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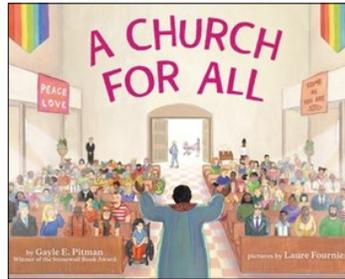
Worship

10:30 am

This Weekend's Worship

Worship this weekend is our fourth in a six-week series in Romans called, *Broken: Good News in Difficult Times*. Sermon: "All-Inclusive Grace" Scripture: Romans 9:1-5. We will be celebrating Holy Communion, so we invite you to have the communion elements of your choice ready so you may participate.

Don't miss the children's chat where we'll read about, "A Church for All"!



Church Birthdays

Aug. 2-Justice Humpal, 3-Bill Downs, 4-Debbie Dean, 6-Mary Clapp

For your prayers... George Barr

Marlys Folkers grandson, Eli Moretz

"Getting Curious" - Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man

In a new YouTube series Emmanuel Acho sits down to have an "uncomfortable conversation" with white America, in order to educate and inform on racism, system racism, social injustice, rioting & the hurt African Americans are feeling today. Read about his project below.

You cannot fix a problem that you do not know you have. And if "ignorance is bliss", in this case, bliss has caused bondage and pain for others. But there is a fix. We can all access the life-saving medicine that will cure the world's most ailing, long-lasting pandemic. But in order to access it, we're going to have to have some uncomfortable conversations.

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man, is a safe place to have the uncomfortable conversations about race that many white people have never been able to have. But enough is enough- I want to remove the barriers for why we've never had these conversations. I want to provide a free space for curious white people to answer the questions they've always had but have been too nervous to ask.

Like, "How can I have white privilege if I'm not wealthy?", or "is racial profiling ok if black people tend to commit more crimes", or my personal favorite from a 19-year-old girl from rural Alabama named Amy who asked, "if black people can say the 'N' word, why can't I?" And many, many more.



Many have thought these questions without realizing the key to mending the racial divide in our world lie within the answers, and that white people DO have the power to affect sweeping change, and short circuit racism within their own lives and communities. The cure for what ails us – all of us – lies within these, Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man.

Will you join me in leaning into the discomfort of these conversations?

To watch the first video in the series, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8jUA7JBkF4>

Check out his website here: <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/watch>

In Christ's service,
Pastor Julie

Our **online worship** will be available to watch anytime this weekend. An email will be sent when it is ready for viewing, or tune to CFU Cable access at 7:00 pm Saturday or 12:00 noon Sunday.

Upcoming Zoom Events & Meetings TONIGHT, July 29

6:30 pm 'SHINE' Zoom Event for Children, Youth and Families

Sunday, August 2

11:00 am Fellowship

Monday, August 3

6:00 pm Session Mtg.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Julie Rokes

Pianist/Organist: Louann Flaherty

Vocalist: Mason Sealock

Videographer/editor: Eric Braley

Lawn Mower-July 19: Gary Clark

Lawn Trimming & New Mailbox! Jim Seeley

Zoom Event for 'SHINE'

'SHINE' Children, Youth and Families: please join us for a Zoom TONIGHT, July 29 at 6:30 pm. We are missing everyone, and hope to see you! Be ready to share something fun you have done this summer. Because this event involves children and youth, the link has only been sent out via email. If you did not receive the link, please contact the office before 3:30 pm.



Thank You Reopening Team!

As we all navigate through the disorienting reality of living and worshiping during a time of pandemic, our Reopening Team has been working tirelessly to set up plans for safely reopening when Session makes the decision that it is safe to do so. Gary Clark, Dave Luck, Sue Luck, Mark Mortenson, and Jan Thedens, have calculated, mapped, measured, and researched for months and deserve our deep gratitude. Thank you Reopening Team! First Presbyterian Church appreciates your effort and care.

Thank You

Greetings and Blessings,

I want to again offer my thanks and praise to so many of you in the congregation. My mom, Arlene Samuelson, was a fellow congregante. I appreciated the visits by Pastor Brad, Pastor Pete and several Deacons as she became more homebound. It was a great comfort to know she had many kind and faithful friends in Cedar Falls.

Thank you all,
Nancy Libke

Lawn Mowing Volunteers!

Please sign up by contacting the church or use the Google Doc link to sign up. Two self-propelled lawn mowers are available. Google Doc: [Mowing Sign Up](#)

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

The week of :

July 26: Clark

August 16: Lawry

August 2: Seeley

August 23: *Open

August 9: Lawry

August 30: *Open

Fellowship Hour

Sunday, August 2 at 11:00 am, join us for our next Fellowship Hour via Zoom. It's a great way to see each other's faces and hear each other's voices without leaving home! If you do not have a computer with reliable internet access, you may join by phone. Contact the office for information.

Lectionary on the Lawn

Monday, August 3 at 10:00 am, you are invited to join Pastor Julie on the front lawn to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture selection. Bring your own chair, face mask and Bible. In case of rain, the lectionary discussion will be cancelled. The scripture passage for next week is Romans 9:1-5.

Personal Care Drive

Two weeks left!!

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank is having it's annual Personal Care Drive! Government food assistance programs do not provide for personal care items. Lack of these products leads to poor hygiene, health issues and damage to a family's well-being.

We're asking people to collect personal care drive items like laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. until August 8. You can drop items off in the northeast entryway of the church.