smith Circle) will meet again on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the GA room. Refreshments will be served. All women of the church are invited.



**FEBRUARY UPPER CLASS EVENT**

We will be going to the Geneseo Historical Museum on Tuesday, February 19th, 2013. The church van will leave at 11:00 am and arrive at the Sweet Pea Restaurant at 11:30 am for lunch. Following lunch, we will then visit the museum at 1:00 pm. There is no fee for the museum but a small donation would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Don Phillis @ 762-7172.



**America for Christ Offering 2013  
Building Communities of Hope ( Matthew 5:13-16)**

This scripture is a reminder that we are to be "salt and light" in the world. Those first disciples would have been intimately familiar with the function of salt. Without refrigeration, the fish that they caught would quickly spoil and rot, unless they were packed in salt. Once salted, the fish could be safely stored and then used when needed. The spiritual health and strength of the Christian is to counteract the corruption in the world. Christians, as salt, are to be agents of change that thwart destructive forces in society. This, in turn, creates opportunity for the gospel of hope to be proclaimed and received.

Jesus tells His disciples, "you are the light of the world." As "light", we are to illuminate, or make ourselves visible. Our lives are to be an ongoing witness to the reality of Christ's hope and presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the light of the world - Jesus Christ- that people will see in us.

This is a call to stand out and stand up for Christ- to change the atmosphere and to influence others with a transformational hope wherever we go.

**Our America for Christ offering will be from February 17 through March 31.**



**WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS FOR 2012 & 2013:**

**\$5,836.94**

**WEEKLY BUDGET INCOME FOR 2013**

December 16	\$2,559.00
December 23	13,249.00
December 30	1,034.00
January 6, (13)	4,705.00
January 13	1,816.00
January 20	1,517.00
January 27	647.00
February 3	4,993.00
February 10	2,096.00

Congratulations to Chris Miller! He is the son of Pastors Flint and Debbie Miller. He came in first in the 200 freestyle in regional competition among 4 schools for junior varsity. This was Chris's first year swimming and he has really excelled. Go Chris!



# NOTES

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WELCOME CENTER DATES**

	<u>8:30-9:30am</u>	<u>9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship</u>
February 17	JoAnn Parmley	Donna O'Neill
February 24	Paula Newell	Ann Watkins
March 3	Melba Moody	Ann Pearce
March 10	Mulu Zerihoun	Ann Watkins
March 17	Kathryn Yocom & Mary Zahnley	Vera Mathis & Marge Mirr



**LOOK WHO WE CAUGHT BEING AN ANGEL... TIP OF THE HALO TO ...**

....a BIG thank you to Donna O'Neill, and Emma and Paula Newell for keeping our tables in the Fellowship Hall decorated for the different seasons. Check out the current Valentine's Day decorations. They are beautiful.

...also, a big thank you to Cathy McWade, for doing a wonderful job of cleaning our church. Cathy took the place of her husband, Wayne, when he had to retire due to ill health. Also, thanks to Chance and Shane, for helping their Mom out whenever she needs it.



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to my church family who has been with me these past few months with prayers and support. Every day I felt your love. Thank you for the cards and visits both in the hospital and at Heartland for George.

In Christian Love, Bev Nelson

**Attention Members (and Regular Attendees!)** The pastors and music worship leaders are looking for people to help lead in worship in the following areas:

- Praise Singers
- Praise Band
- Drama
- Interpretive Movement/Dance
- Lead children's time in worship

In addition, we are suggesting a "worship team" which meets and prays together regularly to enhance worship. Ideas and suggestions for worship are always welcome! Please see the pastors or Jennifer Hays, if you would like to help lead in worship or join the Worship Team.

**YOU ARE NEEDED!**

**GREETERS**

- February 17  
Nancy & Joe Johnson
- February 24  
Melba & Bob Moody
- March 3  
Donna & Mike O'Neill
- March 10  
Nancy Crawford & Ann Watkins
- March 17  
Willie & Don Phillis



*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

*James 5:16 (NIV)*



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Gladys Williams
- Jan Harmon
- Russ Reynolds
- Brad Dykeman (Home)
- Candy Stiver (GRR)
- Cathy McGill
- David Miller
- Roy Harrington
- Sharon Angelo
- Ruth Peterson
- Jaia (Peterson's daughter)
- Joanne (Lisa Bowen's Mother)
- Lisa & Mike Bowen
- Lee Fogleman
- John Barrett
- Kathy Linquist
- Kayleigh Lentz
- Cindy Phams
- Brenda Kohl
- Jacqueline Lake
- Dana Smith
- Don Reed
- George Rogan
- Jim Doty
- Dan, Kalayar, & Henry Glaus (Saudia Arabia)
- Darlene Lomax



**IN MEMORIAM :**  
 First Baptist extends condolences and sympathy to Bev Nelson, upon the death of her husband and beloved member, George Nelson, who passed away on

Wednesday, January 16th, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bev, Debbie, Matt, and the entire family during this sad time.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY**

- Betty McBride (Park Vista)
- Dorothy Foster (Park Vista)
- Eleanor Lewis (Park Vista)
- Pearl Cruser (Park Vista)
- Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
- Myrta George (Texas)
- Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)
- Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
- Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
- Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
- Karl Pearson (Heartland)
- Cathy McGill (Home)
- Esther Fields (Home)
- Grace Orton (Home)
- Gladys Williams (Home)
- Jane Crouch (Home)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

- John Crowe Jr. MD
- Kristine Mattison
- Anthony Mathis
- Tyler Mathis
- Galen Ryan
- Nick Uzelac
- D.J. Gladfelter
- Lauren Hugel
- Wm. Robert Crouch

**REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER**

**HAITI**  
 Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga - Partner Missionaries

**COSTA RICA**  
 Lillian Solt - Partner Missionaries

**OKLAHOMA**  
 MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,  
 Betty Martin

**USA & THAILAND**  
 Duane & Marsha Binkley

**Special Interest Missionaries**

- Taku and Katie Longkumer
- Kristy Engel
- Scott and Tan Coats

**Notes from the Editor**

**CELEBRATING A LIFE**

On Saturday, 2 February 2013, family and friends of Rev. Ron Quay celebrated his life. He died on 28 December 2012. It was an interfaith service held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Davenport IA. Our pastors took part in the service. Ron was someone who encouraged interfaith dialogue in our community. The following people from the interfaith community who knew him well reflected on his life:



Barbara Chaney

- Rabbi Henry Karp, Temple Emanuel
- Dr. Lisa Killinger, Muslim Community
- Imam Saad Baig, Islamic Center of the Quad Cities
- Ann Wachal, Interim Director, Churches United of the Quad Cities
- Brian Fischer, Past President, Churches United Board
- Members of Ron's Family
- Cathy Bolkcom, Chaplain & Community Organizer

Our church and many others miss Ron.



**PAH BI**

The Dispatch featured immigrants in our community in a section titled "Q-C Melting Pot." Pah Bi was one of those featured. The article stated that he "volunteers as a youth leader" at our church and that many Karen families attend.

Like many Karen's, he was born in a refugee camp in Thailand. His family fled there in 1984 to escape a violent civil war. You can reference this extensive article by calling the Dispatch or looking it up on their web site.

**LAYWOMEN'S SUNDAY**

Laywomen's Sunday was on 10 February 2013 at our church. The entire service was planned and conducted by the women of our congregation. Our guest speaker was Jo Mueller of First Covenant Church in Moline. She's worn many hats over the years including being Director of Christian Education and along with her husband, Clarence, was caretaker and food service director at Camp Summit, a Christian Friendliness camp. She gave an inspirational message that was very well received. A big "thank you" for all who participated in this annual service.

**CHURCHES UNITED 4TH QUARTER STATISTICS**

**MEAL SITES:**

*Hope United Church of Christ - Moline (Sunday only) = 848 Meals Served*  
*Salvation Army - Davenport = 4,744 Meals Served*

**Winnie's Place:**

*38 Women Served // 54 Children Served // 2,712 Meals Provided // 223 Crisis Calls*

**A BAPTIST FRIEND** Peter W. Marty, Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport had this to say in the February 2013 issue of THE LUTHERAN:

I have a pastoral friend of the Baptist tradition who established a delightful liturgical practice in his congregation. When passing the peace, worshippers enjoy a weekly ritual. Instead of saying, "Peace be with you," worshippers turn to one another and say, "I love you. And there's nothing you can do about it." AI's congregation covers a lot of territory in those 12 words. Reconciliation. Unconditional love. Wholeness. Peace. It's all in that greeting. So is laughter and sincerity, both of which, I suspect, Jesus might have had in mind when he said to his followers, "My peace I give to you." (I also like the words that Pastor Flint suggested recently, "May the peace of Christ be with you.")

**Blessings.....Barbara**