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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant is to encourage and nurture diverse expressions of the love of Christ in our congregation and community, and to embrace Christ centered ministries around the world.

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Bookkeeper: Deb Sinclair

Highlights

Presbyterian 101
Sunday, June 9

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14

Presbyterians at Burlington Bees Game

Sunday, June 23

Summer Sacks at Fellowship Cup

Week of June 24 and Week of July 1

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“Belong, Behave, Believe”

In the early 20th Century, many people were born into their religious traditions. Someone raised in a Catholic household would most likely join a Catholic church in their adult life. A person who belonged to a community of faith would learn how to behave appropriately to fit in with their peers. Eventually, they may come to believe the teachings of the faith.

This way of becoming a part of a faith community began to shift later in the 20th Century after the social revolutions of the 1960's. People began to join organizations based on beliefs. Adults began to leave the churches of their childhood to join other faith communities which fit their belief system. There was a change from belonging to a community for a lifetime and inheriting a construct for beliefs, to having belief shape the choice of a community. Once someone decided to join a church based on belief, they would learn to belong and behave to remain inside the group.

In the early part of the 21st Century why people became a part of organization shifted again. New members became attracted to churches based on behavior and programming. Someone would join a community different from their family of origin and even different from their own personal beliefs, based on the actions and behavior of the community of the church. For example, my cousin in Texas, now almost 50, grew up in our family's Presbyterian church. Later she took her family to a much larger church with vastly different views on faith, but it had great programs. My cousin admitted to not believing everything the church taught, but she enjoyed the church's mission to the larger community with its large food

ministry to the poor and job training for the impoverished surrounding community. My cousin found purpose in the mission of the church. This church grew. It didn't grow because families were having more children the way traditional mainline churches grew in the early 20th Century. It didn't grow because everyone believed the same thing. It grew because people found a way to live out their own beliefs.

Many people still go to the churches they were raised in. Many still find churches based on their beliefs. Many still become a part of faith communities based on what the churches do. But the way most people join organizations has flipped. We no longer, “Belong, Behave, and Believe.” The church in the 21st is about action! People were attracted to the early church, because they saw lives being changed and the Gospel being lived out. They belonged and believed once they saw how the church behaved. My prayer is that we may live into this way of being God's people.

Rev. Trey Hegar

Social Justice Group

Sundays, June 9 and 23

Discussions on environmental issues
ranging from air and water quality
to rain forests to climate change

You are invited to join us!

Bob Mueller, Moderator

Rev. Trey's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
will continue through the summer,
except when Trey and Sarah are on vacation day.

Presbyterian 101

Sunday, June 9 at 11 AM in Peter's Room
for newly received members
and for all those who are interested in learning more
about the Presbyterian faith and our church.

Session Highlights

By *Ed Kropa*, Clerk

The following motions were passed through recent email Session requests:

- Establish two new bank accounts: one for Nutrimos under IowaWINS with **Tammy Shull** and **Annalisa Miller** as responsible for this account and one for All God's Creatures with **Tim Conrad**, **Jennifer Riepe** and **Sam Riepe** as responsible for this account
- Approved the request from the Worship Committee for proposed designs for sanctuary banners.

The following motions were passed at the regular Session meeting on May 13, 2019:

- Request for **Rev. Trey Hegar** to be gone on the following Sundays: June 23, August 18 and September 29. Worship Committee will call for pulpit supply for each Sunday.
- Approved the IT Committee's request to use funds from line item #106 Building Accrual Account to pay for the repair bill for the sanctuary audio visual system and also for the bill for security cameras for our church.
- Approved the continued use of Paul's Room for the IowaWINS food pantry.

Our church can accept donations online. Simply go to firstpresbyonline.org and click the **GIVE NOW** button or scan the QR code with your phone. Please identify the donation in the note section.



Stewardship Session Notes - May 13, 2019

TREASURER REPORT:

1. Pledges for April were \$18,226.50 and were under budget by \$1,773.50. Other incomes included Loose Plate of \$101.50, Rental Income of \$134.95, Per Capita of \$114.00, Endowment Transfer of \$5,000.00, and Online Giving Fees of (\$54.11). April total revenue was \$23,622.84.
2. Expenses for April were under budget by \$8,573.14 and under budget (\$12,501.25) for the year.
3. Net income after four months is \$17,281.17.

BALANCE SHEET:

1. Checking account balance for March was \$26,447.55 and for April is \$29,308.30.
2. The BDB TYD checking account balance is unchanged at \$11,267.58.
3. Building accrual account balance is unchanged at \$20,903.14.
4. Memorial account balance last month was \$12,513.89 and is currently \$17,084.93.
5. Triennium balance is \$4,000.
6. Scholarships balance is \$1,527.50.
7. Online Giving Receivables last month was \$2,184.91 and is currently \$3,728.80.

INCOME STATEMENT:

- A. Income:** General Pledges are over budget by \$7,514.50 for the year. Our net income for the month was \$3,569.62. Our pledge rate in April was (\$1,773.50) under budget.
- B. Expenses:** For the year, we are (\$12,501.25) under budget. In April our expenses were under budget by \$8,573.14.
- C. Net Income:** We currently have a net total income of \$17,281.17 year to date vs a budget of \$952.85.

Special thanks to **Jane Creager**, **Deb Sinclair**, **Marvin Bricker** and our **financial clerks** for all of their work.

Kevin Knox, Stewardship Chair

IowaWINS' April Events

We are off to an exciting start for a new IowaWINS project called Nutrimos (We nourish). The goal is to nourish physically, mentally, and spiritually through working and learning together and respecting the dignity of each individual. This project is being led by **Morgan Hoenig** (MOGO Farms and Iowa State Extension) and **Annalisa Miller** (leader of IowaWINS activities and outreach in Fairfield). They are both amazing leaders. This project has grown from a glimmer of an idea to a reality due to their knowledge and skills. The project has three components: community gardening, education and training, and the potential of a food truck business start-up this summer.

The community gardening is off to a great start. Thanks to grants from Farm Credit Services and Henry County Master Gardeners, IowaWINS was able to purchase potting soil and seedlings for use in the community gardens. Through a grant application to Herman's Garden Seed Donation, 50 packets of organic heirloom seeds were donated and shipped to the church for the community gardens! **Morgan** donated seedlings and also grew seedlings on her farm for tomatillos and peppers from the donated heirloom seeds. She is also growing onions for IowaWINS on her farm that church members planted during "Giving Back" Sunday in April.

Many of the immigrant families joined with our local foods experts to prepare their plots on the Fellowship Cup Community Garden space and planted seedlings and seeds on a beautiful afternoon on May 15. Some other families gathered seeds to start a garden in their yards at home. IowaWINS also has a couple of plots, so we can grow produce for distribution through the pantry. Our local foods experts include **Barb Stone** (Jefferson County Food Hub Coordinator), **Chuck Albright**, and **Morgan Hoenig**. We are very excited that we will have fresh, locally grown produce for the health of the immigrant families this summer.

The next component is education and training. Six immigrants participated in the Safe Serve training/certification offered in Spanish in Iowa City by ISU Extension. It was a

full day class covering significant requirements for operating a safe kitchen for public food consumption. At the end of the day, the participants took the certification exam and are waiting for their results. Whether they are successful in being certified, they all learned a great deal about safe food handling. Anyone that is certified, can then train others in safe food handling, so the learning will continue to be spread. Other educational/training plans include budgeting, pre-serving foods, customer service skills, and leadership skills.

We are very pleased to announce that the third component of the project, "Just" Tacos food truck is very close to being kicked off this summer. We have received a \$30,000 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help cover the cost of a chef/food truck manager and other start-up expenses. We are waiting on a second grant that would cover the cost to buy or lease the food trailer. There actually is a custom-made taco trailer for sale in the local area. **Jane Martin**, another Fairfield friend, has been researching events and locations for the "Just" Tacos truck to serve. All the pieces are coming together with the help of the Spirit. Volunteers will help staff the food truck and gain valuable experience and skills to help them in seeking employment. We will use local foods to prepare the tacos and the profits will be returned to IowaWINS for continued assistance to the immigrant families, as they wait for immigration hearings and work permits.

Many thanks to **Ed Chabal** and **Barbara Myers Rainbow** who volunteered to oversee the financials of the Nutrimos project. **Ed** will provide advice and guidance on set-up and financial requirements and **Barb** will provide bookkeeping services. **Annalisa Miller** and **Tammy Shull** will be responsible for check writing on our separate Nutrimos account at Community 1st Credit Union.

As we marked the one-year anniversary of the ICE Raid, we are grateful for your support of IowaWINS and the families affected by the ICE Raid. We are thankful for the many beautiful relationships that have been formed and we look with hope to the future for these families.

Tammy Shull, Chair Iowa WINS (Iowa Welcomes Immigrant Neighbors) A Commission of the MP First Presbyterian Church

Sound Appeal Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The 2018-19 season marks the 45th season for the adult bell choir (known as Sound Appeal since 1992) of First Presbyterian Church. The idea of starting a bell choir at First Presbyterian had been in the mind of **Burton Mahle**, the Westminster Choir director and member of the Iowa Wesleyan Music faculty, but **Mahle** lacked a background in bell ringing. IWC sophomore music major, **Nancy Johnson**, stepped forward. She needed a Responsible Social Involvement Project, a requirement for graduating from IWC. After **Pastor Rev. Jerry Roseberry** approached several major contributors to the church's memorial fund, bells were ordered in the summer of 1974. In early November, two octaves of Schulmerich handbells (25 bells) arrived and rehearsals began. The original choir included **Sarah James, Marge Osier, Burton Mahle, Hannah Volkmann, Janet Mahle, Joel Brown, Betty Geary, and Marilyn Mahle**. After two years of directing the choir, **Nancy Johnson** graduated and **Burton Mahle** directed until he "retired" around 1984.

Since that time the choir has been directed by **Marj Thimmesch**. Currently 13 ringers play a 5-octave (61 bells) set of bells and a 5-octave set of choir chimes. Regular ringers include: **Jeff Epperson, Jeff Fager, Robyn Willham, Jane Creager, Mindy Creager, Sherla Arp, Bonnie Kremer, Martha Wiley, Marilyn Vincent, Sally Fager, Adam Creager, Sara Kremer, and Ginnie Swarm**. We rely on a talented pool of substitute ringers: **Collin DePriest, Cheyrl Newland, Char Hinrichs, Sarah Hegar, Paula Hoenig, Deb Sinclair, and Phil Schroetter**.

While Sound Appeal regularly contributes to worship services, it has also done a number of outreaches to the community at large over the years. For example, this past season the choir or subsets of ringers made appearances at the Henry County Courthouse for the Mt. Pleasant Women's Club Festival of Trees, at Silver Palms for the family Christmas dinner, at Park Place for a program of Christmas music, and at IWU for the Lessons and Carols service, as well as entertaining Chapter Original A of PEO, which held

its Christmas meeting in our church. Sound Appeal always enjoys collaborating with Westminster Choir or Soul Notes or inviting other instrumentalists to play with us.

We very much appreciate the support of **Pastor Trey, Marlene DePriest** (Westminster Choir director) and our **congregation** for our part in the ministry of First Presbyterian.

Marj Thimmesch, Director of Sound Appeal

Would You Like to Share Special Music?

Westminster Choir, Sound Appeal, and Soul Notes are on breaks until fall. In order to have some special music in our worship services over the summer, we will need more volunteers. Musical offerings can be instrumental or vocal, a solo or a small group. If you are a musician and haven't yet found a place in our church to share your talents, here's your chance. If you are a regular part of one of the church's musical groups, find some friends and plan to share something with the congregation during the summer.

Special music presentations will take the place of the anthem in the order of service during the summer. If you find that you have more than one thing you'd like to share, the prelude or reflection music spot can also be made available. We're flexible. When you find a Sunday that works for you, please contact **Marj Thimmesch** at 385-2717 or **Deb Sinclair** at 931-8029, so we can put you on the schedule.

Burlington Bees Baseball Game

Sunday, June 23 at 2 PM

Take me out to the ball game!

Here is another opportunity to join together as a church family for some fun and fellowship and watch some baseball.

Please purchase your own general admission ticket.

We will sit together in the stands along the third baseline.

If you can't join us this time,

we have scheduled another game on July 14.

If you have any questions, please contact

Sarah Hegar, Director of Congregational Ministries

Please Note:

- **Dick and Mary Beth Young's** new email address is: tatofarm44@gmail.com
- Please delete **Shelley Van Dorin's** cell phone number that is listed in the church pictorial directory. It is incorrect. The home number is correct.

*Presbyterian Women would like to invite
all women of our church to a SPRING FLING!*

Enjoy finger foods and

Lois Braun's Program on Easter Eggs!

Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 PM

Fellowship hall

Special Guests include

*Ladies from Donnellson, Mediapolis,
New London, Washington and Winfield.*

Fellowship Cup's Summer Sacks Program



Presbyterian Women would like some volunteers to help with their Mission Outreach Project the weeks of June 24 and July 1 (except for July 4).

Volunteers are needed as follows:

- Make sandwiches 4 people at 10 AM
- Deliver meals at 11AM: 1 for New London, 1 for Chesapeake Apartments, 1 for Green Valley/South St.

Anyone who can make a sandwich or put food in a sack is highly skilled for Summer Sacks. Please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the Gathering Space.

Susan Farnsworth, Presbyterian Women Chair

Description for Sunday Morning Greeters

The Worship Committee invites you to sign up to be greeters on the clipboard in the Gathering Space. Hospitality and a welcoming greeting are so important to newcomers and congregation members alike.

If you sign up to greet, please arrive about 9:20 AM, pick up a name tag on the shelf at the back of the sanctuary near the sound booth, and then put on your smile! One or more of the greeters should stand close to the north door in the Gathering Space. One greeter should stand at the left doors to the sanctuary to ensure they get a bulletin and find a place to sit. Please inform people that they can pick up a bulletin on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. There is a table for the offerings and the bulletins at each doorway.

Also, please stay in the Gathering Space for about ten minutes into the service, so that you may greet any late-comers and help them find seating. Thank you, Thank you!

Please sign up! Your help in providing this welcome each Sunday is greatly appreciated.

Lois Roth, Worship Chair

June Worship:

Sunday Morning Building Assistant: **Duane Wiley**

Nursery: **Courtney Bowman & Kelsey Hummel**

Financial Clerk: **Liz Wasson**

Liturgists:

June 2: **Mary Beth Young**

Communion Preparer: **Pat Richenberger**

Servers: **Peggy & Carl Frank, Pat Richenberger
Pastor Trey Hegar**

June 9: **Ginnie Swarm**

June 16: **Steve Readinger**

June 23: **Curt Swarm**

June 30: **Ryan Chabal**

Special thanks to **Marlene DePriest & Westminster Choir, Marj Thimmesch & Sound Appeal & Soul Notes.** We look forward to these groups back in the fall.

Special thanks to **Mike Vincent** for making the cross kits for our graduates.

Book Group

Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 PM

Linda Albright's (812 S. Smith Street)

My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

July 11 at **Kathy Wiley's** *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

August 8 *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher

September 12 *Them* by Ben Sasse

October 10 *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle

Vacation Bible School "Washed in Water"

Jack & Bonnie Kremer's Farm June 10-14

We are excited for this week of fun, learning, and recreation! I ask that you be in prayer for our Campers, Counselors, and Adult Volunteers!

Teachers: **Robyn Willham, Sara Kremer, Ryan Chabal, Callie DePriest, Meredith Lee, and Karen Conrad**

Crafts: **Erica Redgate**

Games: **Ryan Chabal**

Music: **Lea McCormick**

Food: **Bonnie Kremer & Valerie Willham**

Bus Driver: **Tom Lowe**

Fishing Instructor: **Tom Ellsworth**

Other adult volunteers: **Tina Mullin, Jack Becker, Steve Young, Rodrigo Reza, Pat Heusmann, Ken & Patty Madden, Trey & Sarah Hegar**

It really does take a small village for a successful week of VBS. And a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Jack and Bonnie Kremer** for the use of their home and farm for this absolutely wonderful experience. It really is like sending the kids to camp!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sarah Hegar, Director of Congregational Ministries

We are wishing all Teachers and Students a pleasant end to another school year. Please keep them in prayer as they conclude another year and head into the summer. *Sarah*

Congratulations to:

- **Don Wiley**, who received the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at Iowa Wesleyan University on May 4.
- **Sarah Hegar**, for being selected as a second place "Mother of Year" winner, which was sponsored by KILJ Radio and the Drake in Burlington.

Congratulations to our College Graduates!

- **Brianna Boston-Kemple (Levi's wife)** received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 11. She has accepted a position as staff nurse on the medicine-psychiatry floor at the University of Iowa Hospital. Brianna and Levi will be living close to family in Iowa City!
- **Michaela Mathews** graduated with a biology major and chemistry minor from Central College. She will start dental school in August at the University of Iowa.
- **Zach May** will graduate from Midwestern University with his Doctorate in Physical Therapy on May 23. He will be taking his board exam on July 25 and starting his new job with Great River Inpatient Rehab on August 19. He will also be getting married in between times (June 22).
- **Samuel Van De Berg** received a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Studies from Iowa State University on May 10. He is still actively seeking employment he and his fiancée Michaela Ostendorf will reside in Ames. She is beginning work with the Story County Extension office as the adult program coordinator.
- **Thomas Welander** received a Master of Music Education summa cum laude at the University of Northern Colorado on May 3.

Our Christian Sympathies to the:

- Al & Sandy Memler Family** on the death of **Al's brother, Jay Memler**, on May 6 in Naperville, IL
- Monie Hayes & her Family** on the death of **Monie's husband, Russ Hayes** on May 9.

PRAYER CONCERNS: **Kevin Van Dorin; Wade Bengel; Maggie Epperson's sister (Susan Moenssen-True); Diane Brook's mother (Janice Largent); Erica Redgate's mother (Audrey Redgate); Bryce & Jane Creager's nephew (Grant Mantell);**

Pastor Melisa Bracht-Wagner; Lois Roth's brother (Mark Veldhizen); Rev. Jerry Kelly's friend (Linda Ginsberg); All of our shut-ins & those in care centers; All servicemen & servicewomen; All those affected by the Mt. Pleasant ICE Raid; Iowa Wesleyan University

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Diane Brooks - Mike & Angie Mathews' Anniversary
- 2 Traci Bender - Jan Benedict
- 3 Kevin Hoenig - Kathy Holtkamp
- 6 Duane & Martha Wiley's Anniversary
- 11 Landon Church - Chase Lamm
- 12 Carrie Church
- 13 Brandon Strait - John & Sherla Arp's Anniversary
- 15 Kirby & Angie Booton's Anniversary
- 17 Ed Chabal
- 18 Steve Readinger
- 19 Jason Liechty - Zane Long
- 21 Tom Best - Peggy Frank
- 22 Gene McWhirter
Brian & Deb Sinclair's Anniversary
Jeff & Robyn Willham's Anniversary
- 23 Janet Wolin
Marvin & Diane May's Anniversary
- 24 Brody Bender - Betty Lowe
- 27 Kyle DePriest - Lynn Ellsworth
- 28 **Rev. Trey Hegar**
- 29 Jim & Marlene DePriest's Anniversary
- 30 Joanie Moffett - Mike Vincent

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and expressions of sympathy to me at the sudden death of my sister, **Rita Beach**. It was very much appreciated during this difficult time.

Pat Richenberger

Dear First Presbyterian Family, I want to thank you all for your thoughts and inquiries regarding my mom's health. She's doing much better, though having to get used to a "new normal." The pneumonia that put her in the hospital has fully healed, Now, we

are playing the "what combination of medications is going to help her going forward" game. There was a time I thought we might lose her and I am convinced she was held up and healed by your prayers. Thank you again, so much.

With Much Love and Gratitude, *Erica Redgate*

