

Craig Johns

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**Saint Paul United Church of Christ
 Denver, Iowa**

**Rev. Craig R. Henderson
 26 September 2014**

UPDATE

Invitation:

Sun. September 28, 10:15 AM – Wilderness/Outback Sunday (Least Coin Sunday!). Please join us tomorrow for worship. Willard and Darlene Mohling will greet us in what we hope continues to be superbly beautiful weekend. Nancy Schneider will serve as lector, with selected passages including the Gospel Reading, Mark 1:9-13; the Hebrew Lesson, Joel 1:8-20, and our Epistle Lesson, Romans 8:18-28 (The Message). I have not preached a message inspired by Prophets for while, and so the prophet Joel (so many locusts!) is calling to me this week, in a message about overcoming hardships. My message has the quirky title, “Grasshoppers Happen!” Dr. Thomas Reed, whom we greeted two weeks ago with some intentionality, to mark our appreciation for his one-year of musical service as our organist, will be providing a prelude “I’m Bound for the Kingdom” (Lister); Offertory “Largo” (Vivaldi); and postlude “Voluntary” (Callahan), all as complements to our service. Come join your voices to ours in singing “In the Midst of New Dimensions,” “By Gracious Powers,” and “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.”

Young folks may join Deb Fowler or Vicki Henderson in our Children and Youth gatherings, respectively, at 9:00AM. Council/Endowment Board members will be meeting before church with Craig at 9AM in the conference room.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

Sun. Sept. 28	9:00AM	Council/Endowment Member discussion
	9:00 AM	Children’s Hour, PreK-5th grade
	9:00 AM	Youth Hour, 6th-10th grades
	10:15AM	Worship/Organ/Least Coin -- Wilderness/Outback Sunday
Mon. Sept. 29	6:00 PM	Council/Endowment Member discussion
Tues. Sept. 30	7:30 AM	Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Oct. 1-2		(Note: CCPE Pastoral Meeting, Urbandale, IA – event cancelled.)
Wed. Oct. 1	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Fri. Oct. 3	10:00 AM	Community Coffee @ Sunset Home
Sun. Oct. 5	9:00 AM	Children's Hour, PreK-5th grade
	9:00 AM	Youth Hour, 6th-10th grades
	9:00 AM	Bible Study -- First session of six-week Bible Study, <i>Exodus</i> (Study Guides provided)
	10:15 AM	Worship/World Communion Sunday/Choir/Neighbors in Need
Mon. Oct. 6	10:00 AM	Bingo @ Sunset Home

Announcements

In our prayers:

Marie Bradfield
 Bob Brown, father of Amy Robbins
 Jim and Marilyn Butler
 Rod Hennings
 Gary Konarske (TX), brother to Nancy Schneider
 Marlyn Meyer
 Frank Phillis
 Sara Quigley (Kirksville, MO), niece of Jess & Kathy Meyer
 Greg Robbins
 Doretta Seegers
 Sue Steinberg (recuperating from surgeries at Sunset Home)
 Leah Stumme, daughter of Larry and Eleanor Stumme of Denver
 Joanne Walters, Marilyn Butler's sister-in-law
 Laura Weber, of Raymond, IA, relative of Henry and Lynette Doepke
 Sally Wilson
 and all others of our members and wider circle friends in need of healing and wholeness.

Verna Place will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Oct. 15. An Open House will be held on Sunday, October 12 from 2:00-4:00 PM at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls, the Glen Arbor Lounge on the second floor. While she eagerly anticipates this event, her stamina level would be most welcoming of a "drum roll" of brief personal visits from Saint Paul UCC members over the next month, so she can be fully present with all of her friends and well-wishers. Verna resides and receives letters or cards at the following address: c/o New Aldaya, 7511 University Ave., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Support a Smile! Toothpaste (to be placed in the materials box of the narthex) will be collected through Oct. 19 for Denver High School students as part of health and hygiene backpacks. We have resumed our "hygiene items" collection in partnership with St. Peter's Lutheran.. Kathy Meyer is our coordinator on this. Thanks!

Missions Team – Harvest Dinner/Potluck and Fall Silent Auction

Beginning Sun., Oct. 19, for three Sundays, members and friends can offer an item for the silent auction (may be displayed at the church). Examples may include homemade items such as woodwork, material crafts, art work, or, alternatively, theme baskets, donated items or services, or offers of special events (e.g., a homemade meal and game of cards at one's home) – really, your imagination sets the limit. On **Wed., Nov. 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** we will hold a dinner in Fellowship Hall, supplemented by potluck. We'll permit bids on the items until the bell rings at 7:20 and then we'll adjourn to the sanctuary for some special music. At the end of the evening of, successful bids will be announced and items can be claimed. Just good community fun! Funds and special offering will advance our UCC mission. Hold the date for your family's participation! If you'd like to help plan, please see Kathie Novy or Barb Schnathorst!

Flowers

If you wish to contribute a plant or harvest décor during the months of October or November, we'd welcome assistance. Contact the church! Thank you.

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Men/Women/Youth 12 & up: We'll initially plan for six (6) lessons on the "The Book of Exodus" (Exodus 1-19), as meet on Sundays, Oct. 5 thru Nov. 11, at 9:00 AM in the conference room. A study guide and sign up sheet are on the table in the back of the church.

Ecumenical Bible Study

We meet at Denver Community Center on Tuesdays at 7:30AM (that's the opening time, so don't expect to arrive too early). We have great dialogue and good fun! Try us out, once or often.

Sept. 30 Matt 21:33-46
Oct. 7 Matt 22:1-14

Keeping up with the Wider Church: If you want to receive weekly Enews from the Iowa Conference, United Church of Christ, you may contact Diane Leggett at diane@ucciaconf.org with name and e-mail. Otherwise you may sign up on the website by going to the ABOUT US tab to ENEWS.
<http://www.ucciaconf.org/about-us/e-news>

The 67th annual performance of Christmas with Wartburg, *Wondrous Love, Illumine Our Hearts*, will be held in Neumann Auditorium on the Wartburg College campus on Saturday, Dec 6 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m. Concert tickets are \$16.50 each and are offered to congregation members in blocks in advance of the public sale. St. Paul UCC will order and purchase the tickets for members/friends to qualify for early reserved seating. A sign up clipboard is in the back of the sanctuary (or call the church, (319) 984-5682, with your request). Specify name, # of tickets, and concert date/time preference. You need not pay now. Reimburse the Hendersons when you receive your tickets.

Special meals will be held at 5 p.m. on each concert day. Meal tickets (\$25) may be purchased through Wartburg at www.wartburg.edu/christmas starting Nov. 3. Our church will not be arranging meal participation. We hope you will join us for this inspiring community event!

Web Site: The church's website is available to all. You can find it at www.saintpaulucc.org. If you have suggestions or items to submit, contact Craig Johns, or respond to a Weekly Update.

Women's Fellowship

September 2014 Monthly Committee Members

*Mandy Vervaecke/Alice/Julia	984-5222
*Nancy Schneider	984-6363
Marilyn Butler	984-5543
Judy Buss	984-5450
Julie Buss	984-5125
Peg Abbas	406-0065
Tracy Thurm	240-4285
AuRae Heidemann	984-5322
Jodi Walther	984-6344

October 2014 Monthly Committee Members

*Kathy Schweer	984-5789
*Darleen Steck	984-5705
Mary Ann Laube	984-5291
Nikki Fuller/Anna/Lindsey	984-6102
Kelly Carman	984-6043
Tanya Mrzlak	984-5482
Wanda Phillis	984-6020
Sue Steinberg	984-6566
Emily Steege	415-7220

People willing to be called as substitutes

Wilma Olson	984-5876	Diane Wikner	984-5737
Peggy Rogers	984-6243	Peg Abbas	406-0065
Mary Ann Laube	984-5291	Brenda Beaty-Rater	984-5005
Marilyn Butler	984-5543	Velma Steege	984-5709
Kathy Meyer	984-5375	Sandy Buck	984-5123

Rev. Craig's cell # (319) 230-2263 -- call or text anytime!

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Pastor's study hours:

- Monday 8:00-1:00
- Tuesday 9AM-Noon, 1-5PM
- Wednesday 8AM-Noon
- Thursday 1:00-3:00

or by appointment

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