

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

# LYNNVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH

## HAPPY *New Year*

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

Add a little bit of joy to it.

### *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY JAMIE BOGAARD

Can you believe that 2019 is coming to a close? Maybe you are happy for this year to be over with and start into a new year. I know most in the farming community are ready to put 2019 behind them and look forward to a better year ahead.

As I look back over the past year we had fun times on vacation and relaxing moments on the lake. We survived a wedding and gained a son-in-law. We have had job transitions. Andrea finished high school and started college. We lost Missi's dad. Like most it has been a year of ups and downs but overall more ups than downs and we are truly blessed.

As I look back over 2019 and ahead to 2020 for the church it is also filled with ups and downs. We are being challenged more and more by society. Our society is becoming more and more permissive and the church is struggling with it. We have more and more options grabbing us for our attention. How do we stay relative without compromising the integrity of God's Word?

I would like to challenge us all to commit even more to our faith

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and the church in 2020. Last year our attendance was down as we really struggled with consistency. If given the choice to have an hour with Jesus or an hour with LeBron James or some other famous person I think most of us would say “Jesus” without hesitation. Yet, week after week, many are choosing sports, leisure and other things over hearing from Jesus Word, growing your faith and the faith of your family.

Let’s make 2020 the year of the full church. Let’s make 2020 the year of bringing our friends to church. Let’s make 2020 the year where we grow in the faith and knowledge of Jesus. Let’s make 2020 a “Jesus first” year. Let’s make 2020 a year of prayer and commitment. I can think of no better way to start an new decade!

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## Missions Around the World

Thank you to everyone who donated for Operation Christmas Child! We delivered 126 boxes to Pella. Our goal was 130 so thank you, thank you, thank you!! I’m sure you had fun if you put together your own box. Thank you to those who donated money to Stacey and I so we could put together boxes. The Kids 4 Christ students got to each pack their own box! We had a fun time helping with that.

Take Away Hunger will take place in the FCC on Saturday, March 28. More information will be coming soon. But until then, feel free to get a team together. Need 12 on a team. Sign up as an individual and we will put you on a team or as a team. Email Brenda at [brendalterpstra@gmail.com](mailto:brendalterpstra@gmail.com) to sign up today!! Thanks for supporting this great project!

At the December meeting the Missions Committee decided to keep the same budget for 2020 as we had in 2019. That doesn’t mean it couldn’t change, but for now our monthly budget is \$1,200. We are praying for more each month so we can help the FOCUS Youth Group pay for part of their trip to Jamaica this summer. They will be going to Jamaica to the school of the deaf. It will be a great experience for anyone going.

If you have facebook go to Regeneration Church, Ocean Beach. This is the FB page of the church that Mark and Lindsey Porter minister with. Every Sunday night they have a worship service. Check it out sometime...you will be blessed!!

Remember the Dilly Tribe! They gained a new family member today. The officially adopted Malik Soleil Dilly. If you were in church the Sunday they shared, he was with them. We rejoice with them on receiving this precious gift from God! In early December, Josh and Noah returned from their trip to The Bahamas. “Hurricane Dorian tied with The Labor Day Hurricane in 1935 for the worse Atlantic Hurricane on record, hitting even harder than Hurricane Irma and Maria. Sustained wind speeds were 185 mph for over 24 hours. Some say that it should have been classified as a category 6, extending beyond the scale. It impacted both rich and impoverished communities, with over seven billion dollars worth of property damage. The death toll was highest in areas where living conditions were substandard prior to the hurricanes.” This came from one of their newsletters. Their first trip in 2020 takes place in January and they will be working with All Nations to bring Church planting training to Trinidad & Tobago. Multiple organizations will connect for the vision: “Partnering to Reach the Unreached”.

Ryan and Ciara McDonald are in Nashville, TN following God's leading in this new season of their life. They are trusting God to provide for them and to lead them where He is wanting them to work. Please email Ciara at [cdoll000@gmail.com](mailto:cdoll000@gmail.com) or text or call her at 641-990-8314 to find out more what they are doing by requesting their Newsletter. If you do not have email but would like to receive a copy of their Newsletter, please let me (Brenda Terpstra) know. I would be more than happy to send or hand deliver each Newsletter to you. Please pray for clear direction for them and for continued health for Baby Bee, who is due the end of February, beginning of March.

I am including an email that I received from Tom Palmer. He is with the Disaster Response Team for Iowa Yearly Meeting. If you feel led to help, the message below will tell you where you can give to help out.

Dear friend,

We are pleased to announce that over half of the money needed to replace Sam and Becky Barber's roof has been raised. But we still need the other half. If you could pray about this and pass on the concern, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the letter we sent out a month ago. Robert and Ambur Barber will be moving into the house in a month. Share this concern with your church family as well.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tom Palmer on behalf of Iowa Friends Response Team

Sam and Becky Barber are Iowa Yearly Meeting missionaries in Belize. They own a home in University Park that desperately needs a roof. The Barbers are just barely keeping above water financially and have no reserve funds for this expenditure (around \$7000). Their son, Robert, and his wife are planning to return to Iowa and live in the house next year

The Barbers are members of College Ave Friends; CAF members can gather \$2500-\$3000 to help, but will need additional help in funding the roofing project. As you may know Friends Response Team has assisted in projects involving this house several times in the past and it is our desire to continue this support. Would you pray about helping out in this project and passing the concern on to others? Any contributions are tax deductible and should be sent to Iowa Yearly Meeting, P.O. Box 657, Oska-loosa, IA 52577 with memo "Barbers' Roof". The possibility of reducing the cost by FRT providing the contractor with volunteer help will be explored. We would like to raise the funds by the first of the year so plans can be made to work on the roof as soon as weather allows.

Thank you for sharing this burden.

Blessings,

Tom Palmer (641-638-0680) and Mike Moyer (641-673-3784) on behalf of Friends Response Team

Thank you for your prayers for the Missions Committee and please continue to pray for all of our missionaries! Happy New Year!



# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Nate Vos  
 4th: Jenna Allbee  
 6th: Tamara Terpstra  
 10th: Alexy Conover  
 11th: Sherry Harthoorn, Bev Flander, Dot Zylstra  
 12th: Steve Beyer  
 14th: Casey Harthoorn  
 15th: Doug Terlouw  
 17th: Carsten James  
 21st: Lisa James  
 26th: Bre James  
 27th: Jocelyn Beyer  
 30th: Reid Vos, Kyle Terlouw

## ANNIVERSARIES

4th: Curt & Donna Zylstra  
 12th: Chris & Deb Merten  
 16th: Ron & Maida Dunwoddy, Brian & Monica Lanser  
 22nd: Ron & Vickie Nikkel

## DATES TO REMEMBER

6th: Missions & Trustees  
 9th: Quilting in fellowship hall & Church Council at 7:00  
 13th: USFW at 5:30  
 16th: Elders at 7:00  
 23rd: Quilting in fellowship hall & Hope Ministries at 6:30  
 31st: Blizzard Blast

## January Workers

January 5

Front Entrance: Dwight & Kim Harsselaar  
 Canopy Greeters: Garnet Gertsma  
 Nursery: Rodney & Bev Van Maanen

January 12

Front Entrance Greeters: Drew & Mallerie Harford  
 Canopy Greeters: Mike & Janel Hay  
 Nursery: Verlan & Cathy Van Maanen

January 19

Front Entrance: Duane & Sherry Harthoorn  
 Canopy Greeters: Craig & Sheri James  
 Nursery: Shawn & Amber Van Ryswyk

January 26

Front Entrance Greeters: David & Peggy Hofer  
 Canopy Greeters: Curt & Stacey James  
 Nursery: Scott & Gayla Van Soelen