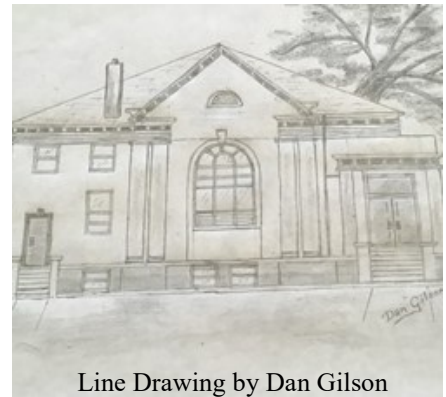


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Line Drawing by Dan Gilson

PASTOR PENNY'S TWO CENTS.....

As we find ourselves wrapping up the Book of Revelation, I can't help but stand amazed at how God's timing has been perfect. We were at Chapter 19 during Christmas Eve where Jesus is coming back! And now as we end with Chapters 21 and 22 it will fall on Valentines Week. What a Valentines gift! Exploring the New Heaven and New Earth and the wonderful splendor of what God has waiting for each and everyone of us who have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior!

This very book of the Bible has promised us a blessing just for reading or hearing it. That in itself is a profound gift, but the treasures that we have uncovered, the depths of God's grace and love that we have witnessed, the lengths that Christ has gone to so that no person should perish leaves me in total awe.

This book was not penned to scare us, or to make us shy away from it. In fact, just the opposite, God want's us to be aware, to understand the words and to use it as a tool to prepare for the future, to share the Gospel message with others and to be ready and waiting for His return. Oh what a glorious day that will be!

I know this month we will be thinking and sending Valentines cards, notes and gifts to those that we love, but what gift will give them eternity? Flowers will die, cards will be tossed, candy will be eaten and stuffed animals will collect dust. But telling them about the saving grace of Jesus, telling them how they too can have eternal life is the only gift that will last beyond this life time.

In Chapter 20 we looked at the different Books that God has, our names are written in them, our tears and prayers have all been remembered and recorded. That's right before you were conceived your name was written down. Your days were known by God himself. He loves you so much that he has even given you a choice. You can choose to turn your back and reject what he freely offers, OR you can choose to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior the wonderful gift of grace, mercy and salvation.

Only one choice will lead to Your Name written in the Book of Life when you stand before the Lord, his blood acquitting you of all of your sin. He paid for every sin you have ever committed. If you feel unworthy, if you feel unforgiveable, if you feel alone or unheard, if you feel unlovable, know that the God who created both this world and Heaven has already gone to prepare a room for each of us in the New Heaven and New Earth. How exciting is that?!

It reminds me of 2 of my favorite songs. When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory. And the song from Irving Berlin "Always" has forever been a treasured favorite of mine as I can see God singing the words to me. I'll be loving you always, With a love that's true always, When the things you've planned Need a helping hand, I will understand always, always. Days may not be fair always. That's when I'll be there always, Not for just an hour, Not for just a day, Not for just a year. But always.

Happy Valentines,

Pastor Penny Schulz



God, we come to you today to offer prayers for our family and friends. We ask that you look after them today and keep them safe. As you take time for prayer each day, please include:

Don "Sonny" Hofmeister, Zandee Nelson, Dick & Janet Grosshans, Shirley Barnell, Jim Ptacnik, John Schulz, Tanna Skarniak. The Family of Mary Maul

We also pray for all those in our congregation and beyond who may be suffering from with illness or the stress of a family situation.

*We pray for those who suffer in silence
that they may feel our prayers.*

If you want to add someone to our prayer list, we don't need to have a last name or know their situation. They do not have to be a member of our congregation – we pray for all the people. All requests are by permission only. Please contact: Linda Ptacnik (lindap@hamilton.net or 402-631-9422 or fcc@hamilton.net) I will see that your requests are shared – as well as updates as they are received.



WE REMEMBER....

Mary Isobel (Hollett) Maul, 88, daughter of Edward M Hollett, Jr and Mildred (Powell) Hollett was born on April 17, 1935 in Wymore Nebraska and passed away on January 28, 2024 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mary became a member of the Presbyterian United Church of Christ in 2000. In 2008 she became the part-time Secretary and served as Treasurer (2004-2020). She was the Chair of the Mission Committee. Mary was one of the co-founders of the Hamilton County Backpack, whose mission was to send food home to families each weekend. This was founded in 2009 and continues to this day..

She is survived by her two sons, Ray and Bruce and their wives.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

Febr. 7 Brock Manley
Febr. 20 Kathy Kliewer

Update your family & friends - send me an email
to lindap@hamilton.net or call 402-631-9422

Liturgists & Ushers

Febr. 4 Mike Allen

Doug Kliewer / January Ray Maul / February



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PROCLAMATION

Rehearsals are now on
Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM

FCC BIBLE STUDY

AFTERNOON Bible Study

**Beginning February 13th—2:00 pm
Aurora Senior Center**

Lisa Harper—8-Week Study

Wonderful Words of Luke

****Will not meet the 1st Tuesday of the
Month**

**If you or someone you know would like to
attend and need a ride, please contact
Linda Ptacnik and she can make
arrangements to have someone come for
you. 402-631-9422**

February Mission

We support a joint mission

supporting missionaries in India and Pakistan.

Here are the funeral arrangements for Mary Maul..

Visitation is next Monday, February 5 from 6 to 8 pm at Lincoln Memorial funeral home, 6800 S 14th Street, Lincoln NE. 6800 address will take you to the South gate (3). Funeral home is to your right as you enter. Service is Tuesday February 6th at the same location, with Inurnment in Lincoln Memorial Park to follow. We have a very large family, so with catering prices in Lincoln, we would like to say the family is requesting we keep the meal limited to immediate family only. Hope you all understand, but you are certainly invited to the two other events.

Thank you all for your love and prayers.

—Ray

A MISSION REQUEST

Paul, from India, whom we have supported, has started yet another congregation! This is a congregation of Hindu converts. They need Bibles in the Telegu language. To provide a Bible to every household, he needs 70 Bibles at \$5 US currency per Bible. I am trying to help him raise \$350.

The PUCC Mission committee has pledged \$200. I am asking that congregants between the two churches prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful and exciting cause...the Gospel of Jesus Christ, placed into the hands of those who have never read the words of salvation.

———Thank you, Pastor Penny.



During the month of January, Pastor Penny and I continued our dive into Revelation on Live Life in the Spirit. Chapters 1-4 are live and ready for you to listen or watch, and we have recorded several more.

We also began recording short clips specifically for TikTok, and have reached anywhere from 300 to over 1000 views with each video.

Visit our website at <https://livelifeinthspirit.com> or our YouTube, Rumble, or TikTok channels, all under Live Life in the Spirit, to see what we have to say.

CHURCH TIME CHANGE

Once again, we will split our starting times for morning services

We will meet January 1—June 30 at 9:30 AM

We will meet July 1—December 31 at 11:00 AM



Congratulations to Deanna Powell, Owner of Dream Designs....

Deanna received the Small Business of The Year 2023 award from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Well deserved Deanna.

