

Presbyterian

May 2019

All preachers each have their own way of deciding what they are going to preach each Sunday.

Some use the lectionary every week. The lectionary is a 3-year cycle of readings that designates 4 passages (Old Testament, Psalm, Gospel, and another New Testament reading) for each and every Sunday. So, many pastors will look to lectionary to guide their preaching. There are definite benefits to lectionary preaching as it can force a preacher to look at, consider, and preach on texts they

wouldn't necessarily be inclined to preach on. A downside is that there is a lot of Scripture that is not found within the lectionary cycle.



Other preachers look for themes or series—what's an idea or topic that would be beneficial and interesting for the congregation to hear. This is still always tied to and based on Scripture. It's just a different way of putting together the passages and opens up the possibilities for what and how someone might preach.

I look at preaching from both of these perspectives. For my time here at First Presbyterian so far, I've been preaching solely from the lectionary. It's a place to enter into the texts with some guidance and structure and I chose to do it this way as I was settling in and getting to know all of you. Preachers consider the context in which their preaching just as much as they consider the Scripture texts and as I worked at understanding my new context, I found the lectionary to be a good foundation for my preaching.

This summer, though, I want to shake things up a little bit, in a way that will enable me to continue to learn more about all of you. So, you are going to help me decide what to preach on—this summer the sermons will be done by request.

Now this does take some planning, so I won't be standing up on Sunday morning asking what it is you'd like me to preach on. Instead, I'm inviting you to put in your requests ahead of time. There's a box in the foyer where you can place your written requests. It could be a topic, a specific Bible verse, an idea, or something else you've always wanted to hear about in a sermon. Write it down and place in the sermon request box. I ask that you put your name with your request in case I have any questions about it and all requests are due by Sunday, May 19th. I will then take them and build a Sermon by Request series for the summer.

We all have different ways of deciding what to preach on and I'm looking forward to this summer when I'll be preaching on your requests. I hope you'll join me in this sermon series—putting in a request and then coming to worship and hearing about all the different topics.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jessica



Sign up in the church foyer.

May 5

Ushers: Bev McMahon and Saige

Liturgist: Sue Selby

May 12

Ushers: Kurt and Diana Scott

Liturgist: Rosalie Lamb

May 19:

Ushers: Jim and De Heaton

Liturgist: Sherry Keefe

May 26:

Ushers:

Liturgist: Bev McMahon

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.

Lu Anne Brown	May 3
Jackie Butcher	May 7
Jason McManis	May 10
Gary Allen	May 16
Barbara Robinson	May 17
Judy Thompson	May 17
Lucy Eddy	May 21
Avery Morgan	May 26

Pastor Jessica will be out of the office from Monday, April 29, 2019 through Tuesday, May 14, 2019. She will be out of the country and unreachable. If you need pastoral care or anything else during that time, talk with our secretary, Tamara Haley, or contact our elder of the month, De Heaton.

*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.

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: pastor1stprescorning@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 1stprescorning@gmail.com and Tamara can be reached at that address.



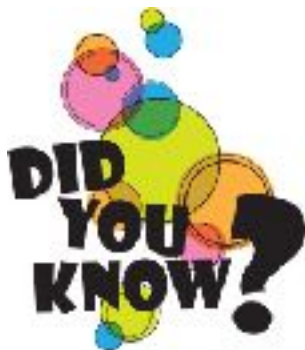


CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

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.

Tuesday, May 21:	Hosting the Presbytery of Des Moines
Friday, June 14:	Hosting the Chamber of Commerce Coffee
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.



150th Anniversary Trivia is happening now! This is your chance to discover how much you know about the First Presbyterian Church of Corning! Each week a trivia question is printed in our bulletin, sent out via our e-mail list, and posted on facebook. Submit your answers, in writing, to Pastor Jessica with your name. All answers are due by the Saturday of each week. Person who earns the most points will receive a prize.



Dear Pastor Jessica and First Presbyterian Church Family, A Big Thank You to you all for making our 150th Birthday party successful! Perhaps you gave an idea, or shared encouraging words. Maybe you helped with balloons or decorations, served food, cleaned up, or played a game. Maybe you sat and visited with someone and got to know them. Maybe you are a parent (who could have used some sleep) but you got up early and got children ready for church! Whatever you did, you deserve a Big Thanks, hugs, a pat on the back, etc.

*We couldn't have done it without you!! Each one of you is a joyful blessing!
The 150th Committee*



The two lilies that adorned our sanctuary on Easter morning were given by Ken and Kathy Pangburn:

In honor of Ruth Goldsmith and in memory of Earl Goldsmith

and

In honor of Joyce Pangburn and in memory of Robert Pangburn and Patty Pangburn

Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The Women the Synod of Lakes and Prairies will gather June 20-23, 2019 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, IA. Any woman, of any age, who would like to join in Christian fellowship and is looking for a spiritually enriching experience is invited. There will a variety of workshops, speakers, worship, and bible study.

For more information and to register talk with Pastor Jessica or go to:

<https://www.lakesandprairies.org/PresbyterianWomenintheSynod>

Out of the believer's heart

shall flow

streams

of living water



- John 7:38 -



Vacation Bible School

July 21-25, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Next Planning Meeting:

Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. at FPC

Registration for kids and volunteers will be available beginning May 1, 2019. VBS is open to children aged 4 years through those who have completed 5th grade.

All registration will be online this year at: www.1stprescorning.org

If you have any questions, please e-mail Megan Boswell at: vbs@1stprescorning.org

We will be hosting the Presbytery of Des Moines on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and are looking for some additional volunteers. Specifically, we need 3 people to help with registration, 2 adults willing to be available if child care is needed (we'll know this ahead of time), and at least 1 more person to help usher and serve communion during worship. We will also need multiple volunteers to help serve lunch that day.

Look for the sign up sheet in the foyer.



For the month of May, First Presbyterian will be hosting the exhibit “The Colors of Jesus.” This exhibit features eight works of art in an array of colors, with each color representing an aspect of Jesus’ life and teachings. Each piece of art is accompanied by corresponding Scripture passages to illustrate the message. These abstract paintings are a collaborative effort by Judy Sebern Beachy, Beth Hirst, and Jan Davison, all members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines.

Sundays in May

May 5 - Pulpit will be filled by Randy Olive.

May 12 - Pulpit will be filled by Steve Poole.

We will also collect the Noisy Offering.

Baccalaureate - 4:00 p.m. SWV HS Auditorium

May 19 - Sacrament of Holy Communion

SWV Graduation - 2:00 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church
 907 Grove Avenue
 Corning, Iowa 50841
 (Return Service Requested)

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

See all the news on our Website: 1stprescorning.org

Session Members

Gary Badgett
 Megan Boswell
 Karen Carlson
 De Heaton

Denise Kester
 Chuck Lund
 Randy Olive

Ken Pangburn
 Diana Scott
 Sue Selby
 Nancy Turner

Rev. Jessica Paulsen

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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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