

# Presbyterian

July 2019

We've begun our Sermon by Request series for the summer and I hope you're enjoying and learning more about the different topics and passages so far. For my article this month, I wanted to share more with you about the upcoming Sundays.

For July we'll be jumping around a little bit, and not all the topics have Scripture passages paired with them yet, so look for that information in upcoming bulletins.

July 7: We'll be looking at Luke 12:13-21 and Matthew 6:19-21 and asking the question of what belongs to us. This request came through a shared video which you can find at the following link if you'd like to see it before then. I'll also be showing it in worship that morning.

<https://www.facebook.com/1432560816976147/posts/2371414993090720?s=678678470&v=e&sfns=mo>

July 14: This sermon will consider the ideas and our understanding of sin and grace.

July 21: We'll look at prayers and praying this Sunday.

July 28: This Sunday we'll be worshipping in Central Park as part of Lazy Days Weekend and our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. So, I'll take a break from the series and probably look at something related to celebration and community.

In August, we'll spend most of the month in the gospel of Matthew with requests for sermons on some specific passages.

August 4: Matthew 9:36-37

August 11: Matthew 25:14-30

August 18: Matthew 25:34-40

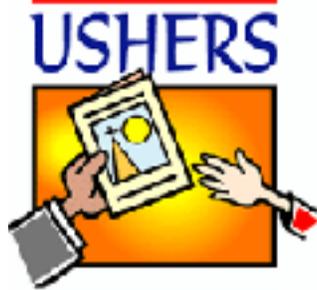
August 25: We'll end August with a sermon to be inspired by the Kansas song *Dust in the Wind*.

Finally, our sermon series will wrap up some time in September. I'm still working with the final requests and how I want to order and preach on them so look for more info on what will be coming in September in later newsletters and bulletins.

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.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jessica*



Sign up in the church foyer.

June 30

Ushers: Sam and Brennan Kester

Liturgist: Rosalie Lamb

July 7 - Communion

Ushers: Denise and Larry Kester

Liturgist:

July 14

Ushers: Jackie

Liturgist:

July 21

Ushers:

Liturgist:

July 28

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.**



Mark Devore	July 3
Tyler Jay Flowers	July 18
JP Jones	July 19
Jim Curtis	July 22
Andy Boyd	July 24
Darien Keefe	July 25
Ron Helvie	July 27
Michelle Leonard	July 27
Aaron Leonard	July 31
Mike Selby	July 31



- 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*



We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels for the month of July. Look for the sign up sheet in the foyer as there are still a few days available.

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



Pastor Jessica is in the office 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Thursday and she welcomes all. She can be reached at: the church: 322-4917; at home: 418-8143; or by e-mail: [pastor1stpresconing@gmail.com](mailto:pastor1stpresconing@gmail.com)

The office manager is Tamara Haley. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The church e-mail address remains [1stpresconing@gmail.com](mailto:1stpresconing@gmail.com) and Tamara can be reached at that address.



## 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.

Sunday, July 28:	Central Park Church Service/Lazy Days Weekend
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 are two more to enjoy and look for more next month!

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



#### **From Diane (Sinning) Bradley:**

My dad, Wilton H. Sinning (also known as Rev. Bill) was the minister called to be the First Presbyterian Church minister in Corning. We moved from Emery, South Dakota, at the beginning of November 1952, just days after my 4th birthday. My younger sister was born just weeks later. My 3 siblings and I grew up and all graduated from Corning High School. It was a pure delight to have the park across the street, the library just down the street, and all the schools within easy walking distance. The other plus of living at 905 Grove Avenue was the proximity of the church. Our lives revolved around church, school, and community activities.

I married a hometown boy in 1969 and I believe that was the last wedding in the old brick church before it was torn down. David had just returned from flying Cobra helicopters in Vietnam.

All 4 of the "Sinning kids" went off to college. My older brother, Mark, ended up in the Navy, then entered Fuller Seminary, but passed away in the early 1980s. Younger sister, Judy, is in Aurora, Colorado, a retired teacher with family. Younger brother, David, is in Oklahoma with family. Both went to Coe. My family has been in California since 1977. I retired from teaching 6 years ago and now enjoy playing with grandkids. Sadly, there are no more Sinnings in Corning. We still think of it as our hometown and get back to visit when we can. I pray that the congregation remains strong and active in the community.

#### **From Judy (Sinning) Storin:**

I believe it was 1952 when the Federated Church voted to form a united church related to only one denomination and the pastoral search committee later chose my father, W. H. Sinning (Bill), to be their first Presbyterian minister. He and my mother, brother, and sister moved to Corning that fall, and I was born on December 13. They had to quit decorating their Christmas tree to go to the new Rosary Hospital for me to be born. My mom said the tree didn't get finished that year which was a story I always enjoyed hearing. Mark and Diane had just turned 6 and 4 and our younger brother David came along December 30, 1954. That manse was an awesome place to grow up in as a family!



Vacation Bible School  
 July 21-25, 2019  
 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Registration for kids and volunteers is  
 now open!**  
[www.1stpresconing.org](http://www.1stpresconing.org)

VBS Work Nights will continue this month on Wednesdays, July 10, and 17 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no work night Wednesday, July 3 due to the holiday. Come by and help us prepare the many things needed for our week of Vacation Bible School.



VBS WORK NIGHTS

We are also looking for help in the kitchen this year. You'd need to be available late afternoons the week of VBS to volunteer in the kitchen.

If you have any questions or are able to help,  
 please e-mail Megan Boswell at: [vbs@1stpresconing.org](mailto:vbs@1stpresconing.org)



**Peanut Butter Jars and CDs Needed!**

We are still looking for some empty plastic peanut butter jars for a craft project at VBS. Our preference would be for the regular size jar, but we will also accept the large size. If you have any questions, talk with Sherry Keefe.

We are also seeking old CDs that you are willing to part with. You will not get them back. Any questions, talk with Megan Boswell.

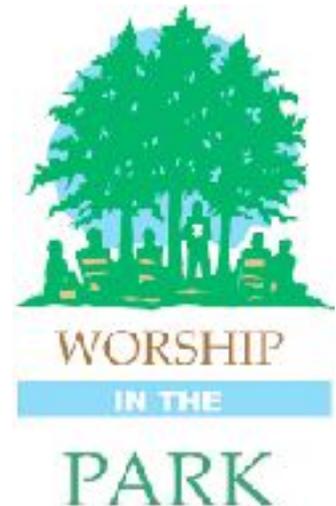
## PC (USA) Pentecost Special Offering



We received the Pentecost Offering this past month which goes to support denominational ministries for youth and young adults. Thank you everyone for your generosity. We collected **\$642.00**. Our congregation keeps 40% of what we receive and this year, the Session designated Feed the Pack - East as the recipient of those funds. We will be sending them a check for **\$256.80!** This will feed one student for the entire school year! Feed the Pack is a backpack program designed to provide food for a student to take home for the weekend and beginning with the 2019-2020 school year will be located in both Villisca (Feed the Pack - West) and Corning (Feed the Pack - East). Thank you again for giving to this special offering.

### Lazy Days Weekend Outdoor Worship

On Sunday, July 28th, our worship service is going to be held in Central Park! With the town celebration happening that weekend, we believe this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our 150th through worship with the broader community. So come, bring a lawn chair, and join as we celebrate and worship. Rain location will be the church sanctuary - watch social media and e-mail for an announcement that morning if the weather is not cooperating.



### Bulletin and Newsletter Announcements



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 bulletin, deadlines will be Wednesday of each week by the close of the office (1:00 p.m.). We run the bulletin Thursday mornings so this gives us time to make sure it is up to date.

For the newsletter, deadlines will shift some each month depending on how the days fall. Deadlines for the following month's newsletter will be included in the current newsletter.

For the August newsletter, please submit all news and announcements by Wednesday, July 17th.

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



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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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