

**Congregational
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

The Open Door

June - July 2017

Who We Are

We are a community of God's beloved dedicated to **following** the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by **loving** and **serving** all of God's creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

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Pastor Petersen's Perspective: On Worship During My Parental Leave

As you are likely well aware by now, I will be away on parental leave for all of June and most of July. During that time, you will have the opportunity to experience a diversity of worship experiences with several fabulous worship leaders. Some of these folks may be well-known to you by now, while others will be completely new. I encourage you to take a moment to get to know our congregation's guest worship leaders as you prepare to welcome them and experience meaningful worship under their guidance throughout the next couple of months. I am truly grateful to each of these individuals for sharing their message of God's love with you all while I am away and am certain you will appreciate their leadership as well. Enjoy!

Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm, MDiv, currently serves as Spiritual Services Coordinator at Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa. In this role, she offers spiritual support and care during times of medical and personal crises to persons of all faiths, without discrimination. Prior to joining the staff at Pella Regional, Rev. Schirm worked as a church pastor with the United Church of Christ in Northeast Iowa and as a chaplain with Hospice of the Bluegrass in her home state of Kentucky, utilizing her pastoral care skills to provide holistic spiritual care to parishioners at all levels of congregational life, and to patients and their families in the hospice and hospital setting. Rev. Schirm is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ and a graduate of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University with extensive parish, hospice, and hospital chaplaincy experience. She also has training in Clinical Pastoral Education. Jessica is married to Matt Schirm, head baseball coach at Central College, and has two sons, Anderson (10) and Gabriel (4). Jessica will lead worship on Sunday, June 4th and Sunday, July 2nd.





Judy Scheer is married to Edd. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. Judy was a public school teacher and served ten years as a licensed pastor for Salem UCC of Waukon, Iowa. Since retiring, she has been doing pulpit supply, some volunteer work at the library, and shut-in visitation. Her main hobbies are reading, paper and pencil puzzles, and television watching. With her broken ankle healing, future plans include biking, traveling to visit family, and more walking around scenic venues. Judy feels blessed to have friends and opportunities at Newton Congregational UCC. Judy will lead worship on Sunday, June 11th.

April Faidley is pictured here hiking with two of her five daughters (she also has a son). April has been active in several churches of several denominations and is now happy to call Congregational UCC home having joined in early 2016. She has had several careers: art teacher, fiber artist, mother, and clinical psychologist. In her retirement she has returned to fiber arts; she is currently creating a woven piece for our chapel. April will lead worship on Sunday, June 18th.



Brittany Juliette Hanlin, MDiv, has served Plymouth Congregational UCC in Des Moines, Iowa as an Associate Minister through the Transition into Ministry program since June 6th, 2016, and is currently seeking ordination in the UCC. Brittany was born and reared in East Orange, New Jersey, for the first 11 years of her life before moving to Charlotte, North Carolina. Brittany is the middle child of three, and her family resides in Greensboro, North Carolina. She graduated from Howard University in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. Upon graduating, she spent a year in Chicago, Illinois, as an AmeriCorps Volunteer, serving teenage girls in a group home setting. In 2013, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue her theological education at Vanderbilt Divinity School, graduating in May 2016. Brittany enjoys sewing, shopping, reading, writing, taking long walks around the lake, and spending time with close friends and family. She is also the ultimate "Grey's Anatomy" fan. Brittany will lead worship on Sunday, June 25th.



Carla Cain is a second-year seminary student at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO. She was an intern at Congregational United Church of Christ from September 2016 to May 2017. Carla discerned her call to ministry after spending 30 years in the corporate world where she was involved in business development, human resources, and cultural transformation work. Carla wishes to ultimately be ordained in the United Church of Christ. In addition to attending seminary, Carla works as a church consultant for the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center focusing on conflict transformation, strategic planning, and church leadership. Carla is a trained Stephen Minister and was a chaplain at Unity Point in 2015. Carla will lead worship on Sunday, July 9th.





Portland, Oregon native **Craig Armstrong** was baptized at First Congregational Church (UCC) – one of the grand 19th century landmarks in downtown Portland. Craig regularly attended Sunday school and church services with his parents, Mabel & Les Armstrong, and younger brother Fred, although the family placed their membership with a small Disciples of Christ church nearer their suburban home when Craig was 16. Professionally, Craig promoted and operated motorsports entertainment facilities in Oregon, Georgia, Iowa, and Missouri for over 25 years. In February of 2014, he was hired by the City of Newton as Development Specialist, charged with fostering economic development in the community. That same year, Craig “came home” to the United Church of Christ by placing his membership here with Congregational UCC, where he serves as Assistant Moderator. Active in community affairs, Craig is Past President of the Newton Rotary Club, volunteers for the Newton Main Street program, and hosts a weekly community affairs radio show, “Proud to Know Newton,” on KCOB 95.9 FM. Craig’s three grown children and two grandsons live on the west coast, and he currently resides with Marisa Garrison-Lewis, two dogs, and three cats on seven peaceful acres just south of Newton. Craig will lead worship on Sunday, July 16th.

... Worship



Memorial Service for Joanne Austad

All are invited to gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate the life of Joanne Austad during a service of memorial on **Friday, June 16th at 11:00am**. Rev. David Raymond will preside. A luncheon will be held in the Dining Room following the service. Please contact Carolyn Hobbs if you are willing and able to help with the luncheon.

Worship with First Presbyterian Church

On **Sunday, July 23rd** we will venture across 3rd Avenue for worship and fellowship in the building of First Presbyterian Church. Then on **Sunday, August 13th**, we will have the joy and pleasure of welcoming members of Newton’s First Presbyterian Church in worship and fellowship in our church building. Both services will take place **at 10:00am**. Rev. Meghan Davis, pastor of First Presbyterian, and Rev. Petersen will take turns leading these joint services of worship. Please plan to join us as we continue to connect with the wider body of Christ.



Thank You, Newton Congregational UCC!

September 2016 seems like a really long time ago. That's when I started my internship experience at Congregational UCC, but the actual steps to make it a reality started in April 2016. I did not choose this location for my internship experience – it was recommended to me by my discernment pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines (Valerie Miller-Coleman). Valerie felt strongly that Reverend Jessica Petersen and THIS congregation would be a good fit for me and be an important step of my discernment process. Why? I did not know at the time, nor did I ask. But I can say that Valerie was absolutely correct in leading me here, and now I can begin to answer the 'why?' question.

I established goals for what I wanted to accomplish during this internship. I wanted to learn how to design and lead worship. I wanted to learn how to preach. I wanted to learn how the church operates behind the scenes and beyond Sunday worship. I wanted to learn about my own pastoral identity. This is what I came here to accomplish, and I think I am well on my way but I still have lots to learn.

Goals can never measure what I truly learned here. Entering into the internship, I expected to pursue a career in either social justice or to extend my church consulting practice. I thought I needed "real" church experience to support my career path so I wanted to work in a church for my internship. I was open to becoming a parish pastor, but I thought the chances were very slim.

I wasn't expecting to love the experience of being a pastor. I wasn't expecting to be so wowed by the generosity of spirit of this congregation. I wasn't expecting to be so accepted and made to feel like I truly was part of the church. The welcoming nature was beyond anything I had experienced at any church. Because of my experience at Newton Congregational UCC, I can see how church can be a healthy, loving and open place for everyone.

And, then there is Reverend Petersen. Jessica and I have spent hours and hours together discussing church, theology and congregational life. I have learned so much from her, and I am so grateful for the experience of working with Jessica which has contributed greatly to my pastoral formation. I truly believe that Jessica is a gift to this church. She is hard working, she is grounded in progressive theology, she is creative, she is smart, she cares so much and she loves her job.

Why was this church recommended to me? Now I know it was a combination of the church culture, the vitality of the congregation and the amazing pastor. When Valerie recommended this internship opportunity to me, she knew what I was getting into – I did not. Valerie knew I would grow in an internship experience here, and she was right!

What Valerie did not know was that this experience would lead me to a change in my heart and mind. Now, as I close out this internship, I expect that I will be called into a role of a pastor in a church when I graduate from the Iliff School of Theology in June of 2018. After being a church consultant and working with some very challenging church situations, I have the experience of Newton that has changed my heart about what a church can be and how important having a great pastor is.

Friends, it was YOU! It truly was you who welcomed me, guided me and provided a learning space for me to realize my call. I will never forget you, I will never forget the roll you played in my discernment and will never forget the impact this experience had on my life.

Thank you, Newton Congregational UCC. Thank you, Rev. Jessica Petersen.

Carla Cain

... Education



Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study will take a break for the summer and begin again in September. More information will be made available as the start date approaches.



Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, June 21st at 9:30am** with Carolyn Hobbs as hostess and Judy Brody giving devotions. The group is studying the book "Jesus: The Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary" by author Marcus J. Borg. During this meeting we will be studying Chapter 6 of the book.

All are welcome to join us as we deepen our understanding of who Jesus was and what that means for us as people of faith seeking to follow in Jesus' way. Want to participate? Join us on June 21st at the Parish House.

Please note, there will be no Morning Circle in July, and Morning Circle will resume on Wednesday, August 16th.



Centering Prayer

You are invited to gather each Wednesday evening for a time of Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. It is simply a wordless, trusting opening of one's self to the divine presence. The group will meet in the **Chapel**, just off of the Sanctuary, on **Wednesdays, 5:15pm-5:45pm**. Please contact April Faidley with any questions.

General Synod

Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old). From June 30th through July 4th, 2017, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland. Together, these members of the UCC and guests from other denominations and faith traditions will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function as well as stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness and join together in worship. Check out ucc.org before, during, and after General Synod is in session to learn more and stay updated on what is happening at this national gathering of the UCC.

... Service



Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, June 4th and Sunday, July 2nd** a cart will be in the west entrance to receive gifts for the food pantry. The Salvation Army is in special need of tuna helper (not hamburger), Ramen noodles, canned fruit cocktail (peaches or pears), canned tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted. They also need any kind of personal care items: such as diapers, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry soap.



Jasper County Animal Rescue League

On the third Sunday of each month we collect items to help the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL). The next collection dates will be **Sunday, June 18th and Sunday, July 16th**.

Their current wish list is: paper towels, garbage bags, raw hides (for big dogs and small), peanut butter, bleach, dish soap, Fabuloso (the purple kind), laundry soap, liquid hand soap, rubber gloves, kitty litter, canned shredded and filet cat food, canned dog food (Purina), dry dog food (Purina), and dry cat food (Indoor Purina).



"Barking Good" Project

The Progress Industries partnership with UCC of making and baking dog treats in the church kitchen is in full swing. The project takes place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:15pm. A new recipe is being used, but the dog treats remain all natural. Dozens of treats will be produced and shared with JCARL. Our church has helped PI move toward its target goal of getting out into the community setting which has provided a wonderful opportunity for all involved.

The dog treats produced not only make for happy dogs, but happy people too. So, to lend a hand, contact Stormy Storms. You'll have a very gratifying experience if you do.

Cleaning Project with Progress Industries

In addition to our partnership with Progress Industries (PI) to bake biscuits for the Jasper County Animal Rescue League, we also work with PI participants and staff for a church cleaning project. Under the guidance of Carolyn and Duane Hobbs a small group from PI is doing some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library and other areas of the church building. This cleaning project takes place two times per month, on Tuesdays at 10:30am.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Carolyn Hobbs.



Prayers and Concerns

Please hold in prayer

- ◆ Betty Snook, mother of Gayla Snook, mother-in-law of Cindy Pollard
- ◆ Larry Brody
- ◆ Julia Snyder, daughter of Stormy Storms
- ◆ Victoria Hutchins
- ◆ Carrie Osborne
- ◆ Sue Anderson
- ◆ Jim Lukefahr
- ◆ Ann Raridon
- ◆ Lori Scheck, cousin of Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh



If you know someone in need of support – a visit, a call, a note, or prayer – please contact the church office.



Blood Pressure Monitoring

Carolyn Hobbs will offer blood pressure monitoring any Sunday in June & July during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.

Community Meal Update

Over the course of the 2016-2017 school year, Congregational UCC was responsible for nine Community Meals. For our final two meals, our Community Meal volunteers have been wearing blue aprons with a Congregational UCC logo. Created by Bev Edge, these aprons are another effort to raise community awareness of UCC.

The last Community Meal before summer break took place on May 17th, eighteen volunteers provided dessert and/or worked to prepare and serve the meal. Wonderfully caring church workers met the needs of fifty people at the First United Methodist Church; it seems the storm and sirens kept some people away.

This outreach project is a part of who we are as a congregation in that we “..... live our faith by loving and serving all of God’s creation” We will be taking a break for the summer months and will start back in September.

The chairpersons would like to express their appreciation to all who supported this community outreach ministry. We look forward to your continued participation after the summer break.

A special thank you to our fabulous chairpersons: Bev Edge—Menu Preparation; April Faidley—Desserts; and Marti Barker—Serving & Clean-Up. We appreciate any and all help that was given.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Catfish Cottrell graduated from Newton Senior High School on Sunday, May 21st, 2017. He is currently looking for a job and plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College in the future to study auto design. He loves art and to see design ideas that may have been small on paper come to life in a big way. His future plans also include getting married to his fiancée, Elise Senclair. Congratulations, Catfish! You are in our prayers, and may God bless you on the road ahead!

Melanie Stice graduated from Des Moines Area Community College on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 with an Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts. Melanie writes, “Two years doesn’t seem very long, especially when you’re 20 years old. I loved being at DMACC. All the professors were great, and I met some people that I hope I can keep as friends.” Melanie does not have any particular plans about where she will go next and plans to continue working at Family Video until she “sees the light at the end of the tunnel.” She trusts that day will come soon and is excited for what the future may hold. Congratulations, Melanie! We will continue to hold you in prayer as you look for the way ahead and ask that God’s blessings be upon you!

Take note...

Chapel Renovation Progress

A committee consisting of Chairperson April Faidley, Jan Turk, Jim Christenson, Marti Barker, and Pastor Jessica are moving forward with the chapel renovation. This area will be a place for individual or small group meditation and prayer as well as Bible study and similar activities.

Patience is definitely a virtue when doing any renovation. The chapel committee has discovered this as they've encountered some unknowns. Progress is being made though, and results are evident due to planning, discussion, and work done by many in the congregation.

The chapel has a new outside door, laminate flooring, area rug, and furniture. In addition, wall repair and electrical work have occurred as well as removal of ceiling plaster. Paint color and wall sconces have been chosen.

Much has been accomplished, and even though work is not yet completed, the chapel is already being used. If you have not seen the changes, next time you're at church, visit the chapel and see what's happening.

Just remember that this project is a work in progress. A planned dedication will occur in the future upon the chapel's completion.

Additionally, you are invited to contribute financially to this project. Thus far, the renovation of the chapel has been funded through generous donations given by members and friends of the church in honor and in memory of loved ones. Additional funding would certainly be welcome. If you would like to contribute financially to complete the chapel renovation, please contact a committee member or simply send your donation to the church office referencing "chapel." All donated funds will be used for the chapel.

Summer Committee Meetings

The Worship and Music, Service and Outreach, and Christian Education Committees will not meet during the months of June and July. They will resume meeting in August.

Emergency Pastoral Care

While Rev. Petersen is away on parental leave, May 29th through July 23rd, Rev. David Raymond will be available to provide pastoral care in the case of an emergency. You may contact him at 641-521-1506. Thank you, Rev. Raymond, for serving our church in this important way!

Sponsor "Into the Mystic"

In an effort to get the word out about who we are as a congregation, we have begun to sponsor a weekly airing of a podcast by UCC General Minister and President, the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, on KCOB (95.9 FM and 1280 AM) on Sunday mornings at 7:35am. The weekly cost is \$25. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday or two or four or more to increase our community's awareness of what we are all about here at Congregational UCC. We are engaging in wonderful ministry together, and it's time that more folks know about it! Please send your donation into the office referencing "Into the Mystic" if you are interested in donating.



Rev. Jessica Petersen and Martin Mutai are welcoming their first child into the world, and you are invited to help welcome this little one to our congregation. A baby shower will be held in honor of this new addition to our church family after worship on **Sunday, July 30th**. Gifts are not required. However, if you wish to show your support in this way, you may do so through a monetary gift or gift card. You are encouraged to join us as we meet this little one, offer your encouragement and support to these new parents, and welcome Rev. Petersen back from parental leave.

Worship Attendance

<u>May Attendance</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Fifth Sunday of April	N/A	39
First Sunday	30	52
Second Sunday	57	48
Third Sunday	44	52
Fourth Sunday	38	Will be reported in the August Newsletter



Birthdays to Celebrate in June

3-Suzanne Parker	17-Duane Hobbs
5-Sarah Penick	18-Madeleine Joy
6-Ann Raridon	19-Don Swihart
7-Alex Schoettmer	22-James Tool
8-Dylan Easterla	25-Meredith Caves
9-Meredith McKay	26-Benjamin Schober
12-Chelsey McNew	30-Samantha Sledge
16-Jacy Yoder	

Birthdays to Celebrate in July

1-Art Anderson	8-Summer Margritz,
2-Mady McKim,	Debbie Carter
Marti Barker,	11-Talbot Mastio
Judy Brassfield	14-Mason Pryke
3-Sherry Bachman	Lindsay Wilson
6-Rob Kahn	19-Dwain Van Roekel
7-Brenda Wilson	20-Hilary Montalvo
	29-Jenny Jensen

Happy Anniversary

Anniversaries to Celebrate in June

2-Steve & Barb Holdsworth
 5-Gayla Snook & Cindy Pollard
 13-Nile & Donna McCoy
 18-Tom & Jan Turk
 22-Bill & Karen Shump
 24-Justin & Alicia Mitchell
 29-Dwain & Phyllis Van Roekel

Anniversaries to Celebrate in July

10-Jim & Jenni Pryke, Jim & Linda Christenson
 11-Les & Teresa Morgan
 18-James & Jenny Jensen

Worship Schedule for June and July

Date	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Christian Calendar Date	Pentecost Sunday	Trinity Sunday	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost
Special Events	Communion			
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations		JCARL Collection	
Greeters	Lin Chapé	Adam Hansch	Jane Ann Cotton	Sherry Bachman, Carolyn Hobbs
Ushers	Craig Armstrong, Adam Hansch	Lin Chapé, Bev Edge	Duane Hobbs, Art Anderson	Les Morgan, Ed Van Zandt
Lay Readers	Rose Evans	Craig Armstrong	Jenni Pryke	Jamie Sawin
Scripture	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Matthew 22:34-40	Luke 24:13-35
Worship Color	Red	White	Green	Green

Date	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Christian Calendar Date	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Special Events	Communion			Worship at First Presbyterian	
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations		JCARL Collection		
Greeters	Donna McCoy	Adam Hansch	Lin Chapé	N/A	Bev Edge
Ushers	Craig Armstrong, Lin Chapé	Lin Chapé, Stormy Storms	Ed & Suzanne Van Zandt	N/A	David & Dorothy Raymond
Lay Readers	Bev Thomas	Bev Thomas	Jenni Pryke	N/A	Les Morgan
Scripture	Matthew 10:40-42	Romans 7:15-25a	Micah 6:6-8	TBD	Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52
Worship Color	White	Green	Green	Green	Green

Green is the color of growth. It symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and the promise of new life.

White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

Red represents fire – the symbol of the Holy Spirit.



Opportunities to Serve

All volunteers/workers in the church are very much appreciated. Many of you are seen carrying on the work of the church and many things are done unseen, but just as appreciated. It takes many hands and minds to get everything done. Thank you so much for your willingness!

There are many different ways in the church to serve God and others. The more who help, the less work there is for each one. Signup sheets to provide flowers, greet, usher, serve as a lay reader, and host fellowship time are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

If you are willing to be a greeter, please contact Marti Barker. Additionally, there are a few members who may need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact Duane Hobbs to volunteer.

The office has great volunteers who come in monthly to assemble and ready this newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, just call the office.



Remember Our Homebound Members

We continue to remember our homebound members.

You are missed and continue to be cared for and held in our heartfelt prayers.

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1310 S. 10th Ave. E.
Newton, IA 50208

Turkey Meatloaf with Feta and Sun-Dried Tomatoes



Ingredients

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped garlic and herb-marinated sun-dried tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, optional
- 2 eggs, at room temperature, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound ground turkey, preferably dark meat

Directions

1. Place an oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Spray a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray.
3. In a large bowl, stir together the bread crumbs, parsley, sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, if using, eggs, milk, feta, salt, and pepper. Add the turkey and gently stir to combine, being careful not to overwork the meat.
4. Carefully pack the meat mixture into the prepared pan and bake until the internal temperature registers 165 degrees F on an instant-read thermometer, about 45 minutes. Remove from the oven and let rest for 5 minutes. Transfer to a cutting board and slice. Put on a serving platter and serve.

Sundays

7:35am "Into the Mystic" on KCOB
 95.9 FM & 1280 AM
 10:00am Worship
 11:15am Fellowship Time

JUNE 2017




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04 Rev. Jessica Schirm Preaches Communion Food Pantry Donations	05	06	07 5:15pm Centering Prayer	08	09	10
11 Judy Scheer Preaches	12 12:15pm PI Baking	13 10:30am PI Cleaning	14 5:15pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Facilities & Finance	15	16 11:00am Memorial & Luncheon for Joanne Austad	17
18 FATHER'S DAY April Faidley Preaches JCARTL Collection	19	20	21 9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer	22	23	24
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Pastor Emeritus	David Raymond		

Church office hours: 9:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday (The office will be closed on Fridays.)



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