

Presbyterian

September 2019



It didn't turn out to be the August either of us expected as I left July 31st to be with my family due to the death of my grandmother. I wish I had bigger words or better words or more words to express my thanks because thank you feels so inadequate for the care and prayers that you have offered on my behalf over the past few weeks. But thank you is what the English language gives us to work with and so I want all of you to know how deeply thankful I am.

Each of you, in doing your part of the ministry of the church, made it possible for me to be away and spend the time with my family that I needed. In addition to that,

you offered prayers, cards, thoughts, flowers, text messages, phone calls, visits of support, and so many other things. All of those things helped me to realize and know the care of the community of faith with which I minister. That means a great deal to me as I love seeing the church be the church. So, thank you. Thank you so very much.

Even as we carry our grief and adjust to life without the physical presence of those we love, life moves forward. We move forward and begin to look towards what is to come. So, what is coming?

Well, this month we'll finish out our Sermon by Request series. It really has been a lot of fun to explore all the different requests that you made for this series. I hope the sermons answered some of the questions that you asked. Know that I'm always willing to talk about any of them in more depth! Our schedule for the end of the series is as follows:

- September 1 - The song *Dust in the Wind* by Kansas
- September 8 - The Transformation/Transfiguration of Jesus
- September 15 - Detours of Life
- September 22 - Ministry Beyond the Walls

Some other upcoming events include World Communion Sunday, which we'll celebrate on Sunday, October 6. Also on that Sunday, we'll be receiving the Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of our denomination's special offerings that goes towards promoting peace and reconciliation around the world. As a congregation, we'll keep 25% of whatever we collect for this offering to go towards a ministry of the Session's choosing. Look for more information about that in the next newsletter.

November will see the culmination of our 150th celebrations with worship and lunch on Sunday, November 17. We hope everyone will be able to come that day as we rejoice in all the ministry this congregation has done over the years. Save-the-Dates will be arriving soon and we ask that you RSVP by Friday, November 1 so we have a count for the meal.

So, many things are coming. Keep an eye on your email, the website, and Facebook page for all the details. Thank you again for the wonderful care you've offered to me these past few weeks and the great care you've offered this community over so many years.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jessica



Sign up in the church foyer.

September 1 - Communion

Ushers: Phil and LeAnn Morris

Liturgist:

September 8

Ushers:

Liturgist:

September 15

Ushers:

Liturgist:

September 22

Ushers:

Liturgist:

September 29

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.



Megan Boswell	September 1
Denise Kester	September 1
Louis Manly	September 2
Hope Templeton	September 5
Jim Whitmore	September 10
Bert Peckham	September 16
Marcia Allen	September 21
Brenda Devore	September 23
Thomas Butcher	September 30



- Gary Allen*
- 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*

**Children's
Sunday School
and Youth Group
will start for the year on
Sunday, September 8,
at 9:00 a.m.**

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



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, September 18.

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

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.

Friday, September 20: Homecoming Parade

Sunday, November 17: Worship and Formal Lunch Celebration

Save the Dates for the November Luncheon will soon be arriving in your mailbox. Keep an eye out for them and RSVP by Friday, November 1st to Pastor Jessica at: pastor@1stprescornig.org

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 Mary (Masker) Conklin:

I began attending the Federated Church, instead of the Christian Church in which I was raised, as a high school junior in 1939 and transferred my membership the next year. (I never looked back.) The church was served alternately by Congregational and Presbyterian pastors until we voted to be Presbyterian.

Germany invaded Belgium in May 1941. England got into the war and the US instituted the military draft. Factories quickly converted from peacetime to wartime, and the husbands of both the Methodist and Federated organists got jobs in the "war" plants. Almira Turner said, "Mary, why don't you learn to play the organ?" The Methodist organist gave me a few pointers and I was on my own, beginning in the fall of 1941, when all the organists left town. During the next twelve years, I played for many weddings, including Bert and Donna Peckham and Dolores Parcher. I played until, at age 31, I resigned and left to study organ and Christian Education at the University of Dubuque. Bill Sinning was my guide and mentor through that change.

God truly moves in a mysterious way. My 32-year-old future husband also enrolled as a first semester freshman in January 1954. Being two of the few "older" students enrolled, we shared three classes that semester, began dating, and married February 22, 1955. He was ordained in 1960, served the church over 50 years, and died March 28, 2014 at age 92. I'm still the organist for the local Methodist church and sub at "my" Presbyterian church. I taught school, was Education specialist for the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, Director of Christian Education for two churches, taught Christian Education at the University of the Ozarks and more.

As a pastor's wife and Christian Educator, I've been a part of many churches, plus Bill and Jean Sinning were our very good friends for as long as they lived. The Corning church is very special to me. That's where my roots are.



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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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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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