



The Grinnell Presbyterian

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Kirsten Klepfer, Pastor

GARDEN OF READIN'.....

Not that long ago, I was talking to a member of our church a couple days after a funeral for another member. They felt awful. They hadn't heard about the death until the funeral was over and done with.

It was a good wake up call to me. It seems like in this day and age, such things don't need to happen. For that reason I know every church works on improving their communication, because you don't ever want someone to miss the message of the moment, especially something as important as this.

I also know you can't completely avoid these things happening, no matter how hard you try and how great your communications processes and technologies are. But this encounter came right as Sheryl and I were asking questions about how to best get word out to the congregation about all manner of things.

So, we sent word to our communications committee, who took up the project with great thought and expertise. Dan McCue, Donna Ricks, Susan McIntyre, and Selva Lehman are currently serving on this committee, and they began thinking about our church, our current systems of communication, and ways we might step up our game.

One thing we know is we need to have some more options for getting information out during the middle of the week (like notices of death and funerals). We are also looking to offer a weekly email with the announcements that we list in the bulletin each week. Then there are times we get alerts from places like the MICA Food Pantry about immediate needs, and we'd love to disseminate those to people who are interested.

We know all of you have different needs in terms of what information you want to receive and how you want to receive it. Facebook, email, hard copy, phone call, website—all of these are tools we can use. The trick now is to match your needs with our delivery systems and information.

To that end, the communication committee is devising a way to gather that information. Keep your eyes peeled for this so you can let us know what works. Then we will do a six month trial where, using the preferences gathered from you all, we will put out more information (beyond Sundays and monthly newsletters) and see how that goes. We will need your feedback and comments, so don't hesitate to contact Dan McCue with thoughts throughout that six months.

All of us—Sheryl, me, and the communications committee—have great respect for your time and always strive to not inundate you with emails or information beyond what truly makes sense. Thanks for working with us to move ahead.

Peace,
Pastor Kirsten



TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY RESOLVED!

Thanks to the many members and friends of First Presbyterian Church who participated in the July 14 ðMusic Manö evening, trouble and worry in River City was surely sent packing! A total of 63 folks enjoyed an early 20th century meal prior to heading to the community theatre production of ðThe Music Man.ö

As always, many hands made light work for the all-church event! The planning/preparation committee had a lot of fun discovering what food items might have been enjoyed by ðRiver Citiansö (or by folks in Grinnell) in 1912! Thank you to **Marlene and Ray Peak, Chris and Dennis Day, Gail and Stan Greenwald, Miriam Baumann, Janice Logan, Linda Stoll, Phil McCune, and Al Ricks** for their work with the preparations for the evening. Thanks, too, to the Saturday morning ðclean-upö crew of **David Isch, Linda Stoll, Gail and Stan Greenwald**, and Al Ricks for moving us back to the 21st century!

What's next for all-church events? The annual **Presbyteremberfest!** Save the date of **Sunday, September 24** for this great day! **John and Susan McIntyre** are looking forward to hosting the afternoon picnic (with hayrides and farm activities) at the new home of Eric and Guinevere McIntyre, rural Grinnell. More information will be coming as the date approaches.



CHOIR BEGINS ON AUGUST 20

Choir will begin rehearsing on **Sunday, August 20 at 9:15. a.m.** There are no auditions, no requirements and no reservations necessary. Everyone is encouraged to join the choir in offering music in our worship service every Sunday. The choir is directed by **Mary Fopma** and practices from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Sundays mornings in the sanctuary. If you have questions, call the church office 236-6059.

THANK YOU TO OUR JULY COFFEE MAKERS AND CAKE BAKER

Thank you to our July coffee and lemonade makers: **Ray and Marlene Peak, Marta Miller, Sheryl Parmley, and Donna Winburn.** Thank you to **Mary Lou Doty and Doty Stoker** for the yummy cake for birthday Sunday.

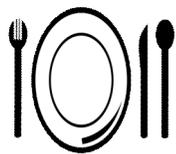


SUNDAY SCHOOL Begins **September 10th** **9:15 a.m.**

ACT
justly
LOVE
mercy
WALK
humbly
MICHAEL 6:8

MEALS ON WHEELS: SEPTEMBER 18-29

A sign up sheet will be available soon in the Fellowship Hall for this great community program. More details to follow in the September newsletter. New volunteers are always welcome!



COMMUNITY MEAL

First Presbyterian Church is scheduled to provide the Community Meal in October. We would welcome your help. Additional details coming in the September newsletter.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	June	Year-to-Date
Pledge Income	\$10,989	\$75,799
Budgeted	\$11,880	\$71,281
Total Income	\$11,678	\$80,178
Budgeted	\$12,371	\$74,231
Expenses	\$ 9,893	\$70,903
Budgeted	\$12,103	\$71,724

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Scheduling of Sunday Servants for September through December has been completed and will be posted on the kiosk in its entirety. It is also being included in the church's newsletter this month. If you don't see your name on the Sunday Servants and want to be included, please let the church office know and Sheryl will pass that word along to the those on the Worship Committee that do the scheduling. Please know you are not being intentionally excluded.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session was off in July. Highlights will return in September!

LECTIONARY IN AUGUST

August 6—9th Sunday after Pentecost. 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalms 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

August 13—10th Sunday after Pentecost. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:23-33.

August 20—11th Sunday after Pentecost. 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary readings: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalms 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28.

August 27—12th Sunday after Pentecost. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalms 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. - Maya Angelou



A FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK UPDATE

The Food Recovery Network will resume its fall and winter schedule beginning August 29th. They will be serving food **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** at **First Presbyterian Church** and on **Saturdays** at 2 p.m. at the **Station Club House**. The Food Recovery Network of Grinnell began in February 2014 when we were approached by Grinnell College students to see if we could serve as a distribution site. In the last three years plus a few months, we have been able to distribute food to hungry people in Grinnell, which would otherwise go into the trash. We have rescued about twenty tons or **40,000 pounds** of food in that time. We currently get food from the college during the school year, Hy-Vee, Pizza Ranch, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Grinnell Regional Medical Center, and recently from Jimmy Johns. We are hoping to add fresh produce from the Local Foods Connection soon. We typically provide food to individuals and families, representing about 60-70 individuals weekly. In addition we often have people who stop at the church on days we do not formally distribute, and often Sheryl or Pastor Kirsten can give them food from what we have stored in one of our small refrigerator freezers. We have a core of faithful volunteers who make this distribution possible: **Roger Bortell, Carey Krull, Al Ricks, Chrissy Hazlett, Janice Logan and Meredith Breiting**, in addition to Shane Estes and Susan Willig from outside our church and a number of college students when college is in session. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. We thank the church for allowing us to have the distributions. Linda and David Cranston



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The summer read is in full swing! This summer we are exploring a book on a very timely subject: the refugee crisis in the middle east. *A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: The Journey of Doaa Al Zamel: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival*, by Melissa Flemming. It's not too late to get involved! Please contact Susan McIntire for additional information.

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process. - John F. Kennedy



CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBER MARTENSON!

Amber had a great year at the Central Iowa-County Fair in Marshalltown. She had drawings that won awards and are headed on to the Iowa State Fair (look for them there). She showed her rabbits and won Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Her top award was in rabbit agility. She will participate in rabbit agility at the Iowa State Fair on Wednesday, August 16 at 6 p.m. and she will show her rabbit the next day. And finally **Amber** was one of the five contestants for the Central Iowa-County Fair Queen, and did an amazing job! **Amber** has been a consistent presence at the county fair for years. She works hard all year long getting ready, and we're all so impressed with everything of her work, her entries, her shows, and her wins.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin. - Mother Teresa



HOWEVER YOU SAY TOMATO, 'TIS THE SEASON TO EAT THEM!

Consider the tomato: easy to grow, healthy to eat, tasty in just about any recipe and pleasant to look at. August is the tomato's season to shine! Tomatoes are a good source of the antioxidant lycopene and contain healthy doses of vitamins A and C. For the best fruit (they're fruits, not vegetables), choose tomatoes with shiny, firm skin and a little give, and store them at room temperature away from direct sunlight. Keep them out of the fridge, since cold temperatures can affect texture and flavor. Tomatoes satisfy something more than just taste, they feed your soul. Eat up! - Taken from *Time* magazine.



Al Ricks and friends for organizing the Music Man all church event.

Roger Bortell for watering the landscaping three times a week.

David Isch, Carey Krull, Paul Parmley, Al Ricks and Russ Stoker for their work on the landscaping on the east side of the church.

Roger Bortell and Russ Stoker for their continued work on our grounds to keep them looking great during these hot days of summer.

All who contributed to the ramp fund for the family in need. We raised \$725. In the meantime, another church had also offered to pay for the ramp to the house, so our money was used for housing expenses instead. The family was extremely grateful!

Susan McIntyre for preaching the Sunday after Pastor Kirsten was at Synod School.



FEED THE HUNGRY

A FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEED

There is a critical need of Ramen noodles, toilet paper, paper towels, boxes of kleenex, small bottles of dish soap, laundry detergent, softener sheets, deodorant for men and women, toothbrushes and toothpaste (all sizes and kinds).

If you choose to make a financial donation and wish it to go to specifically to the food pantry, please mark your check for the "**Poweshiek County Food Pantry**". MICA is also able to use **gift cards**.

GREAT NEWS FOR JENNY PEEK!

Rev. Roger Todd, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports, "**Jenny Peek, of First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell**, who was examined at the Presbytery Meeting on June 3 at Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames, has been offered and she has accepted a position to become Interim Chaplain for Yale University, and has accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor of the University Church on the campus of Yale. She most likely will be ordained and installed in the Fall." We celebrate with Jenny! - Taken from the Des Moines Presbytery News.

Pray for peace in our nation and in the world.



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Prayer	2	3 5:15 Respite	4 Office closed 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	5
6 Holy Communion Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	7 7:00 Alanon	8 10:00 Care Givers Group 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Prayer	9	10 5:15 Respite	11 Office closed 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	12
13 Heifer 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	14 7:00 Alanon	15 12:00 Food Recovery Network 3:00 Food Distribution 4:30 Prayer	16 6:30 Session	17 5:15 Respite	18 Office closed 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	19
20 9:15 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	21 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Alanon	22 10:00 Care Givers Group 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Prayer	23	24 10:30 Newsletter Mailing 5:15 Respite	25 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	26 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Food Share
27 Birthday Sunday 9:15 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	28 7:00 Alanon	29 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Prayer	30 12:00 Food Recovery Network	31 12:00 Food Recovery Network		

Have
Faith
in
GOD

An early morning walk is a blessing for the entire day. - By HDT

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. - E.E. Cummings



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

The fall mission project is once again **baby items** needed for the **Heart and Hands Care Clinic** in Des Moines, Iowa. Items needed are **infant outfits, socks, onesies, diapers, lotions and ointments, caps and booties, baby gowns, blankets and baby Tylenol**. A box will be available soon in the Fellowship Hall marked baby items for the care clinic.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated containers for the Food Recovery Network. At this time **we do not need** anymore containers.

We become what we think about.
- Earl Nightingale

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

First Presbyterian Church donated 65.2 pounds of food plus milk and bread vouchers to the Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry in June. 293 food boxes were distributed. Every donation helps MICA fulfill its mission: Helping People. Changing Lives. Building Communities.



LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

First Presbyterian Church has a committed group of people who spend time each day in prayer for people in our congregation and larger community. They receive requests through our prayer chain, which is organized by our deacons. If you have a prayer request for this group you can email it to deaconsfirstpres@gmail.com or contact the church office, 236-6059. Praying for each other is a personal gift and costs nothing.

Happy
Birthday!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

26 Sue Keenan
4 Miles McIntyre
56 Sheryl Parmley
66 Martin Stuhr-Rommereim
96 Sue Ahrens
22 Kris DeWild
24 Katie Hoisington
25 Dennis Day
26 Deidre Freeman
29 Karen Phillips

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"I downloaded them from a cloud."

If you don't have time to pray and read the scriptures, you are busier than God ever intended you to be. -Taken from Pinterest.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

AUGUST

6- Liturgist: Mary Anne Nickle
Greeters: Stan and Gail Greenwald
Deacon: Mary Lou Doty
Ushers: Rich Thorson, Damien Nickle
Coffee: Marie Eisenman
Acolyte: Damien Nickle
Van Driver: Al Ricks
Nursery Volunteer: Emily Moore
Communion Servers: Karla Kriegel, Jim Ferguson
Offering Counters: Mary Anne Nickle and 2nd person as assigned by the Finance Committee
13- Liturgist: Char Ewan
Greeters: Bob and Carol Weisskopf
Deacon: Gail Greenwald
Ushers: Joy and Carey Krull
Coffee: Chrissy Hazlett
Acolyte: Julio Parmley
Van Driver: John Martenson
Nursery Volunteer: Jill Kaiser
20- Liturgist: Chris Day
Greeter: Katie Hoisington
Deacon: Denise and Rich Creps
Ushers: Donna and Al Ricks
Coffee: Char Ewan
Acolyte: Miles McIntyre
Van Driver: David Cranston
Nursery Volunteer: Sue Ahrens
27- Liturgist: Selva Lehman
Greeters: Dallas and Lola Sterk
Deacon: Phil McCune
Ushers: Marv and Mary Lou Doty
Coffee: Chris and Dennis Day
Acolyte: Slane McCue
Van Driver: Karla Kriegel
Nursery Volunteer: Marta Miller
Cake Baker: Sheryl Parmley

SEPTEMBER

3- Liturgist: Dennis Day
Greeters: Jim and Sue Ahrens
Deacon: Gail Greenwald
Ushers: Char Ewan, Jim Ferguson
Coffee: David Cranston
Acolyte: Alana Ferguson
Van Driver: Carey Krull
Nursery Volunteer: Deb Martenson
Communion Servers: Dan McCue, Karla Kriegel
Offering Counters: Russ Stoker, 2nd person assigned by Finance Committee
10- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Miriam Baumann
Deacon: Mary Lou Doty
Ushers: Evelyn Freeman, Jill Kaiser
Coffee: Carolyn Jacobson
Acolyte: Zach Nickle
Van Driver: Montie Redenius
Nursery Volunteer: Linda Cranston
17- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Art Heimann
Deacon: Marlene Peak
Ushers: Karla Kriegel, Janice Logan
Potluck: Donna and Al Ricks
Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer
Van Driver: John and Susan McIntyre
Nursery Volunteer: Chrissy Hazlett
24- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Katie Hoisington
Deacon: Ed Phillips
Ushers: John Martenson, Ray Peak
Coffee: Carey Krull
Acolyte: Damien Nickle
Van Driver: Karen Phillips
Nursery Volunteer: Hannah Lundberg
Cake Baker: Montie and Suzanne Redenius



BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME

Friends of International Student (FIS) hosts are needed for international students who arrive for student orientation at Grinnell College. This can be a mutually rewarding experience. The Friends of International Students Program matches students with families and welcomes families who would like to make friends and provide support for a student during the year. To volunteer or for more information, call the Office of International Student Services, 641-269-3703. Read about the program and complete the on-line *Family Participation Form* today!

Change your To Do List to an
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**SOMETHING THAT
WILL MAKE YOU
SMILE!**

Running through sprinklers.

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Return Service Requested

