

# Presbyterian

August 2019

Our Sermon by Request series is going to continue through August and probably most of September. The schedule for August is as follows:

August 4: Matthew 9:36-37

August 11: Matthew 25:14-30

August 18: Matthew 25:34-40

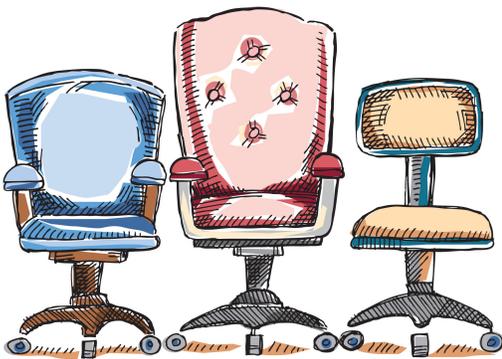
August 25: We'll end August with a sermon to be inspired by the Kansas song *Dust in the Wind*.

I'm really enjoying the different topics and passages that have been requested. It's also helping me learn more about what things are important to each of you as we continue to build our relationship as pastor and congregation. So, keeping coming on Sundays to see where these passages, topics, and ideas lead us.

On a different note, you're going to be seeing some changes around the office as our office manger, Tamara Haley, has resigned. Please take some time to read through the information included below and don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jessica*



## STAFF CHANGES

On Wednesday, July 24, the Session officially received a letter of resignation from our office manager, Tamara Haley. Her last day in the office will be Wednesday, July 31. We offer our thanks to Tamara for all of her hard work over the past 2 years —especially through the times of pastoral and building transitions and we offer her our prayers as she moves on to her next journey.

The Personnel Committee has been authorized by the Session to conduct a search for a new part-time office manager. Information about the position and how to apply will be available on our website, Facebook page, and in upcoming editions of the Free Press. Please encourage people to consider applying for this position and keep the Personnel

Committee in prayer as they conduct this search.

During this time of transition, Pastor Jessica will maintain morning office hours as consistently as possible, which will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. She encourages you to call before stopping by in case she had to step out for a meeting or pastoral visit. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to speak with either Pastor Jessica or one of the Personnel committee members: LeAnn Morris, Randy Olive, or Ken Pangburn.



Sign up in the church foyer.

**August 4 - Communion**

Ushers:

Liturgist:

**August 11**

Ushers: Chuck and Maria Lund

Liturgist: Sue Selby

**August 18**

Ushers:

Liturgist:

**August 25**

Ushers:

Liturgist:

**September 1 - Communion**

Ushers:

Liturgist:

**You are encouraged to ask a child to help you with ushering duties, such as handing out bulletins and collecting the offering. They are happy and eager to help.**



Gary Badgett	August 5
Skylynn Boswell	August 6
Todd Konecne	August 7
Jamie McManis	August 7
Sue Selby	August 8
Cheryl Richey	August 9
Ella Akin	August 10
Ken Pangburn	August 13
Saige Jones	August 15
Roman Keefe	August 15
Deb Andrews	August 16
Ann Myers	August 20
Ron Brown	August 26
Jerry Peckham	August 27
Burton Heaton	August 31



- The Family of Bobbie Spring*
- Phyllis Brokaw*
  - Joleen Nelson*
  - Louis Manly*
  - Barb Sleep*
  - Bernice Miller*
  - Amanda Mullen*
  - Rita Miltner*
  - Rheanna Lynch*
  - Steve McCann*
  - Sherry Griffith*
  - Richard Freshour*
  - Cheryl Swartz*
  - Denise Swartz*
  - Steve McDermott*
  - Linda Hill-Sharp*
  - Jay Flowers*
  - Shelly Quillen*
  - Becky Butcher*
  - Tom Butcher*
  - Ron Brown*

Help us keep the prayer list current ~ forward additions or deletions to the church office.

**Thought to Ponder**

“With a library you are free, not confined by temporary political climates. It is the most democratic of institutions because no one—but no one at all—can tell you what to read and when and how.”

—Doris Lessing (1919-2013)

**Newsletter Deadline**

If you would like an announcement or news printed in the bulletin or newsletter we ask that you submit it, in writing, to the office before the deadline.

**For the September newsletter, please submit all news and announcements by Wednesday, August 18.**

Thank you so much for your understanding and help in making sure we get information communicated to everyone.



**3rd Annual Presbyterian Church  
BBQ and Pie Contest**

August 25, 2019 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Lake Icaria

East and West Shelters

Table service, drinks, and beans will be provided.

Bring your own lawn chairs  
and a side dish or dessert to share.

Fun for the whole family

games - campfire - sing-a-long - lots of food and fellowship



First Presbyterian Church -

Thank you for your generous donation to Corning's new Feed the Pack program! We are very excited to get this program up and running! We appreciate you supporting our Corning youth!

—Feed the Pack - East Campus



**Don't Take a Vacation from Your Giving!**

Quarterly giving statements have recently been mailed to all givers of the church. Please review and see where you are in your annual giving.

With the snow winter and now summer, giving estimates are somewhat behind from where they should be. Remember we still have events and activities going on that require all of our dollars to make them happen. Online giving is no available on our website,

<https://www.1stprescorning.org/give.html>, for your convenience.

Thank you for your support of the congregation and the work that we all do together.

—The Stewardship and Finance Committee



A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School! We'll have a full wrap up and report in our September newsletter but here are some initial numbers as of the end of Day 4 with one more night to go.

Different children who have attended this year: 87

Average number of kids each night of VBS: 70

Mission Money raised to support Feed the Pack - East: \$218.28

Additional money needed to feed one child for an entire school year: \$31.72 for a total of \$250

Amount of time, energy, volunteers, and effort to create this experience for the kids: Priceless!





## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

2019 is First Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary and we are hard at work organizing events and ideas to help us and the community celebrate this great milestone. Listed below are just a few of the things we have in the works so mark your calendars and save the dates as we come together celebrating 150 years of ministry.

A big thank you to the 150th anniversary committee members for their hard work: Betsy Akin, De Heaton, and Sue Selby.

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| Sunday, August 25:    | BBQ Cook-Off                         |
| Friday, September 20: | Homecoming Parade                    |
| Sunday, November 17:  | Worship and Formal Lunch Celebration |

### CHURCH STORIES

As the 150th trivia questions have gone out, answers have been received from people far and wide. Some answers have included stories from those individuals about their connections with FPC, Corning. Here is another one to enjoy and look for more next month!

A huge thank you to everyone for giving permission to share their stories.



#### **From Colleen Shaw:**

The release of the 150th Anniversary Trivia answer on the dedication of the stained glass window brought forth many memories.

It was an idea that blossomed after I presented the memorial request to the session in December of 1986 for my husband, Dr. James Shaw. Thank you Pastor Jessica and Rev. Rummer for the help in recalling the history to compile this memo. The session approved the request and appointed a committee consisting of Colleen Shaw, chair, Kay (McAlpin) Hoy, JoAnn Turner, and Ken Rummer. The project was termed by the session, "The Stained Glass Dream."

The project snowballed and interest brought forth further monetary contributions which enabled all eight windows to be installed at one time what the dedication on September 30, 1990. Many decisions and time were spent from beginning to installation on selecting the company from Minneapolis to help with the themes, artist design renditions, production, and installation. The congregation was so ready for the crinkled colored glass to be replaced by meaningful windows.

A descriptive pictorial pamphlet was printed and explains the themes. The south side windows of the sanctuary represent The Blessings of the Community; agriculture, churches and homes, and education. The north side windows represent The Fruits of the Spirit; peace, love, joy, needs of the world.

On the Sunday following the installation completion Rev. Rummer commented there was no need to prepare a sermon because all eyes were on the windows. Also the first spring following the installation, a robin built a nest adjacent on the outside of the window of the robin pictured in the window.

The beauty of the whole project was the cohesiveness of the congregation. All memorials for the windows are listed in the permanent memorial record book and listed under The Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary per the policy of the church of no dedication plaques.

## “FILL THE FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER”

2019 Report



### Restock the SHELVES

On Sunday, June 23 Pastor Jessica talked about our individual gifts. While each of our individual gifts is important, when we work together, sharing our individual gifts, they unite to make the Church...this body of believers...stronger and more capable of fulfilling the teaching of Jesus.

One of those teachings is from **Matthew 25:35-45** “...for I was hungry and you gave me food...”. In this passage from Matthew Jesus explains to his disciples that whatever they do for those in need they do to him, and perhaps even more significantly, whatever they don’t do for those in need they don’t do to him.

On June 27 our body of believers left the confines of our place of worship and took church to the community demonstrating that Church is not supposed to be a spectator sport. Over 40 members of our congregation combined their individual gifts contributing in some way to a local mission project...the annual “Fill the Food Pantry” fundraiser dinner and silent auction.

By sharing your individual gifts, we were able to serve over 150 people. We raised a total of \$4,330.50 netting \$3,454.04 after expenses. The Mission and Outreach Committee has agreed to add \$545.96 from their budget allowing us to donate \$4,000 to the local food pantry this year.

Thanks to all for sharing your gifts. You have made a difference in the lives of many!

Praise be to God.

Mission and Outreach Committee  
Gary Badgett Betsy Akin Ken Pangburn

### Photos of the Check Presentation on Sunday, July 21, 2019 - Ken Pangburn and Holly Steeve





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Mission Statement

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

***Sunday School, All Ages: 9:00 AM***

***Sunday Worship Time: 10:00 AM***

Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/1stprescorning](http://www.facebook.com/1stprescorning)

See all the news on our Website: [1stprescorning.org](http://1stprescorning.org)

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Is your newsletter address label marked with red? If so, you have been asked to participate on Sunday morning in some capacity. Please be responsible for finding your own replacement. Thank you!

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