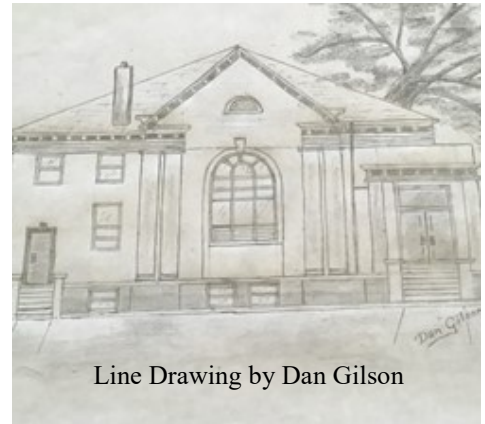


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Line Drawing by Dan Gilson

PASTOR PENNY'S TWO CENTS....

What does it mean to live life in the Spirit? Well it means that you are willing to be led in whatever direction you either feel the nudge or stepping through doors that God may have opened. Quite frankly that is terrifying especially when we do not see the full picture of what awaits. Yet it can be exciting, exhilarating, and give you jitters.

What does it mean to live in the dash? The dash is the time we have here on earth. The time from our date of birth until our departure. The beginning and end dates are already set but what we choose to do, where we are led or follow, the people we will impact in the dash, well that is all that really matters in the end. The possibilities in the dash are endless.

What is guiding you on those journeys, turns, twists, detours and traveled roads? Is it the guidance of the Spirit in and through God or are you bogged down, flooded with the noise, chaos and confusing messages from this world?

We all have passions, we all have talents known and those yet to be discovered. When our passions, talents and obedience to living in the Spirit of God all intersect, that is when exciting new possibilities take on a new creation of their own.

For Kristen and I that is exactly what has happened in this next phase of our journey. Both of us are finding ourselves at new stages of our lives wanting to make the most of our dashes. God has laid upon our hearts the desperate need of truth, sound advice, Biblical perspective and guidance in a world that is shouting the total opposite about a real relationship with God, our partners, friendships, family, parenting, balancing careers and life.

There are a lot of tough issues, topics and clarification that many of us have spent a lifetime seeking, searching and knocking. With the guidance of the Spirit we are launching Live Life in the Spirit.com a blog site and hopefully soon a podcast tackling these very topics and so much more from a Christ centered Biblical perspective all while making our dash count.

My challenge to you is what are you doing with your dash? Who are you listening to for answers? Who are you helping lead to the truth?

This is approaching February, a time we focus on our loved ones. Let us also take this time to focus on the one who first loved us so much that he did the unthinkable. He gave his only son, Jesus Christ so that through him we can have the best Valentine's gift ever... Eternal life with him. Use your dash to tell everyone you meet about the Joy of this Gift.

Shalom,

Pastor Penny



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.

Scott, Johnny & Donna Goertzen, De Sandell, Don "Sonny" Hofmeister, Zandee Nelson, Louise Hack, Maddy Manley and her parents, Brock & Kara, Lee & Val Jones, Bob & Sharon Nunnenkamp, Rob Nunnenkamp, Helen Nowka, John Schulz, Dick Grosshans, Skip Schulz, and Jim Ptacnik.

**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 (402-694-3297). ([lindap@hamilton.net](mailto:lindap@hamilton.net) or 402-631-9422 or [fcc@hamilton.net](mailto:fcc@hamilton.net)) I will see that your requests are shared – as well as updates as they are received.

Interfaith Community Choir Invites you to join us in rehearsal for our Easter Cantata:

“Sanctuary” by Joseph M. Martin

Rehearsals begin Sunday, February 5th at 1:00pm, At Aurora United Methodist Church

Books cost \$10.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please contact AUMC with any questions. 402-694-6471

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Feb. 19 Jeff Sweeney  
Feb. 20 Kathy Kliever

No Anniversaries

Update your family & friends - send me an email  
to [lindap@hamilton.net](mailto:lindap@hamilton.net)

**PROCLAMATION** will have rehearsals  
each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the  
PUCC Sanctuary.

The Chosen Bible Study will be held each  
Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the PUCC  
Sanctuary.

Hope you can join us!!

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Youth Group is off to an energetic start. We are focusing this semester on The Disciples and those called to Follow Jesus. We are taking an in-depth look at each life that was touched by Christ and then called to go out and share the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We are pondering how each of us has been called by Christ and what it means to pick up our crosses and follow him. Our Youth have been very impressive little disciples already sharing the Gospel message with classmates and family.

The kids are having a lot of fun with lessons, crafts, games and of course FOOD!



Lord, we ask your blessings for this group of kids—kids who are “kids” but want to learn more about you and your teachings. Bless Pastor Penny and her helpers as she gives them the chance to worship you each week and share fellowship with each other. Be with them and encourage them to be the best little “disciples” right here at First Christian Church in Aurora. In your name, we pray...Amen