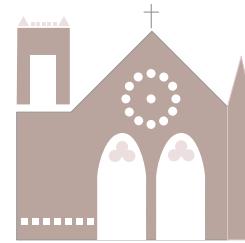


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Sermons in January & February

January 4

In the Beginning...

John 1:1-14

John's gospel goes back to the beginning and reinterprets the world's unfolding through the light of Christ.

January 11

Guest Preacher

Epiphany Series: Drawn Into The Light

During the season of Epiphany, we follow the light of Christ as it draws us deeper into faith, reshapes our community, and clarifies our calling. In these weeks, scripture moves us from the first invitation to follow Jesus, through the surprising wisdom of the cross, and toward a vision of God's glory that both inspires and sends us. Along the way, the apostle Paul reminds us that the church's life is not grounded in human strength or certainty, but in grace, humility, and the power of the Spirit at work among us. As we approach Lent, this series invites us to see more clearly who Christ is—and who we are becoming together.

January 18

Named by Grace

John 1:29-42 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Before the disciples follow Jesus, they are first named, known, and invited. This Sunday we begin Epiphany by remembering that our faith starts not with what we do, but with God's grace already at work in us.

January 25

Re-centered by the Call

Matthew 4:12-23 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Jesus' call disrupts old loyalties and reorders our lives around something deeper. As Paul challenges a divided church, we reflect on what it means to be centered in Christ rather than our preferences, personalities, or fears.

February 1

Re-oriented by Upside-Down Wisdom

Matthew 5:1-12 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Paul tells us that wisdom looks like foolishness to the world, but it is the power and wisdom of God. This Sunday, let's ask: What does it mean to reorient our lives around a wisdom that the world calls foolish?

February 8

Installation of Rev. Anna Sheetz

Living the Light Together

Matthew 5:13-20 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

What does a Beatitude-shaped life look like in community? As we install our new associate pastor, we hear Jesus' call to be salt and light—living signs of God's grace through shared ministry and Spirit-led wisdom.

February 15

Transfiguration Sunday

Seeing Glory Clearly

Matthew 17:1-9 | Exodus 24:12-18

On the mountain, the disciples glimpse Christ's glory, but they cannot stay there. As we observe Transfiguration Sunday, we listen again for God's voice calling us to follow Jesus back into the world, ready for the journey toward Lent.



Ash Wednesday: Marking the Beginning of Lent

As winter begins to loosen its grip and the church turns toward Lent, we invite you to mark Ash Wednesday, February 18, on your calendar.

Join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by Ash Wednesday worship at 6:15 p.m. This quiet, meaningful service offers space for reflection, prayer, and the imposition of ashes as we remember both our humanity and God's grace.

This year, Ash Wednesday also opens the door to our Lenten theme, Lent with Lewis: Lessons from Beyond the Wardrobe—a season shaped by story, imagination, and the invitation to step more deeply into God's transforming love.

Whether you come carrying weariness, curiosity, or hope, you are welcome. Come for supper. Come for worship. Come begin the journey of Lent together.



Curl up with one of these great books this winter!

Small Wonder, Barbara Kingsolver

Small Wonder is a collection of 23 essays on environmentalism and social justice by American novelist and biologist, Barbara Kingsolver. Soulful and soul-searching... a passionate invitation to readers to be part of the crowd that cares about the environment, peace and family.

The Remarkable Ordinary, Frederick Buechner

Pay attention. Listen to the call of a bird or the rush of the wind, to the people who flow in and out of your life. The ordinary points you to the extraordinary God who loves all of creation, including you.

Almost Everything- Notes on Hope, Ann Lamott

Need a little hope in your life right now? In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom buried within us that can make life sweeter. Divided in short chapters that explore life's essential truths the book pinpoints moments of insight as it shines an encouraging light forward.

Holy Envy – Finding God in the Faith of Others

In an age when religion sometimes seems weaponized, furthering the distance between us in this book Taylor recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching world religions to undergraduates in Baptist-saturated rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations.

The First Love Story – Adam, Eve and Us, Bruce Feiler

In this fresh retelling of their story, Feiler, travels from the Garden of Eden to the Sistine Chapel, from John Milton's London to Mae West's Hollywood, discovering how Adam and Eve should be hailed as exemplars of a long-term, healthy, resilient relationship. At a time of discord and fear over the strength of our social fabric, Feiler shows how history's first couple can again be role models for unity, forgiveness and love.

Looking Ahead: Preparing for the Journey

The turning of the calendar always invites reflection. January gives us a rare pause—space to breathe after the fullness of Advent and Christmas, and time to look ahead with intention. Before us stretches a new year, full of possibility, promise, and trust in what God is still bringing into being.

This year, that sense of looking forward carries special meaning for me. In April, I will begin a sabbatical that includes an attempt to walk the Continental Divide Trail. While that journey will officially begin when my foot meets the trail, the truth is that it has already started. Preparation comes long before departure—researching routes, gathering gear, training my body, and learning what it will take to walk day after day with intention and care.

In much the same way, the season ahead for our congregation is one we are already preparing for together. Now that the busy days of Advent and Christmas are behind us, my focus is turning toward what will help make this a healthy, faithful sabbatical season—for me and for the church. That preparation includes working closely with Anna to ensure she is fully supported and equipped for leadership during my absence; partnering with Session to map out the year ahead; and empowering teams of volunteers to plan and lead our ministries with confidence and creativity.

We are also creating a central space where, as I am able, I can share stories and photos from the trail—small windows into the journey that will keep us connected across the miles.

At its heart, this sabbatical is about renewal. Yes, it will be a physical challenge, but it is also a spiritual one. As part of my preparation, I am creating a simple daily devotional—something to ground my mornings on the trail and keep me attentive to God's presence along the way. That devotional will be shared with the congregation as well, so that those who wish can join me in this season of reflection and renewal, wherever they may be.

Every journey worth taking begins with preparation—with prayer, intention, and trust. As we step into this new year together, may we do so with open hearts, steady hope, and confidence that God goes before us, beside us, and within us—on the trail and at home alike.

Pastor Heather



Lent With Lewis: Lessons From Beyond the Wardrobe

This Lent, our small groups will be invited into a rich and imaginative journey through The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis.

Many of us first encountered Narnia as children, through a wardrobe door, a snowy forest, or the quiet strength of Aslan. But these beloved stories also hold deep wisdom for adults navigating faith, doubt, temptation, grace, and hope. During Lent, we'll explore how Lewis's stories can help us reflect on our own spiritual lives and walk more intentionally toward Easter.

Each week, groups will draw from a different book in the series, exploring themes such as temptation, trust, transformation, perseverance, belonging, responsibility, and resurrection hope. Participants will engage with selected passages from the books, paired with Scripture and guided conversation. No one needs to read all seven books, short excerpts and audio listening options will be provided, making this study accessible to all.

This is a study designed for conversation, curiosity, and formation, not literary expertise. Whether you've read Narnia many times, or never at all, you are welcome.

A Word to Potential Leaders

If you've ever thought, "I don't know enough to lead a group," this may be the perfect opportunity. Leaders will be provided with clear weekly guides, discussion questions, and optional spiritual practices. What matters most is not having all the answers, but a willingness to open the door and journey alongside others.

Registration for groups and leaders will open soon. We hope you'll consider stepping through the wardrobe with us this Lent.

Welcoming Pastor Anna A Season of Shared Ministry

We are delighted to begin the new year by officially welcoming Anna Sheetz as our Associate Pastor here at First Presbyterian Church. Anna officially begins her ministry with us on January 1, and she is jumping right in, preaching on January 4 and again on February 1.

Many of you will remember Anna from her interview weekend this fall, when we first heard her passion for thoughtful, accessible preaching, her love of Scripture, and her commitment to building authentic, Christ-centered community. As she begins her time among us, these first months will be focused on connection, on getting to know the people, rhythms, and many ministries that make up the life of this congregation.

During January and February, Anna will be working closely alongside Pastor Heather, meeting members and friends of the church, listening deeply, and learning the many facets of our shared ministry. This intentional season of collaboration is especially important as we prepare for Pastor Heather's sabbatical this spring. Anna's presence now helps ensure continuity, confidence, and care as she steps into primary leadership during that time.

We are also working with the Presbytery of East Iowa to schedule Anna's installation during worship on February 8—a joyful moment when we will formally celebrate God's call and our shared commitment to ministry together.

Transitions are holy moments in the life of the church. They invite us to pay attention, to trust, and to give thanks for the ways God continues to lead us forward. We are grateful for Anna's gifts, energy, and spirit, and we look forward to all the ways she will help guide, challenge, and nurture this community in the months and years ahead.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Anna—introduce yourself, pray for her and her family, and celebrate this new chapter in the life of First Presbyterian.



The First Presbyterian Evening Book Group meets on the third Monday of each month. The January meeting will be on Jan. 19 at 6:30pm at the home of Tom and Nancy Lackner (11 Blake Ct. SE). The book for discussion will be *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict. Set in 1931 London, this is a work of historical fiction about five famous female mystery writers who form a secret group to prove their worth. Frustrated by the male-dominated Detection Club, Dorothy L. Sayers, Agatha Christie, Emma Orczy, Ngaio Marsh, and Margery Allingham team up as the "Queens of Crime". To demonstrate their skills, they decide to solve the real-life murder of May Daniels, a young nurse, in Boulogne, France. Please call or text (319-270-0087) or email Tom (tlackner123@gmail.com) to reserve your seat near the dock.

On February 16 we will meet at Gisela Steffe's apartment at Oakwood on the Methwick campus to discuss *Lincon's Lady Spymaster* by Gerri Willis. During the Civil War Elizabeth Van Lew, a southern grande dame, risked her fortune and her life to organize a Union spy ring centered in Richmond. From grave robbery to a bold voyage across enemy lines, Elizabeth's escapades only grew more daring. Explore the true story of this Union version of Belle Boyd. We will take our cloaks and daggers to Gisela's apartment at 6:30; please call or text (319-775-7498) or email (gisteffe@msn.com) Gisele if you plan to attend.

Ties That Bind - FPC Quilters

Participants will make a variety of items! Last May we created lap quilts for all of our high school graduates and we look forward to share our talents again this year.

Martha Booth and Cindy Monroe, Organizers
Mark your calendars and join us in the basement quilting room from 1:00 to 3:00 on:

Jan 6 & 13 – Pick your own pattern block & project.

Feb 3 & 10 – Make quilts for Deacons to distribute.

Godly Play in the New Year

On Sunday mornings at First Presbyterian Church, our children are invited into a space of wonder, story, and holy curiosity through our Montessori-based Christian education program called Godly Play.

Godly Play honors children as thoughtful spiritual beings. Rather than rushing toward "right answers," it invites them to listen deeply to Scripture, wonder together, and explore how God's story connects with their own lives. Through story, silence, creative response, and conversation, children are encouraged to grow in faith at their own pace.

We currently offer two Godly Play classrooms during worship:

Kindergarten–3rd Grade, led by Miss Allie

4th–5th Grade, led by Miss Glenna

After the children's sermon in worship, kids are escorted upstairs to their classrooms, where they remain for the rest of the service. Parents and caregivers can pick children up directly from their classroom following worship.

In the weeks ahead, lessons will focus on the parables of Jesus, key moments in Jesus' life, and eventually the stories of the early church, helping children build a rich, connected understanding of Scripture and God's unfolding story.

Whether your child is brand new to Sunday School or has been part of the program for years, Godly Play offers a gentle, meaningful way to grow in faith, which incorporates scripture, imagination, and play.

If you have questions about the program or would like to learn more, we're always happy to talk. And if you see our Godly Play storytellers in the hallway, be sure to thank them for the care and creativity they share each week.





Stewardship Update Continuing the Journey Together

As we move into a new year, we want to pause and say thank you. Your generosity makes a real difference. Because of your faithful giving, First Presbyterian Church continues to offer worship, care, learning, service, and hope—here in our community and far beyond it.

To date, we have received 98 pledges totaling \$383,390 toward our 2026 stewardship goal of \$440,000. We are deeply grateful for every pledge that has already been made. Each one represents a commitment to proclaim Christ's love, practice compassion, and sustain the ministries that matter so deeply to our life together.

At the same time, we want to share openly that we are not quite to our goal yet. There are some friends who pledged last year but have not yet done so this year, and reaching our goal will help ensure stability and confidence as we plan for the year ahead.

If you have already pledged—thank you. Truly.

If you have not yet had a chance to do so, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge.

And if you find yourself in a position to increase your pledge, even modestly, your generosity could help close the gap and strengthen the ministry we share.

Stewardship is not about pressure—it is about participation. It is about choosing, together, to invest in the worship, care, outreach, and witness that define who we are as a congregation. Every gift matters, and every commitment helps shape what is possible.

As we begin this new year, may we continue to respond with gratitude for God's abundance and trust in what God is still doing among us.

Bridge to Opportunities Group

Mon & Thurs 1:30-3:30pm

Thurs, Jan 1st | Bridge Senior Center Closed, Happy New Year

Sunday Jan 4 | Nature Outing to Wickiup Hill

Mon, Jan 5 | at CR Library's new Busse Branch: Library Director Dara Schmidt will present information on Cedar Rapids Public Library's new Busse Branch with a specific focus on features and resources that will be of interest to older adults.

Thurs, Jan 8 | Game Day: Join us to play Phase 10 (a rummy-like card game), Hand and Foot (card game), Mexican Trains (a version of Dominos), Euchre or Scrabble. Or bring a favorite board game.

Mon, Jan 12 | Tech Advice: When in Doubt, Check It Out: How to Detect and Avoid Scams. Ethan Klostermann will present this class for protecting yourself and your information in the digital world.

Wed, Jan 14 | 12:00 noon: O.W.L.S. - Older Wiser Livelier Seniors Neil Bernstein will be presenting his research on rare turtles of Iowa **at Wickiup Hill Learning Center**, 10260 Morris Hills Rd, Toddville

Thurs Jan 15 | Bingo!

Mon, Jan 19 | Wisdom Circle: The Power of Planning: Trusts and Tools for Your Financial Future. Join us for financial and estate planning with Madison Lantzakis of Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust. Learn about trusts and other planning tools that can help protect your assets and provide peace of mind.

Thurs, January 22 | Chair Yoga: Tammy Bayer will be leading a beginner level chair yoga class. She will adapt the class as needed to fit your needs and mobility levels. Chair yoga uses a chair for support with seated and (occasional) standing postures.

Mon, Jany 26 | Movie Day at the Downtown CR Library in Beems A on the 2nd floor. The name of the selected movie will be announced and posted on the Facebook Group "Cedar Rapids 55 Plus".

Thurs, Jan 29 | Platonic Speed Friending: Whether you're new to the area, recently retired, or simply seeking new friendships, this event offers an opportunity to get to know one another one on one. Like speed dating, Platonic Speed Friending allows you to engage in brief, one-on-one conversations with fellow participants, providing an opportunity to discover common interests, shared experiences, and potential new friendships.



9:00 am Sundays

Wernimont Room
Lower Level



January 4 2026
The Development Of Democracy
In Central Europe

Dalibor Mikulas, PhD, VP & COO
of the National Czech and Slovak
Museum & Library and Professor of History

Christian Ethics

What moral imperatives are we called to as Christians? How do we approach a Christian perspective on ethical conflicts and decision making in our daily lives?

All sessions led by

Gary Connors Boe
former Lutheran pastor

1/11/26

The Sermon on the Mount

1/18/26

Biblical Justice

1/25/26

Caring for God's Creation

2/1/26

Economics and Ethics

2/8/26

Church and State

2/15/26

War and Peace



Inclement Weather Policy

Our general rule is that the church building will be closed any time the Cedar Rapids Community School District cancels or delays classes. Since conditions can change quickly, you should be in touch with your committee chair, music director or group leader regarding evening activity cancellations. We do our best to always have worship services on Sunday, despite the weather. If weather closing is necessary on a Sunday morning, we will announce closures via email, Facebook and through KCRG. As always, we hope that your first consideration is one of personal safety and that you will use your best judgement regarding driving in inclement weather.

If services are ever canceled on a Sunday morning, make sure and look for content available on our YouTube channel. Even if services aren't canceled, you always have the option to tune in to our livestream if the snow and ice keep you indoors.

Children's Library

Did you know that First Pres has a children's library for book check-out? The Young Disciples Library is located in the Sunday School hall next to the Nursery. You will find hundreds of books for baby to teens to be checked out and enjoyed at home. Enrich your young one's holiday season with a book!



The last Sunday of Christmastide is Sunday, January 4th. Plan on lingering a few moments after worship to help us tuck away our decorations for another year. Ornament storage boxes will be at each of the trees around our church and we're looking for people to take ornaments off the trees and put them in the boxes. You do not need to disassemble trees or remove lights! We'll also need a few people to take down and box up our balcony roping. Our Epiphany elves will be then easily able to take everything downstairs and ready them for next Advent. Remember - many hands make light work! Thanks for helping.

A Small Practice of Hospitality

As our congregation continues to grow and change, we're always looking for simple ways to make First Presbyterian Church feel welcoming, connected, and caring, especially for those who are new among us.

One of those small but powerful practices is wearing name tags on Sunday mornings.

Name tags help newcomers feel at ease. They make it easier to greet one another by name. And they remind us that hospitality isn't just something the church offers, it's something we practice together. In a community as active and multigenerational as ours, name tags help bridge the gap between familiar faces and new ones.

This feels especially important as we welcome Anna Sheetz into her first months of ministry among us. As Anna spends time meeting people, learning names, and getting to know the rhythms of our congregation, name tags are a simple gift we can offer and make those early conversations warmer and more personal.

If you've worn a name tag for years, thank you. If it's been a while, consider picking one up again. And if this is a new habit for you, we invite you to give it a try.

Sometimes hospitality begins with something as simple as a name and the openness to be known.

Youth Summer Mission Trips

This summer both our middle school students and high school students will be embarking on life-changing mission trips.

From June 7th-June 12th the middle school students will be traveling to Columbia Missouri as we serve the community there and the theme being Disability Inclusion and Advocacy. This trip is a mix of hands on service and educational learning opportunities. These middle school students will learn about the concept of disability from a disciples-focused theological perspective as they identify barriers to justice and developing a voice for advocacy and inclusion in their own contexts. Our group will have the opportunity to learn from scholars working in academic disability theology fields, we will work alongside local disability justice advocates, and learning how to create a lens for combating ableism in the church. Our group will develop a better sense of what it means to be equipped in working towards advocacy and inclusion and how we can craft a vision for what that may look like in our own community.

From July 25th to August 1st our high school students will be traveling to Fort Collins, Colorado as we serve the community there with the theme being Housing Justice. This trip is also a mix of hands-on service and educational learning opportunities. Our group will learn how housing and homelessness affect real people. Our group will participate in many various opportunities which may include: helping to build an affordable housing unit, sharing meals in a home that provides housing for adults with disabilities, serving food to the unhoused, or working to support families experiencing homelessness in a variety of ways. Our group will experience and explore topics we will learn about that are relevant to our very own community. We will be able to develop tangible plans that we can bring home to implement in our own community as we seek to serve our neighbors and to become advocates for compassion, equity, and lasting change.

Wednesday Evening Youth

Middle school students, join us on Jan 7th as we begin a new series exploring the book of Psalms. In this 6-week series we will explore raw faith and rich praise as we engage in learning and understanding the meaning and the message behind the Psalms that we will be exploring. This series on the Psalms is also meant to unwrap this Old Testament book so you can understand the anguish, the passion, and joy expressed by David and other Hebrew song writers—and then learn to love the same God that the ancient Jews loved so dearly.

Week 1: What's a Selah?

What the Psalms are, where they came from, and how to read them for all they are worth

Week 2: Blessing Psalms

A daily dose of blessings (Psalms 1 & 65)

Week 3: Trust Psalms

The God who really knows you (Psalm 139)

Week 4: Thanksgiving Psalms

Gratitude is next to Godliness (Psalm 118)

Week 5: Oracle Psalms

How to hear God (Psalm 95)

Week 6: Pilgrim Psalms (Songs of Ascents)

Why we take time out of the journey in order to worship (Psalm 122)

High school students, join us on Jan 7th as we will be embarking on a journey together. We will be digging into the core of who we are as we discuss the theme of rejection and explore what it means to be worthy, to be accepted, and invited in and be truly loved by Jesus. Join us for this study series as we discover that the more fully we invite God into our hearts, the less we will feel uninvited by others. With Jesus we are forever safe, we are forever accepted, we are forever held. We are completely and always invited in.

Week 1: Living Loved

Live from a deep assurance that you are fully loved.

Week 2: Empty or Full

Choosing to bring your emptiness or God's fullness into any situation you face.

Week 3: The Yoke of God is freedom

Attention, Intention, Prevention

Week 4: Set Apart

I am not set aside; I am set apart.

Week 5: Remembering God's Presence

Resisting God's promises make us forget God's presence. Resting in God's promises and reciting God's promises help us to remember God's presence

Week 6: Lessons from the Olive

The oil is coming—where there is oil, there is potential for light

Youth Events & Activities

Jan 10 | Nerf War Night 6-7:30 pm

Jan 24 | Movie Night/Youth Room: 6-8:30 pm

We will be viewing *Noah*, based on the story of when God decides that mankind has become too sinful and must be wiped off the earth. He chooses a pious man named Noah, for a significant task. Noah must build an ark large enough to hold his family and breeding pairs of every animal. Noah and his family witness God's wrath and His power in the form of an apocalyptic flood.

Feb 7 | Potters Obsession 4-5:30 pm

(Cost is \$10-\$15 depending on price of the pottery)

Feb 21 | Let's go Bowling 6-8 pm CRBC (we will play 2 games, \$4 per game; shoe rental \$3.50)

Annual Meeting & Potluck January 25th

Mark your calendars! The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately following worship at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

At this meeting, we'll receive annual reports and 2025 financial statements, conduct the necessary business of the corporation, and vote on the terms of call for the Rev. Heather Hayes. Annual reports and meeting packets will be available online and in print beginning Sunday, January 18.

And this year, we're adding something extra to look forward to! Since we'll be gathering in Fellowship Hall, we'll enjoy a potluck lunch featuring beloved recipes from the First Presbyterian Church cookbook. Come hungry—for good food, good conversation, and good company—as we reflect on the year behind us and look ahead to what God is calling us to next.

Whether you're new to the church or have been part of this community for decades, we hope you'll stay, eat, and take part in this important and joyful moment in the life of our congregation.

CALENDAR

Thursday January 1
Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Sunday January 4
Communion Sunday
9:00 am Insight & Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship
SEMP SCHEDULE

Monday January 5
5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

Tuesday January 6
1-3 Ties that Bind

Wednesday January 7
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Saturday January 10
6-7:30 Youth Nerf War Night

Sunday January 11
9:00 am Insight & Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
SEMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 13
11:30 Care Commission
1-3 Ties that Bind
5:30 pm Deacons

Wednesday January 14
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Sunday January 18
9:00 am Insight & Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
SEMP SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:30 - 6:30 Agape Kids (3-5th grade)
Middle School Youth (6-8th grade)

6:00-7:00 Bell Choir

6:30 Dinner

7:00-6:00 High School Youth

7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

Monday January 19
6:30pm Evening Book Group

Tuesday January 20
5:30 Admin Commission

Wednesday January 21
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Saturday January 24
6-8:30pm Youth Movie Night

Sunday January 25
9:00 am Insight & Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 27
5:30 pm Proclamation

Wednesday January 28
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Saturday January 31
9:00 Session Retreat

Sunday February 1
Fill the Cart for Food Bank
9:00 am Insight
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

Monday February 2
5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

Tuesday February 3
1-3 Ties that Bind

Wednesday February 4
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Saturday February 7
4:00- Youth @ Potter's Obsession

S.E.M.P.

2:00 SEMP Prep

3:30 SEMP set up, hand out, clean up

4:14 SEMP Greeter & Guide

Food Bank Hospitality M | W | F @ 12:30

Bridge to Opportunities Mon & Thurs 1:30-3:30

Sunday February 8
9:00 am Nursery & Insight
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship
SEMP SCHEDULE

Monday February 8
6:30 Evening Book Group

Tuesday February 10
11:30 am Care Commission
1-3 Ties that Bind
5:30 pm Deacons

Wednesday February 11
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Sunday February 15
9:00 am Insight
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

Monday February 16
6:30pm Evening Book Group

Tuesday February 17
5:30 pm Admin Commission

Wednesday February 18
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Saturday February 21
6-8:00 Youth Bowling @ CRBC

Sunday February 22

9:00 am Insight
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday February 24
5:30 pm Proclamation
7:00 pm Session

Wednesday February 25
2:00 pm Mahjong
*Wednesday Nights

Birthdays @ First

1/1 Kasi Bilyeu
1/1 Susan Stancato
1/1 Nyamal Yiey Koang
1/2 Kendra Smiley
1/2 John Wagon
1/5 Jane Dodd
1/6 Grace Agbodjan
1/6 Roxi McCrane
1/6 Jocelyn Snapp
1/7 Justin Balvanz
1/7 Albert Christophersen
1/7 Charlie Eggert
1/7 Elbert Kocharla
1/10 Amy Shoemaker
1/13 Catherine Crew
1/13 Lisa Morris
1/15 Michelle Ayewu
1/16 Caroline Gehring
1/17 Sam Tyler
1/17 Evelyn Wilcox
1/18 Joanne Johnson
1/18 Ethel Knutson
1/19 Timothy Courtright
1/19 Kristopher Keuseman
1/21 Suzanne Barnes
1/21 Dave Hayes
1/21 Ruth Ann Herbert

1/21 Ben Snapp
1/22 John Baseler
1/22 Dee Davis
1/22 Charlotte Pence
1/23 Catherine Basile
1/24 Joan Force
1/25 Steve Goettel
1/26 Mary Ellen Horak
1/27 Darrel Wrider
1/30 Robert Courtright
1/31 Micah Jauhiainen
1/31 Aidan Wilcox
2/2 Irene Hamous
2/3 Dick Harman
2/5 Sarah Keuseman
2/5 Rachel Nelson
2/5 Chris Tyler
2/6 Ben Wilding
2/7 Harold Brown
2/7 Todd Kiser
2/7 Sheryl Smiley
2/8 Audrey Bradford
2/10 Cynthia Burdakin
2/11 Jim Klinger
2/11 Sue Latham
2/12 Phil Thompson
2/14 Boyd Balvanz

2/14 Ngut Yiey Koang
2/15 Brian Courtright
2/15 John Cummings
2/15 Steve Kossayan
2/17 Stephanie Wagon
2/19 Jim Powers
2/20 Joseph Kettelkamp
2/20 Merlin Osborn
2/20 Carol Wickey
2/23 Annette Zimmerman
2/27 Mackenzie Hayes
2/27 Gatluak John Koang
2/28 Gloria Klinger
2/29 Martha Wilding

Anniversaries

1/9/1975 Dick & Sandy Shoemaker
2/9/1963 Carolyn & David Horton

Fellowship Hosts

1/04 Sue Latham, Paula Meyer
1/11 Laura Runkle & Mike Miller
1/18 HOSTS NEEDED!
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