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Justin will be on
vacation
Dec. 26—Jan. 2, 2012
During this time, please
contact the church office
with needs.

Due to January 1 falling
on a Sunday, Ministry &
Counsel will not be
planning a New Year's
Eve party. If anyone
would like to organize
the party, let the office
know.

Nursery Schedule

December 4

Dustin and Mindy
Hadley

December 11

Randall and Denise
Nichols

December 18

Jenn and Daniel Talbot

December 25

John and Ann Rains

Friend To Friend

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

December 2011

O Come, O Come!

by Justin Weber

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The Advent season focuses on the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent celebrates the revelation of God in Christ in which all of creation might be reconciled to God. This redemptive process is one in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. This double focus on past and future, symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as we affirm that Christ has come, that He is come, and that He will come in power. Our desire to please God morally and ethically: arise from a profound sense that we live "between the times" as faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. We celebrate God's invasion into history in the Incarnation, we anticipate the future consummation of history for which "all creation is groaning," and we confess our own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. It is a season of expecting God to hear our cries of enslavement, just as the Hebrews were heard in oppressive Egypt. It is a season of anticipation that God will come and rule with truth and justice over all creation. It is a season of preparation of a God who holds us

accountable for our distrust and dismissal of His living Word to us. It is a season of longing for deliverance and vindication from a world racked with evil with full knowledge that at times we contribute to that evil. (Amos 5:18-20) Thus, Advent becomes a season of reflection and prayer. Prayers of deeper submission to the Lord, prayers for healing, prayers for deliverance are all fitting as we celebrate Christ's first and second coming. The opening stanza of the Advent hymn begins to capture the spirit of Advent:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel!



**"I WILL RAISE
UP YOUR
OFFSPRING
AFTER YOU ...
AND I WILL
ESTABLISH
HIS KINGDOM."**

2 SAMUEL 7:12, NRSV

Advent Schedule

USFW Christmas Coffee

Thursday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.

Program: **Sounds of Christmas** Vocal music and devotions by Jennifer Daniel

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

at Honey Creek Meetinghouse

Food Pantry and Mitten Tree

In the church foyer.

Collecting items for the Hardin County Food Pantry and mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. for those in need in the county.



Friendly Fellowship

Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m. wrapping gifts for Quakerdale

Handel's Messiah

Hardin County Community Choir Performances:

Saturday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church UCC Festival of Trees, Iowa Falls

Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Washington Street, Iowa Falls

Holiday Open House at the Weber's

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Caroling

Sunday, December 18, 5:30 p.m. meet at the Soda Fountain for caroling and/or at 6:30 p.m. for a soup supper and community sing

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Special messages from the Sunday School classes

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Prayer and Praise

- Alan McDonald, returning from the Peace Corps in Panama
- Those serving our country: Emely Shore and Wes Burnham
- Dan Whitehead family w/ MAF
- Providential Homes
- Quakerdale
- Family / Friends in care facilities
- The successful Financial Peace classes
- Overseas missionaries
- Alex Boggess
- State / Federal government leaders
- Life-altering decisions for Christ
- Struggling people blessed by the Love Fund
- Justin and family as they minister among us
- For physical, emotional and spiritual healing

Sincere gratitude goes to the Trustees for their hard work in removing the Fellowship Hall partitions!



A State Of FUM Report

Imagine if every person in every member monthly meeting gave \$35 a year to FUM. We could fund all of our ministries without spending a big chunk of staff time and your resources trying to raise money for our commitments!

-Sylvia Graves

USFW

On October 30th several from the United Society of Friends Women (USFW) held a birthday party at the State Training School for thirteen young men whose birthdays were in September or October.

Don Humrichouse shared a meaningful devotional and Chaplain Sellers directed a competitive relay game. Delicious cake and ice cream were served and gift bags were distributed to each of the fellows. Please remember these youth in your prayers.

-Mary Humrichouse

Remember Friends Away

Dale Schwarck

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Noma Hadley

403 S. State Street Hubbard, IA 50122

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2313 15th Avenue Valley View Eldora, IA 50627

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Letha Hanson

Heritage Care Ctr. 2320 Washington Ave.

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Ethel Martin

1221 N Fremont #42 Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Everett Lyman

Scenic Living Comm. 1409 Fremont St.

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Iona Perisho

1325 Coconino Rd. # 114 Ames, IA 50014

Book Club Update

"The book club will meet on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Our reading selection is *Charlotte Figg Takes Over Paradise* by Joyce Magnin.

This promises to be a delightful read!

Please feel free to come and join us at the book club! We're having a wonderful time together sharing ideas and deepening friendships."

-Julie Burkett

Beginning Monday, January 9, 2012

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Soda Fountain




















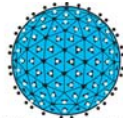
Justin will be leading a Bible Study titled:

*"An exploration of
the Gospels"*

Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.



**LOOKING for A
Bible Study?**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 December						
				1 1:30 pm USFW Christmas Coffee	2	3 Nancy Cook 
4 Missions Sunday 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Jada Staples 	5 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	6 Elaine Hagenburg 	7 9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30 pm Middle School Youth @ CQH 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Alyx Staples Eli Giguere 	8 9:00 am HOME Dylan Jackson 	9 Alan Staples 	10
11 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Monthly Mtg. 6:00 pm Bday party for Jesus @ Honey Creek	12 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	13 10:00 a.m. Friendly Fellowship Mark Minear 	14 9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30 pm Middle School Youth @ CQH Les Clampitt 	15 Amanda DuChane 	16	17
18 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 2:00-5:00 pm Weber's Open House 5:30 pm Caroling 6:30 pm Soup @Soda Fountain	19 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast Dan Nelson 	20 Yenny Heilskov 	21 9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30 pm Middle School Youth @ CQH 7:00 pm M&C Ryan Heilskov 	22	23 Julie Marks 	24 6:00 pm  Christmas Eve SERVICE Marlene Reece 
25 10:00 am Christmas Worship 	26 6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast Justin away through January 2	27	28 9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30 pm Middle School Youth @ CQH Rex Lawler 	29	30 Denise Nichols 	31  New Year's Eve

Camp Scholarship Fundraiser

Service and success with a smile!

Warm thanks to everyone who helped make the Chili and Potato Bar fundraiser such a success! Your contributions of food, help and money blended together to provide slightly over \$1,000 for youth to attend Camp Quaker Heights this summer! We are so blessed by your generosity. - The Christian Ed Committee



Hardin County Community Choir presents selections from the Messiah

The Hardin County Community Choir is in full swing preparing for three performances of music from Handel's Messiah. HCCC members from across the county will sing music from the "Christmas" portion of Messiah, along with the rousing "Hallelujah" chorus, and holiday favorites.

Public performances are in Iowa Falls Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the UCC Festival of Tress, and Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 at Bethany Lutheran Church on Washington Street. This final performance will feature soloists from the Iowa State University school of Music, and their professor, Hardin county resident, pianist Jodi Goble.

Admission to the performance on December 10 will be a suggested donation of one or more non-perishable food items. For more information, email pgagnon@southhardin.k12.ia.us, or call 641-864-3298.

-Marlene McDonald



Birthday Party for Jesus



Enjoy a short program with singing of Christmas carols followed by fellowship with Birthday cake for Baby Jesus.

"I think it's a really special setting at this church - No lights, only candlelight; peaceful, like an old-fashioned Christmas...."

It's nice to come early & just experience the peacefulness....."

-Marilee Lawler

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DECEMBER



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE PEOPLE

GET ON YOUR WARMEST GEAR AND HEAD TO COH DEC 30-JAN 1

ARLEN DALESKE ALONG WITH JASON MORAD AND CO. WILL BE LEADING WORSHIP...

&

CHIP HAS BEEN THINKING UP CRAZY WAYS TO HAVE FUN IN THE SNOW AND ICE AND PLANNING A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

What to Bring:

Sleeping Bag & Pillow

Bibles, Notebooks, Pens, etc.

Sleds, Skis, Ice Skates, etc.

Warm Winter Clothes

Friends!!!

Registration Cost: **\$120**
Download registrations at
www.iaym.org/youthministries
Or the IAYM Youth Facebook
page

Registration begins at 6pm
on Dec 30
Final session ends at 11am
on Jan 1



Questions?
Call Chip Daleske at
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My Grown-Up Christmas List

....So here's my lifelong wish,
My grown-up Christmas list,
Not for myself, but for a world in need:

No more lives torn apart,
and wars would never start,
and time would heal all hearts.
every one would have a friend,
that right would always win,
and love would never end:

This is my grown-up Christmas list.

As children we believed
the grandest sight to see
was something lovely wrapped
beneath the tree.

Well, heaven surely knows
that packages and bows
can never heal a hurting human soul.

No more lives torn apart,
and wars would never start,
and time would heal all hearts.
every one would have a friend,
that right would always win,
and love would never end:

This is my grown-up Christmas list.

