



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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June 10, 2020

**Adult Forum**

On hiatus

**Worship**

10:30 am

### This Weekend –Pastor Julie Preaches!

An online worship experience will be available for viewing anytime this weekend. Lynette will send out an email when it is ready for viewing with a link to the video. Just click on the link and it should take you right to it. Or tune in to CFU Cable channel 18 or 95.5 at 7:00 pm Saturday or 12:00 noon Sunday to watch it.

Worship this week will focus on “Welcoming the Stranger” based on Matthew 9:35-10:22. **Communion** will be celebrated. We encourage you to have the communion elements of your choice available so you may celebrate with us. Spread the word and the worship link. Invite your family and friends to join us for virtual worship!

### Co-Pastor’s Ponderings - Brad Braley

We have been enjoying regular visits from several hummingbirds to their feeder by our front porch.



Julie Hilton Steele shared in *Alive Now*, May '98: “Hummingbirds are the only birds capable of flying both forward and backward, as well as hovering. They expend tremendous amounts of energy to stay suspended in the same spot. A hummingbird’s heart beats a thousand times per minute to keep its wings in motion. Those wings must move incredibly fast to keep a hummingbird in place.

“It occurred to me that we have a tendency to expend much time, effort, emotion and energy just trying to stay in the same place, be it a situation in the present or thoughts in the past. Many times we are trapped in an unhealthy relationship, a way of life, or a dead-end job because we fear the consequences of change. The pain of saying goodbye, the lack of confidence, the anxiety of dealing with the unknown prevent us from taking leave in order to discover the plans God has in store for us. So we sit still, frantically working to convince ourselves it is better not to move.

“So what do we do when we cannot seem to move out of a familiar, yet hurtful place? When staying is exhausting but gathering the strength to leave is even more so? Remember

the words of Brian Wren’s hymn, “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”:

*Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind*

*Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

“God’s gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the confidence to move ahead, the ability to take leave of our yesterdays, as we trust in God’s presence and the love of Christ.

“During their migratory seasons, hummingbirds move beyond their home base, traveling tremendous distances across continents and large bodies of water. They are prompted by hunger and the call of warmer climes filled with beautiful flowers. They must leave the known place which once sustained them but no longer fills their needs.

“So, too, let us ‘with the Spirit’s daring’ move out of our fearful stillness, responding to the voice of God calling us forward to find those places filled with nectar and bathed in sunlight.”

That’s what I’m trying to do in my life this month. How about you? Let’s continue part of this journey together, at least for the next few weeks!

### Church Birthdays

Jun 12-Molly Wells, 13-Debbie Smith, 16-Sandy Lawry, 17-Jeannette Mukayisire, 18-Harriett Bullock, 19-Gary Clark

### Contact Update

You can contact Pastor Julie via her new email: [pastor@firstprescf.org](mailto:pastor@firstprescf.org).

### For your prayers...

**James Luck** recovering from a brief illness.

**Joyce Hufferd**

**Caryl Nielsen**

**Dot Clausen’s** brother

**Marlys Folkers’** grandson, Eli Morretz

**Bruce McCart** this week.

**Michelle Luzaich’s** mother

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Pianist:** Connie Herbon

**Vocalists:** Mason Sealock, Taylor Dengler

**Videographer:** Eric Braley

**Sanctuary decorations:** Sue Luck

**Lawn Mowers-May 31:** Sandy and Doug Lawry

**Plant Care:** Jane Seeley

A big thank you to **Patti Humpal** for coming in and signing checks during the height of our coronavirus shut-down.

## Lawn Mowing Volunteers!

Please sign up by contacting the church or use the Google Doc link to sign up. You may mow anytime during the week you choose. Two self-propelled lawn mowers are available.

Google Doc: [Mowing Sign Up](#)

Thanks!! - August dates are open on the Google Doc.

## The week of :

**June 7:** Stephenson

**June 28:** Lawry

**June 14:** Braley

**July 5:** Clark

**June 21:** Jensen

**July 12:** Lawry

## Congratulations

Bruce & 'Pete' McCart's granddaughter, Mattie Marian Motz, is graduating from Southern Oregon University Magna Cum Laude.

Doug & Sandy Lawry's grandson, Davis S. Lawry, graduated from Linn Mar High School and will begin at Kirkwood on July 28. He is pursuing a degree in Architecture.

## Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
During this time of social distancing it has been uplifting to receive your cards and caring thoughts concerning the death of my brother Danny. Danny was a loving husband, father and brother. He served our country in the US navy for 20 years, and after retiring he worked at the Scott Air Force Base in Ill.

Danny was a kind gentle soul who checked on us and our mom, making sure everyone was doing well. He brought joy and laughter to any situation, and deeply believed in our country's freedoms. He will be greatly missed.

Thank you again for your prayers and caring thoughts.

The Luck and Wersinger families

Dear Partners in Mission,  
On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$750. Your support of Presbyterian Mission shares the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. Thank you for helping us to lift up and love others.

Bill McConnell, Mission Engagement Advisor

*Monies are part of our general mission support budget.*

Dear Friends,

Hawkeye Community College believes that *every student matters!* We appreciate your generosity and support. Your gift of \$1,500 to the Adult Education and Literacy Emergency Fund will help us continue to meet the educational needs of the college. Thank you for helping our students during this unpredictable time!

Warmest Regards,

Holly Johnson

Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

*Monies are from an emergency Presbytery of North Central Iowa Grant.*

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you for your recent donation of food to the Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center during the COVID-19 pandemic. Every gift matters, and each means more when we give together. A strong and thriving health care system is vital and we thank you for supporting your community in this time of need.

Gratefully yours,

Mike Lind, Executive Director

*Our congregation contributed about five tubs full of food items as part of the Presbyterian Churches of the Cedar Valley.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**  
**A DRIVE BY TO WELCOME PASTOR JULIE ERKEL HAGEE AND HER FAMILY TO CEDAR FALLS**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WASHINGTON PARK SHELTER #4 AREA IN CEDAR FALLS**  
**10:30 AM UNTIL NOON**

**DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK**

The gate to Washington Park is located at the end of 9th Street just past the Martin Center. Proceed through the gate, cross the bike path and through the first parking lot. Follow the park road to the first turn off. Turn right & continue to Shelter #4. Signs will mark the turns and there will be church members there to direct you. Please follow instructions of the traffic guides.

**HOW IT WILL WORK**

- Anytime between 10:30 am and Noon on June 14<sup>th</sup> DRIVE to Washington Park in Cedar Falls.
- For your safety and safety of others do not come on foot or bicycle.
- You will be directed to the site where Pastor Julie and family will greet you.
- The traffic pattern around the turnabout will allow you to visit from both driver & passenger side of the car.
- Stay in your car. You may roll the window down but keep your head and hands inside your car window.
- Traffic guides will assist you to maintain social distancing.
- You may speak briefly to Pastor Julie and masks are not required.
- Pastor Julie and her family will greet you maintaining social distancing.
- Do not bring food, gifts or cards to the drive by.
- Do bring your own drinks as needed and consume them in your car.
- You may send any greeting cards to the Church Office.
- To make your car festive and more memorable, you may want to stop at the main parking area and add decorations to your car and display your name on your car. Remember if you are winding down the window do not attach your decorations to it.
- Drive Safely

**NOTE:**

If you are sick or at high risk for Covid-19 do not come.

If you are not comfortable driving in traffic and narrow park roads, do not drive. We will have other opportunities to meet Pastor Julie.

In case of rain or flooding, we will post a cancellation of the event on our web page and by email.

Due to COVID-19, there are no activities occurring in the church building. Please watch our recorded Worship services online. Or you may watch a recording of our worship service on Cedar Falls Cable Television's public access channel 95.5 or 18 on Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 12:00 noon. Plan your Drive By time accordingly.