

Presbyterian

June 2019

Thank you to everyone who submitted a request for my “Sermon by Request” summer sermon series. I’m looking forward to delving into all the different ideas and themes that were included in those requests. That sermon series will begin on Sunday, June 16th and will continue through most of the summer. Come to worship and hear about what others have been wondering.

So, what about the two Sundays left before June 16th? You might be wondering what I’ll be doing with those two Sundays. As I have mentioned a few times in worship, I enjoy celebrating the different holidays (the festival days) of the church calendar and there are two happening before June 16th, so I’ll be spending a Sunday on each holy day.

The first festival day is officially celebrated today, as I write this, Thursday, May 30th and that is Ascension Day which is also referred to as the Ascension of our Lord. It is always celebrated on the fortieth day after the resurrection. However, since we don’t worship on Thursday, we are going to be celebrating it this coming Sunday, June 2nd. The *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*, points out:

John Calvin’s theology placed great importance on the ascended and regnant Christ. Ascension Day is in some ways *the* Presbyterian feast day. Christ is Lord of the world and head of the church, we proclaim. Christ’s ascension, therefore, concerns us not only with ecclesiastical matters but also with social and political ones. If Christ has ascended, then Christ’s word rules the world as well as the church. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers—all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme. (reprinted by permission from *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* © 2003 Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

So, come and join in as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord.

The second festival day is probably the more well-known day of the two and that is Pentecost. It is always celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter and when we celebrate Pentecost we are remembering and rejoicing in the giving of the Spirit of God to the people. The *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*, explains:

God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection... The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people... Pentecost is new creation... The same Spirit that empowered Jesus to love enemies was the Spirit that enabled the Corinthian church to love their antagonists. A living fellowship means living as the body of Christ by preaching the Word with freedom, breaking bread together, reconciling with adversaries, and serving neighbors near and far. What makes possible the church’s witness to the resurrection of Christ is the Spirit of God. (reprinted by permission from *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* © 2003 Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

All of this we will remember and celebrate on Sunday, June 9th with the festival of Pentecost.

So many things are happening in worship, with the congregation, and in the community this summer. Take a look through the rest of the newsletter for more information on all that is going on and join in as we celebrate the Ascension, Pentecost, and then turn our focus towards topics that you have requested. I believe it’ll be a fun and interesting summer.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jessica



Sign up in the church foyer.

June 2

Ushers: Chuck and Maria Lund
Liturgist: Angie Mullen

June 9

Ushers: Betsy Akin
Liturgist: Donna Peckham

June 16

Ushers: Brennan and Sam Kester
Liturgist: Ken Pangburn

June 23

Ushers: Kurt and Diana Scott
Liturgist:

June 30

Ushers:
Liturgist: Rosalie Lamb

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.



Klint Maeder	June 4
Dolores Parcher	June 7
Larry Kester	June 10
Joyce Devore	June 11
Phyllis Brokaw	June 14
Judy Loonan	June 14
Phil Templeton	June 14
Christy Drake	June 15
Arnold Maynes	June 15
Maggie Jones	June 25
John Fister	June 29
Molly Oglesbee	June 29
Betsy Akin	June 30
Chloe Keefe	June 30



- Family of Larry Mullen*
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.

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

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 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.

Friday, June 14:	Hosting the Chamber of Commerce Coffee Receiving an Ambassador Salute
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

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

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. Beginning this month, those stories will be shared here in the newsletter. Enjoy!

From Deborah "Debbie" Harris Eggers:

I grew up in the old church building as a child and was married in the 'new' building July 6, 1974. I have two sisters who both live 'up north' now and our parents were quite involved at church. I led the Jr. Choir while still in high school and was youth elder during discussions on whether to tear down the old building. I had a Presbyterian Scholarship to Coe College and graduated with a Music Ed degree. What a great idea to do this! Look forward to the celebration. My husband was Air Force and we lived all over the country. He died 2 years ago and we've lived in Papillion, NE for over 30 years now. I am a member and lead the choirs at Faith Presbyterian Church in La Vista, NE.

From Jean Zimmerman Loup:

I was present during the vote in 1952; I would have been 11. What I remember: most of the kids sat in the back pew of the old church, mostly observing. The vote wasn't close, that is, the Presbyterians were definitely the favorite and there was one vote for Baptist. In my work in the Presbytery of Detroit, occasionally I'm able to say I became a Presbyterian as the result of a vote. My father was on the PNC who called W. H. Sinning, and I recall his traveling to South Dakota to hear him preach.

A huge thank you to everyone for giving permission to share their stories. Look for more next month.





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

Registration for kids and volunteers is now open!
www.1stprescorning.org

Volunteers who would like to order t-shirts must register by Sunday, June 16, 2019!

VBS Work Nights will begin on **Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m.** and be held each week. Come by and help us prepare the many things needed for our week of Vacation Bible School.

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@1stprescorning.org



VBS WORK NIGHTS



Save your Peanut Butter Jars!

We are in need of 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. So, eat some peanut butter, clean out the jar, and bring it to the church. If you have any questions, talk with Sherry Keefe.

The annual Food Pantry Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019. There's a sign up sheet in the foyer if you're able to help and volunteer. Dinner will be served 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Corning Community Center for a free will donation with all proceeds going to the Food Pantry in Corning. There will also be a silent auction for baked goods and gift items.



Presbytery Summer Fun Camp will be held this summer July 8-13 at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. Youth who have completed 4th through 8th grades can enjoy a week of discovery and fellowship as they share and grow in the Christian faith and community. Youth who have completed 9th through 12th grades may attend as youth leaders and young adults (up to age 22) may attend as staff.

Also, kids who have completed 2nd through 3rd grades can attend the Summer Friends Camp which will be held July 10-13 at Wesley Woods Camp. They'll be able to enjoy fun camp and special activities, plus Bible study and worship.

All registrations are due to the Presbytery of Des Moines by Monday, June 24, 2019!

Scholarships to help cover registration are available from the church.
Talk with Pastor Jessica for more information.

PC (USA) Pentecost Special Offering

We will be receiving the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 9. This offering goes to support denominational ministries for youth and young adults. Our congregation keeps 40% of what we receive for this offering to go towards a ministry with children in our congregation or local community. This year, the Session has designated Feed the Pack - East as the recipient of those funds. 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).





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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

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Session Members

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 Megan Boswell
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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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