



The Grinnell Presbyterian

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Kirsten Klepfer, Pastor

GARDEN OF READIN'...

My first year at this church, when stewardship time rolled around, I had only been here a couple months. I wrote a newsletter column sharing the top ten things I am grateful for at this church. In fact, it was ten expressions of the one thing I was so struck by in my first couple months here: The spirit of generosity.

I am going to do a re-boot of this list, because it amazes me how on the nose I was after only being here a short while (it actually kind of freaks me out a little). It is also a really great way to say "thank you" to all of you for embodying the spirit of generosity in amazing ways every single day. So, here it is, my 2005 and 2018 list of top ten things I am grateful for:

1. Generosity of Spirit: The open heartedness one experiences when walking through the doors on a Sunday morning at this church is almost enough to knock you over.
2. Generosity of Time: It has been a true gift to me to watch how generous people are with their time at this church - with or without being asked. People see the church as an integral part of their whole lives. It is not just something we all fit into our busy schedules.
3. Generosity of Money: Our mission giving continues to grow, and when a need in the community arises, people give easily and joyfully. I find myself overwhelmed and amazed each time we take an offering. It is inspiring, it is amazing and it is a wonderful witness we make to a world often imprisoned by money.
4. Generosity of Love: Often when I go visit a member of our congregation, the person I visit tells me that someone else from our church "has just been here", or "just stopped by with a cake", or "just gave me a ride to the doctor". This is not an occasional occurrence. It is the norm. It is wonderful!
5. Generosity of Hope: One of the main reasons I love church and need church is to remind me over and over again of the hope found in Jesus Christ. I find so many people here who truly believe that all things are possible with God.
6. Generosity of Talents: Not only do we burst at the seams with gifts and abilities, we let the seams rip open and unleash those gifts on our church, our community and our world. Everywhere I look, I see people realizing the unique and wonderful gifts they have been given by God and then finding ways to use them in service to others.
7. Generosity of Humor: Humor is one of the best gifts we can give each other and the world, and I find it here and find it often. I laugh a lot with you all, and enjoy the way this church is serious about faith, but doesn't take itself too seriously.
8. Generosity of Forgiveness: If this church lacks anything, it is lacking in judgment of others. I have seen time and time again the difference unconditional love and forgiveness make in people's lives, and believe this is an essential part of our ministry.
9. Generosity of Worship: I have loved worshipping with you all. I leave feeling like I have connected to God's call for our lives, and like I can, with you all by my side, take whatever the next step is in living that call out.
Generosity of God: I am so grateful for God's abundant gifts of creation, of laughter, of seasons and cycles, of song and poetry, of emotions and passions, and I am grateful for God's gift of all of you. You inspire me to generosity and caring and for that I am truly thankful.
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Peace,
Pastor Kirsten



PRESBYTEMBERFEST THIS SUNDAY!

Merrill Park West Shelter (11th and Main)

3:00 p.m. Softball Game

5:00 p.m. All-Church Picnic

Ending with devotions by 7:00 p.m.

ALL are invited. Come for fun, fellowship, and good food! Sandwiches (burgers, brats, and vegetarian burgers), beverages (lemonade and water) and condiments will be provided. Bring other food items to share, as convenient.

The fun gets underway at 3:00 p.m. with an everyone involved softball game. Even if it has been 50 years since you've swung a bat, this will be your chance to play ball, in a no-pressure, friendly, supportive game! At 5:00 p.m. we'll shift just a few yards to the east, to Merrill Park's West Shelter, for the all-church picnic. (Restroom facilities are nearby.) A devotional time will conclude our evening by 7:00 p.m.



Bring: A winning smile! A softball glove and bat (if you have them). Picnic food items to share (if it is convenient).

We're looking forward to seeing you at Presbyterfest '18!



MEN'S BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 13

Men of the church are invited to attend the **Men's Breakfast, Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 a.m.** Come anytime after 7:00 for coffee and conversation, with breakfast being served about 7:30.

Thanks to Dan McCue and Montie Redenius for preparing and leading the September breakfast. Eleven men and two guests were in attendance.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table in Fellowship Hall (to help with meal count). Questions? Contact Al Ricks at 391-269-3475 or adrgohud@msn.com.

CROP WALK:

OCTOBER 6TH AT

10 A.M.—MEET AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The annual CROP Hunger walk will be held **Saturday, October 6th**. The walk begins at 10 a.m., with registration at First Presbyterian Church starting at 9:30 a.m. We will walk through downtown, and everyone who can is asked to wear a black shirt so we can be identified as a group.

We are dedicating the month of September as a preparation for the walk. We are asking for volunteer walkers to pick up their envelopes and begin collecting funds. Envelopes and materials can be obtained from **Marta Miller**.

The CROP Hunger walk supports programs here in the United States and around the world to help provide food resources and clean water. One-fourth of the funds raised in Poweshiek County will be divided among the three food shelves: MICA, Montezuma and Malcom. We are suggesting volunteers go online and register with the Grinnell Crop Hunger Walk. (<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/grinnellia/>). Then those who wish to contribute online, may do so. You may then contact those on your social media groups, and suggest they support their local CROP walk, but if they have no local one, and they support what the CROP walk does, they can contribute to yours. There is a generic Grinnell CROP walk site already set up to use if you do not want to set up your own walker account: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/grinnellia/grinnellwalker>.

All the funds contributed online through the Grinnell Crop Hunger Walk site will be credited to it and added to the funds obtained locally by cash or check. So, please support your local walkers or the generic site. And if you want to join the fun, volunteer and pick up a packet, and start raising donations.

P.S. We have treats the day of the walk!



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY—OCTOBER 14

Please remember to bring **your pledge cards to worship on October 14th**. We will dedicate the pledges during worship. If you are unable to be in worship that day (or just forget to bring your card) please get your pledge to the office as soon as possible. We rely on this information for our budgeting, which will begin in October.



SEG YARD SALE: SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 1204 SUMMER
STREET—8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

Do you have items you could donate? Do you need to find awesome things at a cheap price? S.E.G. is holding a yard sale to raise money for its loan program, and you are invited to give items and come the day of to find those perfect treasures for your home. S.E.G. is a program that provides no-interest loans for people that don't otherwise have access to financial services.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 8,615	\$98,262
Budgeted	\$11,750	\$94,000
Total Income	\$ 9,828	\$105,046
Budgeted	\$12,241	\$ 97,933
Expenses	\$12,000	\$100,861
Budgeted	\$12,172	\$ 97,718



OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Donna Winburn
- 2-Bev Miller
- 3-Donna Roche
- 46Kirsten Klepfer, Helen Stuhr-Rommereim
- 56Ray Peak, Paul Parmley
- 11-Janice Logan
- 126Suzanne Redenius
- 156Marie Allbee, Joyce Shook, Roger Bortell
- 16-Graeme McCue
- 17-Bill Bennett
- 24-Russ Stoker
- 27-Mary Doty
- 29-Gail Greenwald
- 31-Bonnie Rutherford

LECTIONARY IN OCTOBER

October 7—20th Sunday after Pentecost, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

October 14—21st Sunday after Pentecost, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

October 21—22nd Sunday after Pentecost, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

October 28—23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

PRAYER CHAIN

First Presbyterian has an active group of people who commit to pray for anyone who asks for that. This group is always open for new members, and of course all are invited to send a prayer request. You can send it by email: deaconsfirstpres@gmail.com, or call the office at 641-236-6059. Prayer request cards are also available in the pew racks.



COME JOIN US!

For a class in **Healing Oils of Ancient Scripture on Saturday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. or Sunday, October 21st at 12:30 p.m.** This class will last approximately 2 hours. Please bring your Bible or you can use a church Bible because we will be looking at scripture and what it says about 12 essential oils including Aloes (Sandalwood), Cassia, Cedarwood, Cypress, Frankincense, Galbanum, Hyssop, Myrrh, Myrtle, Onycha, Rose of Sharon, Spikenard. You will get to sample these oils and learn what science is telling us about essential oils today. We will learn about anointing and share the blessing of anointing with someone in the class. Suggested \$3.00 donation for the oils shared but not necessary to join us for this experience. You can contact Marta Miller at 641-236-0266 or at mjo_miller@yahoo.com if you have any questions. **See you on the 20th or 21st.**

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Alanon	2 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer 7:00 Steering Committee for Possible Immigration Enforcement	3 12:00 Food Recovery Network 5:45 Personnel Committee	4 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	5 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	6 10:00 CROP Walk 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Rain date for parking lot in use only for Cemetery Walk
7 World Communion Sunday Holy Communion Food Pantry 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	8 7:00 Alanon	9 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	10 12:00 Food Recovery Network 6:30 Deacons	11 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	12 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	13 7:30 Men's Breakfast
14 Pledge Sunday Heifer College Lunch 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	15 3:00 to 6:00 Food Distribution 7:00 Alanon	16 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	17 12:00 Food Recovery Network 6:30 Session	18 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite 5:30 Task Force	19 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study 12:00 Food Share Set Up	20 7:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. Food Share 9 to 11 a.m. Healing Oils of Ancient Scriptures Class
21 Third Sunday Potluck 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Healing Oils of Ancient Scriptures Class 2:00 Turlach Ur	22 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Alanon	23 10:00 Care Givers Group 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer 5:30 100+ People Who Care at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company	24	25 10:30 Newsletter Mailing 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	26 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	27 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Guenther Baby Shower
28 Birthday Sunday 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 2:00 Turlach Ur 3:00 Choral Festival Rehearsal	29 7:00 Alanon	30 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	31 12:00 Food Recovery Network			

SUNDAY SERVANTS

OCTOBER

7- Liturgist: Dan McCue
Greeters: David Cranston
Deacon: Marlene Peak
Ushers: Janice Logan, Elizabeth Trimmer
Coffee: Emily Moore
Acolyte: Peter Simpson
Van Driver: Al Ricks
Nursery Volunteer(s): Chrissy Hazlett
Communion Servers: Jim Ferguson, Ray Peak
Offering Counters: Joy Krull, Mary Anne Nickle
14- Liturgist: Elizabeth Trimmer
Greeters: Denise & Rich Creps
Deacon: Ed Phillips
Ushers: Kendall & Damien Nickle
Coffee: Selva Lehman
Acolyte: Hanna McCue
Van Driver: Marv Doty
Nursery Volunteer(s): Deb Martenson
Offering Counters: Joy Krull, Mary Anne Nickle
21- Liturgist: Alana Ferguson
Greeters: Chris and Dennis Day
Deacon: Selva Lehman
Ushers: Emily Moore, Rich Thorson
Potluck: Marlene & Ray Peak
Acolyte: Graeme McCue
Van Driver: Carey Krull
Nursery Volunteer(s): Jill Kaiser
Offering Counters: Joy Krull, Mary Anne Nickle
28- Liturgist: Evelyn Freeman
Greeters: Deb and John Martenson
Deacon: Mary Lou Doty
Ushers: Ed & Karen Phillips
Coffee: Kendall Nickle
Acolyte: Slane McCue
Van Driver: Susan McIntyre
Nursery Volunteer(s): Emily Moore
Cake baker: Montie and Suzanne Redenius
Offering Counters: Joy Krull, Mary Anne Nickle

NOVEMBER

4- Liturgist: Dennis Day
Greeters: Lola and Dallas Sterk
Deacon: Karen Phillips
Ushers: Paul and Julio Parmley
Coffee: Doty and Russ Stoker
Acolyte: Alana Ferguson
Van Driver: Montie Redenius
Nursery Volunteer(s): Kendall & Zach Nickle
Communion Servers: Joy Krull, Char Ewan
Offering Counters: Dan McCue, Gail Greenwald
11- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Char Ewan
Deacon: Ed Phillips
Ushers: Rich Thorson, Linda Stoll
Coffee: Donna Winburn
Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer
Van Driver: Paul Parmley
Nursery Volunteer(s): Sheryl & Julio Parmley
Offering Counters: Dan McCue, Gail Greenwald
18- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Alana and Jim Ferguson
Deacon: Paul Parmley
Ushers: Montie Redenius, Al Ricks
Harvest Dinner/Deacons
Acolyte: Damien Nickle
Van Driver: Marta Miller
Nursery Volunteer(s): Pete Simpson & Evelyn Freeman
Offering Counters: Dan McCue, Gail Greenwald
25- Liturgist: TBA
Greeter: Stan Greenwald
Deacon: Selva Lehman
Ushers: Phil McCune, Chrissy Hazlett
Coffee: Carolyn Jacobson
Acolyte: Julio Parmley
Van Driver: TBA
Nursery Volunteer(s): Meredith Breiting
Cake baker: Karla Kriegel
Offering Counters: Dan McCue, Gail Greenwald



FALL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

Our fall roadside clean-up sponsored by our church will be sometime in **October**. Details and time will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Faith is like Wi-Fi, it's invisible but has the power to connect you to what you need. -Taken from www.thedailyquotes.com.



BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir practice at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays until the end of the year. If you are interested in joining the Bell Choir please show up!



FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK

A few national stats:
230 chapters since 2011.
2.7 million pounds

recovered.
2.2 million meals donated.
2.4 million kilograms of CO2 prevented.



TO ALL THE FAITHFUL MEALS ON WHEELERS

Thank you **Mary Lou Doty, Karla Kriegel, Janice Logan, Pastor Kirsten, Ray and Marlene Peak, and Montie**

Redenius for taking time out of your day to deliver Meals On Wheels. This is a great community program. Please consider signing up next spring when our turn comes again!

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. - Mahatma Gandhi

Wherever there is a human being,
there is an opportunity for kindness.
- Anonymous

MICA FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The MICA Food Pantry has a critical need on **all** items. If you are able to donate please do so. Please make sure they are in regular sized containers.

If you know of someone who would benefit from LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) please have them make an appointment with MICA at 641-236-3923.



GRINNELL COLLEGE LUNCH

Grinnell College students are invited for lunch and conversation, Sunday, **October 14** immediately following the morning worship service. The lunch will be held at the home of **Karen and Ed Phillips**. Rides will be available. Feel free to invite a friend. Students will receive more information by email the week before the event.



THANK YOU

A special ōthank youö is extended from the September potluck committee of **Donna and Al Ricks** for the tremendous help from **Char Ewan, Rich Thorson, Deacon Mary Lou and Marv Doty, Donna Winburn, and Janice Logan**. Extra hands made setup and cleanup so much faster. Also, thank you to **Meredith Breit-ing** for seeing a nursery need and stepping in! So many from the church went above and beyond to provide extra potluck food as we thought we might have 30-40 extras. Several people provided food who couldn't even attend the potluck. When the need is there, First Presbyterians do not hesitate to say öyesö. **THANK YOU!!**

This is the day God has made; we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24



THANK YOU The McCues for hosting the September college lunch.

Jim Ferguson, Stan Greenwald and Donna

Ricks for a wonderful celebration of memorial gifts to our church.

Ray Peak for his facilities work.

Julio Parmley for sharpening pencils.

Paul Parmley for plant assistance in the sanctuary.

100+ PEOPLE WHO CARE GRINNELL
The next meeting of 100 + People Who Care will take place on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. For additional information please contact **Chris and Dennis Day** or **Donna and Al Ricks**. All are welcome!



IT'S TIME TO PRAY:
TUESDAYS AT
4:00 P.M.

Every Tuesday a small group of people gather in the church library for a time of silent prayer. The prayers lasts about 15 minutes and there is a suggested structure for those who would like. **New people** are always welcome; it is a drop-in group.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN NEWS

Let us make this a **whole church project** and help the Heart and Hands Health Clinic. The **fall mission project** is once again under way! Baby items needed for the clinic in Des Moines, Iowa are **diapers, lotions and ointments, blankets, and baby Tylenol**. October is the last month that we will be collecting items for the clinic. A box is available in the Fellowship Hall marked baby items for the care clinic.

God hears what is **not** spoken and **understands** what is not **explained**.
-Taken from Facebook.

Now may the Lord of peace...give you peace at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3:16 NRSV

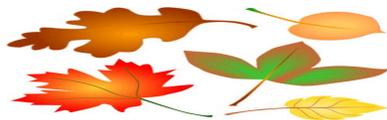
THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU
SMILE!
Reading a new book.



DID YOU KNOW?

Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee. - Taken from www.did-you-knows.com

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
-Albert Camus





DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS

Family and friends joined together on Sunday, September 16, to dedicate 17 memorials from the last year. The Memorial Committee was pleased to welcome many family members from our local church as well as from other Iowa communities, Florida, Kansas, and Texas who gathered to memorialize their loved ones. Following worship the third Sunday potluck was shared with an opportunity to further welcome and visit with guests. The food was tremendous!

Memorials dedicated were as follows:

Six tables and 36 chairs for Fellowship Hall -- **Mary Jo Adams, Shane Cook, David Creps, Lyle and Barbara Heishman, and Velma Martindale.**

Landscaping and an Autumn Blaze Maple tree -- **Irma Arnaman.**

Donations made to mission through Take Away Hunger -- **Velda Boss, Bob Baumann, Bette Kersey, and Alice Mealy.**

Six Camp Scholarships -- **Karen Choate.**

Free-standing brochure rack -- **Jerry Doonan and Ramona McCaw.**

Bose and Gigiware speakers -- **Bob Hoisington.**

Wireless handheld microphones -- **Velma Martindale, Alex Moffett and Kay Jordan.**

Bell Choir Music -- **Wes Phillips.**

SAVE THE DATE!

What: **2018 Choral Festival**
When: **Sunday, December 2, 2018 4:00 p.m.**
Where: **Herrick Chapel, Grinnell College Campus**
Who: **Nine Grinnell area Church Choirs and Musical Ensembles**
A massed choir of approximately 100 voices, sharing the joy of music
People of faith, experiencing the hope and expectation of Advent

Sponsor: Grinnell Ministerial Association with free-will offering to benefit the Ministerial Association Emergency Assistance Fund

Participate!

Sing with your church choir!

Join the massed choir (even if you're not a member of a church choir)!

Two massed choir rehearsals are planned:

Sunday, October 28, 3:00 p.m. (at First Presbyterian Church)

Sunday, December 2, 3:00 p.m. (at Herrick Chapel)

Contact Mary Fopma (641-236-8038 or mfopma@windstream.net) for further information or to secure music.





ETHIOPIA MISSION UPDATE

Photo: *New veterinary graduate at Mekelle University receiving basic veterinary equipment from “friends in Iowa,” with the items being presented by Drs. John Coatney and Matt Brewer (from Iowa State University) – June, 2018. The Dean of the College (Dr. Berihu) is looking on.*

The sense of mission between 1st Presbyterian Church and Mekelle University’s (M.U.) College of Veterinary Science continues to build, as donations through the church are directed to help purchase basic veterinary equipment for graduating doctors of veterinary science. Stethoscopes, digital thermometers, and other needed supplies were distributed to the 60 new veterinarians (who come from very humble backgrounds) to help them begin their new practices. Presenting the items this June were two representatives of Iowa State University who had traveled to Mekelle University as part of an academic exchange.

Dr. John Coatney (center, with boxes) is finishing his PhD dissertation (will graduate in December), and is preparing to go to Mekelle to teach, full-time, through Christian Veterinary Missions. Dr. Coatney, and his wife Kristen, will take their three young children for a three-year (at least) mission in the northern Ethiopian city. They are finishing raising their mission support (currently are at 88% of their goal), and hope to be in Ethiopia by late January or February. Dr. Coatney will teach veterinary diagnostics half-time at M.U., and in the other half of his time, will teach Greek at St. Frumentius Ethiopian Orthodox Seminary, also in Mekelle. (Yes, Dr. Coatney, the veterinarian, also has a graduate degree in ancient languages from Wheaton College.)

This fall, Dr. Brewer (right, in photo), a Professor of Parasitology at Iowa State, is hosting Dr. Abrha Bsrat from M.U. for a semester at I.S.U. Dr. Abrha is one of nine veterinary science professors from African universities who are at I.S.U. this year. Four of the nine are from Ethiopian universities. The nine African scholars arrived in Iowa in August ó just in time to visit the Iowa State Fair, where Al Ricks had the privilege of greeting them.

The on-going story of God’s gentle work in building relationships for peace in our world have, as one fascinating point of focus, come through **First Presbyterian Church** in this Ethiopian mission project. To contribute, simply designate a gift to “Ethiopia Project” through the church offerings. Visit with **Al Ricks** for further information or the latest update.

Session highlights will return in November.

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Return Service Requested

