

Welcome to Our New Elders & Deacons

The annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 23, 2022. Election of church officers was held at that time.



Amy Boesen
Curt Field
Belinda Greiner
Linda Matson
Lloyd Meyer
Kathy Nickel
Anne Wattles
Stephanie Weaver



Jerry Cornett
Neal Hubbard
John Morey
Tina Morgan
Ginger Peterson-Britt
Inga Wagner
Danny Whitlow
Carolyn Will
Elected to a two-year term:
Piper Smith

Nominating Committee

Thank you to the members of this year's nominating committee for their hard work: Paula Allen, Mary Lynn Bennett, Jim Miller, Joe Weaver, Josh Versaw, and Nancy Utman



Thank You from the Church Staff

The outpouring of gratitude in your handwritten thank you notes surprised and overwhelmed us! Our buckets are overflowing, and we're ready to serve God together with you in 2022.

~ Marshall, Christine, Kristi, Dana,
Heather, Rock, Julie, & Gayle

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Plodding through a Pandemic

It's been one year now since we re-opened our building for worship and activities. To say it's been an interesting year would be an understatement. We began cautiously with only one service for about 7 months, then last fall we returned to our usual 2-service format. But it hasn't been business as usual!

Now we hear that, in some parts of the country, the Omicron variant has peaked, and we wait for local COVID cases to begin to fall. Meanwhile, we mask up and soldier on, hopefully but cautiously. Life continues on!

At our recent Annual Meeting we affirmed the Nominating Committee's good work by electing another class of elders and deacons. We received our year-end financial reports and the Session's 2022 budget, recognizing God's faithful provision through the generosity of our members. Through thick and thin, the church continues on!

I don't know what it was like during other challenging times, like during the Spanish Flu or the Bubonic Plague. Nevertheless, the church persevered on.

In the Bible, we read of those saints before us who followed God through thick and thin. Hebrews 11 offers us a long list of various people, including Abraham, whom we are currently studying about in the Tuesday Bible study. The writer of Hebrews summarizes their lives in Hebrews 11:13: "All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them."

God had promised a home for Abraham's descendants. Abraham, we are learning, was not perfect, but he persevered. Even though he would never settle in that land himself, his descendants eventually would. God's promises were true, and Abraham is commended for his faith. What would God say about our faith during these days of COVID? Could our names be listed along these other heroes of faith in Hebrews 11?

At the time, heroes usually don't realize they're being heroic. They keep going, because that is what's demanded of them. The Baptist minister, William Carey, was appointed to serve as a missionary to India in 1793. Over the next 40 years he became known as the "father of modern missions" as he founded schools and translated the Bible into Sanskrit, Marathi, Punjabi, and other languages. Carey once explained his success this way: "I can plod. I can perse-

vere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything."

What will be your attitude as we continue to navigate this pandemic, now in a new year?

First, do not estimate the power of putting one foot in front of the other. It's a long journey, but we keep going.

Second, remember that you do not journey on alone. You are part of a church family that walks with you. Whether you worship with us at home or in the sanctuary, we are journeying this life of faith together.

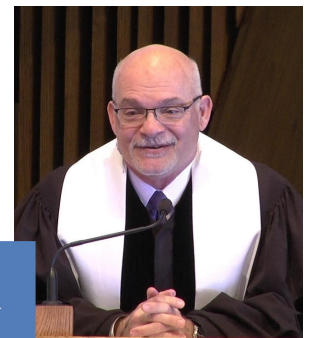
Third, remember the definition of faith from Hebrews 11: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." When we see the road ahead of us, that's called walking by sight. When we can't see what's ahead, that's walking by faith. God calls us to walk on, even when we don't know exactly what lies ahead.

Finally, remember how God has led you in the past. God's nature is to be faithful. Remember how God has provided and watched over you your whole life long!

I consider it a privilege to be walking with you!

Your pastor
and friend,

Marshall Ziemann



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Tuesday
Bible Study



Tuesdays in Room 15 & on Zoom at 1:00 p.m.
Led by Dr. Marshall Ziemann — New Members Welcome!

God's Children

I grew up considering God to be a Father figure, I think most of us did. We refer to God as the Father in the Lord's Prayer every Sunday, and we use the imagery of Father Son and Holy Spirit in our traditional understanding of the Trinity. Yet, God has many names, and in our modern world, we sometimes emphasize those names over God the Father. These are names such as God our Redeemer, God the Creator, God the Almighty. We do this to remind ourselves that God is really beyond our comprehension. This is God who is "immortal, invisible God only wise." While these images of God are important, I think many of us have become removed from God whom we can't understand, and we therefore separate our day-to-day activities from God.

Last week, I learned that a good friend went to the hospital for a kidney stone. If you have had one, you know how painful it is. Yet, she did not want to bother God or me as she believed others needed God's attention more than she did. Likewise, I have had people here in the church tell me that they don't like to bother God with prayers that aren't important. I too have felt this way, but I think this comes from an understanding of a God that we can't really know. We have forgotten about God who is a parent and who feels our highs and lows more than we do.

One of the beautiful experiences of being a parent is walking through life with our children. We celebrate with them in their victories and cry with them in their defeats. As many of you know, the experience of this love impacts us to the core. As parents, we want to protect our children and encourage them. We want them to share all that is on their minds. While we have this expectation for our human relationships, we forget that God wants this same relationship with us. If we understand God as our parent, then we know that we must share our lives with God. We must be in conversation with God as we would with a human parent, and we must ask for God's advice and be reminded of God's love.

This month, I encourage you to embrace your relationship with God remembering that you are God's child. God wants you to share all your life—your highs and your lows, your dreams and your fears. Nothing in your life is insignificant to God. Just like a human parent, God wants to be there for you. How do you share with God? First, pray and consider everything you do and every person in your life as worthy of prayer. Second, worship. Come and celebrate the wonder of God in community with other disci-

ples. Third, share. Ask your ministers, or the prayer team to walk with you. As 1 John 3:1 reminds us, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."



Grace and peace,

Christine

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

**Sundays, April 24 – May 15 at 10:00 a.m.
Led by Pastor Christine**

For four weeks we will look at the Protestant Reformation placing it into the historical context of sixteenth century Europe. We will consider not only the theological changes brought forth by the Protestant Reformers, but also think about how the Reformation impacted social and political change. The Reformation is essential not only for our Presbyterian tradition but also for world we live in today.



If you or a loved one are facing a situation where you need spiritual or emotional support, contact Pastor Christine for more information about our Cross Care Connections program. You may also complete the online form on our website to request a Cross Care Connections provider.



Vesper Concerts: Small Spaces, Big Music!

The Board of Operations for Vesper Concerts recently spent some time revising our mission statement. After much thoughtful consideration and wordsmithing, here is the final result:

Vesper Concerts provides the greater Omaha community with unique, memorable, and accessible music experiences that engage, educate, and inspire both patrons and performers.

We hope you can think of many ways that you have been engaged, educated, and inspired at Vesper Concerts. And if you've never been to a concert, there is no time like the present!

Kick off your Super Bowl Sunday with Vesper Concerts!

First Take, directed by Grammy-nominated composer and arranger Dr. Jeremy Fox, is a vocal jazz ensemble from The School for Music Vocations at Southwestern Community College (SWCC) in Creston, Iowa – the only vocational music program in the nation.

Each year, these talented young musicians tour nationally to wide audience acclaim. They have won several awards from *Downbeat Magazine*, both as an ensemble and as individual singers, most notably in the category of Best College Vocal Jazz Group in 2019.



Vesper Concerts is proud to present this energetic and virtuosic group from across the Missouri in Iowa! And — we guarantee you'll be home in time for kickoff!

Kristi Treu, Director of Music
Executive Director of Vesper Concerts



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Organist: Dana Sloan, M.M.

Worship & Music Committee Moderator:
Jayne Frederickson

A Note from Heather Berry

Junior High Fellowship Bake Sale February 13

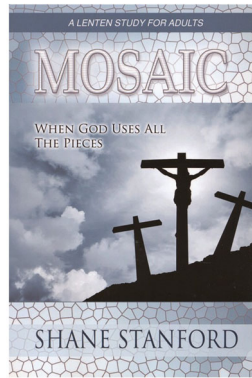


Come satisfy your sweet tooth *and* support JHF at the same time! JHF will be in Fellowship Hall on February 13 in between services accepting donations in exchange for their delicious baked goods. Even if you don't have a sweet tooth, come by and help support our youth. All proceeds will go towards their summer mission trip to Des Moines, Iowa in June.

Lenten Study 2022

One of our most beloved churchwide activities is starting soon – Lenten Study! Small groups will begin a 6-week study on March 6 and end on April 10 (Palm Sunday).

In this study, we will examine how God uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful – a mosaic in which God uses all of the pieces. The author says, “This journey will take us along the same path Jesus walked in the days before and along his own journey to Jerusalem. We will see similarities to our own stories and the lessons we should pick up, like pebbles along the path.



You may purchase your own book or ask us to order one for you. Recommended donation is \$14. Please register online or at the table in the Narthex before February 20. Look for a special email to sign up!

Senior High Fellowship Mission Trip

The senior high youth group will be traveling to Parkville, Missouri June 12-17 for their annual summer mission trip. We plan to stay at Heartland Presbyterian Center, a PCUSA camp, which is just outside of Kansas City.

In response to the Good News of Jesus Christ, Heartland Presbyterian Center provides hospitality and programming in a natural setting for individuals,

Important Dates

February 13	JHF Bake Sale, 10:00 a.m.
March 6	Lenten Study begins
March 28	Confirmation Exam/Dinner
April 24	Confirmation Sunday
	Reformation Class Begins
May 1	Youth Sunday/Senior Brunch

families, churches, and the community. Founded in 1958, Heartland Presbyterian Center is a mission of the Presbyteries of Heartland and Northern Kansas, Synod of Mid-America, PCUSA, providing shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship for the children of God.

While at Heartland, we plan to work mostly on projects at the camp, but we might venture into Kansas City to serve the community, if time allows. On the way home, we'll stop at World's of Fun for some well-earned fun!

Registration is now open on the church website. A \$50 deposit is due by March 1 to secure your spot.

A Special Thank You

Thank you so much to those (you know who you are) who are happy to fill in at the last minute to help staff our childcare and Sunday School classes. **YOU are AMAZING!!!** If you would like to be on the sub list, please let Heather know.



Heather Berry
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CE Committee Moderator: Matt Kahler

JHF Leaders: Carla & Jon Fritz, Julie Evers, & Jeremy Cunningham

SHF Leaders: Dawn & Brad Gibson, Ethan Bennett, Susan Price



THE VIEW FROM MY OFFICE

Year-end Financials

I am pleased to announce that we have met all our church obligations while operating within a balanced budget and are making progress keeping our church financial integrity solid. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we weren't sure how the pandemic would affect our congregation's ability to fulfill their annual pledges. Thanks to all of you who faithfully continued your donations to our church, we ended 2020 with a \$60,000 surplus.

Last spring, we were pleased to be able to use \$40,000 of those funds to support mission needs in our Omaha community. The additional \$20,000 was set aside for our church to use throughout 2021 for technology improvements and added expenses related to outdoor worship and activities.

In addition to those immediate needs, Church of the Cross has also been purchasing additional equipment and software to allow for our worship services to be livestreamed. Gayle Kerr-McFadden has been leading this effort. We have also engaged two of our younger members Christian Fritz and Piper Smith to work on Sunday mornings to fill the personnel needs. If you have had the opportunity to watch online, you will notice that we are able to produce an inspiring worship online and in-person each week. Kudos to this group of people for their talents.

Building & Grounds

B&G looks forward to many improvements happening during 2022. Renee and Jerry Cornett have donated a commercial kitchen range to upgrade our kitchen. B&G will be purchasing a new convection stack oven soon. We hope that these two units will replace the current equipment that is approaching 30 years of use.

Finance Committee Moderator:

Sam Rennick

Building and Grounds Committee Moderator:

John Stalnaker

In February, it is also our vision that three new furnace and air conditioner units will be installed that serve the Fellowship Hall and lower levels. These upgrades will keep our building utilities running efficiently.

Looking Towards the Future

Work is underway for the new addition and Fellowship Hall renovation. The Building Design Committee is working closely with Leo A Daly and MCL Contractors to focus on the project details. It is an exciting adventure for me to be involved in these discussions.



This past week, it was decided that I should display the new project photos in the building to keep the new expansion and Fellowship Hall renovation in everyone's minds. There are more large pictures hanging in classrooms 13, 14 & 15 and others in

the upstairs corridor.

Again, I want to say thank you to everyone who is currently meeting their pledge commitments for the Capital Campaign. At the end of December, members have given \$2,565,741.48 that will be used for construction. These early gifts are most beneficial to keeping costs under control when we are able to begin construction without borrowing from the bank.

I look forward to breaking ground and our first celebration inside the new space.

Rock Sumner
Business
Administrator



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Member Life Events



- 1 Jennifer Reid, Bidong Tot, Kaiden Kort
- 2 Bernice Hall, Kathryn Lewis, Arlin Kiel, Kevin Wetuski, Shirley Payne, Martha Sherman
- 3 Eleanor Gould, Nancy Hamil
- 5 Michaela Kalkwarf, Brady Luke, Amelia Vint, Augustus Vint
- 6 Florence Howell, William Harrison, Paul Waters
- 7 Holli Wright
- 10 Judy Bruce, Jackson Cunningham
- 11 Belinda Greiner, Sarah Mooney
- 12 Haley Allen-Mendick, Keith Engelmann, Jackson Kussman, Annie Bougger, Elizabeth Murray
- 13 Peggy Johnson, Lauren Ballou, Noah McClain
- 15 Richard Bowen, Stan Hale, Doug Rathman, Gayle Hoybook
- 16 Art Morse, Bridget Buda
- 17 Jim Spielman
- 19 Ardell Penney, Bruce Lobauagh, Michelle Kwaw
- 20 Bob Reid, Tyler Falcone, Kiana Sekle, Eric Haas
- 21 Elliott Johnson, Jenna Cunningham
- 22 Bev Koch, Ron Roeder, Sally Hanley
- 23 Mark Spielman
- 24 Dennis Kaiser
- 25 Steven Schmidt, Brenda Graumann
- 26 Heather Obregon, Michelle Boesen
- 27 Felix Ayika
- 28 Lou Harrison, Sarah Frederickson, Linda Matson, Joshua Obregon



If you are interested in providing chancel flowers for 2022, a sign up sheet is available at the Information Center, or you can call the church office. The cost is \$25.00. This is an excellent way to celebrate a special event or honor someone special.

Membership Committee Moderator:
Pam Otto

Congregational Life Committee Moderators:
Kristin Jacobi

Reminder

Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized.
402-333-7466

Prayer Team

Contact Julie Buehler
or
Judy Arms

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

49ers

Judy Sundberg
Mary Ott

Friday Night Gourmet

Curt Field &
Laurie Lambert

Presbyterian Women

Diane Kratz

Presbyterian Men

Jon Boomgaarden

PCOC Book Group

June Fetting

Music & Movement

Betty Baddley

Tai Chi

Paula Allen

Active Minds

Earlene Uhrig

Cross Roads (Young Adults)

Pastor Christine Dempsey
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2021 Coats, Clothing & Shoes Project

For some students, the simple things we take for granted, like a warm coat or pair of socks or boots, during the cold Omaha winters are not in within their family’s means. Some years ago this need was identified by our church and in response the Mission Committee began the annual Coats, Clothing & Shoes Project as an important outreach each fall.

In September, OPS Elementary schools: Sherman, Walnut Hill, Bancroft, King & Dodge (all in the Northeast or East Omaha), assess their needs by clothing item, age sex, size, quantity and priority. This information is compiled and provided to Kristin Johnson who looks for bargains, makes the purchases, and delivers to the schools.

This season \$5200 of purchases were delivered to each school before Thanksgiving and the first cold blast of 2021. The purchased items were:

- 24 Long-Sleeve Shirts
- 71 Sweatpants
- 65 Leggings
- 46 Shoes/Boots
- 138 Pairs of Socks
- 210 Underwear
- 5 Umbrella
- 5 Fleece Jackets
- 83 Winter Coats



Thanks to Kristin for being our buyer and thank you PCOC members for your generous support! You have the 'Spirit of Mission'! We need more volunteers, so please reach out to a Mission Committee Member to learn how you can get involved!

Notes from the Schools

“Just a quick note to say thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity and kindness in providing coats to our Sherman students!! Our students love going outside and are very thankful and appreciative of the nice warm coats you provided to keep them warm!! Thank you again for being such a blessing to Sherman and our students!!”

~ Mrs. Harrison, Sherman Principal

“Thank you so much for the generous gift . . . This will ensure that so many of our students will now have a spare clothing option should they need it. Your generosity has truly been a blessing to us.”

~ Laura Dodge Staff & Students



Mission Committee Moderator:
Karen Morey

Agape for All

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute,” (Psalm 82:3).

A new year is upon us, and Agape for All offers all PCOC members opportunities to continue learning and growing in the area of social justice. We’ll kick off the new month with a Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. (check your email from church for the Zoom link). We will discuss activities for the remainder of this semester. We welcome and need your input, so we can continue our dynamic progress. There is a place and purpose for each of us! Some of our efforts for 2022 will include:

- Sponsoring 2 North Omaha Youth and 2 PCOC Youth on the Civil Rights Learning Tour. & encouraging 2 or more adults to attend the Adult Civil Rights Learning Tour.
- Participating in “Sacred Ground” classes on Zoom
- Poetry Night, rescheduled for March 18 at Patty and Bill Ritchie’s house.
- Reading and discussing books from our new Social Justice section in the church library.
- “What’s Cookin’” Table each week during Cornerstone where conversation centers on social justice. All are invited.
- Participating in interfaith/interracial discussions or devotions with groups such as Dialogues on Racism, Community Conversations, Omaha Council for Racial Justice and Reconciliation Community Conversations on February 21 at 7 p.m.. The topic will be Voter Identification, held at the UNO Barbara Weitz Center for Community Engagement.
- And much more!

Find details on the Agape for All page of the church website: churchofthecrossomaha.org/agape



Pantry Sunday — February 20
Donate Food and Hygiene Items

11th OSS Christmas “Family Night”

On December 7, students, parents, teachers, and PCOC volunteers gathered for Omaha Street School's (OSS) Christmas 'Family Night'. PCOC has supported this event for 11 years because OSS has no PTO. Thanks to your donations of graham crackers, frosting, marshmallows, cereal, and LOTS of candy, the students and their families were able to enjoy making creative and festive gingerbread houses.

This year's PCOC crew of Tina Morgan, Paula Hazelrigg, Jayne Frederickson, Board Member Anna Sumner, and Darrell and Barb Stuedemann passed out candies and other items for 'home' decorating. Kids and parents put their talents to good use, as evidenced by the photos below. Overall, the OSS Christmas Family Night with gingerbread houses was a big success!



The OSS staff was very thankful to PCOC for our continuing support of this event. Thank you again, PCOC!

About Omaha Street School: The Omaha Street School is located at 3223 N 45 Street. It's a fully accredited faith-based alternative private high school that puts at-risk youth on the road to success. OSS focuses on dropout prevention by offering a personalized education to its 25-30 students. Students at OSS have experienced trauma that leads to functional illiteracy, negative behaviors, anxiety, depression or addiction. With God's grace, OSS seeks to work with students to move forward despite their previous experiences. OSS depends only on donations to continue operating.

PDA Hosting Journey from 2019-2021

In April 2019 - just three weeks after the historic flooding and disaster needs assistance arose in our area - the Mission Committee appointed a task force to explore the idea of becoming a PDA Long Term Recovery Host Site. In June, PDA selected PCOC as the single host site for the Omaha area (six other churches were interested). In July, we confirmed Omaha Rapid Response as our work partner and hosted a Q&A meeting with members of our Congregation and two PDA Hosting Coordinators from the national headquarters in Louisville. At the end of August, the Session unanimously approved PCOC to become a PDA Long Term Recovery Host site. We applied for and received a \$5,000 PDA grant and additional grant money from our Presbytery. We also received a generous donation from two anonymous donors. The kitchen in the Great Room was updated for PDA volunteers to use. By the end of 2019, we welcomed 8 groups of volunteers, from six different states, a total of 60 youth and adults, who worked over 1,800 hours at Kings Lake .

2020 proved to be a slow year with cancellations of 9 of 11 due to COVID. Between the two groups who came in early March, we had 26 volunteers.

2021 came with a new set of COVID related challenges. PDA mandated “all volunteers be fully vaccinated, regardless of age.” Eventually, the other disaster response organizations mandated vaccines for adults, too. We welcomed a total of 9 groups from 8 different states and a total of 113 volunteers who worked almost 4,000 hours.

To date, volunteers have rebuilt 22 flood-damaged homes. The work for the average volunteer is about finished, but 7 more homes have been condemned and need to be rebuilt from the ground up, which will require primarily skilled workers.

Our PDA hosting team is taking a much needed break to celebrate our work. We hope to welcome more mission teams in the spring. You can read Sheri Session's full report about PDA hosting efforts on our website., including wonderful feedback from the many volunteers who we've hosted.

PDA Hosting Page of Website:
churchofthecrossomaha.org/pda-hosting/



Welcome New Members



Linda Grohs

Please welcome Linda to our church family. Previously Linda was a member of Living Faith United Methodist Church in Omaha and has served on the Finance Committee in the past. She was born in North Bend, Nebraska and has lived in Omaha for twenty years. She is a “mostly retired” insurance agent. Linda said Janet Wallace, Jan Steffa, our traditional worship, fabulous music and friendliness of our congregation brought her to PCOC. Thanks to everyone in our church who played a part in Linda’s decision to become a member!

Susan Barger

After living in Omaha for approximately two years, Sue’s been looking at churches and found us on the Website. We are pleased she did! Sue recently lived in Columbus, Ohio and belonged to Worthington Presbyterian Church. She is retired from Abbot Laboratories where she worked in Microbiology and Food Science. Two daughters and seven grandchildren, who live in Omaha, are the reasons she moved here. Even though Sue is officially retired, she is now serving as her grandchildren’s personal chauffeur. Sue enjoys music, which includes playing the piano and organ, sewing, and reading. When asked



“what brought you to PCOC”, she stated the music and activities/programs for all ages. Welcome Sue!

Vacation Bible School Planning

If you love Jesus, children, and having fun, VBS is the place for you! We are assembling our leadership team **NOW**, and we need **YOU**. Our theme this year is *Monumental – Celebrating God’s Greatness*. Join us the week of June 20 as we show our children how great God is! Contact Heather to join our volunteer team.



Caring & Sharing Day February 13



February 13 is a Caring & Sharing Day at Don & Millie’s at 108th and Center. When you grab lunch from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., tell them you’re with PCOC, and 20% of your bill goes comes back to us to support next year’s JHF Mission Trip!

Need a Spiritual Lift During the Week?

Discover our weekly podcast, “The Cross,” a shortened version of the Sunday worship service. Revisit the scripture reading and pastor’s message, and then reflect while listening to a beautiful musical arrangement. Available on Spotify and the service pages of the church website. Listen anytime, anywhere!



American Red Cross | Blood Services

Cross Blood Drive March 6, 2022

The Deacons will be hosting a spring blood drive on Sunday, March 6th. Every donation is critical and you can make a lifesaving difference! Sign-ups will begin in February. Mark your calendars for March 6th to give blood and make a difference!

Deacons

Pam Swenson

Moderator

Pam Swenson

Home Meals Coordinator

Kathy Moore

Vice Moderator

To Be Determined

Prayer Shawls Information

To Be Determined

Secretary

Kim Banat

PieceMakers

Karen Morey
Debbie McMullen

Treasurer

To Be Determined

Funeral Meals



**PW Morning Circle
Thursday, February 3
9:00 a.m. on Zoom**

Cindy Nisley will lead the lesson using the book “What my Grandmothers Taught Me.” Zoom information will be sent via email.

Friday Night Gourmet — February 11

Friday Night Gourmets will meet next on February 11 at Charleston’s (east), 7540 Dodge St. (402-991-0055), with social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. We will order off the menu. Hosts are Stanton and Charlene Weyand and Curt Field and Launie Lambert. A sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center. Please sign up by Sunday, February 6. *All who enjoy good food and good company are welcome.*

Book Group — February 16

Join us in Room 13 from 5:15 to 6:p.m. We will be discussing “Hamnet” by Maggie O’Farrell
Questions, contact June Fettig
All readers welcome!



Postponed/Cancelled Events

- **Presbyterian Men** have cancelled their Valentine’s Day Dinner at Lauritzen Gardens.
- **Active Minds** will not meet in February. If Metro area COVID cases improve, we hope to resume in March and play Canasta. To be added to our notification email, please contact Earlene Uhrig.
- **49ers** is cancelled for February.



Young Adult Fellowship Events

On February 6, Cross Roads for young adults (ages 20-40) will meet after late worship for pizza, fellowship, and a sermon talkback. Meet at the circle drive doors. **Pictured above:** January gathering at Piezon’s Pizzeria with those who were home from college.



This young and active group is excited for another summer mission outreach June 23-26. They will make their home base at Calvin Crest and do local mission work in Omaha and Fremont. If you would like to join the email/text list for this group, please reach out to Pastor Christine.

College Bible Study meets every Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. Check your email from church for the Zoom details.



More fun than a barrel full of monkeys! Many thanks to Frank McMullen (Zoo Docent) for bravely leading our Junior High Fellowship Group around the Zoo on January 16.

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Next Cross Currents Deadline is:
Third Friday of the month
February 18, 2022



Siena Francis House Servers Needed February 13, 2022 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

An easy sign up button is on the church website home page. It will take you to a page where you can do the following

- 1) Create a Volunteer Profile (one-time step)
- 2) Sign up for one of the PCOC serving spots

Contact Sandi Stuckey or Keith Allen with questions.

Church Office: For Cross Currents communication requests/inquiries and general church information, contact Julie Hansen in the church office
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If you have a church website update, need a Zoom meeting invite, or have another communications need, please call or email. The best time to find Gayle in the church office is on Tuesday mornings, but she is available for communications needs anytime via email.

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