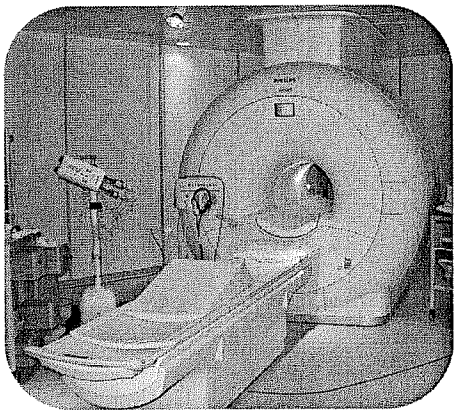
Burlington Zion Express

February 2014

"Power On!"

"When I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." - John 12:32

Had an MRI lately? {Magnetic Resonance Imagining}. Inside that room is a great circular hunk of iron, wrapped in miles of copper wire. When the electricity is turned on, it flows through the wire. The electric current causes the iron to become magnetized; the magnetized iron attracts other metals to it.



The magnetic field generated inside the machine is powerful enough to snatch the earrings out of your ears; enough to pull the iron fire extinguisher off its wall mount. The magnetic attraction is so strong it causes the hydrogen atoms in your body to be magnetized. That magnetic excitement is what allows the radiologist to see what is going on inside your body. When the electric current flows, the magnetic attraction is amazing. When the current stops, so does the attraction.

Christians are very much like that hunk of iron. In the presence of Christ, we experience his love, and our lives are energized by the power of Christ's living presence. That changes us. We take on Christ; begin to behave like Christ. When we are in a lively relationship with Christ, others are attracted to the same love of God which we experience.

As we open ourselves to developing that lively relationship with the living God, our lives are energized. Life becomes more abundant; more satisfying, even in the difficult days. As our relationship with God grows stronger, it changes us; we gradually come to resemble Jesus; we come to see the world through his eyes; see the needs of others, not their nastiness. We see the world as Christ sees it. What breaks the heart of God begins to break our hearts. Our broken hearts are then re-molded to be more in the image of Christ.

And as we grow to resemble Christ more, others cannot help but be attracted to God because of our lives. When the power of God is turned on in our lives, we will attract others to God. Everyone who sees us will see Christ shining out of our lives, and will be attracted to that healing, hope-filled presence.

Stay close to the power. Let God's living power flow through you; for the sake of the whole world.

In Christ,

Pastor Brice

Worship

Sunday, February 2
8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scriptures: Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 5:1-12
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 9
8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 16
8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scripture: Matthew 5:17-37
11:00 am: Valentine's Lunch

Sunday, February 23
8:45 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church
Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5:38-48
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

February 2: Paula Renard and Scott Wood

February 9: _____

February 16: Fellowship Committee – Valentine's Lunch

February 23: Lin Parks

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary if you would be willing to be a sponsor/host. We need someone for February 9th and in March. Ask some friends to help you! Thank you.

Worship Helpers

Sunday, February 2 – Communion
Audio/visual: Lisa Neises
Church closer: Tony White
Communion preparers: Sandra Deal and Kathy Morrish
Greeters: Rich and Deb Goble, Dan and Lisa Graham
Reader: Dyan Dietzman
Tower Bell: Will Neises
Valet: Dennis Dietzman

Sunday, February 9
Audio/visual: Lisa Neises
Church closer: Tony White
Greeters: Bob Parmeter, Tom and Connie Ralston, Deb Ruble
Reader: Bill Daws
Tower Bell: Marvin Fraise
Valet: Rich Goble

Sunday, February 16
Audio/visual: Lisa Neises
Church closer: Tony White
Greeters: Teresa and Matthew Heitmeier, Kathy Morrish, Tom and Connie Ralston
Reader: Stacey Kerr
Tower Bell: Ethan Kerr
Valet: Marvin Fraise

Sunday, February 23
Audio/visual: Lisa Neises
Church closer: Tony White
Greeters: Bill and Pam Daws, DiAnne Lerud-Chubb, Tony White
Reader: Matthew Patrick
Tower Bell: Caleb Mehaffy
Valet: Craig Neises

Church School News

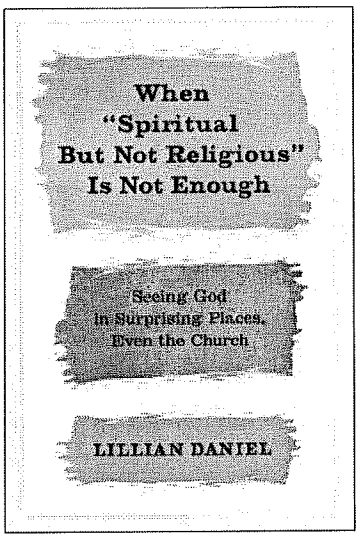
by Janice Gibson

February NOIZ Nites for Families at Kenny's Roller Ranch!

Come one, come all, on **Wednesday, February 5**, to Kenny's Roller Ranch for roller skating fun and fellowship! We will meet there at **5:30 p.m.** for a light meal and skate until 7:15 p.m. The cost is $2.00 a person and includes skate rental and a soft drink. This is an all-church event, so bring friends, family, neighbors, grandchildren, etc. and come join in the fun!

People Who Made a Difference!

This month in Children's Church we will continue the study of *People Who Made a Difference.* We began with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. As we continue, we'll learn about Jeremiah, called to be a prophet when he was very young; the centurion who cared for his servant and the woman at the well---all from Bible stories. We'll also learn more about Norman Rockwell and his painting of Ruby Bridges, Mother Teresa and prepare our Mission Market, one way we help make a difference in people's lives! Help your children be able to attend regularly, an important part of their maturing faith journey!

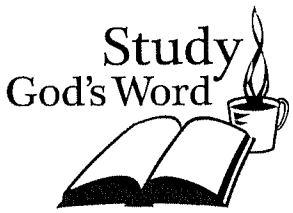


Adult Sunday School

The adult class has begun a unit studying the book, When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church by Lillian Daniel.

The first couple weeks are with study sheets and no book. Books have been ordered and should arrive before the first Sunday of February. Cost is $11.25 each. Rodney Botts will notify everyone when the books come in. You can stop by the church office to pick one up or just get it at Sunday School.

Lillian Daniel is an ordained United Church of Christ minister and is also the author of This Odd and Wondrous Calling.



Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Diggers Rest Coffeehouse

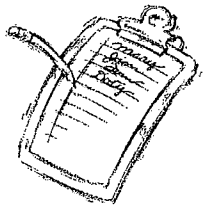
The Coffee and Scripture Bible Study group meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am at Diggers Rest Coffeehouse, 314 Jefferson Street. The group is currently studying the lectionary scriptures with Pastor Brice. Please join them!

Sing-along at Burlington Care Center

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 p.m.

A group of volunteers will be going to the **Burlington Care Center** on **Sunday, February 9th**, at **2:00 p.m.** to sing for the residents there. Please plan to join them!

A big **"Thank you"** goes to all the January volunteers who sang at Klein Center: **Sandy Deal, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Don and Vivian Kellar, Martha Landstrom, Gail Lawlor, Donna Norris, Milt and Laurie Paule, Phil Paule, Rod Reeves, and John Riessen.**



2014 Committee Signups

The signup sheets for 2014 Committees are now on a table in the narthex. Please stop by and sign your name if you're interested in serving on a team or committee this year. A brief description card is next to each signup sheet. These will be left out for two to three weeks. We need lots of volunteers!!

If you were on a committee last year, please sign up again so we know you still want to be on it. Examples of some of them are Social Justice, Buildings and Grounds, Fellowship, Welcoming, Kitchen, Technology, and Chancel Arts.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

"Stewardship is *thanksgiving:* giving thanks for all that God has given us—our time, our abilities, and our money. Stewardship is the way we manage *all* our time, abilities, and money. Nothing of value happens in the life of a church without these three currencies. Some think of stewardship as what we give, or return to God for His work through the church; they teach that the tithe means 10 percent of our worldly goods. I believe that 100 percent is God's.

Our stewardship is our decision as to how we live and manage our entire life. What we return to God through the church is only a part of our stewardship. We are given by God the freedom to manage all our time, abilities, and money. That process of management is called stewardship." [1]

[1] *One Minute Stewardship Sermons* by© 1997 Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr., Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart...soul ...mind and... strength."
Mark 12:30

Valentine's Lunch

Sunday, February 16

The Fellowship Committee is planning an All Church Valentine's Lunch for Sunday, February 16, during the Coffee Hour time.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so they will know how much food to prepare. A delicious lunch is being planned so be sure to stay for this special fellowship event!

Blankets+ Offering

We will be receiving the Blankets+ offering on **Sunday, February 16**, during the worship service. It will be sent to Church World Service and will provide disaster survivors with blankets, food, shelter, and safe water – and later with tools, training, and other resources for long-term recovery. Through Blankets+ you are improving the lives of poor and hungry people around the block and around the world.

Blankets+ offering envelopes will be available in the pews and also inserted in the weekly bulletins.

Board of Christian Education

There will be a meeting at the church on Monday, **February 17**, at **7:15 p.m.** Please do your best to attend. Thank you. ~~Janice Gibson

Love Fund Need

We have a Zion member with a financial crisis who really needs our help. If anyone wishes to contribute to this cause, please mail your money to the church at 412 N. 5th St., drop it off at the church office, or put it in the offering plate. Make your check out to Zion UCC and mark it "Love Fund need" and it will get used appropriately.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Bill Daws, President of the Consistory

Exchange Student?

Are you interested in hosting an exchange student for the 2014-2015 school year? Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is looking for host families. Students are English speaking high school students. IRIS works through the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the U.S. State Department. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact IRIS directly at (515) 292-7103 or check their website at www.iris-center.org

Since becoming affiliated with the YES program in 2003, IRIS has made it possible for more than 280 students to live and study in Iowa!

We thank **Steve Klein** for stepping in and offering to take care of all the snow removal at the church since Earnest Turner's hospital stay and health issues. Steve clears all the sidewalks and walking areas around the church every time we get snow or ice. Thank you, Steve!!

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Jase Allen Sneller was born on December 27, 2013 at 11:03 p.m. to Karen and Luke Sneller. He weighed 8 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Kirk and Debra VanScoy, and the great-grandparents are Chuck and Martha Landstrom. Congratulations to all!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Eli Adolphson in the loss of her foster mom, Lucille (Lue) Bruhl, who passed away after a prolonged illness.

Copies of the **2013 Annual Report** are now available. You may pick yours up from the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please notice there is now a ***revised page 22*** on the back table that you should also get to stick in your report booklet. Some endowment figures were corrected after the 1/21/14 audit. If your booklet doesn't have the revised page in it, please pick one up.

Consistory Installation

We are planning an installation service for our 2014 Consistory during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, February 9.**

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, the list of candidates was approved, and these are the board members for this year:

Consistory

Bill Daws, Elder (President)
Laurie Paule, Elder (Vice President)
Jerry Goddard (Treasurer)
Sandra Deal, Elder (new)
(Financial Secretary)
Judy Taylor (Secretary)
Barbara Nelson-Botts
Rich Goble
Stacey Kerr
Cherry Klein (new)
Matthew Patrick (new)
John Riessen
Judy Tomkins

We thank retiring members Sandy Elmore, Kaye Hanna, and Darcy Hedges for their time of service on the Consistory.

Board of Christian Education

Janice Gibson, Director
Sandy Levins, Chair
Lisa Neises, Secretary
Sandra Deal, Treasurer
Melissa Boeset
Paula Mehaffy
Peggy Wilkinson
Scott Wood (new)
Renee Workman (new)

We still have an opening for one more board member. Please contact Janice if you're interested.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 **8:45 am:** Adult Sunday School **10:00 am:** Worship & Children's church **11:00am:** Coffee Hour	3	4 **7:30 am:** Bible Study at Diggers Rest **7:15 pm:** Choir	5 **5:30-7:15pm:** NOIZ Nites for Families at Kenny's Roller Ranch	6	7 Pastor Brice's day off	8
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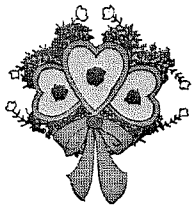
16 **8:45 am:** Adult Sunday School **10:00 am:** Worship & Children's church **11:00am:** Valentine's Lunch for everyone	17 **7:15 pm:** Christian Ed Board Presidents' Day	18 **7:30 am:** Bible Study at Diggers Rest	19 **7:00 pm:** Choir	20	21 Pastor Brice's day off	22
23 **8:45 am:** Adult Sunday School **10:00 am:** Worship & Children's church **11:00am:** Coffee Hour	24	25 **7:30 am:** Bible Study at Diggers Rest **6:00 pm:** Social Justice Committee **7:15 pm:** Choir	26 No Choir: Rehearse on Tuesday	27	28 Pastor Brice's day off	



February

Birthdays

2 --- **Ethan Kerr** (6), 12081 50th St.
Deb Ritters, 209 Curran St.
5 --- **Briana Landstrom**, 2105 S. 10th
6 --- **Dan Graham**, 321 Summer St.,
West Burlington, IA 52655
Caleb Burch, 1014 S. 6th St.
9 --- **Oran Wagler**, 2210 Charles St.
14 --- **Emily Workman**, 159 Golf Lane
15 --- **Robert Parmeter**, 2636 Northwood
Laura Burch, 1014 S. 6th St.
John Riessen, 10982 Wood Duck Cove Dr.,
West Burlington, IA 52655
16 --- **Jeff Lawlor**, 101 N. Gunnison St.
17 --- **Noina Workman**, 2613 Evergreen Dr.
19 --- **Jeff Fritz**, 5956 Hunt Road
21 --- **Peggy Wilkinson**, 2643 Northwood Ave.
24 --- **Morgan Ita**, 1419 Cleveland Ave.
26 --- **Zoey Kenney** (12), 2020 S. 14th St.
28 --- **David Schnicker**, 805 Randall Lane
Kaye Hanna, 2505 Gerdes Drive

Anniversaries

2 --- **Nancy and Gary Haley** (34)
13797 90th Avenue
5 --- **Dennis and Dyan Dietzman** (42)
2819 Fair Acres Drive
12 --- **Sandra and Joe Deal** (48)
9183 Gaslight Dr.
15 --- **Paula and Dennis Mehaffy** (40)
911 Linden St.

Early March Birthdays

1 --- **Melissa Boeset,**1217 S. 3rd St.
Velma Johnson, 10574 Rolling Hills Dr.
Will Neises (11), 2033 Osborn St.
2 --- **Harold Schnicker**, 1710 Jackson St.
Glen Gottschalk, 829 N. 5th St.
3 --- **Audrey Klein**, 2720 Bittersweet Place

Early March Anniversary

2 --- **John and Diana Jay** (29)
13524 65th Avenue

"God will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."

Isaiah 58:11

Presence in Troubled Times

MATTHEW FEHSE

In December I traveled to work with partners who suffered damages from Typhoon Haiyan (known as Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines). Bethany Hospital, founded by The United Church of Christ Philippines (UCCP), a Global Ministries partner, suffered significant damages. Flooding surges reached the top of the second floor destroying most of the equipment and toppling the emergency generator, rendering the hospital ineffective. In spite of this, Bethany continues to serve, offering free medicine and consultations for walk-in patients.

Bethany opened its doors to Doctors Without Borders and a French medical team from Medecins San Frontieres. A water filtration system was installed and free water given to all the people who came from all corners to get barrels filled. It was really great! Bethany is also a site for field coordination and a gathering point for pastors from congregations around the area.

Bethany frequently sends out teams to surrounding communities for trauma healing and stress debriefing. For children, there are games, one in particular called "Balay (Home), Baguio (Storm), Bata (Children)." It is similar to musical chairs and children run around screaming and giggling, but when someone calls out "Baguio!" they have to change homes made up of two other children facing one another holding hands for a roof. This is followed by children sharing how they feel about changing homes because of the storm. Adults find singing and small group discussion a place to process feelings and hopes while talking about what to do with the immediate future.

There is a tremendous amount of work ahead, but God's love is present in the laughter, in the distribution of food, in the community of people who offer support, like you. Please continue to pray and support Global Ministries and the UCCP efforts here. This road we walk with our partner will be a very long one.

Matthew Fehse, Global Mission Intern, serves with the human rights desk of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and has been working on relief efforts around Typhoon Haiyan.

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Reverend Brice Hughes, Interim Pastor
Janice Gibson, Organist, Choir Director, and Christian Education Director
Marilyn Stein, Office Administrator
Kay Jacobs, Treasurer's Assistant
Renita Jarrett, Choir Accompanist and Wedding Coordinator
Megan Agnew, Nursery Supervisor
Earnest Turner, Custodian and Buildings & Grounds Coordinator

Volunteers

Deb Ruble, Director of Bridging the Gap
Judy Taylor, Heritage People Coordinator