

# First Reformed Church Newsletter

November 2009

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



### Upcoming Events

#### November Birthdays

Nov 5	Braden Ortman, Rande Gieking, Steve Steinberg
Nov 11	Ella Dirksen
Nov 13	Alan Anderson, Jason Gruis
Nov 18	Barb Murra
Nov 22	Ardella Krull
Nov 25	Joyce Anderson, Kevin Hasebroek
Nov 28	Samantha Winter
Nov 29	Velma Gerzema

#### November Anniversaries

Nov 1	Al & Judy Boeckholt
Nov 7	Don & Linda Gruis
Nov 12	Randy & Connie Swalve

#### NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov 1	Paul & Joann Steffensen
Nov 8	Randy & Connie Swalve
Nov 15	Brian & Amy Vander Wilt

Nov 22  
Nov 29

Scott Armstrong family  
Sue Christians family

## NOVEMBER USHERS

Kerry Mastin  
Laura Mastin

## NOVEMBER FLOWER COMMITTEE

Roy & Emma Hinz  
Joyce Landheer

The circle project this month is the Angel Tree Offerings:

Giving Tree for North Iowa Community  
Gifts for Elmore Academy  
Sunday School Sacks donations to Sue Wubben

**Don't forget that our church has a great library. There are books, videos, and DVD's all available for check out. Sign out your choice in the book provided and keep it for up to two weeks. Happy Reading!**

## *Are You Thankful This Year?*

Sure, the economy is in the tank, the harvest began late...the weather was wet...but...are you thankful this year? Is life as bad as it can be for you? Has God held you in these days gone by...making a way for you in the wilderness? The Christian faith – even in days of hardship and difficulty takes great comfort in knowing that God has promised to take us the distance...no matter what seems to be the state of affairs right now. **YOU ARE INVITED** to join your neighbors and friends to give thanks to God in an ecumenical worship hour on Wednesday, November 24 at 7 PM here at First Reformed Church. Pastor Shannon Pascual (United Methodist) will be preaching and Emily Silber (First Congregational) will be providing a ministry of music. An offering will be received designated to the many outreach ministries of our local North Iowa Ministerial Association. We hope you will join us giving thanks to God what however His blessings have touched your life...and looking for a richer season of that grace in the days ahead.