

1st Pres NEWS VIEWS

May 2024

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Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:7-12

When my children were younger, each of them spent a number of years learning violin according to the Suzuki method. Which means that I at any given moment I can hum a number of variations of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, as well as Lightly Row, Song of the Wind and O Come, Little Children. The reason I can do this, is that our teacher had these practice charts that had 100 little spaces, each ready to be filled with a sticker, stamp or star. The girls could fill out one of those charts by playing a song 100 times. It was a lot of Twinkles. But the idea behind the charts really wasn't any different than a truth that many of us already know. That you need to practice a skill not once, not twice, but many, many times to master it. And at some point in time during your repetitions, memory or muscle memory takes over and creates a certain ease with which to accomplish your new skill. It becomes second nature and you don't even really need to think. This is as true with a cartwheel on beam or solving a mathematical equation or a perfect soccer shot on goal as it is with seamlessly playing a tricky bit of music.

Which makes me wonder- what about the human heart?

Do our hearts have muscle memory?

I would suggest that this is the heart of the Christian journey - a life time of practicing what it means to love. Choosing again each day as we wake up to approach others and our world through a lens of care and compassion. Or as Thomas Merton puts it, "our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy...this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy." Our own experience of salvation is tied deeply to the lives and salvation of others. Just as love can change everything for the receiver, it also changes everything for the giver. And as we again and again engage in these acts of love we are creating a muscle memory for our own hearts.

This is a bit of what we do here in the church. We practice loving. Through activities such as mission trips and youth conferences, through Sunday Evening Meals and food pantry work, when we serve meals with NMEP or sit with a kid for a morning during Reading Camp, through standing with one another in sorrow and difficulty, through working with each other on committees and making decisions together. And doing that all in a spirit of love. Practicing and encouraging each other and running together hand in hand toward the finish.

What is the difference between those who experience the joy of the kingdom that God has created for us and those that do not?

One thing - love

Love changes everything.

Pastor Heather



To the Church of God in...

This spring we'll be centering the early church experience through the letters that were being written to communities, groups and individuals. These letters were meant to connect believers, but also serve as encouragements as they struggled to live faithfully in their contexts. Join us to see what encouragement we can take from each letter.

May 5th

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Colossians 3:1-21

To the Church of God in...Colossae

Encouraging Aspiration

Paul writes to the church in Colossae encouraging them to set their minds on the "things above."

May 12th

Confirmation

Hebrews 10:11-25 (first reading) Hebrews 12:1-4 (second reading)

To the Church of God in...Jerusalem

Encouraging Steadfast Faith

In the face of persecution, this letter encourages hope through the memory of God's continued faithfulness to God's people.

May 19th

Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation

1 John 4:7-21

To the Church in...Ephesus

Encouraging Love

With its verses that often form the centerpiece at weddings, we hear a call to love that transcends human limitations.

May 26th

Graduation Sunday

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (first reading) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (second reading)

To the Church of...the Future

Here Paul sends encouragement to one who has grown up in faith and represents the new leadership for the Christian church.

Beginners Chinese Mahjong Class

Did you know that First Pres. has a group of members and friends who play Mahjong (ancient Chinese game similar to Rummy) every Wednesday afternoon? It's a time of fun and fellowship open to anyone. If this sounds like something that might interest you come check us out May 1, 1:00 and repeated May 8, 1:00 for a beginners class. Players come as they are able so each week we have several tables. Bring a friend! Please notify the office or Karen Carver, karenarver45@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Senior Recognition Sunday

Please join us Sunday May 26th as we gather to honor and recognize our 2024 graduates. Our 2024 seniors are: Todd Kiser, Maclane Bryner, Sydney Proctor, Jersey Bilyeu, and Aidan Wilcox. Following worship there will be a special fellowship time to celebrate and honor our seniors. Congratulations to our First Pres seniors, class of 2024.



Congratulations to Our Confirmands

After a year of classes with Pastor Heather and time spent crafting their own statement of faith, we're so excited to have these students confirm the vows made at their baptism or choose to be baptized and join our church!

Elijah Davis

Elizabeth Shoemaker

Ben Snapp

Calli Tyler

Peyton Weldon



Spotlight Sunday: Pentecost

This month the Spotlight is on the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church. Join us on May 19th as we lift our voices in praise and feel the Spirit moving in our own congregation. After church, we'll blow out the candles on the cake(s) and wish the church a happy birthday.

Go Deeper: Christian Thought in a Changing World

You are invited to our first Christian Thought book discussion on Thursday, May 30th from 10:30 a.m. to noon. We will be meeting in the parlor at the church. If you are interested in this month's book discussion, but prefer to meet in the evening, on the weekend, or one-on-one, please let Stasia know so she can schedule an additional time to meet.

This month's book is "Abba's Child: the Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging" by Brennan Manning. This is one of Stasia's favorite books. She was introduced to it as a college student and has given away quite a few copies of it! This book centers on our understanding of God's love for us and the various ways we get in the way of fully accepting that love.

We will use the following questions, or one's similar, to guide our discussion of books in this monthly Christian Thought series:

Introduction. How would you describe yourself as a reader? (10 min.)

What is the historical context for this book? (5 min.)

What do we know about the author? (5 min.)

What is the author saying? (20 min.)

What does this book say to our current moment in history? (10 min.)

What, if anything, from this book, can influence how we are "church" at First Pres? (10 min.)

How did this book speak to you personally? (15 min.)

Closing Prayer (5 min.)

Neighborhood Meals

Mark Your Calendars...For the End of the Summer

The First Presbyterian Church weeks have been assigned for this long-standing mission effort. Our draw this year is for the weeks of August 5-9th & August 12-16th. We're not signing up volunteers quite yet, but make sure and save some space to help us finish the summer strong, serving children, families and individuals.

ART AUCTION



04.28 - 05.19

Art Auction for a Cause

Auction Ends: 10:00am Sunday, May 19th

Gary Connors-Boe is a frequent presenter at Insight, a regular volunteer at Readers "R" Leaders Camp and part of its organizing committee. He has donated several of his original pieces of art to be auctioned off in support of Reading Camp. Take a moment to stop into our Gallery Space to check out the art and place a silent bid.

Directions for Bidding: Start at the table in the Gallery Space. Choose and sign your name to a numbered slip and place it in the box. This is your number for bidding! You may use that number to bid on any of the pieces of art and one number is sufficient for multiple bids and from week to week. We will close the bids at the beginning of worship on May 19th and announce the winners at fellowship hour that Sunday.



The First Pres Book Group will meet on Monday, May 20, at the home of Gisele Steffe, 1225 13th St NW Apt 302. The book for discussion is *Absolution* by Alice McDermott. A riveting account of women's lives on the margins of the Vietnam War. In Saigon in 1963, two young American wives form a wary alliance. Tricia is a starry-eyed newlywed, married to a rising oil engineer "on loan" to US Navy Intelligence. Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three, a talented hostess and determined altruist, on a mission to relieve the "wretchedness" she sees all around her. With a narrative impact that recalls Graham Greene's *The Quiet American*, Alice McDermott confronts the unresolved mysteries and ironies of America's tragic interference in Southeast Asia. Please contact Gisele (319-775-7498, giselasteffe@msn.com) if you plan to attend.

FOOD GROUP



Napoli's Italian Restaurant
500 Marion Blvd
5/16
6:00 pm

RSVP by 5/13 to Carolyn Horton
396-5369 / horton6902@msn.com



9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNINGS
WERNIMONT ROOM
LOWER LEVEL

imagination & creativity

How can inspiration inspired by faith lead to positive changes & a better world?

5/5/24

Shades and Illumination

Nancy Hill Cobb

Composer & retired Professor of Music

5/12/24

The Library of the Future: Inspiring Hope & Success

Dara Schmidt

Director, Cedar Rapids Public Library



How can our Christian values help us focus on our shared values to overcome discrimination?

How can education and opportunity instill hope and economic equality?

5/19/24

African American History of Cedar Rapids

Brie Swenson Arnold

Professor of History, Coe College

5/26/24

Long Term Effects of Slavery on Racial Attitudes

Ralph Plagman

Historian, educator,

retired Superintendent of Schools



READERS R LEADERS
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CAMP @ COE

Summer reading camp

It's a Reading Road Trip

Readers "R" Leaders Camp

July 22nd - 26th @ Coe College

We're heading across the country at this year's Reading Camp. Each day at we'll explore a region of the United States through its literature, art, poetry and landscape. We'll learn map reading skills to boot. Currently we're recruiting mentors that will partner with a child from Jane Boyd as their reading buddy and participate in Reading Camp activities with them.

Also we still are in need of donations to help cover the costs of providing lunch, a book, and a camp shirt to each of the children. Dedicated donations can be made on our website or by sending in a check to the church with Reading Camp printed in the Memo line.

Stewardship moment

What are you willing to give up for the Kingdom of God? A recent Godly Play Sunday School lesson focused on two simple verses from the New Testament, Matthew 13:45-46. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." In the telling of this story to the children, the frame of a home is laid out on a felt underlay. This home is filled with pictures of various items one would find in a home. A picture of the merchant who owns this home is also set out. As the story is visually illustrated this merchant goes out and looks at various pearls until he comes across one pearl that stands out above the rest. He tries to purchase this pearl with some money, but is unsuccessful. He doesn't have enough money. Then he offers to sell his furniture in addition to offering money, but the offer is turned down. Then he offers some precious heirlooms and these are turned down as well. Finally, he offers everything he owns, including his home, and he is able to purchase the pearl. As the storyteller hands over the frame of the house to the seller, the kids are astounded and respond, "He even sells his house!" The storyteller responds, "This pearl must be very valuable."

This parable told in this way reveals how little, in regard to material possessions, most of us are willing to give for the Kingdom of God. What, if anything, have we sacrificed? Do we believe the Kingdom of God is worth so little?

What does it mean for us to be stewards of what God has placed in our trust? In light of this parable, do we need to think again about how we give, save, and spend our resources?

Reflecting humbly,
Stasia



All Church Trout Fishing Day Trip – Fly or Spin Free Fishing Weekend Saturday, June 8th

Big Spring Campground & Fish Hatchery

All are invited to a day of fishing in Elkader, Iowa. This is a special First Presbyterian sponsored event. 7:30 a.m. Independently drive to Big Spring Campground and Fish Hatchery. (Some may choose to arrive Friday night for primitive camping. This is not yet being coordinated by the church. Please let us know if this is something you'd like to do or coordinate.)

9:00 a.m. Meet at campsite, 16212 Big Springs Road, Elkader, Iowa. We will have a brief time of worship and introduction to the site, and then head out to fish Turkey River, the kids' pond, or your choice of a stream nearby.

12:15 p.m. Meet at campsite for a sack lunch. If you prefer to grill, coordinate with Tom Polehna in advance. There is one pit toilet available at the campsite. Water is NOT available.

5:00 p.m. Dinner together at Gunder Roadhouse, 17455 Gunder Road, Elgin, Iowa.

RSVP by May 25th to Tom Polehna, Stasia Fine, or the church office. Please indicate whether or not you plan to stay for dinner at the Gunder Roadhouse, so we can make the appropriate reservations.

Also, if you are new to fishing or need to borrow fishing supplies, please let Tom Polehna know. Or if you are willing to help those new to fishing, please let Tom or Stasia know.

To learn more about the location, visit: <https://www.claytoncountyconservation.org/big-spring-park>



FPXperience - Summer of Parks

This summer for our FPXperience we will be gathering at local parks for casual fellowship on Wednesday evenings. Bring your own sack meal, hiking shoes, lawn furniture, and any recreational activities you would like to share. Explore what the park has to offer online before arriving. We will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

June 12th - Thomas Park, 335 Marion Boulevard, Marion, IA 52302 - Be prepared for a splash pad.

June 19th (Exploring Linn County) Buffalo Creek Park, 1825 Coggon Road, Coggon, IA - Meet at the reserved shelter.

June 26th Hughes Park, 2100 Wilson Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids - Bring a basketball.

July 3rd - Cedar Lake Loop Trail - Meet at the parking lot on Shaver Road NE. Bring your wheels.

July 10th - (Exploring Linn County) Pinicon Ridge Park, 4729 Horseshoe Falls Road, Central City, IA - Meet at the Observation Tower.

July 17th - VBS, No FPXperience.

July 24th - Jones Park, 201 Wilson Avenue SW - Meet at the playground. Bring your frisbees.

July 31st - Sac and Fox Trail - Meet at the Indian Creek Nature Center pavilion.

August 7th - (Exploring Linn County) Manatee Park, 2001 Big Bluestem Circle, Marion, IA - Meet at the reserved Meadowlark Shelter.

August 14th- Bever Park - Meet at the playground.

Our Garden Story,

You may remember that after the completion of the church renovation a few years ago, and then the derecho in 2020, the back of our church had little left that was green. No trees, no bushes, some scraggly grass, weeds growing where they would.

A small landscaping committee was gathered, volunteers recruited, a plan was drawn up and approved, and incrementally, over the past five plus years, the plan has been implemented. Recently, the final element was installed, a 'bench' of Anamosa limestone from the same area in Stone City that yielded the limestone used to build our church over 150 years ago.

This transformation would not have happened had it not been for Tom Lackner, who asked if something could be done in the way of landscaping without any money, a committee that decided, yes, something could be done, and the insistence by Ted Healey that we must begin by engaging a professional to draw up a plan. The results are on full display from 5th and 6th streets, and 3rd avenue, and will become more beautiful as time goes by and the trees mature.

Thanks go out to members who resourced and planted, those who watered on a regular basis, and those who participated in several workdays after church to rake, trim, weed, dead head, and sweep. Thanks also goes to families who made specific gifts for trees and families who supported designation of memorial gifts to our 'earth care' fund.

First Presbyterian is beautiful and welcoming to members and visitors alike. The maintenance is ongoing, but we can now enjoy and support our church from the outside in.

Connie Richardson, for the landscaping planners, volunteers, and donors



Helping Others Feel at Home

In the month of May, we will be receiving new members, and so we would like to encourage you to develop the practice of wearing your name tag on Sunday mornings. Not only does that help build community through conversation as our new members begin to learn names, it is a part of our hospitality to our visitors. We may all know who we are, but a first time visitor is helped to feel welcome when names are easily visible. If you can't make it back to the kiosks in the Gathering Space, there are marked baskets around the church for collection of name tags after the service.

Thanks for taking this easy step to help FPC be a more welcoming place.

Welcome Kriangsak!

We're so excited to have Kriangsak phithakkhirikhet cleaning our building! His wife Bellay comes to help out sometimes as well. They are originally from Thailand and have a son that goes to Arthur Elementary. If you're ever at the church during the week and see him, make sure you wave hello!



Annual Outdoor Cleanup May 26th following church

Last year's outdoor clean-up worked so well, we're doing it again! Please join us, and come to church dressed for light outdoor chores as we clean up 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!



Camp Bear Creek

Summer will be here before we know it. That means Bible Camp season is right around the corner. I worked at a Bible Camp in Northwest Iowa for three summers and spent a year at their sister camp in Story City for a year. I know how life changing camp can be for students of any age.

Camp Bear Creek is a great opportunity for students to meet other students from around the Midwest. Camp allows for the students to be engaged in worship, small groups, Bible Studies and connecting with new friends.

Camp is for anyone entering first grade through twelfth. The first week offering is for the week of June 16th and the last is for the week of July 21st.

This is a Christian overnight camp run by the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Participants enjoy kayaking, swimming, art, archery, games, worship, and more. Various themes (pirates, sports, arts, extreme sports) are offered for those who are interested. Camp is also a great place to meet new friends and have a good laugh during the summer.

Camp Bear Creek is located in Wyoming, Iowa, about an hour drive from Cedar Rapids.

You can learn more and register at <https://bearcreek.camp/> Registration cost ranges from \$175 to \$725 dependent upon the type of camp and one's ability to pay. First Presbyterian covers half the cost for our campers.

If you have any questions, please contact Stasia Fine or Stan Letscher.

The Graduation Stage

May is a busy time of year with so many events and activities taking place. One of those events just happens to be graduation. This is a special time to honor our senior students. It is the moment when we gather with family and friends in gymnasiums or arenas to recognize and celebrate all of the hard work and accomplishments of these young people. We gather to celebrate this special moment as we hear from people providing inspiring messages, individuals providing a memorable song and to witness that moment. The moment they walk across that stage to receive their diploma.

These young people will be reminded not to worry, that this moment of recognition is just a stage they are going through. This stage changes their lives, children approach it, but proud young men and women will walk up and down it. The graduates will be different as they walk across that stage. These graduates will experience change as they are handed that special document, shake the hand, and have that photo taken. This stage is not for sitting idle, it does not entertain apathy. This stage is for growing, for moving and for maturing and rising. It's for expanding and thriving.

This stage transforms young people. It begins and it does not end until they hear the words, "Well done." The graduate will turn their tassel and toss the hat, and that's when these young people will begin to truly shine. These young men and women will take that walk from that stage and they will shine to the voices who thought they couldn't do it. They will walk this stage and shine brightly to God, who has seen them through this process.

We must remember that it was support and encouragement from family and friends and by God's grace that they worked hard to arrive at this moment. So we pray that these graduates walk that stage and claim their voice, grab that mic and be louder than the noise of this world. We await to hear what these graduates have to say and what these graduates will do moving forward. We await to hear about where God will continue to lead them as they take the next step in their lives.

Congratulations to the class of 2024!

Stan Letscher
Director of Youth Ministry

INTERSECTIONS

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FRIDAY, MAY 3

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1340 3rd Ave SE, CEDAR RAPIDS

in-person and virtual options

WOMEN'S RIGHTS, WOMEN'S BODIES:
CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVES AND THE
ONGOING BATTLE OVER FEMALE AUTONOMY

Presenter: Dr. Peter Jauhianien, Professor of Religion

The overturning of Roe v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court two years ago and recent legal efforts to restrict women's reproductive freedoms reflect a larger conservative Christian agenda to reverse the women's rights revolution of the 1960s and 1970s and reimpose on American society "traditional" views of womanhood and family. At our May Intersections, we will examine the history behind ongoing controversies over gender roles, sexuality, reproductive rights, and the struggle of women to create their own paths free of religious and political enforcement of patriarchal norms. Join us as Dr. Peter Jauhianien, professor of religion at Kirkwood Community College, takes a look at the staggering implications of the language used by Justice Alito in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022) for undermining many civil rights gains of the last sixty years.

There are three ways to attend Intersections. Registration is required for all three: <https://www.interfaithallianceiowa.org/get-involved/intersections>



Registration is NOW OPEN for Vacation Bible School

Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God!

Invite your kids, grandkids, friends, cousins, neighbors, classmates!

Our adventure will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th with dinner served before. VBS is open to children entering preschool through 5th grades and includes crafts, science, games, songs, Bible stories, and more! Pick up a registration form at the church office or sign up online at

<https://fpccr.mycokesburyvbs.com/>.

Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School (July 15th – 19th – evenings) Help Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the following roles during VBS (July 15th – 19th):

- Preschool Co-Teacher
- Promotion/Advertising Team – 1 additional volunteer.
- Registration Co-Lead
- Decoration Team – Any additional volunteers.
- Actor: The Professor
- Bible Story Actors
- Science Station Team (2nd half of week.)
- Class guides – looking for teenage volunteers.
- Meal Team – all help is welcome!
- Post-VBS Celebration at Indian Creek Nature Center Planning Team Members (for Sun. July 21st)

Wednesday May 1
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
2:00 pm Mahjong
**Wednesday Night Schedule*

Friday May 3
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Sunday May 5
Cinco de Mayo
Volunteer Recognition
Fill the Cart for Food Bank
Communion Sunday
9:00 am Insight
Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Volunteer Lunch
2:00 SEMP Prep
3:30 SEMP set up,hand out,clean
4:15 SEMP Greeter & Guide

Monday May 6
10:00 Bridge Group
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Tuesday May 7
5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

Wednesday May 8
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
2:00 pm Mahjong
**Wednesday Night Schedule*

Friday May 10
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Sunday May 12
Happy Mother’s Day!
Confirmation Sunday
9:00 am Insight
Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 SEMP Prep
3:30 SEMP set up,hand out,clean
4:15 SEMP Greeter & Guide

Monday May 13
10:00 Bridge Group
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Tuesday May 14
5:30 pm Deacon Meeting
6:30 pm Care Commission Meeting

Wednesday May 15
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
2:00 pm Mahjong
**Wednesday Night Schedule*

Friday May 17
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Sunday May 19
Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
9:00 am Insight
Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 SEMP Prep
3:30 SEMP set up,hand out,clean
4:15 SEMP Greeter & Guide

Monday May 20
10:00 Bridge Group
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
6:30 pm Evening Book Group

Tuesday May 21
5:30 pm Administrative Commission

Wednesday May 22
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
2:00 pm Mahjong
**Wednesday Night Schedule*

Friday May 24
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Sunday May 26
Graduation Sunday
Outdoor Cleanup Day
9:00 am Insight
Nursery

10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 SEMP Prep
3:30 SEMP set up,hand out,clean
4:15 SEMP Greeter & Guide

Monday May 27
Memorial Day
10:00 Bridge Group
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Tuesday May 28
5:30 pm Proclamation Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday May 29
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality
2:00 pm Mahjong
**Wednesday Night Schedule*

Friday May 31
12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

Wednesday
Night
Schedule:

6:00 PM
Agape Kids
Bell Choir
Middle School Youth

7:00 PM
Chancel Choir
Youth Dinner
Confirmation

7:30 PM
High School Youth

BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Greg Thirnbeck
5/3 Rochelle Naylor
5/4 Carrie Bryner
5/4 Oliver Keuseman
5/4 Carly Ryder
5/5 Cheryl Stramel
5/7 Bill Ryder
5/8 Patrick Thies
5/10 Beth Davies
5/10 Tom Reed
5/10 Calli Tyler
5/10 Aubrey Weldon
5/11 Mike Davies

5/11 Tom Polehna
5/12 Mercy (Afi) Apely
5/13 Andy Aalderks
5/13 Ryan Kiser
5/13 JJ Tyler
5/14 Richard Wagner
5/15 Wendy Frese
5/15 Megan Wesbrook
5/18 Selma Brigham
5/19 Ethan Shields
5/20 Nancy Edmondson
5/21 Helaina Thompson
5/22 Deb Hoy

5/22 Charlene Reeder
5/23 Julie Hagerman
5/26 Leticia Apely
5/26 Ada Potratz
5/26 Matthew Wilding
5/27 Mary Jane Barlow
5/27 Steve Volesky
5/28 Kissy Heins
5/28 Daniel Nelson
5/28 Kayla Nelson
5/28 Jim Richardson
5/29 Nan Riley
5/31 Mindi Dixson

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1/1999 Dave & Heather Hayes
5/3/1980 Bob & Sue Mollman
5/5/1979 Cynthia & John Burdakin
5/12/1978 Roxi & John McCrane
5/15/2016 Cory & Tiffany Elwick
5/15/1999 Karen & Matthew Nelson
5/17/2003 Mark & Tracy Zimmerman
5/19/1984 DeEtta & Phillip Andersen

5/23/1987 Carolyn & David Crew
5/24/1975 Carroll & Sue Edmondson
5/25/1996 Nancy & Steve Barry
5/25/2014 Amy & Kevin Morris
5/28/1988 Michael Miller & Laura Runkle
5/30/2002 Stephen & Beth O'Donnell
5/31/1969 Diana & Jim Richardson
5/31/1969 John & Stephanie Wagor

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

May 5
Jani O’Bannon &
Amy Morris

May 12
Connie Richardson &
Kristen Wilcox

May 19
Bob and Sue Latham &
Kayleigh and Chris Bryant

May 26
Betsy and Kutter &
Cindy and John Monroe

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