

The Messenger

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Kewanee

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GONE BY NOT FORGOTTEN

On Easter Sunday, we all said our goodbyes to Pastor Art & Pastor Annabell. After a five-year term with us, they will be moving on to the First Presbyterian Church in LaClaire IA. God Bless and we wish them the best.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KEWANEE



At First Presbyterian Church of Kewanee, we commit ourselves to worshipping God, growing spiritually together, and reflecting Christ in our daily lives.

KEWANEE SESSION NEWS

- Looking for volunteers for PNC



MISSION FOR MAY ID MOMRNYD BY MUTTI

"Moments by Mutti" is an effort to provide local cancer patients and their families an opportunity to spend a worry-free day(s) with one another, at no cost to the family. It is important that families have the opportunity to share special moments together, which will one day become incredible memories. This is organized by the Saey family in memory of Lynn Saey.

ELMIRA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY LAST SUPPER REENACTMENT

(Due to problems pictures are unavailable)

At the Maundy Thursday service, we all took part in a soup supper, communion and the reenactment of the Last Supper. In the play was Pastor Art, Matt & Gabe Martin, Roger & Melanie Johnston and their grandson William, Clyde & Elsie Currier, Niles, Kent, Jeremy, Chris & Curt, Treavor, Bristol & Parker Hulslander, Carter and Terri.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Art, along with Chris performed the service for Carter Brown, Gabe Martin and Treavor Hulslander who were confirmed for membership of the church. Thank you to Curt & Chris Reeves for teaching the class. Congratulations to Carter, Gabe & Treavor!! There was a reception for them on the following Sunday along with teacher appreciation Sunday. We'd also like to Lisa Hammon and Matt & Cindy Martin for their dedication.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DONNA

On Palm Sunday, Donna thought she would be joining everyone for a Palm Sunday luncheon, but little did she know this was a surprise party to help celebrate her 90th birthday. We did pull it off and she was very surprised!! We also invited her family and Elmira members. Thank you to everyone that brought something for the luncheon. A special thank you to Fran and Judy for the beautiful decorating they did and Fran and Melanie for helping with getting things cleaned up. Thank you to everyone who came to help her celebrate this milestone.



EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Roger & Annette Bates in memory of Rose & Leroy Croegaert, Melissa Bates and Kleo Bates
Jim & Monika Breed in memory of our parents

Diane Price in memory of Harold & Verna Dillion and JoAn & Willard Price

Donna Dykstra in memory of Rev Dr Dale Dykstra & loved ones

Janet Huber in memory of Parents, Loren Lindstrom Marilyn Humphrey

Chris & Lisa Hammons in memory of Loren Lindstrom and Jack & Mimi Hammons

Christine and Lisa/The Cousin Crew in memory of Laurie Butler

Nick & Randi Humphrey in memory of Laurie Butler

Dianne Lindstrom in memory of Loren Lindstrom, Russell & Dorothy Lindstrom, Emnas & Dolorita Otis and Laurie Butler

Curt & Chris Reeves in memory of Paul & Betty Devor and Sondra Reeves

Niles & Sheila Reamer and family in memory of Roy & Delores Ashenhurst and Nell & Glen Reamer

Bill & Ruth Anne Scott in memory of Ray & Esther Behnke and Carl & Mary Scott

Terri Wolfe in memory of Francis & Margaret Faber and Ed Wolfe



YARD SALE INFORMATION

There will be a town-wide yard sale on Thursday, Friday, May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd, but we will just be doing it on Saturday. You can bring any clean items to the church whenever you can. We have room in the bazaar room or the closet off the stage. If you have items and can't get them to the church, call the office and we can arrange someone to pick them up. **This will be the only yard sale we have for the year, so we need to make it a good one!!!!** For the bake sale, you can bring whatever you would like to make. We will be at the church on Friday May 2nd from 10:00 till 4:00 so you can drop off your goodies and we can get them bagged up for the bake sale. All and any donations are appreciated.

Thank you, Fund Raising Committee
Lanny Anderson, Chair
Janie, Terri and Lisa



THANK YOU FROM DONNA

Thanks to everyone for such a special birthday surprise. Thank you for the beautiful decorations and the wonderful luncheon. Thank you to my daughter, Sue, for the picture collage. It was truly a surprise and a memorable birthday celebration. Thanks again to my wonderful church family.



CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS SETH WILSON

On Monday, April 21st Pastor Art performed Seth & Brittany's wedding ceremony. A reception was held in the West Minister Hall. We send them our best wishes and God's blessings.

NO MAY BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Baker, Lisandra – stroke*
- Behnke, Tommie Jane – health problems*
- Bennett, Cody – car accident, grandson of Vicki Bennett*
- Bock, Lauren – 14-year-old diagnosed with leukemia, Wendy Smith's, friend's daughter*
- Bornstein, Jaimee – stage 4 cancer – cancer is in remission*
- Bowman, Jeff, and Peg – cancer*
- Butler, Rich – health problems*
- Bridgewater, Kari – seizure disorder*
- Brown, Jeff – health problems friend of Lanny & Carolyn Anderson*
- Craig, Clifford – recovering from heart surgery*
- Cruse, Lynette – leukemia*
- Diane – health issues*
- Don & Jan – health problems, Bill & Ruth Anne's friend*
- Duncan – health issues*
- Edelman, Dave – health problems and Sharon for his care*
- Evans, Dan – health problems*
- Faber, Peggy – in Kewanee Care with dementia*
- Ferkel, Randy – recurrence of cancer*
- Feldner, Hannah – recovering from eye surgery*
- Fryer, Alvah – breast cancer, friend of Lanny & Carolyn Anderson*
- Gasaway, Larry – health problems, friend of Lanny & Carolyn Anderson*
- Good, Billie – Health issues*
- Hammons, Lisa – upcoming hip surgery*
- Harding, Jack, Robert, Richard & Susan – health problems*
- Heane, Jeremy – tumor and angina*
- Huber, Denny – recovering from hip replacement Janet Huber's son*
- Huber Karessa - health problems, Janet Huber's daughter-in-law*
- Huber, Mallery – needs extra prayers for her lupus*
- Huggins, Cindy – health problems*
- Jackson, Estavan – health problems, Annabell's grandson*
- Johnson, Clay – many health problems*
- Johnson, Jerri – health problems*
- Johnston, Don – recovering from brain surgery, Roger's brother*
- Larson, Ken – health problems,, friend of Lanny &*

- Carolyn Anderson*
- Lindstrom, Madeline – health issues*
- Lloyd, Carla – recovering heart surgery, Pastor Annabell's cousin*
- Martin, Anna – daughter of Freddie Martin, Jr. has MS*
- Marselle, Frank –health problems*
- Marselle, Mike – Stage 4 lung cancer*
- McCullough, Kathryn – health problems*
- Naslund, Ron – health problems, friend Lanny & Carolyn Anderson*
- Newell, Nylan – 7-year-old has Lorenzo's Oil Disease (ALD)*
- Olson, Rusty – inoperable tumor*
- O'Neill, Kay – her family*
- Pease, Mark - infection*
- Perrin, Steve & Debby – health problems*
- Scott, Gene – has MS- wife Rowann – health issues*
- Scott, Ruth Anne – health problems*
- Skinner, Dave – health problems*
- Smith, Wendy – good, on-going test results*
- Stacie – pancreatic cancer, Mary Jane's friend*
- Stead, Tim – heart problems, Chris & Lisa's cousin*
- Thompson, Michael – stamina*
- Thron, Butch – serious health problems*
- Thurston, Elmer – fall broke neck, shoulder and brain bleed*
- Wade, Lori (Scott) – MS & diabetes*
- Ward, Debi – congestive heart failure, Lanny & Carolyn's niece*
- Ward, Dona – Parkinson*
- Welgat, Nick – stage 4 lung cancer Abby Hamilton's brother*
- Wentworth, Al – health problems*
- Wentworth, Michele – Going to Mayo's for testing*
- Winter, Debbie – health problems*
- Williams, Alan – many health problems, Annabelle's brother*
- Wood, Chris – cancer*
- Wolf, Jackie – health problems*
- Family & Friends of Ed Fleming who passed away.*
- Jeremy Johnson's step-father*
- Family & friends of Chuck Orwig who passed away*

Elmira United Presbyterian Church, we will continue to be a thriving faith community reaching out to our community and the world.



HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Another busy Lenten season is done. Easter Sunday we had 42 in attendance. It was Pastor's Art and Annabell Blegen's last Sunday with us. Communion was served and it was a beautiful Sunday to celebrate the risen Lord one last time with them. Several gifts and a card were given to them from our congregation by co-clerk Paige Milburn and all of the children present. A red bud tree was also given to them, to plant in their yard at their Moline home, to help remember Pastor Art's first

journey of his ordained ministry and the Prayer tree at Elmira United Presbyterian Church. Pastor's Art and Annabell have accepted a team ministry position as co-pastors at the First Presbyterian Church of LeClaire, Iowa, only a 20-minute drive from their Moline home. We, at Elmira, wish you well in your new co-pastorate and will miss you. Our prayers go with you. God Bless you both in this next phase of your ministry journey. Keep in touch! Be happy and prosper! With love and prayers, your church family and friends at EUPC

THE SEARCH IS ON

Now the search begins for a new Pastor for the Elmira and Kewanee churches. A new Elder needs to be elected to replace Annabell for her remaining 1 1/2-year term on Session. Please keep the Elmira United Presbyterian Church and the Kewanee First Presbyterian Church in your prayers as this search begins. We've been here and done this before, God has a purpose for both of our churches, we just need to find the next person to lead us forward. In the meantime, we need your continued support in carrying out our programs and efforts to spread God's word in our local area.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF COUSINS

On April 6th Hudson Ryan, son of Addison & Sydney Ray and Vivian Ryan, daughter of Clayton & Caitlyn Ryan were baptized by Pastor Art. The children are the future of our church and we welcome Hudson and Vivian into our church family.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Spring really sprung with this Lenten season. Beautiful spring flowers were in the front of our sanctuary for 2 weeks prior to Easter to celebrate His rising from the grave. The following members gave flowers in memory of those listed :

- Dave & Linda Grant for Loved ones**
- Donna K. Elliott for John & our parents**
- Kay Grieve for Paul (they were married on Easter), family & friends**
- Tom & Cindy Milburn for Loved ones**

- Reuben & Carissa Currier for our grandparents**
- John & Betty Oliver (2) for Roger & Juanita Coilver**
- Wm. & Fern Oliver, Hazel & Helen Oliver**
- Lois Seger, Alice & Bob Griswold & Eunice Daniels (2) for Mom, Dad & John and Eva Turnbull & Nellie Elliott**
- Dave & Dawn Milburn (2) for Bob & Lovena Milburn and Paul Grieve**
- Megan Lane for her grandfathers**
- Carl & Jeanne Ryan for Roland & Donna Currier and John Ryan**
- Tom Daniels for Don Daniels**
- Tim & Dawn Green for Peyton Scheuermann, John & Lois Turnbull and Richard Green**
- Pat Fifer for Don, Harvey and Myrtle Winslow**
- Jim & Diana Winslow for deceased family members**
- Laurie Steger for Marge & Don Jackson**
- Karen Steward for Mom & bill and The Armstrongs**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 9 – Addison Ryan
- 29 – Caitlyn Ryan

SEND CARDS TO:

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| Kewanee IL 61443 | |
| Barb Shambaugh | |
| 203 Willow Street | |
| LaFayette IL 61449 | |



Prayer Concerns

- Abbineti, Dave & Lisa*
- Anderson-Steger, Shelby*
- Barnhold, Debbie*
- Bayer, Peggy Grant*
- Bean, Cecelia*
- Beck, Lia*
- Bennett, Cody*
- Bennet, Matt & Chris*
- Bishop, Jeremy*
- Bishop, Sonna*
- Bickhauser, Angie*
- Brady, Dean*
- Brattie, Nancy*
- Bimmerle, Mike & Annette*
- Campbell, Nich & Jenny*
- Carlson, Mike*
- Campbell, Jennie*
- Chapman, Frank*
- Clark, Gloria*
- Cline, Kaitlyn*
- Cook, Dave*
- Collette, Brian*
- Currier, Ron*
- Daniels, Eunice & Tom*
- Dennis, Chrystal*
- Dienst, Rodney*
- Doran, Amanda*

Dybdal, Maryann
Dykeman, Carla
Ehnle, Dean
Eddy, Jack
Elliott, Debbie
Emily, Ellie
Foglesong, Carolyn
Fogelsonger, Pat
Fry, Matthew
German, Brenda
Gjeramo, Luann
Goodall, Pat
Grant, Austin
Grant, Dave
Green, Allison
Greene, Samantha
Green, Ken
Grieve, Kay
Heminger, Jeff
Hotchkiss-Kucukas, Diane
Hulslander, Donna
Jackson, Estevan
Jackson, Lisa & David
Jacobson, Del
Johnson, Alex
Kemmerer, Bob
King, Judy
Kirkley, Dave
Kieft, Wanda
Klien, Kaitlyn
Lindstrom, Diane
Maher, Jack
Maddie, Joyce
Marshall, Maggie
May, Scott
McGill, Mary
McGinnis, Debby
Milburn, Cindy
Miller, Carol
Minton, Tom
Mirocha, Marty
Montooth, Tim
Mummurt, Kymber
Nelson, Dan
Nelson, Paul

Parish, Brandon
Parker, Jim & Arlene
Perkins, Kathleen Grant
Peters, Julie
Pitzer, -Ziegler Mary
Pope Francis
Pullen, Whitney
Reed, Try
Rose, Sue
Russell, Melissa
Sandy & Beth
Schaeffer, Bob
Scott, Gene
Seckman, Marilyn
Seger, Lois
Sellnow, Celina
Sinkovich, Cindy
Slifer, DJ
Slifer, Tammy
Smallee, Kaylee
Smith, Charlie
Sovey, Angela
Shanklin, Sophia
Shipp, Matthew & Matt
Steward, Karen
Talbot, Ben
Thurston, "Sy" & Gary
Tolley, Joe & Jenna
VanVoren, Rev Patrick & Pat
Verbout, Nancy
Welgat, Nick
Wentworth, Al & Michelle
West, Emily
Williamson, Larry
Whittaker, Rob
Wilkinson, Katheryn
Wilkinson, Patty
Williams, Alan
Wilson, David & Nancy
Woods, Chris
Joe, Jenna, Kathy, Olivia, Katie, Emily, Cassia ,
Kypton, Jessica, Josalyn Hailey & Sophia

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Kewanee Yard/bake sale
4 Elmira Service 9:00 a.m. Kewanee Adult Discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Elmira Service 9:00 a.m. Kewanee Adult Discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m. 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Elmira Service 9:00 a.m. Kewanee Adult Discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m. EASTER	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Elmira Service 9:00 a.m. Kewanee Adult Discussion 9:45 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m.	26 	27	28	29	30	31