



Pilgrim's Progress

JANUARY 2008 Issue



"The purpose of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ, for the object of sharing in the worship of God and in seeking His will for our lives, especially as that will is set forth in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."

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Pastor's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope you all are as eager to get started in 2008 as I am. Our theme for 2008, "Let's Make It Great", is an attempt to reflect positively on our God-given talents and assets. It also relates to how we might apply ourselves most effectively in the building of our community of faith.

In Hebrews chapter 12, it calls for all to lay aside personal, selfish desires so that we might witness to the "crowd" the more perfect walk of faith. What does this walk of faith look like? Come join us at First Congregational as we seek together God's path for our lives. In so doing, we just might discover that, indeed, 2008 is the greatest year yet to be a follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Hope to see you soon.
Until then I am ...

Your Servant and His,

Pastor Barry

January

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Bell Choir Practice: 8:30 a.m.
 ALL Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
 Chancel Choir Practice: 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Church Offices Closed	2 W.W.	3 W.W.	4	5 W.W.
6 Pulpit Guest: Rev. Jean Bower	7 Soup Kitchen W.W.	8 Cancer Support Groups 7 pm	9 Trustees Mtg. 6:30 p.m. *Guys of Glory W.W.	10 W.W.	11 FCC Stamp Club 10 a.m.	12 "Undecorate" the Sanctuary 9 a.m. W.W.
13	14 W.W.	15 MTGS: Diaconate Benevolence & Missions Comm. 6:30 p.m.	16 * W.W.	17 W.W.	18	19 W.W.
20 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON	21 W.W.	22	23 * W.W.	24 W.W.	25 FCC Stamp Club 10 a.m.	26 Meals-On- Wheels W.W.
27	28 W.W.	29	30 W.W.	31 W.W.		

W.W. = Weight Watchers Meetings

To schedule your ride to a Sunday worship service, please contact Lavonne Rook (753-7718) no later than Saturday evening OR the church office by Thursday before 3 p.m.

REMINDER. . . Not meeting in January: Cum Double, Amity & Women's Fellowship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

FCC has two long standing commitments for service to the Marshalltown community. We are responsible to furnish delivery drivers for noon Meals-On-Wheels on the 4th & 5th Saturdays of each month. One of our active volunteers would be available to ride with you on your initial trip if you can give 1-1½ hours to this project. The other commitment is to prepare and serve an evening meal at House of Compassion on the 1st Monday of each month. The meal is prepared at HOC from food available there. Serving takes place from 5-6:15 p.m. This project requires cooks to prepare the meal, serve and clean up; cooking (depending on what is prepared) usually begins near 3 p.m. and those serving need to arrive 4:30-4:45 p.m. Clean up is normally finished by 7 p.m. If we could have 3-4 sets of volunteers to this project, it would mean giving 2½ - 4 hours of service every 3rd or 4th month. Please give your prayerful consideration to these outreach programs.



140th Annual Meeting

**140TH FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008**

A luncheon will start approximately 11:30 a.m. with the meeting following directly after the luncheon.

**Cancer Support Group
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.**



The Marshalltown Cancer Support Group will celebrate Christmas in January as their December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Barbara Scafferi has the entertainment planned. This will be followed by a social hour. Those attending are encouraged to provide snack food to share and the VFW Auxiliary, #389 will be in charge of the kitchen.

The Marshalltown Cancer Support Group meets monthly and all survivors, family members, caregivers and support team members are welcome to attend. Most meetings have educational speakers. There are no charges or dues to attend any meetings. The resource center at the church provides wigs, caps, and literature free of charge to survivors. For further information or to make an appointment at the resource center, phone 641-752-5931.

**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bing McHone
- 3 Janice Jordan
- 4 Alice Gallentine
- 6 Max Canfield
- Aaron Dickey
- 9 Sue Horn
- 11 Jennifer Howard
- 12 Elliott Stanley
- 13 Larry Koepnick
- Jenni Packer
- 15 Janet Breed
- Connie Lyman
- 19 Kristin Meyer
- 20 Pauline Mairs
- 21 Travis Byers
- 22 Harriet Arklie
- 23 Joan Carter
- Barry Sedlacek
- 24 David Berg

- Sarah Grabe
- 25 LeAnn Fuller
- John Olson
- 26 Debi Estabrook
- 27 Barb Scafferi
- 28 Nichole Stubbe
- 31 Jayne Bonnette
- Brenda Morris

January Anniversary

Todd & Leah Stanley 1/4/03

**KEEP OUR SOLDIERS IN
YOUR PRAYERS**



PRAISE GOD! Lt. Bennett Franklin is stateside!

**Our Members in Care
Facilities:**

Patsy Keyser, Kathryn Pike, Mary Wilson, Jerry Knights, Virginia Adams, Helen Berg, Doretta Cunningham, Olive Showalter.



Thanks for all the cards, letters and prayers. They were greatly appreciated. It really is a great church family and we love you all.

-- Jack & Terry Tremain



Removal of the Decorations
The Diaconate would like to invite all who would be willing to help us remove the Christmas decorations at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 12th.

**STATS CORNER
FOR OCTOBER,
NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER 2007**

OCTOBER:

DEATHS:

John Tigges, 10/23/07

NOVEMBER:

NEW MEMBER: 11/11/07

Michelle Lawthers

BAPTISMS:

Davis W. Ragland, 11/18/07

DECEMBER:

NEW MEMBERS: 12/2/07

Kristi Cameron

David Berg

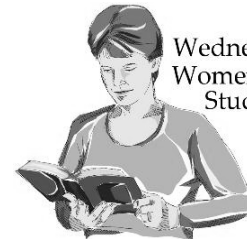
Arlene Selby

WEDDING: 12/15/07

Cody Wical & Danielle Wildman

FUNERAL: 12/12/07

Harriet Hendy (Catherine McGregor's sister)



Wednesday
Women's Bible
Study

**Wednesday Women's
Bible Study
January 23, 1:30 – 3ish
A Study of Psalms**

Using a combination of sources, including a six week Beth Moore, C.S. Lewis, Phillip Yancey and a read through Psalms, we will explore the poetry and concepts found in this book of the Bible. COME JOIN US!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!



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