



Announcements

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Joe & Joan Beach, Evelyn Thompson

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: If you or others are hospitalized, please let the office know. Because of privacy laws the hospital is often not able to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS: 6/19 Ann Blazek 6/20 Neal Marple 6/21 Taylor Golden, Tyler Olson 6/22 Chadwick Saltmarsh 6/23 Lynda Barrow 6/24 Margaret Jackson, Phi Wagner-Hecht 6/25 Charles Aalderks, Jersey Bilyeu, Brent Hagerman, Deb Sedlacek

ANNIVERSARIES: 6/19/1966 Jeremy & Selma Brigham 6/23/2007 Katy & Matt Stolba 6/25/1983 Doris & Robert Courtright 6/25/1977 Casey & Susan Swain

TODAY

Insight Adult Education

Current Series: Environmental Challenges

What environmental challenges do we face? Can science and religion work together to preserve the environment? How can we – how do we – how should we – address the challenges? Today, Genie Maybanks spoke about *Worldwide Environmental Involvement* Join us next week when Rich Patterson, co-owner, *Winding Pathways*, speaks about *Local Environmental Involvement*.

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.**, in the home of Martha and Dave Booth, 3518 Heatheridge Dr NE (373-0785). **Please let Martha know ASAP if you plan to attend!** The book for discussion is *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith. The author travels to eight historical sites that have some connection to the institution of slavery and reports on what he finds. The writing moves between past and present, revealing how slavery is remembered and misremembered—and why it matters. All First Pres men and women are invited to join in the discussion.

These Days Devotional Booklets

The summer devotional series is here! If you would like to pick up a copy, you can do so in the Gathering Space.

You Are What You Eat

Wednesdays in June 12:30-2:00pm

In a joint effort between the Linn County Food Bank and the Iowa State Extension Office, Brianna Montrose will be presenting a series of classes on nutrition for the community. Covering everything from stretching grocery dollars to simple nutritional meals, the series will culminate in a shared lunch together at the end of June. Any FPC member who would like to sit in on any or all of the series is welcome to join.

FPXperience

FPXperiences take place every Wednesday this summer from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. These events are open to everyone – singles, couples, families, young, middle-aged, and seniors! We will begin each week with a picnic. For most Wednesdays you'll want to bring a sack meal and a beverage with you. We encourage everyone to wear a First Presbyterian Summer T-Shirt. These will be available starting June 8th, with a suggested donation of \$10.50 Don't forget to wear your sunscreen and bug repellent when we meet outdoors! Looking forward to getting to know each other better this summer as we serve, play, worship, and enjoy nature together!

FPXperience: Fishing @ Gehring Lake

Wednesday, June 22nd 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring a picnic dinner and head out to just north of town to the Gehring's Lake for an evening of fishing (and hopefully plenty of catching)! There is a little beach area and several spots to throw your line. Also an option is to head out to the middle on one of the kayaks to fish the deep water. All kids and youth under 18 must wear a life jacket if entering the water or on kayak. Some available if needed. Directions to the lake will be emailed closer to the date, or ask Pastor Heather or Stasia.

Walking Together - Saturday, June 25

Racial Reconciliation: The Journey Continues

A Conversation & Workshop with Dr. Drew G. I. Hart

Issues of racial injustice and resultant violence continue to haunt our communities. Join us on June 25th for a conversation and workshop discussion with Dr. Drew G.I. Hart, professor of theology in the Bible and Religion department at Messiah University. Dr. Hart will invite us to envision the church's unique role in calling people to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and address God's dream for all humanity, in order that we might strive for the flourishing of all people by doing justice and the things that make for peace. Dr. Hart is the author of two books: *The Trouble I've Seen - Changing How the Church Views Racism*, and *Who Will Be a Witness? - Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love & Deliverance*.

Star Spangled Organ Concert

Join us on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 3pm for a "Star-Spangled Organ Concert" held right here at First Presbyterian Church. This program is sponsored by the River Valley American Guild of Organists (RVAGO) and will feature patriotic music by American composers. Works will include "Fanfare for the Common Man", by Aaron Copeland, a medley of Armed Forces themes, and the ever-popular organ duet "The Stars & Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa. This concert is a part of the 2022 Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival. It is FREE and open to the public. Invite your family, neighbors and friends to this exciting concert that will help you celebrate America's freedom. LIVE streaming of the concert will also be available on the church's FaceBook page and YouTube channel. For more information, please contact Ted Cronbaugh, Senior Organist.

Mark Your Calendars: Summer Neighborhood Meal & Enrichment Program July 25-29 and August 8-12

Each summer area churches in partnership with St. Paul's United Methodist Church host a daily lunch (M-F) to fill the gap for children and families who don't have access to a noon meal provided by the schools during those summer months. This summer we will be providing the volunteers for two weeks - July 18-22 and August 8-12. There are a variety of shifts during the morning-noon hours. Plan on helping with a shift as we provide meals for our neighbors.

Volunteer for VBS

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and there are many fun opportunities for you to volunteer! We are looking for people who have graduated from elementary school at some point in their lives who would enjoy experiencing VBS again (or for the first time). Help us to create a positive experience for kids this summer. Volunteer opportunities and sign-up can be found at: <https://fpccr.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Summer Reading Camp

Volunteers Needed

July 18th-22nd @ Coe College

First Pres & Coe Reading Camp is scheduled to take place this July 18th-22nd, 9am-3pm each day, on the Coe campus. More than 570 Cedar Rapids students have attended Reading Camp at Coe College over the past 15 years. This summer we will be welcoming another 30. The majority of these students come from the Achievement Academies affiliated with Jane Boyd Community House. They are entering 3rd, 4th or 5th grade and benefit from one-on-one mentors who read with them. The campers and their adult or youth mentors rotate through a variety of learning centers, swim in the Coe pool and eat lunch in the cafeteria.

We are looking for people willing to share their time for a day or for the week to read with a young person or help lead a reading skill station or would like to contribute to the camp financially - please share your interest with Pastor Heather or Martha Wilding, sign up in the Gathering Space, or fill out the online form on our website.



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