



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Gentle and Lowly

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Reminder:

July 1—Canada Day

July 4—Independence Day

July 16—Deacons

July 16—Session

WORSHIP:

9:00 AM Sunday

10:15 AM Sunday School

WEBSITE

www.fpcmarshalltown.org



Word of Wisdom from Pastor Bryan Kunz

Fellowship follows Worship

Sometimes brevity creates depth of meaning. I thought about that recently as I considered our church sign where it says “fellowship follows worship.” Of course, this is simply a statement about timing, but it also hints at a much deeper truth – worshipping together leads to and creates the basis for fellowshiping together.

In our deeply divided and individualistic age, worshipping together gives us a foundation of relationship. On Sunday mornings the sanctuary is a place where our political persuasion, our class, and our position don't matter because we are all sinners falling on our knees before our loving God. So when we move from there to the fellowship hall, our worship together should bring us as a people united by our common love for God and our desire to love our neighbor, so fellowship follows worship.

In college I had the opportunity to study Benedictine monasticism in a couple of short January-term classes. Traditionally, most Benedictine monks structure their days around 7 times of prayer. Usually these times of prayer include chanting the Psalms and singing together. In speaking with the monks, they would talk about how chanting together caused them to breathe together, it united them and was a key part of what made them a community. I was impressed that this group of people from all sorts of backgrounds could find a way to live and work together every day without major problems and I am convinced that worshipping together was key.

To take this one step farther, I think fellowship *must* follow worship. God calls us as his people to know and encourage one another, to hold one another accountable and teach each other. So we are missing out on a key part of discipleship if we simply show up and worship with people we barely know. Often in the New Testament the church is referred to as a “koinonia”, a word literally meaning “fellowship, sharing in common, communion.” So not only does fellowship follow worship, it should be a defining characteristic of what it means to be a church. We are to be a group that worships and prays and sings and fellowships together.

I know some of you can't join for coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall, but all of us have the opportunity to reach out to another Christian and share in fellowship whether it is coffee in someone's home or a conversation on the phone or meals together. We place a high emphasis on worship and studying scripture, but fellowship needs emphasis and intentionality as well. How can you make sure to really connect with some fellow Christians this week?

—Rev. Bryan Kunz



Youth News

Youth Spotlight

July 7—2pm Jazz Gig at Farmers' Market—Winner Banissan

July 14—Youth Event—
be looking for more details

Before she left to work for Summit Ministries in Georgia, Carissa King wrote this piece:

Gentle and Lowly

As our book study of *Gentle and Lowly*, by Dane Ortlund, wraps up formally, I wanted to encourage all of you again to read and study this book about God's heart. The book's first half dives into Christ's heart for us, exploring the meaning of Christ's declaration in Matthew 11, that He is gentle and lowly in heart. The second half explores how this aligns with God's heart in the Old Testament and wrestles with questions many of us have about God's love and wrath.

I know many of you were not able to make the book study work in your busy schedules but I encourage you to do your own study and explore God's heart for you and all of His children in new and deep ways. This book is an easy read, with short chapters. Set up a time to meet for coffee or lunch with a friend every few weeks and discuss a couple chapters at a time. Invite someone in or study the book on your own, taking time to reflect on each chapter, on the ways your sin might diminish the understanding and power of God's heart for you in your everyday life. I have found no one who has read this book and was not challenged by the truth that it explores.



What's coming at FPC

New pictorial church directory coming!

Mark your calendar for **October 1 & 2** when a company will be here to take individual & family pictures for our new pictorial directory. As in the past, you can purchase photos for your home or as gifts which should be back in time for Christmas. The directory will be printed and also digital which will be updated from time to time. More details to come. See Tracy Ostrem with any questions.

Picnic at the park

Coming August 25th! M&I Committee is planning a picnic at Kaufman City Park in State Center. Serving will begin at 11:30, so there will be time after church to change clothes and take the short drive to the park. M&I will be grilling burgers, brats, and hot dogs, making baked beans, and providing table service and the drink. You are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. This is time for some visiting, relaxing, eating, games, and fun. The splash pad will be available, so bring a towel for the kids. This will be a nice get together before everyone returns to school and fall schedules!

M & I seeking ideas

M & I is always looking for fun things to do to bring our church family together by playing and eating together. Talk to Tracy Ostrem, Jackie Hughes, or any other member of the committee if you have an idea for something we can do together from a class, a meal, a concert, sporting event, you name it!

News from the pews

If you have news you would like to share with your church family you can put your photo, clipping, or other information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

VBS Recap from Carissa King

VBS was a huge success! We served 60 different kids over the four nights. We learned that God is our forever friend who loves us and wants everyone to be a part of His family. Each night the children rotated in groups of 10-15 students through 5 stations to learn more about an aspect of friendship with God. We got to learn the stories of Elijah, Jonah, Jesus, and Lydia and each day learned a new memory verse from the Gospel of John. These themes were reinforced through fun crafts, games, and science experiments at the other stations. I want to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and donors that made VBS such a success! VBS would not be possible without your generous donations of time, money, and care for these children.



News & Upcoming Events

Coming this Month: Office updates for summer

Due to holidays and vacations, the church office will be closed the following dates in July:

Thursday, July 4
Monday, July 22
Tuesday, July 23
Monday, July 29

Pastor Bryan will be on vacation July 30—August 8.

Tip of the Hat to ...

Don Feld for putting up the shiny new mailbox.... **Matt Tullis** for mowing around the church.... **Steve Anderson, Diane Broshar,** and **Bill Lawyer** for faithfully running sound and video for worship and events....Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of June: **Diane Broshar, Matt Broshar, Jackie Hughes, Naysa Rottink, Bert Tice,** and **Michelle Wilkinson.**

Music & Choir

Choir and bell choir will not meet in June or July. They will restart in August.

Special music is needed throughout the summer. If you would like to provide special music, or if you know of someone who might, please talk to Wynona Anderson.

Recent Mission Blog Posts

We post to our mission blog every other Tuesday, but this month we had a bonus post. Here are our most recent blog posts. They can be accessed here: <https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/blog>

June 11 ChildVoice—Uganda
June 25 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Circle News

Elizabeth Circle will meet in the Lower Lounge, on **Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** We will be studying lesson #4. All women are welcome.

Sarah Circle will not meet over the summer.

Hymn Sing

There will be **NO** Hymn Sing in July. Check this space or the bulletin for information on August.

Pantry Update

At press time, at least **193** items have been donated in June. Over **1,200** items have been donated in 2024! We appreciate everyone's generosity to this project. Items most needed at this time are *breakfast cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, ramen, shelf-stable milk or dry milk packets, single serving and family-size meals, canned soups, baby food, bread, tortillas, and proteins, including peanut butter and tuna, eggs, .* You may bring items to the wagon under the main entrance stairs any time.

Altar Flowers

There are still a few Sundays available to sponsor altar flowers this summer. The bouquets are \$26.75 per bouquet, or \$53.50 for both. You may also bring flowers from your garden (please give the church office a week's notice if you plan to do this). The available dates are:

August 18*
Sept. 8, 15, 29
*one bouquet



June Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown met in the Fellowship Hall, June 18, 2024.

Moderator Rev. Bryan Kunz opened the Session meeting at 7:03 p.m. Tracy Ostrem presented devotions and the opening prayer.

There was a quorum in attendance.

Search Team Report: There are a few candidates in the process and a second interview is scheduled with one of them.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bryan said Carissa did a great job with VBS. He will be gone on study leave the last week of June. The "podcast" sermon style will return for a series in July.

Finances: Matt Broshar reported weekly giving was up in May with a positive cash flow for the month. Insurance rates increased 13% for the coming year, but the church is insured.

Committee Reports:

Memorials: Steve Anderson said the committee will meet at the end of July.

Property: Steve Anderson reported they have found a company to replace the north-east door. They are investigating EIFS (a stucco-like finish) as an option for the north Gathering Place wall instead of tuckpointing, but no decision has been made.

Mission/Evangelism: Motion carried to confirm the email vote to have a special offering for PDA Iowa tornado relief. Lee Wilkinson reported on the June 8 outreach event at Mega-10 park.

Worship & Music: There were 104 present for communion by intinction in June.

Christian Education: Pastor Bryan reported VBS took most of the committee's time, but they are also working on changes to the rotation model curriculum to add more stories.

A&P: Pastor Bryan said the committee will meet soon to discuss PCUSA benefit changes.

Membership & Involvement: Tracy Ostrem said the church picnic will be August 25th at State Center City Park. Lavonne Watkins is working on long-term member recognition in September. Church directory pictures will be October 1-2, 2024.

Other: Boundaries Training for elders is now available online.

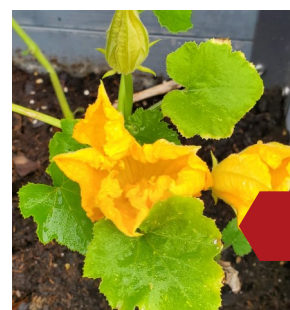
Motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting following prayer at 8:09 p.m.

Financial Report

June

JUNE 2024	Actual
Total Receipts	\$34,534.00
Budget	33,515.00
Total Expenses	(\$30,134.00)
Budget	(31,381.00)
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts	\$176,661.00
Budget	178,810.00
Difference	(2,149)
Total Expenses	(\$177,031.00)
Budget	(183,333.00)
Difference	6,302

Newsletter deadline with AUGUST 2024 information is Friday, July 19, 2024, for anyone wanting to submit an article.



Members in mission making a difference.

GOOD NEWS from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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July 2024 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Richie Ritter	2 Susan Hibbs	3 Dalton Henze	4 Nancy Kremer	5	6 Doris Langenbau
7	8	9 Sarah Hemming- Meyer	10 Dave Beckmann	11	12	13 Kris Colwell
14 Gail Reese	15 Terry Buzbee	16	17 Deanna Bell	18	19 Abby Hala	20 Michelle Brown
21	22 Steve Anderson	23 Carson Erikson	24 Josh Grosvenor Fred Rinnan	25	26 Mary Lovig	27 Marge Wolfe
28 Brooke Tullis	29 Dave Freel	30 Ben Ostrem	31	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.</i></p>		

Role	SUNDAY SERVANTS				
	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	
Worship Leader	Bill Eilers	Angie Pietig	Thomas Wilkinson	Doug Cooper	
Greeters		Garry & Terri Rottink			
Door Greeter	Roger Schoell	Tedra Henze		Anna Randall	
Fellowship Hosts		Mitch & Michelle Brown Family	Jackie Hughes		
Cup Washers	Jacob Jorgensen	Roger & Karen Schoell	Jackie Hughes	Jacob Jorgensen	
Donuts	Roger & Karen Schoell	Jacob Jorgensen	Doug Cooper	Marlene Snyder	
Nursery	& Madi Stull	Larissa Kunz &	&	& Madi Stull	
Flowers	Joyce Anderegg; Anna Randall	Hank & Bonnie Bradbury	Jim Grimmus; McKibbens	Robin Harrison	
Deacons	Pat & Mary Hemming	Jim Grimmus & Ruth Feld	Paul & Karin Podhajsky	Barb McBride & Terri Rottink	
AV Tech	Diane Broshar		Bill Lawyer	Steve Anderson	Steve Anderson
Usher Teams	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
Team Captain	Terry Buzbee & Larry Schrum	Stan & Nancy VanWyk	Roger & Karen Schoell	Josh Grosvenor & Andy Randall	Dick & Barb McBride
Ushers	Tim Bell Mick DuBois Harlan Quick Bruce Wirin	Barb Vovos	Pat & Mary Hemming	Ryan Flack Lucas Johnson Matt McKibben Ross Turbiville Kyle Young	Chuck Colwell Karen Colwell Steve Strand
Usher Alternates (any Sunday)	Bonnie Bradbury Craig Henze LaVerne Paul	Diane Broshar Pat Kremer Harlan Quick Barb Vovos	Doug Cooper Arlene Lange Anna Randall Lee Wilkinson	Bonnie Grimmus Dennis Ostrem John Simpson	Jim Grimmus Tracy Ostrem Lisa Simpson

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JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 A & P Comm.	2	3	4  Office Closed	5	6 7:30a Men's Group
6 Pastor Bryan away →		9 Pastor Bryan returns	10	11 8:30a Flapjacks – Lower Lounge 1:30p Elizabeth Circle	12	13 7:30a Men's Group
8 8:40a – Prayer -Conf. Room 9:00a Worship – online & in person 10:15a Adult Sunday school	8 6:00p Worship & Music Comm. 6:00p M & I Comm. 7:00p Missions & Evangelism Comm.	9 6:00p Bible Study 6:15p Bible Study	10 8:30p Praise Team			
14 8:40a – Prayer -Conf. Room 9:00a Worship – online & in person 10:15a Adult Sunday school 2:00p Youth	15	16 6:00p Deacons 7:00p Session	17 8:30p Praise Team	18 8:30a Flapjacks – Lower Lounge 2:00p FPC serves @ House of Compassion	19 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20 7:30a Men's Group
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