

Doing everything for Jesus...

*We transform lives for Christ through joyful worship,
nurturing faith, compassionate caring, and courageous witness.*



NewcombNews

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January

*Sparkling winter sunshine,
Faces all aglow
Making resolutions,
And angels in the snow ~
Steaming cups of cocoa,
A year that's fresh and new...
All of this is magic ~
Unfolding just for you.*



Life and Work of Our Church



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH—AND NOW WE WELCOME THE NEW YEAR. FULL OF THINGS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN.

——RAINER MARIA RILKE

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH— “SO IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THERE IS A NEW CREATION: EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; LOOK NEW THINGS HAVE COME INTO BEING! ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST AND HAS GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION.”

GOLDEN AGE— GOLDEN AGE WILL BE MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 AT 11:30 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, WEATHER PERMITTING.



SOCK COLLECTION—WE ARE COLLECTING SOCKS AGAIN THIS YEAR! WE NEED ALL SIZES OF SOCKS—MENS WOMENS AND CHILDRENS SIZES ARE NEEDED. THERE WILL BE A BIN IN THE WING FOR DONATIONS. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



HAT AND MITTEN TREE

WE ARE COLLECTING HATS, MITTENS AND GLOVES FOR ADAMS SCHOOL AGAIN THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE A TREE SET UP FOR YOUR DONATIONS. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

NOTICE

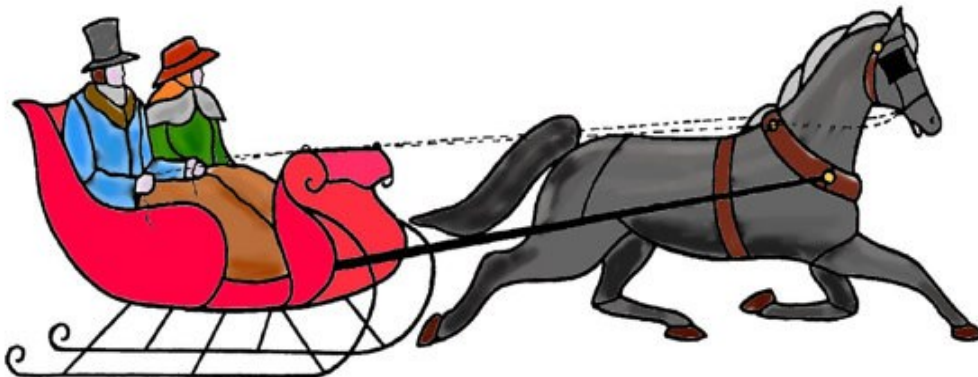
LIZ WILL BE HAVING KNEE SURGERY ON JANUARY 8 TH AND WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR MOST OF JANUARY. THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE FILLED BY CAROL KELLY 563-349-9557, AND DONNA GOYETTE 563-676-8945. YOU CAN CALL THEM FOR ASSISTANCE. PASTOR KERRY IS STARTING HIS NEW HOURS AND WILL BE HERE WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-4, AND SUNDAYS. HIS NUMBER: 563-554-4425.



LOVE PACKAGES

DEACONS WILL BE COLLECTING FOR LOVE PACKAGES AFTER THE NEW YEAR. LOVE PACKAGES IS A MINISTRY THAT SHIPS BIBLES AND OTHER CHRISTIAN MATERIALS OVERSEAS TO BELIEVERS HUNGRY FOR GOD'S WORD.

ITEMS THAT MAY BE DONATED ARE: BIBLES (NEW OR GENTLY USED), DEVOTIONALS AND CHRISTIAN BOOKS, SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS. CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES, CDs AND DVDs. BRING ANY DONATIONS TO ANY DEACON AT CHURCH OR CALL SUE DOBBS AT 563-499-6823. LET'S PUT OUR UNUSED RESOURCES TO WORK WHERE THEY ARE REALLY NEEDED!





THANK YOU!

NEWCOMB BOARD OF DEACONS, THE BEAUTIFUL WARM FLEECE BLANKET IS VERY COMFORTING! THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, LOVE, NANCY ROSEMAN

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS, CARDS AND CONCERNS FOR MY HUSBAND, KEVIN WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. THANKS TOO FOR THE COZY BLANKET. HE USES IT A LOT! — CAROL KELLY

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING OUR ANGEL TREE MINISTRY A SUCCESS! IT IS BECAUSE OF CARING AND GIVING HEARTS OF OUR CONGREGATION HERE AT NEWCOMB AND WE SINCERELY WANT TO THANK YOU!

THANK YOU

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MY FINALS CARE PACKAGE TO HELP ME GET THROUGH THIS STRESSFUL TIME. I ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND IT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME! THANK YOU AGAIN, SOPHIA AVILA

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DEACONS FOR THE COZY WARM BLANKET. IT HAS KEPT MY BODY AND HEART WARM EVERY DAY! RECOVERY IS GOING VERY WELL AND HOPE TO BE BACK IN CHURCH SOON! —ALLEN





2026 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

THE AMOUNT OF THE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2026 IS \$46.63. THIS IS THE AMOUNT THAT NEWCOMB PAYS TO THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA FOR EACH MEMBER ON IT'S MEMBERSHIP ROLLS AS OF 12/31/24. SINCE WE HAD 91 MEMBERS ON THAT DATE , WE WILL BE PAYING \$4,243.33 IN EARLY 2026. OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS PAY THEIR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT TO NEWCOMB IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THIS PAYMENT ON OUR BUDGET. IF YOU HAVENT DONE SO IN THE PAST, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SUCH IN 2026. IN FACT, HOW ABOUT DOING A "PLUS ONE" BY PAYING FOR ANOTHER MEMBER'S PER CAPITA? MARK YOUR CHECK "PER CAPITA" OR MEMBERS USING GIVING ENVELOPES CAN PUT THE PAYMENT IN THE BLUE ENVELOPE LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE BOX. INCIDENTALLY, THE \$46.63 IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE EAST IOWA PRESBYTERY (\$29.87), THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES (\$5.50) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (\$11.26).

2025 ELDERS

Fellowship

Lilah Hughes

Education

Carol Kelly

Steve Goyette

Lilah Hughes

Worship

Lori Leipold

Pam Hoos

Business

Greg Larrison

Donna Goyette

Phil Leipold

Bill Lafrenz

2025 Deacons

Sue Dobbs

Connie

Hilsenbeck

Jerilyn Johnson

Mary Ann Kling

Sandy Luse

Art Searle

Carey Smysor

Karen Wilson

Snowflakes

Snowflakes spill from heaven's hand
Lovely and chaste like smooth white sand.

A veil of wonder laced in light
Falling gently on a winter's night.

Gracefully beauty raining down
Giving magic to the lifeless ground.

Each snowflake like a falling star
Smiling beauty that's spun afar.
Till earth is dressed in a robe of white
Unspoken poem the hush of night.

**THANK YOU TO BOB RILEY AND EVERYONE WHO MADE THE
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM A SUCCESS!**



Life & Work of Our Church

Keeping in Touch

If you need to make contact with the church during the week, please call 563-391-7308 or email newcombpres@outlook.com The office is not staffed daily, but messages and email are checked frequently. **Pastor Kerry Jennings can be reached at 563-554-4425**

In your prayers, please remember



Steve Goyette Ron McCalla Bill Lafrenz Allen Fields Norma Wolf
Diane Rios Tom Crosley Craig Kling (Mary Ann Kling's son)
Paul Thiessen Lisa Chaney (Steve & Donna Goyette's daughter)

Mike McGuire (son of Jane Cochran) Don Marple (Joyce Marple's son), Cheryl McGuire (Jane Cochran's daughter-in-law), Terry Woolison (Joyce Marple's son-in-law), Barb Carston, Laura & Dave Bloom (friends of Connie Hilsenbeck), Alivia Hillyer, Wanda McCartney, Kevin Kelly (Carol's husband), Carolyn Kelly (Carol's daughter), Elaine Frevert, Janis Watt, Juli Hahn, Jim Fields (Allan Fields cousin), Merle Fisher (Joyce Marple's brother), Ken Daniels (Jan's husband), Craig & Merry Smith, Eleanor Pelosi (sister of Liz McCalla), Lyle Wagner, and Lea Larrison on the death of her mother.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

32 YEARS

JOY MATH
CARYN KELLY

20 YEARS

KRIS WARD
CLAYTON WARD

15 YEARS

MARGE VOELKERS

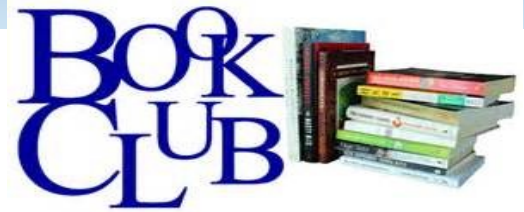
25 YEARS

JEFFREY WILSON
MICHELE KRUM
SARAH RIPPLE

16 YEARS

ELAINE FREVERT
NADINE VOELKERS
STEVE GOYETTE
DONNA GOYETTE





BEYOND WORDS BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB WILL START THE NEW YEAR WITH A MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 TH AT 7:00 PM. THE BOOK TO BE DISCUSSED IS "HERE ONE MOMENT" BY LEON MORIARTY. BELOW IS THE LIST OF BOOKS SCHEDULED FOR THE COMING YEAR. EVERYONE INTERESTED IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE GROUP ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. BELOW IS A LIST OF BOOKS SCHEDULED FOR 2026:

JANUARY 6: "HERE ONE MOMENT" BY LEON MORIARTY

FEBRUARY 3: "BY ANY OTHER NAME" BY JODI PICOULT

MARCH 3: "THE NIGHT WE LOST HIM" BY LAURA DAVE

APRIL 7: "WAR TIME NURSERY" BY LIZZIE PAGE

MAY 5: "HEART WOOD" BY AMITY GAIGE

JUNE 2: "YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE" BY JANEVA ROSE

JULY 7: "STRANGER IN TIME" BY DAVID BALDACCI

AUGUST 4: "HER DAUGHTER'S DREAM" BY FRANCINE RIVERS"

SEPTEMBER 1: "THE OUTCAST GIRLS" BY SHIRLEY DICKSON

OCTOBER 6: "CODE NAME SAPPHIRE" BY PAM JENOFF

NOVEMBER 3: "IT STARTS WITH US" BY COLLEEN HOOVER

DECEMBER 1: "IT ENDS WITH US" BY COLLEEN HOOVER



Financial Snap Shot

	November 2025	November 2024	November Budget
Income	14,404	14,064	12,596
Expenses	10,848	10,113	13,719
Net Increase (Decrease)	3,556	3,951	(1,123)
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD Budget
Income	131,698	149,552	127,386
Expenses	153,294	167,724	156,320
Net Increase (Decrease)	(21,596)	(18,172)	(28,934)



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



JAN 2—TRACI KAMMER

JAN 2—CHRISTINE PLOOG

JAN 3—TODD NIMS

JAN 4—NORMA WOLF

JAN 8—SAM SMYSOR

JAN 9—REGINA SKALLA

JAN 9—EVELYN DAUFELDT

JAN 11—CONNIE HILSENBECK

JAN 20—CLAYTON WARD

JAN 26—ZACK GOYETTE

JAN 31—KAITLYN KELLY



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