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### HCNP Mission Statement

"To glorify God, we intend to be an unmistakably loving fellowship, growing in our commitment to Christ, sharing the message of God's love, and constantly celebrating God's presence in our midst."

# Friend To Friend

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

February 2016

## I Want To Know What Love Is

by Justin Weber

Well January has blown in and out bringing with it snow and cold. February is dawning reminding us of Valentine's Day and love. Love, a four letter word tired from being overused. Listen to ourselves and others and you will come to understand what I am driving towards. People love their houses, their pets, their smartphones, their cars...love, love, love! I wonder if we don't love everything, and really fail to love anything, or anyone! Well it's February and *I Want to Know What Love Is!*

No doubt *Love Is a Many Splendid Thing*, as the song goes. But it is not a simple thing. The Greeks had a least four words for differing categories for love. C.S. Lewis describes these in his book, *The Four Loves*, which is a classic. The first love he explores is **storgē**. **Storgē** is liking someone through familiarity, like family members or people who find a common connection. The love which a parent has for their child, and vice versa is **storgē**. This form of love belts out *We Are Family*. This familial love isn't forced or coercive, it is as natural as *Butterfly Kisses* and it sings *I Hope You Find Your Wings!*

The next form of love is that of **philia**. **Philia** is a relationship between friends which is as close as siblings in strength and length. These people share common values, interests and activities. Proverbs 18:24 observes this kind of love, "**One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**" And of course we get the Pennsylvania's cities name Phila-delphia from the two Greek roots, **philia** (love) and **adelphos** (brother), hence the city of brotherly love. There are those we describe as, "Well there just like family." Those are your **philia** folk. They are the ones you help carry their burdens saying, *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother.* These people are companions through life, and are rooted in appreciation. And you would walk through fire for each other. These people are gifts.

The third facet of love is that of **eros**. Lewis understood this not as a depraved form of "erotica" or sexual lust which our culture worships at present. Rather for him **eros** was the sense of "being in love." Eros

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wasn't reduced to raw sexuality, but rather of "wanting to be with one particular person." Eros is that sensation often expressed with the words, "I can't live without him or her." Elvis Presley sang of **eros** when he crooned, "Can't Help Falling in Love". Eros can become selfish, because of the ways it makes us feel. **Eros** opens up and often tempts us to possess the other which can be simultaneously beautiful and dangerous. The nature of **eros** is always transitory. The erotic feelings of "being in love" are a roller coaster ride, there will be mountain top experiences and valleys. The Righteous Brothers remind us of the flip side of **eros** when they sang, "You've Lost that Loving Feeling."

**Agape** is the final form of love. This ancient word was dusted off by Christians and employed like John who declared, "**God is love**" (1 John 4:8, 16). This love cares, serves, and sacrifices regardless of fluctuating circumstances which occur in all relationships. Agape love is spontaneous and unmotivated. There is nothing you can do to make Love love you more. And there is nothing you can do to make Love love you less. God's love for us is grounded in God Himself! God it seems has a "Bad Case of Loving You."

This **agape** is creative in that it generates value. **Agape** doesn't recognize value, but creates value. God doesn't love you because you are "the cat's meow," but because God loves you he makes you "the cat's meow." God's love gives us value! As sinners we have no value except that which is created through the Eternal One who chooses to love us. God made the decision to care. Regardless of cost God has decided *Above All* to love us. This kind of love initiates relationship. Unconditional love, loves the unqualified, for loves sake. Unconditional love always seeks relationship. God doesn't play games of hide-and-seek. God has come to us in the person of Jesus. *The Book of Love* tells

us that Jesus cared, served and sacrificed himself on our behalf. John writes again: "**This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**" (1 Jn 4:10)



My prayer and hope is that we all experience the wonderful natural relationships of **storgē**. That we are gifted with life-long companions through **philia**. That **eros** surprises us in wholesome ways on our journey. And that we find a place to stand on the bedrock of God's **agape**.

Your friend on the journey,  
Justin

### To My Sunday School Teacher

You offered  
me an example  
Of the kind  
of Faith to live  
A life of holy devotion  
To a God  
who freely gives



The Christian Education committee would like to honor our Sunday School Teachers this month. Please take time to express your gratitude for their dedication and time.

Nursery ~ Mary Humrichouse, Marlene Reece  
Younger Elementary ~ Les & Kay Clampitt, Myrna Frahm  
Older Elementary ~ Nancy Stevens, Mindy Hadley & Krista Weber  
High School ~ Nancy Cook, Rob Talbot  
Young Adult Class ~ Adam Koester  
Adult Class I ~ John & Ann Rains  
Adult Class II ~ Julie Burkett, Krista Weber

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30am Monday Morning Brkfst. (Soda Fountain)	2	3 9:00am Prayer with Justin 11:00am Trailer 57 Bible Study	4 10:00—2:00 USFW 1:00 pm Vanishing Grace Book Study	5	6
7 8:30 Fellowship Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Missions Offering	8 6:30am Monday Morning Brkfst. (Soda Fountain)	9 6:30pm Book Club	10 9:00am Prayer with Justin 11:00am Trailer 57 Bible Study PLMA	11 9:00-11:00am HOME 1:00 pm Vanishing Grace Book Study	12	13 10:00am Quaker Bakers
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 8:30 Fellowship Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Monthly Meeting 	15 6:30am Monday Morning Brkfst. (Soda Fountain)	16	17 9:00am Prayer with Justin 10:30am Quaker Pastor's Meeting 11:00am Trailer 57 Bible Study	18 1:00 pm Vanishing Grace Book Study 6:30 pm Prayer, Care, Share	19 5:00 pm House of Compassion Meal in Marshalltown	20
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First week of March information known at this time:  
**Birthdays:** March 1—Stacy Howell Weber, March 2—Ty Cook, March 3—Brenda Crabb  
**March 3—12:30 PM** Missions; **1:30 PM** USFW

**USFW**

**February 4, 2016**

10:00—2:00 PM—Workday

We will be making walker bags and clothing protectors for the nursing homes. Please bring sewing machine, scissors, pins, material strong enough for walker bags and old bath towels.

Salad Potluck—Beverages & dessert provided

Hostess: Nancy Stevens & Brenda Crabb

CHOOSE GRATTITUDE



**Upcoming Programs:**

**March 3, 2016**

1:30 PM

Program: State USFW President, Kerry Hadley

Hostess: Evelyn Cook

**April 7, 2016**

1:30 PM

Program: Linda Garrison

Hostess: Jean Perry

**\*Spring Fling—Date TBA\***

**May 5, 2016**

1:30 PM

Program: Jane Beare

Hostess: Martha McDonald

**FROM THE TRUSTEES  
BUILDING AND GROUNDS  
UPKEEP—PARKING LOT REPAIR**

As part of the continuing upkeep of the building and grounds, our parking lot was repaired as a temporary update. Our dream would be to **completely** resurface the entire area. Designated contributions to the \$45,000 cost marked **“PARKING LOT”** will be gratefully accepted at any time.

**QUAKER BAKERS**

Our next Quaker Bakers gatherings will be:

Saturday, February 13 (possible Valentine’s Day theme)

Saturday, March 12 (possible St. Patrick’s Day theme)

Saturday, May 7



We meet at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. ALL and Anyone (this includes youth) are encouraged to participate. Baking, packaging, and/or delivery are areas in which anyone is encouraged to join.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 6 Marvin Heikens

February 11 Jeff Speicher

February 13 Landon Brown

February 14 Ben Daleske

February 15 Walt Jackson

February 19 Kevin Burkett

February 20 Arlene Brandt

February 22 Jonathan Janke

February 24 Alan McDonald

February 26 Andrew Minear



- Providential Homes
- Dan Whitehead family and others in missions
- War torn and disease ravaged areas of the world
- Sophie Cook and her Mission work in Indonesia
- Megan Ingledue, Twyla Mathis, Janine Allbee, Gary Delawyer and Billie Delawyer



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Ethel Martin**

Scenic Manor Health Care

1409 N Fremont

Iowa Falls, IA 50126



**Darlene Frahm**

Valley View Nursing & Rehab Center

2313 15th Ave

Eldora, IA 50627

**Shirley Patterson**

Eldora Nursing & Rehab Center

1510 22nd St

Eldora, IA 50627

**George Danger** (father of Janine Danger-Allbee)

Eldora Nursing & Rehab Center

1510 22nd St

Eldora, IA 50627

**Ab White** (at home)

101 N Main Avenue

New Providence, IA 50206

If you know of anyone else to add to this list or of any corrections, let Tami in the office know.

**HOUSE OF COMPASSION**

We will be serving the House of Compassion meal in Marshalltown on Friday, February 19th. Contributions of bars and cookies are welcome. If you are able to help, please contact Val Cook.

We also have the following dates scheduled to serve the House of Compassion meal. Please mark these dates on your calendar and watch the newsletter and bulletin for any additional dates or changes.

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| <b>Friday, February 19</b> | <b>Friday, August 12</b>    |
| <b>Friday, March 18</b>    | <b>Friday, September 16</b> |
| <b>Friday, April 15</b>    | <b>Friday, October 21</b>   |
| <b>Friday, May 13</b>      | <b>Friday, November 18</b>  |
| <b>Friday, June 10</b>     | <b>Friday, December 9</b>   |
| <b>Friday, July 8</b>      |                             |

**FEBRUARY MISSION OFFERING**

Our missions offering for this month, Sunday, February 7th, will be for the House of Compassion. Last year the soup kitchen averaged 1377 meals a month served by 210 volunteers each month. The shelter's monthly average was 233.5 nights and averaged 20 individuals per month. They also had 286 new families use the supply closet last year. The supply closet helped 540 families per month. House of Compassion is totally funded by donations and a few grants. They do not receive any state, federal or local government funds. Karen, the director, wanted to express gratitude for all that HCNP is doing at House of Compassion.

**BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm. Our next book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. All are welcome to join!



*thank you!*

Thank you for your recent donations to the supply closet. This time of year we are often low so your items are especially appreciated. It is wonderful to have shelves full of what our clients need. May you feel blessed for helping people in need.

Margaret  
House Of Compassion Supply Closet Team



*In Sympathy*

Francis Ross, Marlene McDonald's father, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016. His services were held at the Haviland Friends Church in Haviland, Kansas on Monday, January 19, 2016. Francis served the Marshalltown Friends Church in Marshalltown for 14 years. Memorials may be directed to:

Barclay College  
607 N Kingman  
Haviland, KS 67059

Checks may be made to Barclay College (In the Memo—Ross Center for Fine Arts, Francis Ross Memorial)

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church  
604 Cherry Drive  
New Providence, IA 50206  
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Boxholder



## 10 Ways To Love

Listen Without Interrupting (Proverbs 18)

Give Without Sparing (Proverbs 21 : 26)

Speak Without Accusing (James 1 : 19)

Promise Without Forgetting (Proverbs 13 : 12)

Pray Without Ceasing (Colossians 1 : 9)

Answer Without Arguing (Proverbs 17 : 1)

Share Without Pretending (Ephesians 4 : 15)

Enjoy Without Complaint (Philippians 2 : 14)

Trust Without Wavering (Corinthians 13 : 7)

Forgive Without Punishing (Colossians 3 : 13)