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

**Rev. Craig R. Henderson
 7 November 2014**

UPDATE

Invitation:

On Sunday, Nov. 9 at 10:15AM we will worship with acknowledgement of the week of Veterans' Day which follows. Bev and Dick Hicks will serve as greeters, and Craig Johns will serve as lector for two readings, Joshua 24:14-26 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. The message will share thoughts and context for what we believe about Ultimate Things, using Paul's epistle to the church of Thessalonica during an apocalyptic era as a touchstone. Though we will not have a choral anthem this week (as we so enjoyed sharing last week's meaningful anthem!), we have the promise of very thoughtful selections by our organist/pianist, Thomas Reed. The Prelude will be "America the Beautiful" (Wolaver); the offertory, "Faith of Our Fathers" (Tornquist); and the Postlude "For All the Saints" (Callahan). Also, we will plan to sing hymns, "Guide My Feet," "God Moves in Mysterious Ways," and "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

Next Youth Gatherings. Our youth leader, **Ryan Henkel**, was delighted to meet nine (9) of our teens at last week's Sunday morning gathering (Nov. 2) , 9-10AM. Please join him again on Nov. 9 at the same time. If a Sunday evening session at 6:00 PM (or 7:00 PM?) is the preference of any youth in your household, please respond to this email, or call me at 319-230-2263. Ryan wants to be responsive to community need, but, of course, even Sunday evenings (school musical rehearsals) and Wednesday evenings (State-sponsored sports finals; home-work, or other activities) meet up with conflicts in the busy lives of today's young people. If a core group for an evening session does not coalesce this Fall, then Ryan will plan to continue with Sunday mornings for the time being. As I write this, Ryan is preparing to lead a second, informal youth gathering this Sunday evening, Nov. 9 at 6:00PM, too, (use church side door). We'll continue to test the waters fully!

Thankful for the Harvest Dinner!

A Big Thank You! to all who made the harvest dinner/silent auction a beautiful, delicious, and fun evening and successful fundraiser for our Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). The proceeds of the auction and free-will offering totaled \$1,061.00. Many balanced their evening with support of our local volleyball team in Waverly! Who says we cannot be multi-taskers? We hope you enjoyed the fellowship and music! Thanks again.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

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 @ Saint Paul UCC (Living Room)

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 (tentative)

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; Heidi Hebron, daughter of Rollie and Lori Wedemeier; 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 Grace and Wilbert Foelske and family and Rollie & Lori Wedemeier and family, at news that their mutual niece, Debbie Barnes of Grand Forks, ND (daughter of Ruth Barnes), formerly of Iowa, entered God's light this week at age 60.

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 this next week at Saint Paul UCC (due to Veterans' Day closure at Denver Community Center).

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

Tues. Nov. 18 7:30 AM Matt 25:31-46 (resumes at the Denver Comm. Center)

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!

Serving Those in the Armed Forces: During the holidays our congregation wants to remember military service people by sending cards. Parents or grandparents of those in the military should provide addresses to the church office. We will publish them in time for mail to get to them.

Denver Cares at Christmas: Each year, through the local organization Denver Cares our community supports Denver residents who need extra help making their Christmas bright and joyful. Applications for families in need are now available at Denver City Hall and the Denver Public Library. The deadline for return of applications by mail is November 21. Bring monetary donations to support this Denver Cares effort to any teller at Denver Savings Bank. Alternatively, select an ornament from the Christmas Giving tree at the Community Center and purchase the gift. Also, **we need volunteers** for: 1) *Setting up the Denver Cares Christmas Giving Tree*; 2) *Christmas Packing Party*; 3) *and other activities*. **Contact Peggy Rogers, 319-98406243 or 319-230-3285.**

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

*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

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 Chair persons 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)
- or by appointment

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