

## UPC Newsletter November/December 2022

### Birthdays

11/01-Denise Eekhoff  
11/01-Tricia Polzin  
11/04-Jim Williams  
11/05-Darrin Waller  
11/08-Lindsay Watne  
11/08-Ryan Watne  
11/11-Bill Kem  
11/13-McKenna Kruger  
11/16-Terry Howieson  
11/21-Greg Chapman  
11/21-Eden Polzin  
11/23-Wren Howieson

12/05-Carol Chapman  
12/13-Kaitlin Kubly  
12/14-Tucker Howieson  
12/14-Ali Schmid  
12/14-Alex Williams  
12/17-Katelyn Kruger  
12/21-Karen Wason  
12/29-Brooke Nerlien  
12/29-Sherri O'Brien

### Acolyte

Nov.=Tristan Kakacek  
Dec.=Nick Schmid

### Committee of the Month

Nov. \*Deb O.,Mary/Marv G.,Pam/Kent H.  
Dec. \*Mary/Roger K.,Donna/Todd S.,Jill/Jeff W.

### Greeters

11/6-Karen C.,Peg B.  
11/20-Paul H.  
12/4-Greg/Andrea C.,Iris E.  
12/18Carol/Greg C.

### Ushers

Nov.-Paul H.  
Dec. Marv G., Darrin W.

### Calendar

11/20-Worship UPC  
11/27-Worship UCCC  
12/4-Worship UPC

12/06-Blood Drive 1-6pm  
12/11-Worship UCCC  
12/18-Worship UPC

12/24-Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm at UPC  
12/25-Christmas Service 9:30 am at UCCC

Session Minutes  
United Presbyterian Church  
Clarion, Iowa  
November 9, 2022

The Stated meeting of the Session was held Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 3:00p.m. in the Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Carol Chapman, Jeff Fankhauser, Kevin Kakacek, Frank Sharp, Karen Wason, Deb Olson, Clerk, and Rev. Bill Kem, Moderator, excused, Mary Kallem. Rev. Kem opened with devotions and prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded, carried (m/s/c) to accept the Treasurer's Report.

CLERK'S REPORT: It was m/s/c to accept the October Session Minutes and November 6 Congregational Meeting Minutes.  
Communion servers: Jeff & Mary, November 20.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Kem will be absent from the pulpit January 8,2023 for his granddaughter's baptism. Pat O'Brien & Susan Toftey will fill the pulpit that Sunday.

Since Rev. Kem was unable to attend the conference in Arkansas, we should be refunded \$500.00. Session was given the Child & Youth Protection Policy for review.

DEACON'S REPORT: The Deacons were unable to participate in the Halloween "Trunk or Treat".

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The Women discussed dividing up various responsibilities among the group.

ADVENT TEAM: The Deacons have purchased a new Christmas tree. Hanging of the Greens will be November 20, following a brunch after worship.

MISSIONS TEAM: Their next scheduled meeting is November 23.

NOMINATING TEAM: The team is talking to several people about serving as Elder or Deacon.

PERSONNEL TEAM: The Team recommended a 2.5% increase for the pastor's salary.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM: A stewardship letter, along with the 2023 proposed budget, will be sent to members of the congregation.

WORSHIP TEAM: Mary may have a speedier recovery from carpal tunnel surgery, and be able to return as organist sooner than 3 to 4 months.

SESSION ASSIGNMENTS: Frank & Mary-Elder & Deacon positions  
Kevin-2023 budget  
Rev. Kem-Bruce Frink/Deacon's Fund

Rev. Kem closed the meeting with prayer at 4:06 p.m.

#### Congregational Meeting Minutes

A Congregational Meeting was held following worship November 6, 2022. A quorum was declared.

The congregation was encouraged to vote "yes" or "no" concerning continuing to share Sunday worship service with the United Church of Christ Congregational (UCCC), alternating worship locations between the two churches every other Sunday. Session decided an 80% "yes" vote is needed to continue alternating worship. If the United Presbyterian Church (UPC) votes to not continue worshipping together with the UCCC, a rotating worship time would go into effect. In January the UPC would have 11:00 worship through May. After sharing worship with the UCCC during June, July, and August, the UPC would have 9:00 worship starting in September 2023, running through May 2024.

Meeting adjourned.