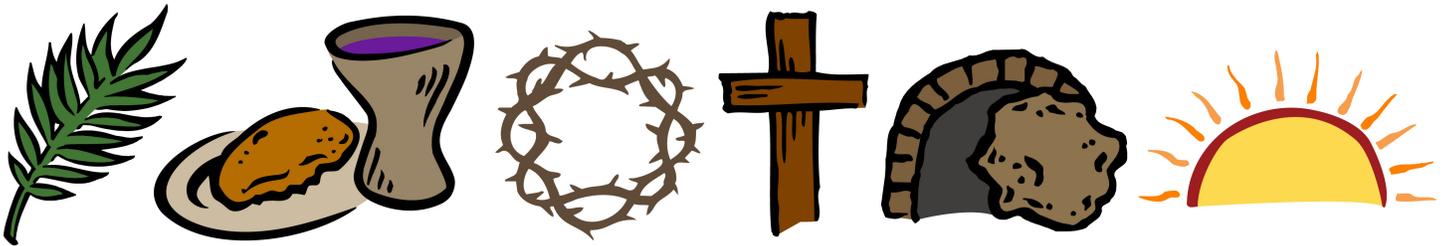


Presbyterian

April 2022



Holy Week. It's the last week of Lent, just before Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday and continues through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, until we celebrate the resurrection on Easter. As *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* puts it, "During Holy Week, we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus" (Peter C. Bower, ed. Geneva Press, Louisville, KY. 2003. 111).

It'd be nice, sometimes, if we could just jump over Holy Week. Let's welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with shouts of celebration and the waving of palms and then let's just come back one week later to rejoice in his resurrection—no need to even remember the days in between. We can go from rejoicing to rejoicing.

But that's not how life works. There are times of difficulty and struggle and pain in our lives and our walk with Jesus through Holy Week reminds us of all that he experienced. In our walk through Holy Week we can travel beside him and his followers. We can experience the peace of the Last Supper; the fear and anxiety of his arrest; the grief at his crucifixion; and then finally, the joy and surprise and astonishment of his resurrection. If we jump from Palm Sunday to Easter, we deny ourselves the opportunity to fully walk with Jesus through Holy Week, experiencing all of the highs and the lows.

In order for all of us to experience Holy Week, there are multiple worship opportunities. We'll begin on Palm Sunday, April 10th, with worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship before we gather for our car and walking parade. Maundy Thursday worship, including communion, will be here at First Presbyterian on April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. For Good Friday, we'll be joining with Corning United Methodist Church as we did on Ash Wednesday. This time worship will be held at Corning United Methodist Church and I will be preaching. That service will be April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Finally, on Sunday, April 17th, we gather to celebrate the resurrection at 10:00 a.m.

I hope you will join me as we walk through the entirety of Holy Week. Our Lenten journey is almost over.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jessica

Ushers & Greeters



April 3

Ushers: Nancy and Alec Turner
Liturgist: Doug Leonard

April 10

Usher: Sue Selby
Liturgist: Megan Boswell

April 17

Usher: Betsy Akin
Liturgist: Ken Pangburn

April 24

Usher: Ron Brown
Liturgist: Betsy Akin

May 1

Usher: Jackie Butcher
Liturgist: Randy Olive

May 8

Ushers: Zach and Michelle Morgan
Liturgist: Quaid Eddy

May 15

Usher: Angie Mullen
Liturgist: Donna Peckham



Barbara Sleep	April 2
Daniel Turner	April 7
Brennan Kester	April 9
Carol Thomas	April 15
Judy Beckett	April 21
Cindy Peterson	April 30

We ask for your help in keeping the birthday and prayer lists current.

If you have any changes or additions, please let us know.



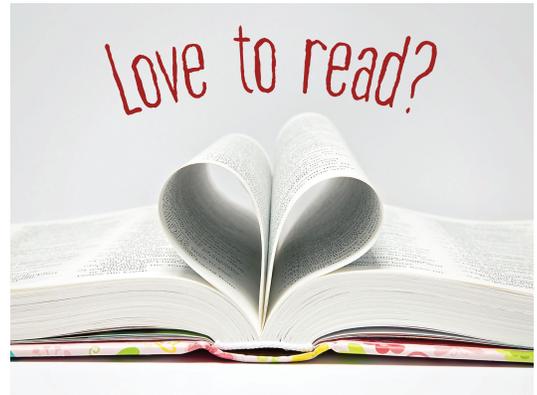
Family of H. W. "Bill" Shuler
Family of Mark Hynnek
Family of Becky Butcher
Family of Tim and Connie Sheets
Family of Betty Ashenfelter
Family of Jim "Jonesy" Jones
Dolores Parcher
Ava Olson
Judy Beckett
Ukraine
Buzz and Gwen Herbert
Paul Maynes
Kimberly Wilson
Ed, Angie, and Izaik
All dealing with chronic pain
All dealing with COVID-19
All affected by severe weather
Marvin Smith
Dick Blazek
Arlene Drennan
Cheryl Swartz



Newsletter Deadline For the **May** newsletter, please submit all news and announcements by **Wednesday, April 20**. Thank you so much for your help in making sure we get information communicated to everyone.

Join the Church Book Club!

The church book club is going strong and you're invited to join us! We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For April, we are reading *The Nickel Boys: A Novel* by Colson Whitehead. Then for May, we are reading *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris. Reach out to Pastor Jessica if you'd like more information.



MEALS ON WHEELS



Thanks to the following people for helping deliver Meals on Wheels for the second half of February: Angie Mullen, Ken and Kathy Pangburn, Nancy Turner, Zach Morgan family, Randy and Shirley Olive, Kim Brandner, Sue Selby, and Ann Myers. I really appreciate your willingness to help out with this project.

Our next month for delivering will be July for a full month. If you would like to volunteer, please call Cindy Peterson at 641-431-1143. As you know, the earlier you call the better chance you get your pick of days. Your help would be appreciated. Cindy Peterson

Spring has sprung and it is time to do some spring cleaning at our church and manse. **Mark your calendar** for the first Service Saturday on April 30th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The Mission and Outreach and the Care of Property Committees are partnering to do outdoor and indoor **projects** and to plant the 2nd Annual Potato Garden for Matura. We would love this to be an intergenerational project, so **everyone** from the youth to our seniors will be warmly **welcomed**. If you are looking to plant the potato garden, cleaning out cabinets in the kitchen, organizing closets or a cheerleader to help us get through these tasks, there is a job for you!!! You might want to bring a rake, hedge trimmers, garden tools, gloves, or your favorite dusting cloth;) We will have water and donuts available to start the morning with a sugar spark of energy.



Please come out and contribute to the beautification of God's house and the planting of the potato garden. We look forward to seeing everyone! Happy Easter!



If you're a Palm Sunday and Easter kind of person and skip over the "unpleasantness" of Holy Week, then Easter becomes little more than an occasion, albeit a special occasion. But when you **journey through** Holy Week, on Easter morning it dawns on you that, in Christ, suffering has given way to joy, pain has given way to peace, defeat has given way to victory, death has given way to life, and the impossible becomes the truth because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and in him, the promise of resurrection is for you as well.

On that day, no one has to tell you to shout, and rejoice as these desires fill your heart and soul. Don't let Easter be anything less for you! Worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and on Easter Morning.

Palm Sunday	April 10th
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Gathering for Palm Sunday Parade	11:30 a.m.
Presbyterian Church Parking Lot	
Car and Walking Palm Sunday Parade	11:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Joint Good Friday Worship	April 15th at 7:00 p.m.
w/ Corning UMC	at Corning United Methodist
Easter Sunday Worship	April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Re-Formation of the Congregation



You are invited to join Presbyterians from across Iowa to a four-part seminar on revitalizing and reforming our congregations. The purpose of the seminar is to equip church leaders and pastors for ministry in this rapidly changing time, and help them strengthen the local church's worship, witness, and engagement in God's mission. Ministers and members are invited, although the program is directed at the ministry of the laity.

The next session is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames. The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, world-renowned biblical scholar and Professor of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, will be presenting on the gift and meaning of biblical authority for the life of the church.

Registration: You can register online at <https://dmpresbytery.org/2021/11/17/re-formation-of-the-congregation/> or contact the presbyteries office at (319) 233-1747. There is no registration fee. However, participants will be asked to contribute toward lunch cost.

Ecumenical Conference on Climate Change
For the Love of All Creation: Church and Climate Change
April 22-23 at Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive, IA

Conference hosted together by
Heartland Presbyterian Church & Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Featuring: Dr. William Greenway

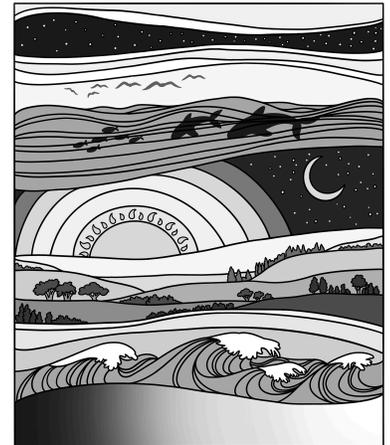
Professor of Philosophical Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

The objectives of this conference are:

- Be seized by God’s love for creation
- Talk about climate change and implications in our lives
- Focus on positive solutions rather than despair
- Be inspired to take action

Participants will be able to participate in workshops on the following topics:

- *Climate Change Issues for Rural Communities and Farmers*
- *Pope Francis and Climate Change*
- *Churches Cross-Pollinate*
- *The Science of Climate Change*
- *Glasgow: Beyond Partisanship*



Caring for God’s Creation

Selected presentations on Friday and Saturday will be live streamed. See the Heartland Presbyterian Church website for the link to view these presentations virtually. Free to attend!

Summer Fun & Friends Camp

Summer Fun & Friends Camp is back for 2022 and will be better than ever! Join us July 10-16, 2022 for a week-long celebration of the world God made for us. The lake may be drained but our hearts are full and the excitement level is high! Camp is held in Indianola, IA at Camp Wesley Woods for students in their upper elementary through high school years. Watch for registration details and the camp itinerary to be released after Easter. Volunteer opportunities will also be detailed at that time. Stay tuned!



February 2022 General Fund Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 02/01/22	\$14,296.05
Income	\$9,369.38
Expenses	\$8,969.81
Ending Balance 02/28/22	\$14,695.62

First Presbyterian
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Mission Garden

Serving God by producing fresh vegetables for people in need.

After a successful potato garden project last year, the Mission and Outreach committee is expanding the garden this year and will plant regular potatoes, sweet potatoes and zucchini in our mission garden.

Our tentative dates for planting will be Saturday, April 30th from 8-noon (potatoes and also Service Saturday) and Wednesday, May 25 at 5 pm (sweet potatoes). Both dates will be

weather dependent. This project could not happen without the great support of our community of faith helping with the planting, weeding, nurturing and harvesting of our crops. See you in the garden this summer!



The Mission and Outreach committee is committed to reducing food insecurity in our community and offers a suggestion on how you can help in this mission of the church. When planning your own garden, consider planting an extra row to donate to the food pantry at MATURA. “Plant a Row for the Hungry ” is an easy way to contribute as you find yourself with an abundance of garden produce. (The idea comes to us from the Hunger and Health Coalition in Boone, North Carolina.) MATURA is located at 1402 Hull Street and is open from 9-12 and 1-4:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9-12 on Thursdays. You are welcome to take your donations out during those hours. Their phone number is 641-322-4096 and it might be wise to call before you head out. [The link](#) attached from Iowa State Extension has helpful hints on what vegetables could be most useful to our friends and neighbors that find themselves without fresh produce.

Mission and Outreach to hold Demonstration at Farmer’s Market Monday, July 11 from 5-6.

Mission and Outreach will be sharing a demonstration on the uses of zucchini at the Farmer’s Market this summer with the hopes of using some of our own crop. We will be providing samples and recipes in our ongoing efforts to reduce food insecurity in our community. If you would like to help with this project, contact Betsy Akin for more information.

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
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Parents as Teachers and
 Crisis Intervention &
 Advocacy Center Presents

NURTURING HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT

Free Workshop for Parents
 and Caregivers

2 Hour Workshop April 7th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Prescott Library

CEU available for early
 childhood education! Light
 meal and door prizes.

Questions: Call Chelsea
 1-800-550-0004

or Kristie 641-782-1308



Adams County Kids Jamboree

by Adams County Kids Care Council

A come and go Jamboree for
 children and families with to go
 activities and resources.

When: Monday, April 25th from
 5:00pm-6:30pm

Where: Central Park
 801 8th Street
 Corning, IA

Every child, birth to age 5, will
 receive a free book. Free boxed
 meal for each child.

Questions: Please contact
 Kristie Nixon at 641-782-1308



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Sunday Worship Time: 10:00 AM

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Mission Statement

The First Presbyterian Church of Corning believes in the good news of the Gospel and will grow through and share the love, grace, and compassion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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