

# 1st Pres NEWS VIEWS

May/ June 2026

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# Sermons in May & June

## Sunday, May 3

*Saul's Sins*

Communion Sunday

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60

The story of the early church is a story of good people trying to figure out how to forge a path ahead. We see what happens when they did NOT know or love their community; disorder.

## Sunday, May 10

*Paul's Wins*

Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:22-31

Saul has been transformed by Jesus, and now he is renamed Paul. We will see what happens when Paul is reordered by God and what that empowers him to do.

## Sunday, May 17

*Why are you looking toward heaven?*

Ascension Sunday

Psalm 98:1-4; 32-35; Acts 1:6-14

Time has turned back and here we are, Jesus has just ascended, disappeared from the disciples. We'll see what their response is and wonder together if ours is similar.

## Sunday, May 24

*Happy Birthday Church!*

Pentecost

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21  
We have finally made it to Pentecost! The Holy Spirit comes, falling fresh on us this year of 2026. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on where we've been and what this next season might hold for us.

## Sunday, May 31

*From Beginning to End*

Matt Moore

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20

While Pastor Anna is on Study Leave, candidate for ordination under care of the East Iowa Presbytery, Matt Moore will be teaching us about God's Redemptive Mission from Genesis to the Great Commission.

## Sunday, June 7

*God is So Good*

Communion Sunday

Psalm 100, Lamentations 3:1-6, 19-24  
We're going to kick off the summer talking about the character of God. According to our Lamentations text, we see it can be a messy situation. Let's talk about the mismatch of faith and experience.

## Sunday, June 14

*God's Got the Whole World*

Psalm 19:1-6, Colossians 1:15-20

What if God is not just good, but also sovereign? Theories abound at how exactly God is involved in our world. Let's see talk about what it means that God created and Creation came through Jesus Christ.

## Sunday, June 21

*The B-I-B-L-E*

Psalm 119:97-106; Nehemiah 8:1-8

Our third step of the summer, after God's Goodness and God's Sovereignty is a natural pivot to ask how we know. Let's talk about the most stolen book in history.

## Sunday, June 28

*What Does Welcoming Mean?*

Matt Moore

Psalm 13:1-6; Matthew 10:40-42

What does welcoming mean in today's world? And does our welcome need to change when there's many generations in one place

## **Pentecost is May 24 | Wear Red!**

Why do we wear Red?

Wearing Red symbolizes the tongues of fire associated with the falling of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It represents the fire of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church, and the unity of believers throughout time and place.

# A Letter from Pastor Anna

Dear Church,

Spring has a way of reminding us that new things are always possible. As I look at what is ahead for our congregation this season, I find myself filled with genuine excitement; not just for the programs and events on the calendar, but for the deeper movement I sense God stirring among us. We have set our course for 2026 around a simple but powerful belief: that we are deeply known and loved by God, and that because of that love, we are called to be a community where all people can know others and be fully known and loved. Everything happening this spring and summer is an expression of that vision.

That vision is taking shape in more ways than I can count. Session members and volunteers will soon be calling every member of our congregation, not to check a box, but to genuinely listen and dream together about what God might be doing among us. Our high school youth are hungry for deeper faith, and new "Dig Deeper" Bible studies are launching to meet them there. Families will have new opportunities to grow together, from beginner sewing lessons to evenings at the pool exploring the Pool Rules of Faith. And through it all, our preaching this summer will ground us in the great story of who God is- good, sovereign, and revealed to us through Scripture. I am also grateful to be walking this season alongside you while Pastor Heather is on sabbatical. We hold her in our prayers and trust that this time of rest and renewal is preparing her well for the ministry ahead.

I want to invite you into all of it. I know, summer is busy! Schedules fill fast, and it can be hard to add one more thing. But what's ahead this season isn't just programming; it's an opportunity to show up, to be known, and to know others more deeply. Come and play at the pool nights. Answer and say hello when the church calls. Invite and bring a friend. Wonder and ask a harder question about your faith. We are building something together, and I believe the Spirit is moving at First Presbyterian Church.

Let's step into this season with open hands and expectant hearts.

In Christ, Pastor Anna

The River Valley AGO Chapter & First Presbyterian Church

## ORGAN CONCERT

featuring GARRETT MARTIN



**SATURDAY**  
May 23, 2026 at 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church  
310 5th St. SE | Cedar Rapids  
**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
(A free-will offering will be taken & a silent auction will be conducted)

*Come hear a virtuoso Organist from New York!*



First Presbyterian Church

## Organ Concert

The River Valley AGO Chapter will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on May 23, 2026 here at First Presbyterian Church.

We are excited to host this special event which will all culminate with an organ concert featuring Organist Garrett Martin from Buffalo, NY.

Garrett is very well known not only for his knowledge of church music and liturgy, but also for his very impressive skills at improvisation. His concert will be on Saturday, May 23, 2026 beginning at 7:30pm on the Reuter Pipe Organ of First Presbyterian. The concert is FREE and open to the public with a free-will collection taken to help with expenses. The evening will also feature a "silent auction" table that will have several baskets to bid on, which will help raise funds for the AGO Chapter. Invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to this wonderful concert that's not to be missed.

Then, on Sunday, May 24, 2026, Garrett will be our guest Organist for the Pentecost worship service, at 10:00am, which I know you will want to attend in person. He will share his service playing skills that morning, and you will have a chance to meet, greet and offer him a very warm First Presbyterian welcome after worship.

## Wednesday Youth Programming

**May 6th** | The middle school students will wrap up our series on the Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. We will examine the story of Yertle the Turtle as we explore the theme of what it means to be selfish. We will discover that we don't have to be selfish when we recognize that we are all children of God and that is all that we need. This is the strongest foundation on which to build our lives. As Matthew 5:16 says, we are called to let our lights shine before others, so that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.

The high school students will cover one more important topic to close out our regular Bible Study time together on Wednesday May 6th. We will be exploring the impact social media has on our cycles and habits that feed our sense of dissatisfaction. Philippians 4:19 reminds us that God will meet all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Each of us will be challenged to consider how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in meeting the needs of those around us.

**May 13th** | All middle school & high school students are encouraged to join us as we wrap up the end of the year as we reflect on how much we have grown individually and together as a community. We will be participating together in a special end of the year activity together.

### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Lock-In

Middle & High school students, please join us Friday May 1st at 7pm for our last overnight lock-in for the year. Pick up Saturday at 8am.

#### Bowling

Come join us for bowling at CRBC Saturday May 16th from 7-9 pm. We will bowl 2-3 games (Cost is \$4 per game) Shoe rental is \$3.50 per person.

#### Ice Cream

Come out and join us Wednesday May 27th, 6:30 pm at Almost Famous in NewBo for a time of ice cream and conversation.



## Middle School Mission Trip

On Sunday June 7th following worship, a group consisting of Stan, two adult leaders and six students will depart from our church parking lot as they travel to Columbia, MO for the week. They will be working and serving with Be The Neighbor which is an organization that provides a justice-based service-learning trip ministry that equips people to live lives of love, service, and justice. Their vision is to help individuals visualize a world where, through the love of serving neighbors, justice is realized, people flourish, and communities are made whole.

The theme of this trip is centered on Disability Inclusion and Advocacy. The group will get the opportunity to learn about the concept of disability from a disciples-focused theological perspective; they will identify barriers to justice and begin to develop a voice for advocacy and inclusion from what they experience during the week. The group will have the opportunity to work to learn from scholars working in disability theology fields, work alongside local disability justice advocates, and develop their own critical lens for combating ableism in their church and community.

The group will have a chance to work alongside young adults with developmental and degenerative disabilities. The group will leave Columbia, MO better equipped to work toward advocacy and inclusion and crafting a vision for disability justice within their own lives, their faith spaces, and within their community.

This group will be commissioned for this trip during worship on Sunday June 7th. We hope you will be in attendance to show your support as they head out to serve in another community for the week.



# FPC BOOK GROUP

The FPC Evening Book Group meets at 6:30 on the third Monday of each month except for a combined November-December meeting after Thanksgiving. Members select the books to be read, one per month, and the person recommending the book leads the discussion.

**On May 18th** we will meet in the home of Nan Riley 5300 Lakeside Rd, to discuss *the CIA Book Club*, the secret mission to win the Cold War with forbidden literature. This is a 1980's tale of a secret operation involving the underground press and smuggling operations to counteract the suffocating repression of the people in Poland and to foster the hopeful rise of the Solidarity trade union movement.

If you would like to join us, please email Nan at [tnlakeside@aol.com](mailto:tnlakeside@aol.com) or call 319-389-4495.

**On June 15th** we will meet in the home of Tom & Nancy Lackner, 11 Blake Ct SE. to discuss *1984* by George Orwell. 1984 Follows Winston Smith, a low ranking party member in totalitarian society, as he secretly rebels against Big Brother and the oppressive regime, ultimately facing betrayal, torture and psychological reprogramming.

If you would like to join us, please email Tom at [tlackner@coe.edu](mailto:tlackner@coe.edu) or call 319-270-0087.



**29<sup>th</sup> Annual**   
**Star-Spangled Organ Concert**  
**Sunday**  
**June 28, 2026**  
**3:00pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**310 5th Street SE**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA 52401**  
**Information: 319-200-5626**



Sponsored by:  
The River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO)

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The Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival 2026

## Star Spangled Organ Concert

The 29th Annual Star-Spangled Organ Concert will take place on Sunday, June 28, 2026 beginning at 3:00pm in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. This 29th annual concert is sponsored by the River Valley AGO with area organists and guests. The concert is FREE and will feature an afternoon of both patriotic and American music in celebration of Independence Day, and our nation's 250th birthday as part of the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival. Invite your family and friends to this wonderful annual event.



# FOOD GROUP

**Nasos**

453 7th Avenue - Marion

**5/21 @ 6:00 pm**

RSVP by 5/18

**Napoli's Italian Restaurant**

500 Marion Blvd - Marion

**6/18 @ 6:00 pm**

RSVP by 6/15

**Carolyn Horton - 899-0255 / [horton6902@msn.com](mailto:horton6902@msn.com)**





## Summer Camp at Bear Creek!

Looking for a fun summer adventure for your kids? Consider Camp Bear Creek, the Presbytery's summer camp! One of our own church kids summed it up perfectly; Camp Bear Creek is fun because of the mudslides, the pool, meeting new friends, and spending time with mom- during Me and You Camp.

Best of all, First Presbyterian Church pays 50% of the registration cost for church families. Don't let cost be a barrier; this is a wonderful opportunity for your children and youth to grow in faith and have a blast doing it.

For more information, contact Pastor Anna or visit the Camp Bear Website at <https://bearcreek.camp>

## Together, We Can Make a Difference

This Winter, the Session set a guiding belief for the 2026 year:

At FPC, we believe that we are deeply known and loved by God, therefore, we will be a community where all people can know others and be fully known and loved.

This Spring, we're putting that belief into practice! Our goal is to talk to every member of FPC and so we need to hear from you! We'll be asking some big, dreaming questions and we'll work to get those to you in bulletins, social media before we call so you have time to think. We'll be calling from the Church phone so please be sure to pick up.

This is a chance to shape what our community becomes this Fall and so we cannot wait to hear what's on your heart and mind.

## Session Notes

**Reaching Out to Members:** The Discipleship Commission is launching an all-member canvas, where Session members and volunteers will be calling church members to connect. Calls will come from the church's phone number, so pick up when you see us calling!

**Youth Group News:** Our high school group had a fantastic April with each group growing. The high school youth have asked for a deeper Bible study. Pastor Anna and Stan will start three "Dig Deeper" small groups in the coming month to meet this desire of students.

**Wayfinding Signage:** The Proclamation Commission will soon be testing new wayfinding signs around the building to help visitors and members find their way more easily. The first signs will be a draft designed to gather feedback before purchasing more permanent signage.

**Discussion Approval of draft Church Safety and Access Response Policy.** Session Designees named as Caroline Giddings and Keith Rippy. Attorney designee: Caroline to discuss with Kyle Wilcox. A one sheeter will be created for immediate response actions, including the pastor's cell phone numbers. First Presbyterian reserves the right to refuse entry to any one and to ask that masks be removed or entry will be refused.

**Explore First Pres/Coe Partnership/Exploring a Campus initiative.** Pastor Hayes has been in discussion with Coe College about connecting, realizing relationships and creating spaces where faith can be explored or embraced for a young cohort. The Lilly Grant has support for traditional Christian practices being reimagined and renewed for a new day. Such a program could include enrichment for community and for our congregation; Tradition, history and practices that are meaningful; Sacred arts and worship collaborations; Vocation/practice of Christian worship/go on trip together; space may be available at a church closer to Coe's Campus; how to get students to participate. The Grant application is due May 18 and would be for \$2.5M which would be distributed over 5 years. Pastor Sheetz stated that a focus of her ministry is on spiritual practice. Session was supportive moving forward with drafting a grant application.

As always, we are grateful to serve alongside you. In Christ, The Session of First Presbyterian Church



**9:00 am Sundays**  
Wernimont Room  
Lower Level

**IMPACT OF RELIGION ON OUR DAILY LIVES AND MODERN SOCIETY**

How does our religious faith inspire us to a fuller life and find hope, purpose, and meaning? How do religions differ, and how are they alike?

**5/3/26**

*Islam and Islamic Law*

**Tariq Igram**, PhD. Director of Shariah & Marketing  
Islamic Services of America

**5/10/26**

*Pure Land Buddhism*

**Morten Schlutter**, PhD. Assoc. Professor, Chinese  
Religion and Buddhist Studies, Univ. Iowa.

**5/17/26**

*Reform Judaism*

**Rabbi Todd Thalblum**, Temple Judah, C.R.

**5/24/26**

(Memorial Day Weekend)

**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

How do we educate our young people to be productive citizens and reach their potential? What challenges and pressures do students have to cope with because of changes in culture and in social media?

**5/31/26**

*School Choices*

**Ralph Plagman**, retired Principal, Washington H.S.

**6/7/26**

*Building Bridges: School-Community Conversations*  
**Cindy Garlock**, President, C.R. Board of Education

**6/14/26**

*Changes in Education*

**Tawana Grover**, Superintendent, C.R. Schools

**6/21/26**

*Youth Today: Leading a Youth Program, Inspiring  
Young Leaders, Improving Communication*

**Stan Letscher**, Youth Director, FPCCR

**HOPE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE**

How can Christian values help us to focus on our shared humanity to prevent discrimination? How does social and economic inequality create these needs?

**6/28/26**

*The Impact of the Church on Diverse  
Communities and Social Justice*

**Anthony Arrington**, Board Member, Associates for  
Social Justice, and Partner, Top Rank Culture



**Pool Rules of Faith**

**Summer Evenings for ALL AGES**

Join us for 5 Thursday evenings this June & July for faith conversations, activities, and open swim! We will gather each Thursday from June 18 – July 16 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Noelridge Aquatic Center.

Each evening we'll explore one of the Pool Rules of Faith:

**NO SWIMMING ALONE** | Community + Storytelling

**KNOW YOUR DEPTH** | Prayer + Scripture

**KEEP AN EYE OUT** | Service + Care

**REST REQUIRED** | Sabbath + Rest

**GUESTS WELCOME** | Hospitality + Celebration

These sessions are designed to pair with Pastor Anna's Summer Preaching Series, with curriculum written specifically for all ages — adults, teens, and children together.

**A few things to know:**

Entry is paid so there are no financial barriers to attend. Each night stands on its own, so come to whatever evenings fit your schedule so, there's no pressure to attend every session. Every participant who registers will receive a t-shirt. Friends are welcome any week, but shirts must be ordered in advance, so encourage them to register too! Programming wraps up by 7:30 p.m. for earlier bedtimes, with open swim continuing until 8:30. A concession stand is open until 8:00 p.m.; please note we will not be serving dinner. Per shelter rental rules, any food brought in must be cakes or cupcakes only!

**Registration closes**

**Sunday, May 17.**

Sign up via the QR Code.

Let's create a space for people of ALL AGES to be together!





## Learn to Sew!

**Monday, June 29, 1-3 pm**

**Tuesday, June 30, 9-12; 1-3 pm**

**Wednesday, July 1, 9-12; 1-3 pm**

You're invited to the Gathering Space for beginner sewing lessons. Students entering 3rd grade to Adults are welcome to attend. Learn how to use your own sewing machine, or use one at church to make a pillowcase, stuffed animals, sundresses, and more with guidance from experienced sewers and quilters!

Signups start in June! Curious before that? Connect with Cindy Monroe or Martha Booth.

## News from Endowment

Want to help ensure permanent financial support for the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres pastor? Read on.

Last September, the *Congregational Fund for Pastoral Support* was established in the church's endowment portfolio to provide a permanent stream of income to the general budget, specifically for pastoral support. This includes salary, benefits, study leave, insurance, and other expenses related to financially sustaining our pastoral staff.

Currently there is about \$48,000 in the fund, and the current plan is to reinvest distributions for about five years. With market growth and new gifts, the first goal is to reach \$100,000 by 2030. This will produce about \$4,500 in income directed to the annual budget for pastoral expenses, a good starting point.

The new gifts part of this is your opportunity to participate. All gifts to the fund are welcome, and anyone who makes a gift of \$1,000 or more will be entitled to membership in the **Little Muddy Legacy Society**. You may give cash or most any type of appreciated asset, like stocks or bonds.

Questions? Please contact Stormy Garretson at the church or Connie Richardson ([connie22richardson@yahoo.com](mailto:connie22richardson@yahoo.com), 319-541-1204).

## Reading Camp Update | Pausing This Summer, Planning for 2027

Many of you know and love Reading Camp, the long-established summer program that has made a real difference for children in our community. We want to share an important update.

Our longtime partner Four Oaks (Jane Boyd) has made the difficult decision to end their summer and wraparound school programming due to budget constraints. Without their partnership, we are not able to run Reading Camp this summer.

This is not the end of Reading Camp; only a pause. At a recent emergency planning meeting, we identified two Cedar Rapids organizations; Catherine McAuley and the Boys and Girls Club; that serve a similar population and may be strong potential partners.

Later this summer or in the fall, we plan to reach out to both organizations to share the history and heart of Reading Camp, with the hope of launching a new partnership in time for summer 2027.

In the coming weeks, we will be contacting our volunteers, financial supporters, and the Discipleship Commission at First Presbyterian to keep everyone informed. If you have supported Reading Camp in the past, with your time, your dollars, or your prayers, please know that your investment has not been forgotten, and we hope you'll be with us again when we start back up.

We are grateful for this community and confident that Reading Camp will find a new way forward. Watch for updates later this year as we begin planning for 2027.



## Pastor Heather Sabbatical

Pastor Heather is officially on sabbatical and making her way on the Continental Divide Trail. She plans to return the first week of October. We will be posting updates periodically so we can follow her along the trail, so keep an eye out for [#trailthursdays](#) on Facebook and our website, or check the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Many of you asked great questions during her Bon Voyage lunch, read below for a recap.

**Why do you want to walk?** I enjoy a physical challenge and waking each morning to have central rhythm for days out to walk, think and see beautiful things

**Why CDT?** Appalachian trail gives too many opportunities to go off trail, I want to do my own thing at my own pace, plus I've always loved the west!

**How many miles will you walk?** It depends on the day, could be 18-20 miles a day but with higher elevation, the miles go down.

**What are you doing for your own safety?** I will be protected with bear spray, a satellite locator, antibiotics, plenty of food, and daily check ins with family.

**After all the danger we mentioned, do you still want to go?** YES!

Are we all a little nervous about her safety? Yes, but Heather has planned this trip very diligently and is prepared. She will be passing through many different towns roughly every 10 days to shower, resupply and take much needed breaks. There are also apps she is using that alert her of any dangers she may come across or where some fresh water may be. Let's just say we are very grateful for all the technology these days! Good luck Heather, we'll see you soon!



**Friday May 1**

7:00 pm Youth Lock-In

**Sunday May 3****Communion Sunday**

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Monday May 4**

5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

**Tuesday May 5**

1-3 Ties that Bind

**Wednesday May 6**

\*Wednesday Nights

**Sunday May 9****Happy Mother's Day!**

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Tuesday May 12**

1-3 pm Ties that Bind

5:30 pm Deacons

6:30 pm Care Commission

**Wednesday May 13**

\*Wednesday Nights

**Sunday May 16**

7:00 pm Bowling @ CRBC

**Sunday May 17**

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Monday May 18**

6:30 FPC Book Group

**Tuesday May 19**

5:30 Admin Commission

**Wednesday May 20**

\*Wednesday Nights

**Thursday May 21**

6:00 Food Group

**Saturday May 23**

7:30pm Organ Concert

**Sunday May 24**

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Monday May 25****Memorial Day****Tuesday May 26**

5:30 pm Proclamation

7:00 pm Session

**Tuesday May 27**

6:30 pm Ice Cream @ Newbo

**Sunday May 31**

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Monday June 1**

5:30 pm Discipleship Commission

**Sunday June 7**

9:00 am Nursery &amp; Insight

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Tuesday June 9**

5:30 pm Deacons

6:30 pm Care Commission

**Sunday June 14**

9:00 am Insight

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Monday June 15**

6:30 Evening Book Group

**Tuesday June 16**

5:30 pm Admin Commission

**Thursday June 18**

6:00 Food Group

**Sunday June 21****Happy Father's Day!**

9:00 am Insight

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE****Tuesday June 23**

5:30 pm Proclamation

7:00 pm Session

**Sunday June 28**

9:00 am Insight

10:00 Worship &amp; LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

**SEMP SCHEDULE**

3:00 pm Star Spangled Organ Concert

**Sewing Camp:**

Monday, June 29, 1-3 pm

Tuesday, June 30, 9-12; 1-3 pm

Wednesday, July 1, 9-12; 1-3 pm

**Last day May 20****Wednesday Night Schedule:**5:30 - 6:30 Agape Kids (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)Middle School Youth (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:00-7:00 Bell Choir

6:30 Dinner

7:00-6:00 High School Youth

7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

**S.E.M.P.**

2:00 SEMP Prep

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

4:14 SEMP Greeter &amp; Guide

**Mahjong Wednesdays at 2:00 pm****Food Bank Hospitality M | W | F @ 12:30****Bridge to Opportunities Mon & Thurs 1:30-3:30**

# Birthdays @ First

5/1 Matt Davidson  
 5/1 Greg Thirnbeck  
 5/1 Calli Tyler  
 5/3 Rochelle Naylor  
 5/4 Carrie Bryner  
 5/4 Oliver Keuseman  
 5/4 Carly Ryder  
 5/5 Yaotse Dedo  
 5/5 Cheryl Stramel  
 5/7 Bill Ryder  
 5/8 Patrick Thies  
 5/10 Aubrey Weldon  
 5/11 Mike Davies  
 5/11 Tom Polehna  
 5/12 Justin Adams  
 5/12 Mercy (Afi) Apely  
 5/13 Andy Aalderks  
 5/13 Ryan Kiser  
 5/13 JJ Tyler  
 5/14 Keith Rippy  
 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  
 5/23 Julie Hagerman  
 5/25 Nancy Collins  
 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 Jim Richardson  
 5/29 Nan Riley  
 5/31 Mindi Dixson  
 6/1 Bob Mollman  
 6/2 Allie Adams  
 6/2 Patrick Hale  
 6/4 Kim Bramley  
 6/5 Matt Hoy  
 6/6 Simeon Jauhiainen  
 6/7 Sue Edmondson  
 6/7 Barb Kean  
 6/8 Evan Rosenbohm  
 6/9 Carolyn Horton  
 6/10 Karen Carver  
 6/10 Beth Smith  
 6/11 Martha Booth  
 6/11 Chuck Peters

6/12 Matthew Nelson  
 6/12 Katy Stolba  
 6/13 Libby Miller  
 6/15 Allie Hayes  
 6/15 Thomas Lackner  
 6/16 Diana Richardson  
 6/17 Jackson Stolba  
 6/18 Rosie Strang  
 6/19 Ann Blazek  
 6/20 Ladyliz Dedo  
 6/20 Neal Marple  
 6/21 Tyler Olson  
 6/23 Lynda Barrow  
 6/24 Ezechiele Apely  
 6/25 Charles Aalderks  
 6/25 Jersey Bilyeu  
 6/25 Brent Hagerman  
 6/25 Deb Sedlacek  
 6/27 Denny Goettel  
 6/27 Cole Younger  
 6/29 Joan Chadima  
 6/29 Joseph Militello  
 6/29 Michael Smith  
 6/30 Katie Hale  
 6/30 Heidi Kiser

## Anniversaries

5/1/1999 Dave & Heather Hayes  
 5/3/1980 Bob & Sue Mollman  
 5/5/1956 Clark & Nancy Parks  
 5/5/1979 Cynthia & John Burdakin  
 5/12/1978 Roxi & John McCrane  
 5/15/2016 Cory & Tiffany Elwick  
 5/17/2003 Mark & Tracy Zimmerman  
 5/19/1984 DeEtta & Phillip Andersen  
 5/23/1987 Carolyn & Dave 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  
 5/29/1966 Bonnie & Herb Neubauer  
 5/31/1969 Diana & Jim Richardson  
 5/31/1969 John & Stephanie Wagor  
 6/1/1965 Bob & Sherrie Bouton  
 6/3/2006 Chris & Charity Tyler  
 6/5/1965 Dave & Ethel Knutson  
 6/9/1983 Kathy Gregory-Fiala & Paul Fiala

6/10/1966 Jerry & Nancy Shirk  
 6/10/1978 Lisa & Dave Morris  
 6/10/1993 Kim Lanegran & Dan Ottemoeller  
 6/11/1961 Darlene & Von Elbert  
 6/12/1965 John & Sue Arthaud  
 6/12/1965 Betsy & Dave Kutter  
 6/15/2013 Lauren & Matt Stobb  
 6/18/1966 Connie & Rick Richardson  
 6/19/1966 Jeremy & Selma Brigham  
 6/26/2010 Amy & Scott Shoemaker  
 6/29/1959 Tom & Pat Reed

## Fellowship Hosts

5/3 Steve & Sue Stancato  
 5/10 Alisa Shields, Linda Cosgrove  
 5/17 PENTECOST PIE & ICE CREAM

5/24 HOSTS NEEDED!!  
 5/31 Connie Richardson, Kristen  
 6/7 Karen Carver & **HOST NEEDED!**

6/14 HOSTS NEEDED!  
 6/21 HOSTS NEEDED!  
 6/28 HOSTS NEEDED!

# First Presbyterian Church

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### First Presbyterian Church Staff

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