



Announcements

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Mary Humphrey, Mary Wolverton

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: **8/7** Peter Riley, Dick Shoemaker **8/8** Calvin Gehring, Linda Willard **8/9** Tyler Morgan **8/10** Ted Cronbaugh, Bill Wilding, Landon Witt **8/11** Heather Golden **8/12** Glenn Dodd **8/13** Bill Dittmar

ANNIVERSARIES: **8/7/1976** Debra Salz- Steenblock & Kent Steenblock **8/7/2010** Jessica & John Witt **8/8/1992** Peter & Jan Jauhiainen **8/8/1987** Alan & Rochelle Naylor **8/10/1991** Greg & Marcia Smith **8/11/1962** L. Minor & Suzanne Barnes **8/12/1989** Bill & Sally Brause **8/13/1994** David & Susan Gehring

TODAY

Insight Adult Education

New Series: Resilience in the Face of Personal Loss

Personal Challenges? Community Challenges? Mental & Physical Health Challenges? Personal Catastrophes? Today, Randy Walton, Certified Celebrant Cedar Memorial Funeral Home spoke about *Death of Loved Ones*. Join us next week when Pastor Heather speaks about *Prayer in the Midst of Crisis*.

N.M.E.P. – Sign up Today!

Our second (and last) week to provide volunteers for the Neighborhood Meals & Enrichment Program begins tomorrow. We expect larger crowds this week than during our first week. We need to supply around 11 volunteers per day and we're still well short of that. See Katie Buresh after the worship service to sign up!

New opportunity!

There have been a few members gathering for brunch/ lunch at Midtown Station after fellowship and they are extending an invitation for you to join as well! If you are available and want some good food then head on over to 715 2nd Ave SE. Check in with Mary Ann Kucera when you get there!

Today following worship (in the parlor)

Have you had a chance to join a seasonal team yet? Well, we have two short opportunities that you may consider. Both teams will meet as one this Sunday following worship, so that we don't over plan our fall.

Homecoming Seasonal Team

This is the team that plans Rally Sunday, focuses on our early fall theme of "welcome" and other items delegated to it by our Commissions. The focus of this team's energy is events and ministries of the church that take place in September.

Harvest Seasonal Team

This is the team that plans the Fall Festival, focuses on the theme of "Thanksgiving" and other items delegated to it by our Commissions. The focus of this team's energy is events and ministries of the church that take place during October and early November.

Fellowship Time for Fall!

We want to thank everyone who helped make the initial comeback of fellowship a success! We are going to continue offering fellowship and need your help! If you are able to bring cookies or little treats for fellowship hour, sign up in the Gathering Space or send Stormy an email letting her know when you are available!

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 August 10th. Art at Kitty Barn Studio

Our very own Marty Brown will be hosting us at her much appreciated art studio. This classroom space inside the barn overflows with creativity and love! We hope to see you there!

New Shepherd Program @ First Pres

If you would like to help FPC nurture its hospitality by learning how to welcome the strangers in our midst, please attend a 45 minute orientation in the parlor August 14 following worship. We hope you will consider being part of this important mission. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Heather, Stasia Fine, or a member of the Care Commission—the ones wearing the “We Care” buttons.

Welcoming all current and would-be musicians!

Next Sunday we are having a throw-back “Kitchen Band” for special music. If you have any hidden talents playing spoons, washboards, kazoo, mouth harp, accordion, hand mixers, jugs, banjo, pots and pans - come join us for a 9:00 rehearsal and then almost instant performance at the 10:00 service. Hope to see you there!

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Monday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.**, in the home of Tom and Nancy Lackner, 11 Blake Ct SE, 365-6632. The book for discussion is *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey. This is the story of an expedition in 1885 by a small band of men led by Colonel Allen Forrester up the Wolverine River to map the vast, untamed Alaska Territory. Forrester records his experiences in a journal that he hopes will reach his wife Sophie, left behind in Vancouver, B.C. She is to learn that the winter will require as much of her as it does of Allen.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark!

First Presbyterian goes to the Kernels - RSVP Today!

August 17th at 6:30 pm

Cost is \$20 and includes the game and a basic meal (burger, hot dog or brat, chips & drink) RSVP for the event by getting your ticket request and money to Bill Wilding by August 10th so he can order tickets. If ticket prices are an issue for your family, please talk to Pastor Heather. We want all our members involved! Tickets will be at the will- call window under First Presbyterian. Pick yours up upon arrival and head down the third base line to sit with all your FPC friends. Let's end the summer strong and cheer on the Kernels against Wisconsin!

Sunny Sundays

Sunny Sundays: Lake MacBride on Sunday, August 21st. Meet us at the Lake MacBride Beach at 4 p.m. Fun activities include hiking to the spill way, swimming at the beach, renting a boat or other water craft for fun on the lake. Shared potluck meal begins around 5:30 p.m. Lake MacBride: 3525 Highway 382 NE Solon, IA 52333 (County Road F-16, 4 miles west of Solon)

Blessing of the Backpacks!

During worship on August 21st, we will be having the “Blessing of the Backpacks.” We hope that everyone will bring their backpacks and book bags to have them blessed before the start of a new school year. This worship service is a great way to recognize the beginning of a new school year with your church family as we pray for God’s presence and protection in the coming months.

Volunteer any Sunday with SEMP

We have two different ways to serve with our Sunday Evening Meals Program

1. You can help in the kitchen with the meal prep. We like to have one or two people help our head chef, Linda Willard, starting at 2:30 p.m. We also need dishwashers starting at 4:00 p.m. A host & greeter usually arrive around 3:30 p.m. This is a great way to volunteer as an individual or a couple. To learn more or sign up visit: <https://fpccr.org/sunday-evening-meal-program/>

2. We are looking for teams of volunteers to serve the meal and interact with our guests from 4 to 6 p.m. This is an opportunity for you and seven of your friends, family members, co-workers, or small group members to serve together.

Email Stasia@fpccr.org to sign-up as a team or to get more information.



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