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Pastor's Word

It is the end of an era. After 24 years of service, Gayle Osterberg is retiring as our office manager. Gayle will be with us through November 12.

There have been a lot of changes over these 24 years. For one thing, Gayle was using a typewriter in 1986. Technology has come and gone – nobody has typed on a stencil in some time and we got rid of the Risograph several years ago. The first computer Gayle used cost \$4000 and had less memory and computing power than a cheap cell phone. The internet has changed all sorts of things. Nobody had heard of a website in 1986. Extensive mailings have been replaced by email. We can now insert digital photos into the Spire and publish it online.

People have come and gone too. Gayle has worked with three pastors and assorted other ministerial staff, musicians, and custodians. She has seen church members join us and move away and children grow up. We have also lost many dear friends over these 24 years.

Through it all, Gayle has been there, smiling, helping, encouraging, serving. I want to express how much I appreciate Gayle and how much she has blessed this church. She has certainly made my job a lot easier. When someone enters the building, they will almost without fail experience a warm and friendly greeting. Gayle is cheerful and helpful toward everyone who walks through the door; it does not matter if it is a salesperson, church member, visitor, needy person looking for assistance, or poor soul who wandered in trying to find CCJ. Gayle is such a warm presence that slightly disgruntled students come in to pay parking fines and leave with a smile on their faces.

Things will not be the same around here. Gayle holds a lot of our institutional memory and we will lose some of that. We will also miss her warm and caring presence.

Gayle lives in the neighborhood, however, and it's not like she is moving to Timbuktu. We are glad that she will have more time for family and travel and other things she would like to do. More than anything, we want to celebrate with Gayle and thank her for twenty-four years of dedicated service and ministry among us. We will be recognizing Gayle during a Fellowship Time following worship this Sunday. I hope you can join us!

Blessings,

Dave

**Worship Leaders
for November**

November 7

Worship Leader:

Rita Parrish

Ushers:

Bob Parrish

Wallace Sanders

Marian/Jan Thompson

Ngairé West-Johnson

November 14

Worship Leader:

Jere Maddux

Ushers:

Howard Johnson

Pat Johnson

Johnie Hammond

November 21

Worship Leader:

Joyce Davidson

Ushers:

Bob McCarley

Russ Watson

Tom Logue

Jerilyn Logue

November 28

Worship Leader:

Johnie Hammond

Ushers:

Judy Demarest

Lois Macken

Wilma Robinson

Jere Maddux

Flowers for November:

Judy Demarest



Gayle Osterberg	2
Lucy Johnson	6
Abbey Johnson	6
Helen Sassaman	8
Kristen Obbink	9
Harris Seidel	12
Chrystal Weldon	12
Marilyn Peterson	13
Aiden Amaya	15
Earl Hammond	21
Lucas Weldon	22
James McShay	24
Brian Starrett	24
Donna Cleasby	25
Evy Amaya	26
Buckley Peterson	27
Ngairé West-Johnson	28
Phil Elrod	28
Linda Baccam	30



Joe & Catherine Parrish - Nov. 20
James & Yanira McShay - Nov. 26



“Building the Beloved Community”

Nov. 5th - 10:00 am

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
209 Colorado Ave.

Lunch served AFTER program
Call Edith Wessell, 232-1459



We will be asking members to buy Poinsettias again this year to beautify the sanctuary during the Advent season. The price will be \$8.75 and you will have a choice of 5 colors, red, white, pink, Jingle Bells and Burgundy. Be looking for the order form in the church bulletin.

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, November 28th, the First Sunday in Advent following worship. There will be no church school that day. A simple lunch will be planned and we will decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season.



Book Group will meet on Dec 2 at Northcrest at 6:30 and we're getting ready for Christmas by reading *The Shepherds' Prayer* by Richard M. Barry. "A young man, orphaned as a baby sets off to discover the truth about the circumstances of his birth, the fate of his parents, and his heritage. Having been raised in a culture where bloodlines mean everything, he seems forever condemned to live as an outsider on the fringes of society until he discovers his true heritage. His only clue is a cryptic message on a lambskin blanket about a child born in a stable in Bethlehem. Who is this mysterious child? And what could such a child have to do with his own birth and destiny?"

November, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nov. 1-2 - Pastor Dave at clergy retreat, Cedar Rapids	2 8am-Men's Breakfast, Perkins  ELECTION DAY *****	3 6:30pm-Choir 7:35pm-Deacons	4	5 10am-Church Women United, St. Andrews Lutheran Church 6:30-8:30-Phi Kappa Psi Initiation, sanctuary	6
7  Fall Back Daylight Savings Ends 9:45am Worship/Communion 11:15am-Church School 3pm-Good Neighbor Choir Concert, Bethesda Lutheran 6pm-Student Supper	8	9 7:00pm-Trustees	10 6:30pm-Choir	11  VETERANS Day	12	13
14 9:45am-Worship Stewardship Commitment Sunday 10:45am-Fellowship Time 11:15am-Church School 6pm-Student Supper	15	16 8am-Men's Breakfast, Perkins	17 6:30pm-Choir	18	19	20
21 9:45am-Worship Stewardship Commitment Sunday 11am-Church School 2-4pm-Prayer Shawl Circle <u>No</u> Student Supper	22 <i>ISU Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 22-27</i>	23	24 <u>No</u> Choir	25 Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 9:45am-Worship 1 st Sunday of Advent <u>No</u> Church School Hanging of the Greens and lunch <u>No</u> Student Supper	29	30				

Looking Ahead to December

- Dec. 5.- Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
- Dec. 12- Christmas Offering
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Dinner and Program, 6:00 pm
- Dec. 12 - Annual Business Meeting (Budget and Nominating)
- Dec. 19 - Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 19 - Last day of Church School for the semester
- Dec. 19 - Northcrest Vespers
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm, Social Hour at 5:00pm



Toward A True Kinship of Faiths: How the World's Religions Can Come Together

by The Dalai Lama

"No country, no culture, no person today is untouched by what happens in the rest of the world. Peaceful coexistence has long been problematic with religion, and while previous conflicts over religious differences may have been significant and regrettable, they did not threaten the very survival of humanity. In *Toward a True Kinship of Faiths*, the Dalai Lama explores where differences between religions can be genuinely appreciated without serving as a source of conflict." Thank you to Beth Douglass for the donation of this book!

For Our Mystery Lovers:

Another Stab at Life (Volstead Manor Series #1) by Anita Higman

"She has nowhere to go, except the dilapidated mansion she's just inherited from her Granny Minna. Unfortunately, Bailey discovers the house has a history as shadowy as its hidden passages and finds the neighborhood overflowing with some rather quirky folks. Bailey suddenly feels like she's trapped inside the pages of a gothic novel - but with a comedic twist."

Another Hour To Kill (Volstead Manor Mystery Series #2) by Anita Higman

"Bailey has survived the mysteries of Volstead Manor, but her latest threats are more ominous than ever. Did her neighbor B.J. die of natural causes? Or was he murdered? And why does the new neighbor, Vlad Tepes, seem to always be watching her?"

While searching for a lost treasure and planning a wedding the size of an amusement park, Bailey must discover what monster is still lurking in the neighborhood."

When the Sandpiper Calls (Christy Castleman Mysteries #1) by Peggy Darty

"Christy Castleman, a pretty, young novelist, has made a name for herself writing books about mystery and intrigue. The Sassy Snowbirds, a group of lively ladies, spread fun, friendship, and good deeds around the seaside town of Summer Breeze. Everyone is content in their cozy world—until a message is found in a small Victorian glass bottle half buried in the sand. "Call the police. Someone is trying to kill me." Believing the note to have been written by a missing realtor, the Sassy Snowbirds jump into the mystery with Christy."

For Historical Romance Lovers:

She Walks in Beauty by Siri Mitchell

"The Gilded Age, in all its opulence, comes to life through Clara's eyes as she makes her debut into New York society in the 1890s. Molded primarily by her aunt, the 17-year-old begins her debutante preparation with much trepidation. The more rigorous the process becomes, the more disillusioned she becomes. She sees through the ambition of her fellow debs and their parents and witnesses the hypocrisy of her own wealthy family. They attend church every Sunday, but only to see and be seen."

To make you laugh...

Faking Grace by Tamara Leigh

"All she wants is a job. All she needs is religion. How hard can it be?"

Maizy Grace Stewart dreams of a career as an investigative journalist, but her last job ended in disaster when her compassion cost her employer a juicy headline. A part-time gig at a Nashville newspaper might be her big break. A second job at Steeple Side Christian Resources could help pay the bills, but Steeple Side only hires committed Christians. Maizy is sure she can fake it with her Five-Step Program to Authentic Christian Faith—a plan of action that includes changing her first name to Grace, buying Jesus-themed accessories, and learning "Christian Speak."

On order! Watch for these in a couple of weeks.

The newest Father Tim book by Jan Karon! These books follow Father Tim and Cynthia. **With Home to Holly Springs**, Jan Karon launched a new series, The Father Tim Novels, featuring the retired Episcopal priest that her readers have come to love.

In the Company of Others, Father Tim Series #2 By: Jan Karon

Father Tim and Cynthia travel to Ireland for a long-planned trip to do genealogical research on the Kavanaghs and to meet up with Cousin Walter and his wife Katherine.

Secrets of Harmony Grove By: Mindy Starns Clark

Unemployed ad executive Sienna decides to run her Lancaster County bed-and-breakfast investment property herself. But when the manager she lets go is murdered, Sienna realizes that country life can be dangerous! A handsome local offers help, and her ex-boyfriend wants to reconcile. Whom can she trust when hidden secrets threaten her livelihood---and her life?

-Catherine Parrish

Missions



Campus Ministry

Student News

Thanks to all who have provided (or will provide) student meals this semester: Andrew Perrine, Rita Parrish, Barbara Woods, Dave Russell, Beth Douglass, Fred & Dianne Borgen, Joe & Catherine Parrish, Joyce Davidson, Jeanine Cole and Wallace and Julia Sanders.

Volunteers to bring a meal or part of a meal still needed for November 14th. Sign up sheet is next to the library.

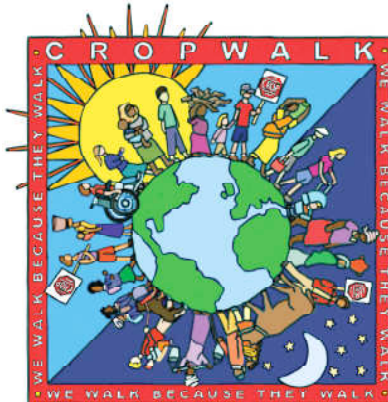
Upcoming student events:

- Nov. 7 – meal and study
- Nov. 14 – meal and study
- Nov. 21, 28 – no meeting due to Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 5 – student Christmas party at the Russells
- Dec. 12 – church Christmas dinner, 6 pm



Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the World Mission Offering in October. The total received through October 24th is **\$1,076.79**. The WMO contributions are spread out over 70 countries around the world. Giving to WMO allows our congregation to reach many millions in need. The World Mission Offering is the single largest source of the financial support International Ministries needs to do this work. Thanks to all of you for your generous support.

FBC Raises over \$800 in CROP Walk



Lone walker from First Baptist, Harris Seidel, walked for CROP on October 10th and collected over \$800 from First Baptist supporters. One-fourth will go to local agencies - Mid-Iowa Community Action Food Shelf, Bethesda Community Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes (Story City) and Good Neighbors' Healthy Food Voucher program. The rest is used to fight hunger around the world through Church World Service. Thank you!

Choir Concert to Benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. on November 7th



Annual Combined Choir Concert

It wouldn't be autumn without Good Neighbor's Annual Combined Choir Concert and fundraiser to look forward to. This year's event is Sunday, November 7th at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave. Gene LeVasseur, Bethesda Director of Music Ministries, will conduct the mass choir. The concert will feature performances by more than 12 choirs and musical ensembles. A free will donation will be collected. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. enables faith groups and supporting organizations to pool their emergency assistance funds.

Mission: To provide emergency rent, utility and food assistance to our neighbors in Story County in an atmosphere of encouragement.

Vision: To cooperatively generate funding to relieve basis individual and family needs, while advocating and educating within and outside of our member organizations.

Our First Baptist Church representative to Good Neighbor is Jere Maddux.

Please note: Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. has moved to:

3206 South Duff Ave., Ames, IA



HAYRIDE

Everyone is invited to go on a hayride! We will meet at the church at 2:15 on Sunday October 31st and carpool/caravan to Flowers Farm near Zearing. We'll ride on a hay wagon pulled by Clydesdale horses and return to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. There is no cost but those going are asked to bring items for the cookout – see the sign up sheet for details.



2011 Budget Proposal for First Baptist Church

In I Corinthians 4:1 Paul writes, “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... so that you may always have more than enough to share with others.” Our church budget represents our plan for ministry – the way that we plan to share from God’s abundance. We have summarized our ministry into four areas:

Worshiping God \$73,447 (32%)

The worship of God is the center of our life together as a congregation. Our gifts make this worship possible and support a strong preaching and music program. Our choir leads us as we offer praise to God, and around 50 children learn and experience music in our summer Music Camp. This year’s budget includes funding for our choir accompanist, which in 2010 came from non-budgeted funds. We share in special times of worship such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Worship Under The Trees, and encourage personal prayer and worship through *The Secret Place*. We lead a Christmas Vespers service and present cantatas at the Northcrest retirement community. Sermons are made available to members, friends, and people all over the world online. We plan to again offer a community concert in 2011 as an outreach to the community.

Caring for One Another

\$45,904 (20%)

Care is expressed within our congregation in many ways. Our pastors and members provide ministry in times of need through home, hospital, and nursing home visits, and care is offered in tangible ways in times of loss and bereavement. Care is also extended through prayer, encouragement, and support that we offer one another in both the joys and challenges of life. We offer events that provide opportunities for friendship and support, ranging from the Men’s Breakfast and Women’s Luncheon groups to hayrides, game nights, an annual cookoff, the Easter breakfast and the Christmas Dinner. Communication shared within the church family through the *Spire* helps to build up our community.

Nurturing Faith

\$52,790 (23%)

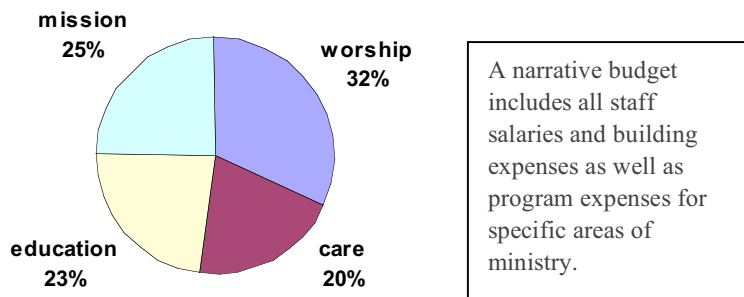
Helping people grow in faith is a vital part of our calling. Church School classes for all ages meet through the school year. Our gifts support ministry with children and youth and make possible participation in camps and conferences for all ages. Our Fall Renewal Weekend brings Christian scholars and leaders to our church to inform, inspire, and challenge. Film discussion nights, a Lenten Study, special speakers, and other learning opportunities are offered throughout the year. Our college student ministry includes a Sunday night supper with study and fellowship, regular social events, and an electronic newsletter sent to over 400 students. Our library continues to add a variety of excellent materials for all ages, and our membership in Iowa Religious Media Services makes their many resources available to us.

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Supporting Mission

\$57,380 (25%)

We participate in and financially support a variety of local ministries including Habitat for Humanity, ACCESS, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Northcrest, the Emergency Residence Project, Ames Ecumenical Housing, and the Center for Creative Justice. Our gifts to Good Neighbors and our own Benevolence Fund help individuals and families who are facing emergency situations. We support American Baptist mission throughout our country including camps, inner city centers, refugee resettlement, evangelism resources, and congregational renewal. Our giving supports ABC missionaries around the world as well as our own members who serve on mission work teams; we are planning a spring break trip for students and others in 2011. Our proposed budget includes small increases in support for ABC United Mission, Central Seminary, and local housing ministries.



Total Proposed Budget for 2010: \$229,521

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

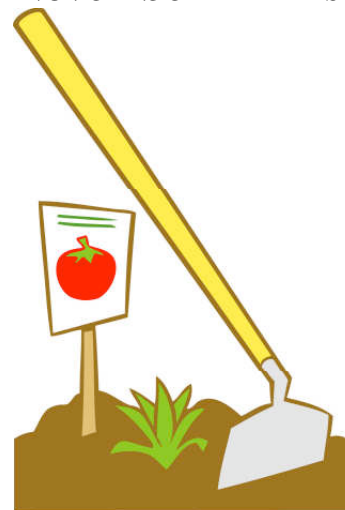
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We are planning a Spring Break Mission Trip for college students and others who would like to join us. The trip would be March 12-19 and a likely destination is Eastern Kentucky, where we would do home repair for families in need in Appalachia. No particular skill is necessary.

There will be a short meeting on Sunday, November 7 following worship for those who are interested in going or would like to learn more. In the meantime, please talk to Pastor Dave if interested.

November 14th is



**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

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