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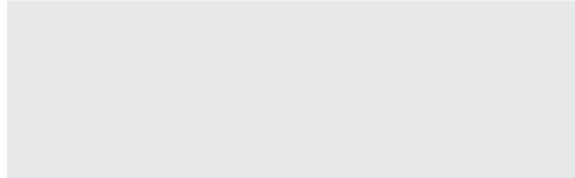


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF January 11

- Worship Leader:** Patti Jones  
**Elders:** Mike Drake (bread), Janet Shank (cup)  
**Diaconate:** Nita Burg, Rod Burg, Larry Ellis  
 Joan Hansen, Halie Runner, Hanna Runner  
**Balcony:** Jeanna Montgomery, Nancy Reed, Anne Ingersoll  
**Preparatory:** Joyce Randall, Holly Runner, Ellen Tingley  
**Greeters:** **Front** Dave & Norma Kentner  
**Central East** Joan England  
**Balcony South** Linda Dace  
**Elevator** Jeanna Montgomery  
**Sanctuary Superintendent(s):** Bob & Betty Sherwood  
**Children's Moment:** Margaret Reed  
**Children's Church:** Jack McKinnon  
**Soundboard Tech:** Chris Dace  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Patti Jones  
**Acolyte:** Natalie Workman  
**Hospital Caller:** Jack McKinnon  
**Financial Escort:** Dean Rockwell  
**Sunday Morning Office Staff:** Jonelle Schauble

- Kelly Ingersoll,  
Minister
- Bill Froom,  
Chancel Choir Director
- Carol Harmon,  
Organist
- Annetta Holt,  
Administrative Assistant
- Paul Huff,  
Custodian
- Mariah Chapdelaine,  
Youth/Children's Choir Director
- Brandi Collins,  
Nursery Supervisor

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sanctuary  
Rededication

The sanctuary renovations are finished! It is beautiful and we are so pleased with all the work that has been done.

A rededication of the sanctuary has been scheduled for the morning service on January 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker, our Regional Minister, will be delivering the message on that day.

There will be refreshments after the service. Please mark your calendars and be sure and be in attendance on January 25. It will be a day to remember in the history of our church.

# Kelly's Korner



This Sunday prior to and following worship we will have a ministry fair. This is an opportunity for the committees to share with the congregation their plans and goals for the upcoming year. This is an opportunity for those who have not been serving committees to find one to serve. It is always my goal for people to find something that is life affirming to participate in—something that adds to the soul. Church should not be about duty. Rather, living out faith should bring joy. Hopefully, you will find a place that best fits your gifts and interests to serve your God and church this year. A simple reminder to deacons and elders, as elected leaders, we expect you will find a good place to serve.

Serving a committee is not the *end all be all* to church life, nor a faith life. It is one aspect only. There are a variety of ways to live one's faith. Volunteering or serving within the life of the church and outside her walls is important. And age does not matter. There is not too old and there is not too young. We live the belief we claim. I encourage you to look for places to serve God and others that your faith may be strong, that your spiritual connection to God remains vibrant.

We serve because Jesus served. Remember the story in John. The disciples have come to Passover. Jesus, the teacher, gets on his hands and knees to wash the feet of the disciples, the followers. This was not the custom. The one in authority was to be served, not the other way around. Jesus was all about the ways of God, not social convention.

The same is true of baptism. We are baptized because he was baptized. We are to walk into the waters one person and walk out of those waters different, new, changed. Jesus had a holy experience where God's voice is heard and the spirit in the form of a dove is experienced. We too should have such an experience at baptism. Maybe even in times when we joyfully live out our faith, for that too is holy. On Sunday, we will sign up for committees and the worship focus will be on Jesus' baptism. May we find encouragement and strength to be Christ's followers.

Peace,

## Sunday, January 11

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Eric Reed drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

5:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, January 12

5:30 PM Comm Action & Outreach

6:00 PM Stephen Ministers

6:00 PM Christian Education

## Tuesday, January 13

5:30 PM Pastoral Support Comm

## Wednesday, January 14

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 18

Rod Burg opens/closes church

Rod Burg drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: Mike Drake

Deacons: Nancy Reed

Anne Ingersoll

4:00 PM Everly House

Elders: Mike Drake

Deacons: Nancy Reed

Anne Ingersoll

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

9 Norma Sims

11 John Carden  
Anne Ingersoll

12 Betty Landis

## **Sunday, January 11 First Sunday after Epiphany**

**Sermon:** Down in the River

**Scripture:** Mark 1:4-11

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

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## **Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Lectionary Readings:

I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

I Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



## State-of-the-Church

The State of the Church will be the topic of our gathering on January 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a meal and after the meal, a presentation will be given by Rev. Ingersoll.

The church will furnish maid-rites, hot dogs, buns, condiments, baked beans, drinks and table service. You are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.

You are also asked to make a reservation for this meal by indicating the number attending beside your name on the Friendship Register on Sunday.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be interesting to hear what has been accomplished this year and what we can expect in 2015.



Ladies, it's time to get 2015 off and running.

We will meet on January 20 to discuss plans for this year.

Sewing Guild members please meet in Conference Room at 11:00 a.m. and Prayer Shawl members, please join us at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone bring a sack lunch! See you then!

Ellen Tingley

# Thank You

A big thank you to all those in the church who contributed to the very fun Special Olympics Secret Santa Party.

FUN was had by all 50 attending! Starting with a visit from Santa on his way to see children in his house on the square, we were thoroughly entertained and well fed! Thank you to Esther Young, who was the backbone of organizing our contacts with the Special Olympians, and Nita Burg for keeping track of the details. Thank you to Myrna Osborn, Donna Augustyn, Joan England for the sloppy joes. Thanks to Sue and Alex Adams who played a French horn duet and led us enthusiastically in carols and kazoos. Thanks also to Nita for Christmas Bingo, to Pastor Kelly for his Christmas Pictionary and to all who came to decorate, mingle, and just have a good old time. The gifts left by all our generous Secret Santas were joyously received! Thank you for supporting this very appreciative and special group of youth and young at heart adults.

Christian Action & Outreach Committee



### Jean Moore's address for cards:

Trinity Hospital  
Bobbi Jean Johnson Moore, RM 322  
4500 Utica Ridge Road  
Bettendorf, IA 52722



## January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Throughout the month of January startling facts will be in the church newsletters on the topic of human trafficking. Our denomination and community have a heritage as abolitionists since 1865. Unfortunately slavery didn't end with the Civil War; there exists a very serious problem of modern day slavery today.

Sunday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> has been designated National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign was formed to raise awareness about not only the international, but also the national, and regional enslavement of people. To show our concern for the plight of those who are held in bondage each year, please wear BLUE next Sunday.

### Did you know?

\*Human trafficking is the possession or control of another person so as to significantly deprive that person of their individual liberty, exploiting their use, management, profit, transfer or disposal.

\*Every year **MILLIONS** of **men, women and children** are trafficked worldwide. In the U.S. alone, 100,000 children are enslaved yearly.

\*Human Trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the WORLD. Its revenue equals that of illegal drug and arms sales; approximately **\$32 BILLION** annually. More can be found: <http://www.polarisproject.org>

\*<http://www.state.gov/i/tip/rls/tiprpt/2014/> (U.S. State Dept. Trafficking in Persns Report and resource)



**2015 FCC MINISTRY FAIR**  
**January 11, 2015**  
**Church Parlor**  
**Before and After Worship**

On Sunday, January 11, the committee chairs will sponsor a Ministry Fair before and after Worship in the Parlor.

The idea of a Ministry Fair is that each Committee chair will be available to explain the assignments/tasks of their committee to the smooth functioning of the church and its programs. Our standing Committees are: Membership, Chair-Kim Cunningham; Evangelism, Chair-Anne Ingersoll; Christian Action & Outreach, Chair-Jan Rockwell; Property, Chair-Dave Kentner; Christian Education, Chair-Vacant.

On Sunday, you will be able to talk to these Chairs and get an idea of what their plans are for 2015. If you have a passion for any one of their projects, they will be glad to make you a member of that committee. Each Committee meets one Monday evening each month to organize the events they are responsible for.

Our church constitution states that all elders must serve on a committee and encourages all deacons to do so also. None of the committees listed above require that you have church membership to take part on it, thus making a possibility for everyone to serve. So if one of these opportunities interests you, please indicate so on Sunday and sign up!