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Kirsten Klepfer, Pastor

GARDEN OF READIN'...

At the beginning of my time at seminary, in 1997, the President of the seminary spoke to the incoming class. I have a pretty bad memory, so I was obviously struck by what he was saying, because I remember it to this day.

He was arguing that we were in the middle of a transition in America. He said in the future, the disagreements would not be between Republicans and Democrats, but between individualists and communitarians. I don't know if he was exactly right, but since that day I have had those two terms in my head: individualism and communitarianism.

The church, he argued (and I would agree), should be a voice for communitarianism. And we don't have to look hard to see the forces of individualism at work in our society today ó on the left and right alike. I was thinking about this this week as Lydia finishes up her time at the Grinnell Community Day Care and Preschool and heads to Grinnell Middle School.

Both of those places are built on the principles of communitarianism. When Lydia was finishing up 1st grade and I was meeting with the school to talk about 2nd grade, they told me that it would obviously be best for Lydia to keep the same para professional she had in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Miss Tracy was an incredible para, Lydia adored her, and she had helped Lydia grow in countless ways in two short years. If the decision were mine, it would be a no brainer.

But, the school told me, Lydia is not the only student. There was an incoming kindergartner with some very specific, and somewhat complex, needs. Miss Tracy would be the best thing for that student as well. I was so grateful they were transparent, because it reminded me that I am a part of a community ó and while that would mean Lydia wouldn't get the absolute best para the next year, she would be cared for by a community that looked out for the interests of all students, balancing needs and resources so that the whole community is supported together. That was far more important to me than one para for one year (and for the record, Lydia's para in 2nd grade was also awesome!).

Lydia is also aging out of the community day care this year. She has been there for 10 years, and I served a term on the board a few years ago, and so I have had the privilege of seeing how that organization serves not just Lydia, and not just all the kids and families at the center, but the entire community. Community Day Cares provide for each child, but they also have an eye toward the wellbeing of Grinnell and Poweshiek County. How can they best serve employers, how can they help Grinnell increase in diversity and understanding, how can they make sure childcare is affordable to all.

They are looking at more than just my child, and so her needs are balanced against the needs of the community. There may have been times Lydia didn't get exactly what she needed, but I have no doubt she and I are better off living in this community because it is served by places like Grinnell Community Day Care and Preschool.

I think the seminary President was pointing to something important for future church leaders. The forces of individualism in this country are so powerful, and yet so pervasive we hardly notice them. The church can be a voice reminding people that while of course we want the best for ourselves and our family, communitarianism honors the interconnected nature of creation. The good of all, while requiring sacrifice from time to time, serves the good purposes of God's creation.

Peace,
Pastor Kirsten



SEPTEMBER 8 IS THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST!

Presbyterian Men are invited to enjoy breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 a.m.**

Dan McCue will serve as chef, and **Montie Redenius** will offer the devotion. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in Fellowship Hall, to help judge the number planning to attend. Thank you to **Carey Krull** for cooking breakfast in August, and to **Dennis Day** for leading the devotion! All who would enjoy this time of good food, conversation, and fellowship are invited to attend!

**September 9th at
9:15 a.m.
PreK-8th
grade**



Plan to attend!



**PLEASE HELP US
CELEBRATE CHRISSY
HAZLETT'S 60TH
BIRTHDAY!**

Please join us for a birthday open house on **Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and dessert will be served. Please no gifts. If you wish to bring something, we will be collecting donations for the MICA Food Pantry.
-Ashley Grundler



**MEALS ON WHEELS:
SEPTEMBER 18-27**

We would love volunteers to participate in this great community program. Volunteers deliver lunch to people in need in Grinnell. Sign up for a route on the sheet in fellowship hall. If you haven't done **Meals on Wheels** before and would like to, someone will accompany you on the first day. The pick up location is **First Baptist Church, located at 925 East Street.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH—
DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS**

Memorial gifts are a way to express the love and respect of someone who has played a large part in the lives of those who are left to mourn. This respect and love continues beyond death. The date of **September 16** was approved by Session to dedicate memorials which have been purchased over the last year. A final list of these memorials will be included in next month's newsletter. There will be several guests participating in the Dedication. They have been invited to share with us in our third Sunday potluck offering the opportunity for visiting and re-connecting.

**SUMMER READ
DISCUSSION—
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26**

A date has been set and we are looking forward to a lively discussion about our Summer Read "In the time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez. Everyone who has read the book and those who would just like to hear the discussion please come to the church at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26th.** Dessert will be served and we will share our thoughts. See you there!



**PRESBYTEMBERFEST '18
SEPTEMBER 30!**

The date for Presbyterfest, 2018, is set! It will be Sunday, September 30. We'll close out the month of September in a glorious way, with our annual all-church fall fest and picnic. This year's event will be held at Merrill Park (West Shelter), at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Main Street in Grinnell. The festivities will get underway mid-afternoon, with an all-church picnic scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Details of the afternoon events will be announced in the Sundays leading up to Presbyterfest!

The sandwiches (brats, burgers and veggie-burgers), beverages (lemonade, iced tea, and water), plates and plastic-wear will be provided. Those attending are invited to bring other food items to complete the picnic meal. The evening will conclude with a devotional time, ending no later than 7:00 p.m. for the benefit of those who must rise and shine on Monday morning. We're hoping to see **YOU** at Presbyterfest 2018!

SEPTEMBER THANK YOU'S!

Ray Peak for all of his work on the facility.

Roger Bortell for cleaning up the church grounds and trees.

Mary Lou Doty, Gail Greenwald, Chrissy Hazlett, Donna Ricks and to everyone else who cleaned the kitchen.

Jim Ferguson for assistance with the tree planting and watering.

Donna Ricks and Char Ewan for heading up the massive effort to host Presbytery at First Pres in August. They put in countless hours, enlisted lots of people, and with all that work and all those people everything went beautifully! The Presbytery was grateful for our hospitality, and your pastor was grateful for getting all the easy tasks.

Gail Greenwald for being in charge of the funeral lunch for Ronald Shook. Gail and **everyone who volunteered** showed incredible grace under pressure when the number of people who showed up was a bit more than we had estimated.

Dan and Sara McCue for leading worship in the park.

They put together a wonderful service of music for everyone who showed up. Thanks to **Chris and Dennis Day** for the yummy food that morning, and to **all who helped with set up and clean up** at the park.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

66-Doty Stoker
86-Carolyn Jacobson
10-Marlene Peak
13-Dan McCue
15-Peggy German
Dorothy Inouye
17-Ralph Lemke
Linda Cranston

18-Evelyn Freeman
Karla Kriegel
28-Hanna McCue
29-Chrissy Hazlett
Rylie Imhoff
30-Darwin Kinne

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—TAKE AWAY HUNGER PACKAGING DATES

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Sunday, April 7, 2019

These packaging events will take place at the Elks Lodge at 1:00 p.m.



LECTIONARY IN SEPTEMBER

September 2— 15th Sunday after Pentecost. 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

September 9—16th Sunday after Pentecost. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

September 16— 17th Sunday after Pentecost. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

September 23— 18th Sunday after Pentecost. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

September 30—19th Sunday after Pentecost. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lectionary reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

SYNOD SCHOOL UPDATE

Over 700 people attended the Synod School in Storm Lake, Iowa the week of July 22-27. Attending from First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell were **Pastor Kirsten and Lydia, and Marta Miller**. A great week was had by all!

FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK

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Beginning **September 4** the Food Recovery Network will be distributing food three days a week again. If you know of someone who is in need of food please have them contact the church office for additional information.

Be kind to one another.
- Jim Henson

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. - Albert Einstein

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion Food Pantry 9:15 Choir 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	3 Office closed 7:00 Alanon	4 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	5 12:00 Food Recovery Network	6 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	7 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	8 7:30 a.m. Mens Breakfast 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Iowa Art Quilters
9 Heifer Sunday College Lunch 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	10 7:00 Alanon	11 10:00 Care Givers Group 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	12 12:00 Food Recovery Network 6:30 Deacons	13 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	14 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study 3:00 Open House Set-Up	15 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Open House for Chrissy Hazlett
16 Memorial Sunday Third Sunday Potluck 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	17 1:30 Mission 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Grinnell Local Food Source 7:00 Alanon	18 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	19 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 6:30 Session	20 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	21 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study 12:00 Food Share Set-Up	22 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Food Share
23 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur	24 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Alanon	25 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:00 Prayer	26 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 6:30 Summer	27 10:30 Newsletter Mailing 10:50 Meals On Wheels 12:00 Food Recovery Network 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	28 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study 1:00 LWV Set-Up	29 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. LWV Membership Brunch
30 Birthday Sunday 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Turlach Ur 5:00 Presbyterfest						

SUNDAY SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER

2- Liturgist: Ray Peak
Greeter: TBA
Deacon: Selva Lehman
Ushers: Jill Kaiser, Joy Krull
Coffee: Carolyn Jacobson
Acolyte: Slane McCue
Van Driver: Carey Krull
Nursery Volunteer(s): Sue Ahrens
Communion Servers: Jim Ferguson, Char Ewan
Offering Counters: Chris Day, Mary Anne Nickle
9- Liturgist: Montie Redenius
Greeter: Donna Winburn
Deacon: Gail Greenwald
Ushers: Selva Lehman, Elizabeth Trimmer
Coffee: Carey Krull
Acolyte: Alana Ferguson
Van Driver: Linda Stoll
Nursery Volunteer(s): Meredith Breiting
Offering Counters: Chris Day, Mary Anne Nickle
16- Liturgist: Karen Phillips
Greeters: Jim and Sue Ahrens
Deacon: Selva Lehman
Ushers: John Martenson, Crede McClellan
Potluck: Donna & Al Ricks
Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer
Van Driver: Marta Miller
Nursery Volunteer(s): Linda Cranston
Offering Counters: Chris Day, Mary Anne Nickle
23- Liturgist: David Cranston
Greeter: Miriam Baumann
Deacon: Marlene Peak
Ushers: Sara & Slane McCue
Coffee: Linda Stoll
Acolyte: Damien Nickle
Van Driver: Karen Phillips
Nursery Volunteer(s): Alana Ferguson
Offering Counters: Chris Day, Mary Anne Nickle
30- Liturgist: Ed Phillips
Greeter: Janet Carl
Deacon: Karen Phillips
Ushers: Phil McCune, Marta Miller
Coffee: Janice Logan
Acolyte: Julio Parmley
Van Driver: Montie Redenius
Nursery Volunteer(s): Evelyn Freeman
Cake baker: Janice Logan
Offering Counters: Chris Day, Mary Anne Nickle

OCTOBER

7- Liturgist: Dan McCue
Greeters: David & Linda Cranston
Deacon: Marlene Peak
Ushers: Emily Moore, Janice Logan
Coffee: Selva Lehman
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: TBA
Greeters: Denise & Rich Creps
Deacon: Ed Phillips
Ushers: Kendall & Damien Nickle
Coffee: Emily Moore
Acolyte: Hanna McCue
Van Driver: Marv Doty
Nursery Volunteer(s): Deb Martenson
Offering Counters: Joy Krull, Mary Anne Nickle
21- Liturgist: TBA
Greeters: Chris and Dennis Day
Deacon: Selva Lehman
Ushers: Elizabeth Trimmer, 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: TBA
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

COLLEGE LUNCH

Our **first** college lunch will be **September 9th** following worship. **Sara and Dan McCue** will host. This lunch is **open to all people involved in college life— any college, any involvement.** There will be a home cooked meal and fellowship **every 2nd Sunday** of the month. If you are interested, meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. If you have any questions email **Pastor Kirsten** or **Tom Moore.**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST SESSION MEETING



Reports from Working Groups

Worship ó Karla thanked those for a very successful òWorship in the Parkö service. The proceeds from the free will offering have been designated to the congregational life budget line item to offset recent costs.

Education ó Motion made by the committee to approve Karla Kriegel, Tom Moore and Marta Miller as Sunday school teachers as well as their curricula for the Sunday school year September 8, 2018 through May 19, 2019. Motion passed. Karla will be reading books; Tom will be using òGrowing in Grace and Gratitudeö curriculum and Marta will be using òWhat is Presbyterian and Reformed Theologyö curriculum. There will be 5 young people participating in confirmation classes.

Joy reviewed other items from the recent committee meeting. A class in essential oils will be available either Saturday/Sunday, October 13/14 or Saturday/Sunday, October 20/21. There were 12 attendees at the last menö group. The womenö group, Presbyterian Women, will be involved in the òHearts and Handsö mission during October and November collecting baby items. Presbyterfest will be September 30 in Merrill Park. The summer read will be discussed on September 23 and September 26.

Talks are under way between First Presbyterian and UCC to have an interfaith program for children. **Communications** ó the committee met on August 15th. Dan indicated the website will be upgraded and will include a new URL. Content to include the revised mission brochure and the building use policy.

Finance ó the committee met last week. Dennis indicated the committee reviewed the 2nd quarter financials. Utility and maintenance expenses are close to or above budgeted amounts. Dennis asked session members to think about their needs for 2019. The committee will begin to start putting the budget together soon.

Memorials ó motion made by the committee to approve a memorial donation to Take Away Hunger for two tables, \$700, in the names of Alice Mealy (Miriam Baumannö sister), Bob Baumann, and Bette Kersey. Motion passed.

Stan announced the dedication of memorials will be on September 16th during worship. Seventeen invitations have been extended. The memorial tree in memory of Irma Arnaman has been planted. The new microphones will be dedicated in the names of Alex Moffit, Kaye Jordan and Velma Martendale. This donation equals \$985 or 50% of the total cost of the microphones. The other 50% comes from the capital fund.

Unfinished Business

Hosting Presbytery ó motion made by Char to pay Mary Fopma (\$100) for being accompanist during worship service and Marta Miller (\$75) for providing child care for the day. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Registration for Presbytery participants includes \$10 per person for lunch. First Presbyterian Church retains all these monies collected. It is anticipated that there will be enough to pay the \$175 with these funds. If not, the church will pay the remaining amount.

Update on Task Force ó all persons have accepted. The Task Force members are Janice Logan, Sara McCue, Donna Ricks, Tom Moore and Erik Simpson. The Task Force will meet the week of August 20th.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Kirsten will not be in the office on Mondays beginning August 20th. She commented on her remarks in the article, òHow Civil Must America Be?ö by Jacqui Shine, New York Times, August 11, 2018.



In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact. - Les Brown.

Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and best days give memories. - Taken from Powerful Inspiration Daily

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HOSTS 513th STATED MEETING

Question: How many First Presbyterian members and friends does it take to host a Presbytery meeting? As many as volunteer or say a resounding YES when asked to help! Amazing that John Heywood's sixteenth century words still ring true today: "Many hands make light work!" Planning the menu, moving furniture, giving advice, providing office support, offering technical support with sound and projector equipment, greeting and registering participants, ushering and offering communion, working in the dining room and kitchen, keeping Char and Donna sane, and cleaning up were jobs that the following shared with a supportive and caring attitude: **Roger Bortell, Angela Davis, Chris Day, Dennis Day, Mary Lou Doty, Marie Eisenman, Mary Fopma, David Isch, Pastor Kirsten Klepfer, Karla Kriegel, Joy Krull, Carey Krull, Selva Lehman, Janice Logan, Susan McIntyre, Marta Miller, Damien Nickle, Kendall Nickle, Sheryl Parmley, Montie Redenius, Al Ricks, Erik Simpson, Lola Sterk, Doty Stoker, Rich Thorson, and Donna Winburn.** If your name has accidentally been omitted, please let Donna Ricks know.

THANK YOU is hardly enough to offer, but please know it is from the heart!

- Char Ewan and Donna Ricks, Co-Chairs



MUSIC NEWS...

MARK YOUR CALANDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!

On **December 2, 2018** local churches will be participating in a choral festival to be held at Herrick Chapel at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and participate. First Presbyterian will have a choir in this festival. Even if you have not been coming to choir, you are invited to participate in this festival choir. As of now, we will be singing one song as an individual choir and then sing a mass choir song with all the other choirs at the end of the concert. For more details contact **Mary Fopma.**

BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir will begin practice starting **September 6.** We meet at **4:30 p.m. every Thursday afternoon** and have a great time putting together anthems, preludes, or postludes for worship. Anyone interested in being part of this choir just needs to come to practice or call **Mary Fopma** for details.

CHOIR

Choir practice has begun for the season. We meet every **Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and practice until 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and join in singing praises for the worship service.

CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!

I would like to put together a **group of instrumentalists** to do a postlude hopefully in September, but the date is yet to be determined. So, no matter what instrument you play, let me know if you would like to be part of this group. Right now I am looking at playing *To God Be the Glory* as our selection. Call **Mary Fopma** if you are interested, so I can get the appropriate music for your instrument.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Now that the underserved families of Poweshiek County can get food boxes twice a month, a big strain has been put on the MICA Food Pantry. Therefore, the MICA Food Pantry is in **critical need** of the following items: **canned tuna in water, all kinds of jelly, Ramen noodles, canned fruits, canned vegetables, pancake mix (the kind that only water is added) and pancake syrup.** These items need to be in regular size containers. Donated items may be brought to the church or to MICA Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

We are now collecting **baby items** for the **Heart and Hands Clinic in Des Moines.**

Items needed are **socks, onesies, diapers, lotions and ointments, caps and booties, baby gowns, outfits, blankets and baby Tylenol.** A box is now available in the Fellowship Hall and the items will be delivered in November.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Pledge Income	\$11,265	\$89,647
Budgeted	\$11,750	\$82,250
Total Income	\$11,810	\$95,217
Budgeted	\$12,241	\$85,691
Expenses	\$12,984	\$91,229
Budgeted	\$12,172	\$85,546

THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU SMILE!

A good conversation.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped supply anthems and preludes during the summer season. You were truly a blessing to all by leading in worship.

-Mary Fopma

MICA NEEDS OUR HELP

Some of you may have heard that the Mica Head Start Classroom is moving to the main Mica building on 4th Ave. this Fall. This is good news, actually, as a more centralized approach to services is going to benefit families for all sorts of reasons.

As they make this move, however, they need to do major renovations to their building. As the session considers how we might support Mica in this as a church, we are also asking any individuals who feel moved to do so to give a donation to help with the project.

They are trying to raise a total of \$250,000, and thanks to a few very generous individual donors, and some donations already secured from foundations, they are on their way. But this will take a community effort, so if you are able to contribute, you can make checks out Mica with "Grinnell Renovation" in the memo line and give it to the church or mail it directly to Mica's offices in Marshalltown:

1001 S. 18th Ave.
Marshalltown, IA 50158

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY

All Presbyterians in Iowa are invited to a day long exploration of how to care for the mental health needs in our communities as people of faith. There are four events, one in each of the four geographical quadrants.

In the morning, staff from LeaderWise, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit specializing in training faith leaders, will lead us in a plenary on Mental Health First Aid. They will look at questions like, "What do you do when a friend, church member or family member is threatening suicide?" and "Have you walked with an individual or family as they seek help for someone and keep encountering closed doors?" and "How do you talk about mental health and faith?"

In the afternoon, there will be four workshops: How to become a community of practice for mental health; Local resources in your mental health region; Presbyterians and Mental Health; Responding to mental health concerns in rural settings.

The cost is only \$10 / person to cover lunch, which will be provided by the host church. To register for one of the sessions, email Jeannie Stolee at northiowapresby@gmail.com. Here are the dates and locations of the trainings:

October 5: Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Storm Lake, IA

October 6: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Indianola, IA

November 9: United Presbyterian Church, Washington, IA

November 10: First Presbyterian Church, Jesup, IA

Contact Pastor Kirsten if you have any questions. She will be attending the training on October 6 in Indianola.



CROP WALK: SATURDAY, 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!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



This was one of the songs from worship in the park on Sunday, August 12:

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.



Always pray to have the eyes that see the best in people.
A heart that forgives the worst.
A mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.
-Taken from Facebook

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Return Service Requested

