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Choir Director: Marlene DePriest
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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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Treasurer: Marvin Bricker
Bookkeeper: Deborah Sinclair

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Highlights

9:45 AM Sundays

In-person and YouTube Live

Fellowship Time to follow

Recorded services online - see webpage

Address Service Requested

Pledge Cards & Music Surveys Due

Sunday, October 16

St Louis Mission Trip

October 21-23

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 30

Fall Party

Sunday, October 30 4-6 PM



ALERT



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“Sabbath as Stewardship”

Stewardship season is upon us. However, stewardship is not solely about finances. It is a way of honoring all parts of life. In Genesis 1, the Creator charges humanity to be stewards over all creation. We are to protect it, nurture it, and be wise in its use. Creation and humanity are co-benefactors of such care.

Likewise, stewardship relates to our personal and community lives. Again, in Genesis 1, the Creator rests after 6 days of work. This pattern of work and rest demonstrated how we should care for our bodies and minds, and those of our neighbors as well.

I was blessed to have an extended time of Sabbath renewal this Summer thanks to you all and the Ely Lily grant for clergy and church renewal. Please note, the grant was not only for me. It was for the whole church. The renewal task force and myself have planned some sabbath renewal programs, education, and events for the congregation.

The congregation is invited to participate in a time of Sabbath renewal on the first Sundays of the month October 2, November 6, and December 4. I would like to encourage every person in church those days to join us in the Fellowship Hall after our cookie and coffee hospitality time.

We will learn about Sabbath as Stewardship. We will implement some practical methods to incorporate Sabbath rest into our daily lives based. The information and study is based on the work of Dr. Walter Brueggemann’s book *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* and the book *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus* by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison.

Rather than leaving the church immediately come sit, relax, and grow with each other and dwell with the Spirit of new life. You will be stronger because of it. Your work and relationships will benefit. It is good stewardship.

*Blessings,
Rev. Trey Hegar*

A Note From Stewardship

Session and Stewardship are currently working on the 2023 budget, and as it is the nature of this work, it is a collective effort. We are asking that each of the **church committees submit their 2023 budget requests and projected numbers into the office and Stewardship by Monday, October 10, 2023.**

There is also a Stewardship letter being sent out with 2023 Pledge Cards for everyone. We ask that those **pledge cards be filled out and returned on or before Sunday, October 16.** Thank you everyone for your help with the 2023 budget. It is greatly appreciated and could not be done without your collective effort.

Session Highlights

Session met on Monday, September 12 at 6 PM. It was moved, seconded, and passed to replace **Dave Heusmann** with **Nancy Tometich** for check signing authority for IowaWins – (Dave decided not to undertake the IowaWins Treasurer position). Other items of discussion at Session included updates from the Music Task Force, church membership review, and updates from the Nominating Committee.

Stewardship is preparing pledge letters and cards for mailing in preparation of assembling the 2023 budget. Committees will need to have their budgets turned into the office and Stewardship by Monday, October 10 for Session’s review.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 30th, there will be a stated congregational meeting to receive nominations for elders and deacons, review the 2023 budget, and vote on the Pastor's terms of call for 2023. Join us for worship and the congregational meeting. All are welcome.

Music Survey

The Music Task Force has been given the difficult task of replacing Marj Thimmesch and Marlene DePriest as bell choir director, organist, and adult choir director as of May of 2023. We would like to celebrate the wonderful music we have had over the years and give you a voice for future music and programs in the church. **In the ALERT, you will find a music survey to fill out and turn into the church by October 16th.**

We appreciate your participation in the survey, as it will guide our leadership teams ability to bring forward the best of our past as they look toward the future. Please offer prayers of gratitude for the wonderful music ministry Marj and Marlene have led and pray for the future of our church as we search to find music leaders who will be able to carry forward our tradition of inspired worship through song and music.

October Worship Helpers

Sunday Morning Building Assistant: **Tom Ellsworth**

Financial Clerk: **Chris Van De Berg**

Greeters: **Curt & Ginnie Swarm**

Sunday, Oct. 2 Communion Preparer: **Pat Richenberger**

Liturgists: Oct. 2 **Karen Kauffman**

Oct. 9 **Karen Conrad** Oct. 16 **Kathy Schimmelpfennig**

Oct. 23 **Sam Riepe** Oct. 30 **Sally Olson**

Treasurer's Report for August 2022

AUGUST 2022	CURRENT MONTH	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	2022 YEAR
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
General Pledges	\$16,338.00	\$21,094.00	\$198,871.00	\$168,759.00	\$235,138.00
From Endowment Fund	\$0.00	\$6,102.00	\$0.00	\$48,813.00	\$73,219.04
Other Revenue	\$8,465.00	\$17,263.00	\$11,889.00	\$19,099.00	\$20,150.00
Total Revenue	\$24,803.00	\$44,459.00	\$210,760.00	\$236,671.00	\$328,507.04
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Pastor	\$6,957.00	\$10,314.00	\$74,614.00	\$82,964.00	\$124,671.82
personnel	\$8,349.00	\$9,788.00	\$72,056.00	\$80,692.00	\$120,222.22
Worship and Music	\$1,089.00	\$325.00	\$2,382.00	\$2,600.00	\$3,900.00
Adult Christian Education	\$54.00	\$192.00	\$235.00	\$1,533.00	\$2,300.00
Youth Christian Education	\$885.00	\$958.00	\$3,585.00	\$7,167.00	\$10,000.00
Stewardship	\$0.00	\$1,308.00	\$395.00	\$2,067.00	\$4,200.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,465.00	\$1,704.00	\$18,544.00	\$17,133.00	\$27,450.00
Operations	\$348.00	\$642.00	\$5,282.00	\$5,133.00	\$7,700.00
Technology	\$0.00	\$379.00	\$106.00	\$3,033.00	\$4,550.00
Mission	\$250.00	\$1,543.00	\$14,739.00	\$14,842.00	\$23,513.00
Special Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$19,397.00	\$27,153.00	\$191,938.00	\$217,164.00	\$328,507.04
<u>CASH INCREASE (DECR)</u>	\$5,406.00	\$17,306.00	\$18,822.00	\$19,507.00	\$0.00
Respectfully submitted, Marvin Bricker, Treasurer					

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

Jeff Willham, Stewardship Chair

Tithes and Offerings

We ask that you continue to give to the church, so we can continue to help and support our community programs and offer programs and support to you. You may drop off your checks in the office, mail your checks to 902 S. Walnut St. or give online by copying this link <https://bit.ly/2x46F6l>. *Rev. Trey Hegar*

Bell Choir Rehearsals

Bells will have rehearsals on Wednesdays evenings in the Sanctuary at the following times during October:

5:20 PM **Soul Duo**

5:40 PM **Soul Notes**

6:15 PM **Sound Appeal**

Both **Soul Notes** and **Sound Appeal** will play in church on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Presbyterian Women Rummage & Bake Sale

Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 7, 2022 12 PM – 6 PM

Saturday, October 8, 2022 8 AM – 1 PM

\$2 Bag Sale – Saturday, October 8, 2022 11 AM – 1 PM

Set up will be Thursday, October 6th from 8 AM - 4 PM. Set up will also be Friday, October 7th from 8 AM until time of sale at 12 PM. There are volunteer sign-up sheets for the setup, the rummage sale, and the bake sale on the table in the Gathering Space.

All baked goods need to be packaged with the list of ingredients/recipe and brought into the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 6th from 8 AM – 4 PM or Friday, October 7th no later than 10 AM.

Donations will be accepted starting Sunday, October 2nd. Place donations on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Please no spring clothes, clothes with missing buttons or broken zippers, large furniture pieces, or TV's.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will not meet in October in preparation of the Rummage Sale. Help is needed to set up and work the sale, so if you are interested in helping, please contact **Pat Richenberger** or sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Space.

Book Group

Book Group will meet in the Gathering Space on Thursday, October 13 at 7 PM to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson. All are welcome to come and join the discussion.

Looking ahead, our November book selection is *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Nature Heist of the Century* by Kirk Wallace Johnson. The January book is *Search* by Michelle Huneven. We look forward to lively discussion at Book Group and hope to see you there!

All Church Fall Party

Sunday, October 30 from 4 – 6 PM, Kremer Farm

Join the fun and fellowship at the Kremer Farm. There will be a hayride and weenie roast. Bring your hiking shoes and camping chair. This is intended to be a time to rest and be renewed in the glory of God's good and beautiful creation. Jack and Bonnie Kremer are located 1187 202nd Street.

Pray for those attending St. Louis Mission Trip

October 21-23

Please pray for the Mission Trippers. They will participate in conversations on race and poverty as well as do several service projects to help in areas of need in St. Louis. Participants include **Amy & Cameron Clark, Tara, Ashlynn, & Ethan Beauchamp, Jeff, Robyn, Grant, & Lauryn Willham, Erica & Scott Redgate, and Sarah Hegar.**

The Journey of Grief

Olson Powell Memorial Chapel will be hosting a two-week grief support series on Wednesday, October 5 and Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Joan Rodgers will be the speaker. Whether you are grieving yourself or someone you know is, this FREE informative grief support series will be just for you. The sessions are for ANYONE who wants to know about grief. If you have any questions, please call 319-385-1998.

Worship Committee Meeting

There will be a Worship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

November ALERT Deadline

The November ALERT is Monday, October 17. A reminder will be sent in the weekly announcements the week before deadline. Please make sure to have all articles, announcements, thank you's, and congratulations into the office by the end of that day. Thank you.

St. Louis Mission Trip Project

The Saint Louis Mission Trippers will be assembling "GO BAGS" as one of their service projects. These are bags that members of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church carry around in their cars and distribute to people experiencing homelessness in St. Louis. We are asking our church to collect and donate items for these bags for the Mission Trippers to take along to St. Louis.

Here is what is needed:

- Quality gallon Ziplock bags.
- Pair of white crew socks
- 1 water bottle
- 1 package pop tart
- 1 slim jims
- 1 peanut butter cracker pack
- 1 sweet and salty snack pack
- 1 chewy granola bar
- 1 fruit snacks

There will be a collection box in the Gathering Space. Collection will end on Sunday, October 16. Please talk to **Sarah Hegar** with any questions.

A Moment for Missions

The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us during A Season of Peace:

*For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.
Go out in joy.*

When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, **together**, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home. www.pcusa.org/peace-global

We will continue to receive our Peace & Global Witness Offering on throughout October. Special offering inserts and envelopes will be available in the bulletins and church pews holders. Checks should be made out to **First Presbyterian Church, please note Peace Offering** on the memo line of the check or on the envelope. Thank you!

Mission Committee



IowaWINS Annual Meeting Approaching

The annual business meeting of Iowa WINS is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29**. The time is tentatively scheduled for 10 AM, but stay tuned for further information. Everyone is welcome to join us and hear what has been happening and what plans are being made for the future.

Remember Meals by Nutrimos

Meals by Nutrimos offers a variety of freezer meals to purchase in order to help support the IowaWINS food pantry. You can place orders online at iowawins.net/meals-by-nutrimos, by phone at **319-986-5851**, or in person **Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 2 PM in the church office**. Orders are also accepted on the **first and third Sunday after service (10:45 – 11:15 AM and Wednesdays from 3 – 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall** (with the option of a hot meal). These times do not change unless an announcement is made.

Meals by Nutrimos would like to thank its customers and volunteers for their continuous support of our meal ministry!

Make sure you keep up to date on all the things happening at Meals by Nutrimos by liking our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mealsbynutrimos>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you able to help prepare Nutrimos meals that support the food pantry? We need 1-2 people to work Wednesday afternoons for two or more hours between 2-6 PM.

Volunteers are requested to work at least once a month. Here are some examples of what to expect as a volunteer:

- **Clean and sanitize work areas, equipment, utensils, and dishes.**
- **Weigh or measure ingredients, such as meats and liquids.**
- **Prepare vegetables for cooking.**
- **Cut meats and poultry and prepare them for cooking.**
- **Clean up after cooking is done**

If you are interested in becoming a Meals by Nutrimos volunteer, please contact the church office.

2022 Annual Spaghetti Supper

Spaghetti Supper 2022 is a wrap! Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone that helped make this annual event happen. Here is a look at the numbers from this year. Of the 720 tickets that were sold, 679 were turned in for meals, 5 will call tickets were not claimed and 36 sold tickets were not redeemed for meals.

Income: Ticket Sales & Cash donations

\$9,775.80

Expenses:

Advertising	\$391.81
Spaghetti	\$996.65
Salad, Croutons, Dressing	\$300.58
Garlic Bread	\$306.50
Extra Pies	\$ 77.93
To Go Containers & Supplies	\$904.24

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,977.71

PROFIT: \$6,798.09

We were slightly under the budget projection of \$7,000 for profit.

The planning team met and reviewed the event's successes and challenges. We want to especially say THANK YOU to Jack Becker as he retires from Spaghetti Supper. Make sure and mark Wednesday, August 30, 2023 on your calendar for Spaghetti Supper 2023!

Deb Sinclair, Spaghetti Supper Coordinator

Thanks to **Mike & Marilyn Vincent** for hosting the social time following the service for **Marilyn Jones**. Also, thanks to **Tom Ellsworth, Terri Gordy, Kathie McWhirter, Kathy Schimmelpfenning, Dan & Tammy Shull, and Liz Wasson** for assisting with the luncheon.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits as a result of my fall and having surgery on my arm. I really appreciate all the thoughtfulness from my Church family.
Pat Richenberger

Thank you for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy after the death of my mother. All brought comfort in our time of sorrow.
Sally Fager

If you are able to help, **Diane Brooks** is seeking some assistance with packing before she moves. She is also searching for a reliable housekeeper. Please contact her for more details.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Pat Richenberger, who broke her arm**
- **Jean Church, who injured her shoulder**
- **Kelly Allen's niece, Marie Crews, who was diagnosed with breast cancer**
- **Kent Bennett**
- **Andrew Rauenbuehler**
- **Pastor Trey's sister, Dianne Hegar Helms**
- **Sandy Memler, who has COVID**
- **Jennifer Dorothy**
- **Lois Roth's brother (Mark Veldhizen) & sister-in-law (Kim Velduizen)**
- **Our shut-ins and those in care centers**
- **Our nation/world, as they and we deal with COVID-19**
- **Ukraine & its people**

October Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 2 Oliver Bailey, Rose Mary Wise
Art & Bev Hamm's Anniversary**
- 3 Barb Miller**
- 4 Maggie Epperson**

- 5 Maddie Van De Berg
Mike & Marilyn Vincent's Anniversary**
- 7 Dalton Conrad, Allen Dorothy,
Charlene Hinrichs
Don & Kathy Wiley's Anniversary**
- 8 Erin Watt**

- 9 Erica Redgate**
- 10 Brad & Annie Mills' Anniversary
Curt & Ginny Swarm's Anniversary
Nathan & Stephanie Chalupa's Anniversary**
- 12 Ann Porter**
- 14 Wade Benge, Matt Brooks**

- 16 Tara Beauchamp & Bob Wise Anniversary**
- 17 Kenton & Carrie Church's Anniversary
Doug & Joyce Conrad's Anniversary**
- 20 Chuck Albright**

- 23 Kelly Allen**
- 25 Sarah Van Dorin, Scot Lamm**

- 30 Dorothy Moore**
- 31 Annika Liechty, Lorrie Parker**