



Announcements

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Margaret Jackson, Mary Wolverton

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

BIRTHDAYS: 5/ 21 Helaina Thompson 5/ 22 Deb Hoy, Charlene Reeder 5/ 23 Julie Hagerman 5/ 26 Leticia Apely, Ada Potratz, Matthew Wilding 5/ 27 Mary Jane Barlow, Steve Volesky

ANNIVERSARIES: 5/23/1987 Carolyn & Dave Crew 5/24/1975 Carroll & Sue Edmondson 5/24/1980 Deb & Matt Hoy 5/25/1996 Nancy & Steve Barry 5/25/2014 Amy & Kevin Morris 5/25/1974 Chuck & Mary Ann Peters

TODAY

Insight Adult Education

New Series: *We are Christians.* How do we understand the mysteries of the Bible and religious experience? How do we balance fact and symbol in biblical texts? How do we view the historical evolution of Christianity? Today, Gary Connors-Boe spoke about *God As Love, Experiencing God*. Join us next week when Gary Connors-Boe , retired Lutheran pastor, speaks about *Evolution of Christianity - Today's Divisions*. **Note: this is a change from the Insight flier.**

Godly Play - Meeting today at 11:30

This school year we have used the Godly Play, Montessori style curriculum for our early elementary kids during Sunday School. It has been a very positive experience and we want to build into this program for years to come. This includes building our Godly Play team to ensure a positive future for this ministry. If you are interested, please join us for a brief meeting in the Adult Lounge on the 2nd floor.

Funding is available to cover the cost for training for future classroom storytellers and doorkeepers.

Annual outdoor cleanup: *Sponsored by the Administrative Commission* **TODAY!**

Last year's outdoor clean-up was so much fun, we're doing it again. Please join us, and come to church dressed for gardening as we clean up winter debris, freshen the garden beds with mulch, and do some general tidying on our grounds.

What to bring: Gloves, hand trowel, garden, rake, hand pruner, wheel barrow, mulch rake, shovel, or spade.

If you would rather clean up another area of the church, our windows could use some love! Let's give them a good shine for the 175th!

Pastor Heather Gone on Continuing Education

Pastor Heather will be out of the country on a continuing education trip until June 2nd. During her absence the Reverend Stasia Fine, Director of Discipleship, and the Reverend Jayne Thompson, Coe College chaplain will be leading worship. If you are hospitalized or have a pastoral care need, the Reverend Jim Langley from FPC Marion will be providing pastoral care coverage. Just contact Stormy in the front office to be connected with Pastor Jim.

Food Bank Hospitality Continues

Our practice of hospitality and neighborliness to Food Bank clients has been so successful that we are continuing the practice. We'll continue to need hosts for each day to welcome clients, offer hospitality and distribute items. A Sign Up Genius is linked on our website and Facebook page - or contact Stasia or Pastor Heather.

Fellowship Hour

Community is created during Sunday fellowship time. This takes place in our Gathering Space following the worship service. Snacks and beverages are served. People chat. We get to know each other.

The Care Commission needs your help in creating this positive experience at 1st Presbyterian Church. We would love to see every member and regular attender sign up to prepare and serve snacks and beverages once every four to six months. Would you consider doing this? Our desire is to have at least two different individuals or family units sign up each week. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aada622a4fac07-fellowship#/> The Care Commission will send you information about serving prior to the week you serve.

If we do not have enough volunteers, we will pick up an old practice of the church of scheduling people to serve at Fellowship. This would ensure everyone would get a turn.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Reading Camp

Volunteers Needed

July 24th-28th @ Coe College

First Pres & Coe Reading Camp is scheduled to take place this July 24th-28th, 9am-3pm each day, on the Coe campus. More than 600 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 Cindy Monroe.

Ellen Fisher Update

Some of you may remember fondly Al & Ellen Fisher who were long time members of First Presbyterian until they relocated to the Baltimore area several years ago. We've received word that Ellen is battling a recurrence of cancer. She is getting excellent care from her doctors and has been much encouraged by the visits, cards and calls from friends and family. If you'd like to reach out in encouragement and prayer, her email address is crcsd79@hotmail.com, and mailing address is 4100 N. Charles St., #203; Baltimore, MD 21218.

175th Celebration

This is the last week to RSVP for the lunch! Please let Stormy know if you plan on coming to the lunch! When you RSVP let her know how many will be attending, if you would like chicken or a vegetarian/ gluten free option for your main and how many plates of each.

If you have been contacted to bring a side: We are trying to make things as easy as possible for you, so we will have foil containers to be picked up and you can make your side and bring it back to church on June 4th. We are doing this so you are not worried about bringing your own pans and leaving them behind, and if we have leftovers they are easy to transport back for SEMP! Pans will be available this week through next Sunday. Let Stormy know if you plan to pick one up during the week.

Ring the Bell: We are also going to have children ring the bell before worship - if your child would like to ring the bell please let Stormy know!



Be sure that your estate planning documents are properly prepared. A homemade Will can result in unnecessary expense and delay. When your documents are prepared, consider naming 1st Pres as a beneficiary.



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