

# New England Messenger

**New England Congregational Church**  
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### February Birthdays

February 7 Jordan Gartner  
February 9 Jan Hansen  
February 12 Mary Drott, Grace Hansen,  
Jill Sovereign, Eric Hansen  
February 14 Trystan Gartner  
February 15 Phyllis Dahlkoetter, Kim Dahlkoetter  
February 26 Dacia Beyke



*Wishing you a very special day  
filled with God's blessings!*  
These are the birthdays that  
are part of the permanent  
records at church. If one  
has been missed, please let  
me know so that she can  
add the name to her list of  
birthday special prayers.  
Thank you.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March Newsletter Deadline:**  
**2/20/25**

## CALENDAR

Office hours generally 9-12 on Wednesdays  
Office (402) 439-2175 Rev. Scott Frederickson



February 2 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship with  
Communion

February 9 9:15 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Elders Meeting  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship

February 16 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

February 23 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship

March 2 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

March 5 6:00 pm Agape Feast



*Thank you to the sponsor  
for this month:*

**Dallas & Precy Miller**

The cost to sponsor 2 months newsletter is  
\$73.00. (This covers a roll of 100 first-class  
stamps.)

Thank-you to everyone for all your generous  
support.

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.*

*If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail –*

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Church website at [stantonnecucc.org](http://stantonnecucc.org).



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at [402-649-8993](tel:402-649-8993). Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
December 29	20	\$
January 5	17	\$
January 12	16	\$0
January 19	24	\$

### *WORK GROUP Feb. 2024 & Mar. 2024*

#### Group 3

Schellpeper, Bob & Lynn Co-Chair

Ashker, Rory & SueAnn

Bernbeck, Tony & Davanna

Dahlkoetter, Phyllis

Dahlkoetter, Todd & Shelley

Davidson, Jeanette

Dorsey, Jim & Barbara

Poeschl, Paul

Poeschl, Ted & Kim

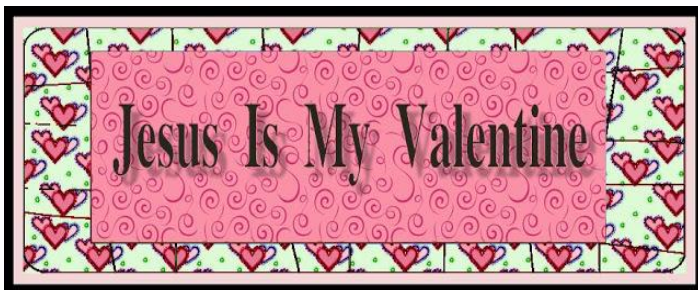
Remm, Jane

Rolf, Steph & Jerett

Schuetz, Howard & Julia

Tejkl, Loren & Marceline

Throener, Judy



### LENTEN SEASON 2025

#### Ash Wednesday Worship Service and Agape Meal

This year's Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Our worship service, including communion and the imposition of ashes will begin at **6:00 pm**. This service gives those attending the opportunity to openly acknowledge our frailties and imperfections, receive the mark of ashes as a reminder of our human mortality and share a meal around the communion table in remembrance of Jesus. Christ took our frailties and imperfections as his own and died so that our sins would be forgiven and we would have an everlasting relationship with God.

Following the service, we will share our Agape Meal, a beautiful feast of love – a simple meal where we are able to be in fellowship and community as we begin this year's Lenten journey. Please plan to begin Lent together this year.

Council Meeting October 20, 2024

Attendance: Bob Chilcoat, Jim Dorsey, Barbara Hansen

Call to order at 9:30 by Moderator, Bill Johnson  
Minutes of the July 21, 2024 approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pastor's Search Committee— Reverend Scott Frederickson will start January 5, 2025 on a one quarter basis. He will be making visitations.

Board of Christian Education: Our children are attending St. Lukes Sunday School as we are without teachers. We are paying for the materials they needed to purchase for the additional children and assisting wherever and whenever we can. Christmas program is Dec 15. Our Church is invited to attend church there that Sunday . Moved (Bill, Jim) to accept invitation and post in newsletter and announce in church.

Church Elders: Bob reported the lawn has been fertilized, water lines blown out and light for the flag has been fixed.

Church Clerk: membership list has been sent to the Elders to check and make any corrections and or changes.

Financial Secretary: report shows giving is somewhat consistent with past years.

Technology Committee: Barbara Hansen reported the member information is now on the cloud and accessed by the cloud, Jack is still monitoring this program.

Video licensing is up to date and music licensing is up to date There is direct connect from lap top to the television.

Newsletter: \$73 for roll of 100 stamps. We have 83 on our list but several receive the newsletter by email.

History-Archivist-glad to have help and all pictures etc. are welcome.

Church Service Committee – letters asking for donations in leu of having the Thanksgiving supper as it was our only money-making project of the year.

Memorial Committee: No donations this quarter and no money spent this quarter.

Scholarships: Barbara reported we have 5 college students with four on scholarship.

New Business: Bill Johnson, as moderator is heading the nominating committee since our Clerk is out of state.

Annual meeting: January 19, 2025

Next Council Meeting April 20, 2025

Elders, December 8, 2024

**Attendance:** Bob C. Bob S., Howard S., Rod B., Jim D., Tami B., Barbara H., Moderator, Bill Johnson

**Chair**, Bob C. opened the meeting at 9:30 with prayer.

**Minutes** of the November 10, meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance end of November. On file for audit. (Howard, Bob S. Moved the bills presented be paid) Carried

**Old Business:** Our members will have the service Christmas Eve at 6:30. Need readers and Elders to serve communion. Anyone who would like to accept the opportunity to be trained for Sacramental Servant Program. Contact Bob Chilcoat for information.

**Church membership list:** reviewed the membership list and sent to Jack any changes that needed to be made at this time.

**New Business:** Nicole Jones is the new custodian. Mark covered weekly duties. She did lots more then expected this first week.

Secretary resignation: need a list of weekly duties. If Interested, please contact Bob Chilcoat.

Light in parking lot is broken.

Lynette resigning from newsletter duties. Forwarded to nominating committee.

No other new business:

Rev. Scott Frederickson will be here starting January 5.

Annual Meeting January 19, 2025. Next meeting, January 12 at 9:30.

**ELDERS 1/12/2025.**

**Attendance:** Jim Dorsey, Howard Schuetz, Michael Eberly, Don Eberly, Jerett Roth, Barbara Hansen, moderator Bill Johnson, Rev. Frederickson Reverend Scott opened the meeting with prayer.

Vice-Chairman, Michael Eberly called the meeting to order at 9:30. Minutes of the December 8, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

(Don, Howard) moved the Treasurer's report as presented by Jim Dorsey be accepted and filed for audit. carried (Don/Howard) moved the bills be paid. Carried.

Old Business: Membership list was approved with corrections and sent to Jack for the report for Conference.

Snow removal and sidewalks. Don Eberly said he would help with the sidewalks.

Lights in parking lot: the glass is broken in several of the lights. Bob C. had asked Bill Hansen and Bill will get them fixed.

New Business: (Don, Howard) moved the proposed budget be approved and presented to the members at the Annual meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

Registered agent: (Jerett, Howard) moved to name Bob Chilcoat the nonprofit registered agent for the State of Nebraska.

(Jerett, Don) moved to no longer purchase the envelopes for the offering. We still have several to be used.

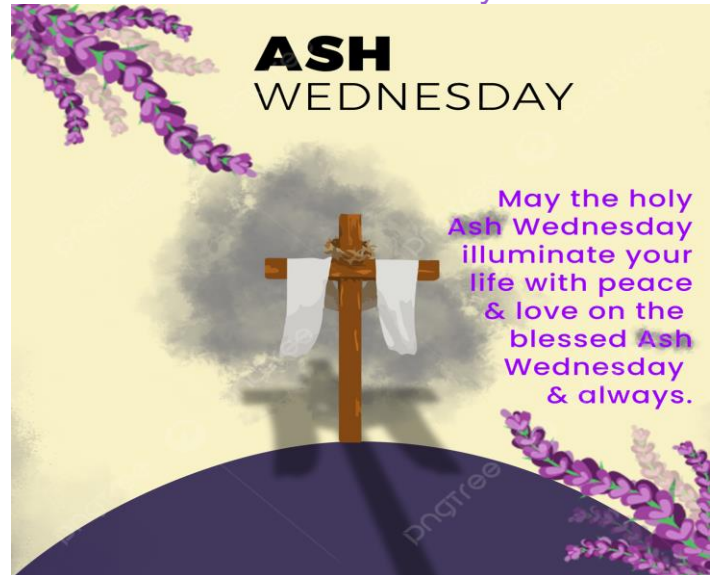
Rev. Scott will be visiting members as weather and time allows.

Church use dates: April 19 for Gary Benson family; Possible renting June 13 for Jill West, social hall, nonmember Annual meeting is January 19 after church service. Next meeting February 9, 9:30

**UP COMING DATE**

**March 5**

**Ash Wednesday**



**Agape Stew**

3 lbs. stew meat

1 bag baby carrots, cut in half

2 lbs of red potatoes, peeled and cut into pieces

2 large cans beef broth

1 cans Campbells beefy mushroom soup

1 good sized onion, diced

2 Tbls Beef Boullion (adjust to taste)

Salt and pepper to taste

Make a slurry with flour and broth to thicken the stew. Added more water if needed.

3-4 Lbs potatoes, Cooked and mashed with 1 stick butter and 2 oz. cream cheese and milk.

Serve with fruit salad, fresh rolls and apple juice to drink.

