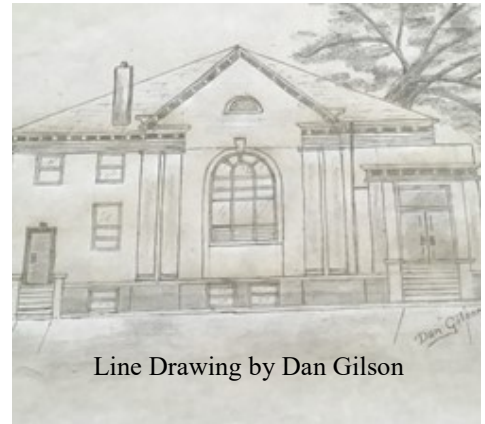


THE PUCC PERSPECTIVE
Presbyterian United Church of Christ
Aurora, Nebraska

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Line Drawing by Dan Gilson

PASTOR PENNY'S TWO CENTS....

Change!!!! Who likes that word??? Well some of us, but depending on what the change is, it can be fun or daunting. I am one of those personalities that quite frankly NEEDS change in my life. The thought of just doing the same thing over and over, every day makes my mind explode. However, I know that probably the majority of the population does not find change appealing. For me if nothing changes then life becomes stagnant, unfulfilling, and lost potential of the unknown that I could have been a part of.

As I pondered this thought, all of the different men and women of the Bible started popping into my mind. Those who, like me, liked change, and those who bravely stepped out of their comfort zone to do incredible, scary, changey things.

I love how that, after their encounter with God, experienced MAJOR change. For some that meant their very appearance radiated to all, that they had been in the presence of God. Others left their homes, their towns, their families, their old pagan ways to follow a God that promised the kind of change that leads to Life Eternal.

During this time of Lent we have been focusing on the Disciples, those men and women who followed Jesus without abandon. They were willing to allow the daily onslaught of change. However, doing the uncomfortable blessed them with the opportunity to witness first hand miracles untold, people receiving their sight, hearing, their voice, the lame walking, those who were emotionally, spiritually and culturally exiled, brushed off and cast out from society fully restored and brought back into the fold. For some they even witnessed the change from death back to life! What glorious change!



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, Lee Hutchison, 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 or 402-631-9422 or fcc@hamilton.net) I will see that your requests are shared – as well as updates as they are received.



THE CHOSEN Bible Study concludes Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 in the sanctuary of the PUC Church.

“The Chosen” app can be downloaded FOR FREE on

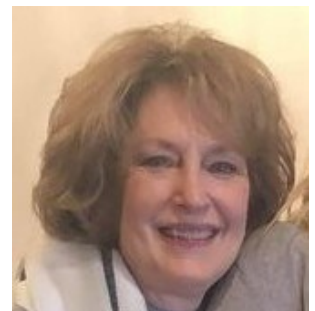
your phone or tablet. All three seasons are available. If you would like to watch them, please let Linda P know and she can help you. Study papers for each session (written by Pastor

Question: What happened in the first baseball game in the Bible?

Answer: In the Big Inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second, Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.



BROCK MANLY and DEANNA POWELL were installed as Elder and Deacon this past month. Special installation services were done during services on February 26th and March 5th.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 3 Barb Johnson
Mar 5 Shirley Barnell
Mar 5 Dick Grosshans
Mar 5 Martha Salmon
Mar 10 Chantelle Schulz
Mar 11 JoAnn Gilson
Mar 13 Ray Maul
Mar 13 Jan Schanou
Mar 16 Doug Kliever
Mar 20 Missy Powell
Mar 30 Christina Powell

No Anniversaries

Update your family & friends - send me an email
to lindap@hamilton.net

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

Youth Group meets at the FCC Church each
Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. It is a good
time of learning, crafts, games, and food!

Bring a friend who wants to learn more about
Jesus and have fun at the same time!

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Sadly, Ash Wednesday services, which were to be held on Wednesday, February 22, were canceled because of ice and snow. Pastor Penny did an impromptu service following afternoon youth group. This can be viewed by using the following link: <https://youtu.be/TDeKgfDoPgw>

"Some people think that having ash on your forehead is ridiculous. But I am neither ashamed nor afraid because the ashes remind me that I have to someday pass away and reunite with my creator." — Walter Buns



We want to wish this lovely lady a
very Happy 95th Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHIRLEY!!