



# Cliff Notes

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## Pastor's Corner



**Pastor Betty's first day**  
at Clifton—sweet!

*Greetings in Christ!*

*Even though we have just met, I thank God on every thought of you. Being here at Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church (CHPC) of Easter Lake in Des Moines has brought Rich and I much joy in our lives. We feel right at home, and we thank you for taking us in and making us part of the CHPC family.*

*To give you a little background about me. I moved here from Chillicothe, Ohio where I was a pastor in an area church for 14 years. I have also lived in upstate*

*New York, Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, and South Carolina.*

*I studied at Ithaca College, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Trinity Lutheran Theological Seminary, and received a M. Div. from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.*

*After teaching music in the schools, churches, and two year colleges, I felt God drawing me into a call that had been an ongoing search throughout my life which I finally explored at seminary.*

*God has blessed me with many mentors, professors, colleagues, elders, family, and friends who have helped me grow in my faith.*

*Rich and I have been abundantly blessed with our son, Mike, his wife, Jean, and our four grandchildren: James, Claire, Emily, and Joe. We are so thankful for them and have great fun when we get together.*

*I like to read, write, play the piano, sing, walk, play tennis, "play at" golf, go to ball games of all sorts, attend plays, musicals, concerts, movies, cook, bake, eat, and have fun.*

*I'd like to get to know everyone better. So if you are in the mood for coffee or lunch, want to stop by the church, or go for a walk, let's do it. Just give me a call and we can get together.*

*God's blessings and peace,*

*Pastor Betty*



## The Bible Tells Me So

**“It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,  
And Your faithfulness every night.”**

Psalm 92 –The New King James Version

Start off your day reading a (The) Good Book.

## Introducing Paul and Kristi

Paul and Kristie are such a blessing to Clifton. Not only are they the church youth directors, but they are involved in helping with almost every aspect of Clifton’s life.

Paul was born in Faribault, Minnesota and graduated from high school in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He received his BA from Buena Vista and his Master’s degree from Drake University.

Kristie was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota and graduated from high school in Osage, Iowa. She received her BA in elementary and special education from Luther College and her Mas-

ter’s degree from Buena Vista University.

Paul and Kristie joined Clifton Heights in November of 2007 and Max was baptized in April of this year.



Paul volunteered to create and maintain Clifton’s Web site. If you haven’t already, today would be a great time to visit this site at <http://www.cliftonheights.net>. There you will find a wealth of information including:

- A calendar of events
- A daily devotional; and
- Five Steps to Having a personal relationship with Jesus.
- The Ministry and Mission of the Presbyterian Church.

- Church worship times

**Thanks Paul and Kristie!**

*Mic Smith—Clifton’s Greeter on October*

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# Snapshots



Paula Detmer, Children's Ministry Director

Paula is a long time member of Clifton Heights and we are proud to have her as our Children's Ministry Director. Paula is the daughter of Danny & Bobbie Sease.

She started attending Clifton in 1977 when she was four years old; and became a member in March of 1989.

Paula has taught Sunday school for 10 years grades K-12 And has served as Vacation Bible School Director for two years in a row.

She was married in the church 3-6-99; and both of her children (Jacob and Rachel) were baptized at Clifton. Paula works full-time at Wells Fargo.

## Attendance and Finance Report

### For the month of September

Date	Attendance	Offering
September 6	38	\$ 757.00
September 13	49	\$1,478.00
September 20	49	\$1,137.80
September 27	42	\$ 617.00

### Garden of Eden

Thanks to John Ubben and friends for their work with the Garden of Eden this year. There is some discussion about starting a little competition next year. Perhaps an individual, several family members or a group of friends could claim a part of the garden and see who could raise the most vegetables, the biggest or the most unusual. Think of the fun we could have looking through catalogues this winter and starting the seeds in late winter/early spring.



  
Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church of  
Easter Lake

Pastor

Betty Sandy

**Children's Ministry Director**

Paula Detmer

Music Director

John Wilhelm

Office Administrator and

Treasurer

Susanne Bollard

## Clifton's Session

Clerk—Sandy Newton

Growth & Development—Roberta

Abbas and Tom Windust

Property—Danny Sease

Christian Education—Paul Kolsrud

Worship—John Wilhelm

Missions—Bill Newton

Personnel—Reggie Bell

Finance/Stewardship—John Ubben

We are on the Web at [http://  
www.cliftonheights.net](http://www.cliftonheights.net)

# October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ashley Grice October 24 Happy Birthday

Bill and Sandy Newton October 7

Max and Connie Gorsuch October 9

## Thanks to everyone!

In a small church it seems like everyone  
has a part.

Thanks so much to all who go above and  
beyond to do the things that need to be  
done!



\*From Traditions