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Saint Paul United Church of Christ Denver, Iowa

Rev. Craig R. Henderson
 31 October 2014

UPDATE

Happy Halloween!

Reminder: On Sunday, Nov. 2, Iowa enters Daylight Savings Time. Please adjust your clocks to "fall back" by one hour. Our reward for the effort is an extra hour of sleep!

Invitations:

On Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10:15AM we will celebrate **All Saints' Sunday** at Saint Paul UCC. The Memorial Committee will serve as greeters and communion celebrants for this special day of worship. Nancy Schneider, Council Member and chair of the Memorial Team, will serve as lector. She will read Revelation 7:9-17; the epistle reading from 1 John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12, a portion of the Beatitudes, is the grounding for the day's message. Terri Huber will serve as acolyte at the communion table as we light the candles of a menorah. Through the Sabbath candles and the tolling of a prayer bowl we will remember saints among our church membership who entered God's light in the past year (including Teresa Bartling and Tom Brettmann), others from our wider circles of family and friends whose absence we mourn, and we will pay tribute to living saints and other aspects of sainthood that embrace our lives. Our choir will sing the anthem, "Open the Eyes of My Heart." Music Director, Janece M. Downs, has selected the prelude, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (It's All About You); an offertory, "A Thoughtful Moment;" communion music, "Prayer at First Light;" and a postlude, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Lend your voice in singing familiar hymns. Please join us for the celebration!

Also, on Sunday, Nov. 2, **Ryan Henkel**, our new youth leader, a 2nd year student at Wartburg College, will offer two opportunities for youth. The first is a 9:00-10:00 AM, youth hour for junior high/high school age students (probably with a lectionary tie-in to the worship hour). Then from 6:00-7:00 PM, Ryan will lead an informal youth gathering in Fellowship Hall based on a selected theme or area of youth interest. Invite friends from the community and join us!

Join us for a Harvest Dinner/Silent Auction. Members and friends may still offer an item for the silent auction. See and bid on the many homemade items, material crafts, art work, theme baskets, donated items, meals, services, and get-away events! On **Wed., Nov. 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** we will hold silent auction/dinner in Fellowship Hall. An entrée of ham and cheesy potatoes will be supplemented by POTLUCK. Bring your autumn favorite dish to share! Dinner will be served 6:00-7:15 PM. We'll permit bids on the items until the bell rings. Following the meal SPECIAL MUSIC will be provided by Ryan Henkel and his worship band "God's UltraSound" from Wartburg. Successful bids and free-will offering will advance our UCC mission. Hold the date for your family's participation! If you have questions, please see Kathie Novy or Barb Schnathorst.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

- Sun. Nov. 2** 9:00 AM **Children's Hour, Pre-K 5th grade**
 9:00 AM **Youth Hour, 6th-10th**
 9-10AM **Bible Study Group (*Exodus*)**
 9:45AM **Choir Rehearses**
 10:15 AM **Worship/Communion/Choir**
 6:00 PM **Youth Group meets in Fellowship Hall**
- Mon. Nov. 3 10:00 AM Bingo at the Sunset Home
- Tues. Nov. 4 7:30 AM Bible Study @Denver Community Center
 Election Day! – Vote your conscience.
- Wed. Nov. 5 6:00 PM Harvest Dinner (final bidding on
 Silent Auction ends at ringing of bell)
 No Bell Choir or Choir Rehearsals
 7:20PM Sanctuary – Music by Wartburg College worship band,
 God's UltraSound (piano/guitars/violin/vocalists)
- Fri. Nov. 7 10:00 AM Community Coffee @ Sunset Home
- Sun. Nov. 9** 9:00 AM **Children's Hour, Pre-K 5th grade**
 9:00 AM **Youth Hour, 6th-10th**
 9-10AM **Bible Study Group meets**
 10:15 AM **Worship**
 6:00 PM **Youth Group meets**
- Tues. Nov. 11 7:30 AM Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
- Wed. Nov. 12 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:15 PM Bell Choir
- Thurs. Nov. 13 6:30 PM Women's Craft Night (until 8:30PM)
- Sun. Nov. 16** 9:00 AM **Children's Hour, Pre-K 5th grade**
 9:00 AM **Youth Hour, 6th-10th**
 9-10AM **Bible Study Group meets**
 10:15 AM **Worship/Bell Choir/Choir**
 6:00 PM **Youth Group meets**
- Tues. Nov. 18 6:00 PM Council Meeting (preliminary budget review)
- Wed. Nov. 19 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:15 PM Bell Rehearsal
- Sun. Nov. 23** 9:00 AM **Children's Hour, Pre-K 5th grade**
 9:00 AM **Youth Hour, 6th-10th**
 9-10AM **Bible Study Group meets**
 10:15 AM **Worship/Children's Bell Choir, led by Jo Danielsen**
Least Coin Offering (a week earlier than usual!)
 6:00 PM **Youth Group/join worship @ 6:30**
 6:30 PM **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service/Bell Choir/Choir**
- Thurs. Nov. 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

In Our Prayers: Richard Abbas; Marie Bradfield; Bob Brown, father of Amy Robbins; Jim & Marilyn Butler; Grace Foelske; Rod Hennings; Joyce Kelly, mother-in-law of Brett Johns; Gary Konarske, brother of Nancy Schneider; Mario Novy, nephew of Kathy & Dick Novy; Frank Phillis; Sarah Quigley, niece of Jess & Kathy Meyer, and her family; Larry Rater; Greg Robbins; Jean Robe; Doretta Seegers; Sue Steinberg; Leah Stumme, daughter of Larry & Eleanor Stumme; Joanne Walters, Marilyn Butler's sister-in-law; and others in need of healing and wholeness.

Our condolences to Gertrude Watts whose grandson, Mike Zell of Tripoli, entered God's light this past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Bible Study –Men/Women/Youth 12 & Up: We'll continue lessons on "The Book of Exodus" (Exodus 1-19), as we meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00-10:00 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 7:30 AM (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.

Tues. Nov. 4 7:30 AM Matt. 25:1-13

Tues. Nov. 11 7:30 AM Matt. 25:14-30

Meet Ryan Henkel! *(article below ran in the Denver Forum)*

Ryan Henkel, a second-year student at Wartburg College studying Religion: Pre-Seminary, has been asked by Saint Paul United Church of Christ in Denver to help offer and build a youth program option for members and new friends in the Denver community. Youth ages 12-17 are expected to form the core of the group.

A native of Pontiac, Illinois, located near the heart of Illinois near Bloomington, Ryan has been involved with many different youth groups and has led numerous worship services. At Wartburg College, he sings and has toured with the Wartburg Choir, the Ritterchor (a men's choir, meaning "Knight's Choir"), and also serve as the Eucharist Worship Team Coordinator, a student-led Wednesday evening service. He may have met many of our Denver students while serving as a Counselor at EWALU this past summer, which he says "was a blast, to say the least." Ryan envisions that he and Saint Paul UCC will offer a safe place for youth to come and learn about the Bible and Jesus, and just take a break from all of the stress in students' daily lives.

He'll begin serving on Sun. Nov. 2, initially offering a youth gathering at the traditional Sunday School-hour of 9-10AM, before 10:15AM worship. Some youth may find it a better fit to join in at 6PM on many Sunday evenings this autumn for an informal gathering that will follow a theme like love, courage, or justice, with fun and fellowship. All youth in the community are invited and welcome. Bring a friend! Initially, gatherings (morning or evening) are planned for Sundays, Nov. 2, 9, 16; Nov 23 (a meet/greet at 6PM and then join the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 6:30PM in the sanctuary); and Dec. 7 and 14. There will be no youth Sun. School or gathering on Nov. 30 (Ryan is rehearsing for Christmas at Wartburg then!); and the youth group will take a break in late December/early January). Later, Ryan suggests that Wednesday evenings may offer an occasional good fit, but Saint Paul UCC and Ryan will offer Sunday evenings as a start.

Health/Hygiene Backpack Collection for Denver Schools: Deodorant will be collected in the materials box thru December 14th for Denver High School students. We are resuming our "hygiene items" collection in partnership with St. Peter's Lutheran. Thanks!

A Note of Thanks from Bremer County Community Partners

From Lindsay Stack: "Pastor Craig and Members of St. Paul UCC – we would like to thank you for your support of our annual hygiene kit drive [in Aug/Sept. 2014] and for the many generous donations. These have been distributed and we truly appreciate all you do for our community and children! Sincerely, BCCP"

Serving Those in the Armed Forces: The holidays are approaching. It would be nice if our congregation

would remember our military service personnel and their families by sending cards. Parents or grandparents of those in the military are encouraged to provide addresses to the church office or (Mary Ann) soon, so that they may be distributed at worship in time for the mail to arrive during the holiday season.

Denver/Readlyn Communities Blood Drive will be held on Friday, Nov. 7, 1:30 – 5:30 PM at the Denver Community Center. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

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>

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

November 2014 Monthly Committee Members

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| *Jen Happel | 984-9169 |
| *Lisa Meyer and Lila Meyer | 984-5603 |
| Deb Fink | 984-6343 |
| Donna Niemann | 984-9178 |
| Linda Wittenburg | 984-6113 |
| Diane Bonnette | 404-0131 |
| Colleen Pulleyblank | 984-5357 |
| Alicia Adams | 360-4264 |

People willing to be called as substitutes

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| 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 |

Cookies/Snacks following Worship Services

** Monthly Chairman are asked to please call the committee to set up a convenient Sunday for members to take a turn serving. Please bring 3 dozen cookies/treat items to be shared by the congregation. Serving platters, napkins, and drinks are routinely furnished by the Church. Thank you.

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 (except third Thursday of month)
 or by appointment

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