



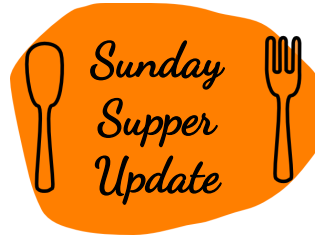
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

E-Link

July 28, 2021

Worship
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All of the Presbyterian Churches in the Cedar Valley are now gathering in person for worship, and congregations are meeting more for ministry and fellowship. Therefore, the pastors of the churches are having more conversations about how to resume Sunday Supper.



Sunday Supper has been an important ministry for several years providing food to the community. However, the last few months have confirmed an even greater provision of Sunday Supper – fellowship and community. Indeed, community is the reason most of our Sunday Supper guests attend. This fact was revealed in October of 2020 when we served curbside meals to those who might be struggling during the pandemic. While this effort was helpful, we served a relatively small number of meals compared to our normal attendance.

Therefore, we feel that a communal meal in person is the most effective form of ministry when it comes to Sunday Supper. We hope to provide a communal meal in the Fellowship Hall starting sometime in the Fall of 2021. At the same time, there are some challenges when it comes to making plans and we appreciate people's patience and help as we move forward.

The most significant challenge comes regarding volunteers and leadership. While many ministries are returning to some semblance of normal, the time away has come with significant changes in our volunteers' abilities and availabilities. We cannot simply go back to the way we were doing things, relying on the same people and churches to do the same things.

Therefore, the pastors are working on a part-time job description for a leader of Sunday Supper. This person will oversee a variety of responsibilities including requirements for partnership with the Food Bank, shopping and food storage, and facilities liaison. If you are interested in this position or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Pastor Amy Wiles, amy@1stpresby.org

In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers as we continue to move forward. If you are interested in volunteering as a chef, volunteer coordinator, or leader in this important ministry, please reach out to one of the pastors. The success of Sunday Supper depends on church members committing to consistently giving of their time and energy on a weekly and monthly basis. Prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate.

Thank you for your prayers and grace,

The Pastors from the Cedar Valley Churches

Church Birthdays

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

NO Lectionary Study on Monday, August 2!!

Office Note:

Pastor Julie will be out of the office this week.

For your prayers...

Sherman Bullock, son of Harriett Bullock and brother of Jeverna Mulligan

Walt Stephenson

Notice...

Sunday, August 1

10:00 am In-Person worship with communion.

10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

Sunday, August 22

5:00-7:00 pm Three-House Block Party at UNI

**This Weekend's Worship -
Communion
10:00 am In-person and on Facebook live**

Sermon: "Repairing the Power Grid"

Scripture: John 6:1-21

Guest Preacher via video: Brian Ellison

Brian Ellison is stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America. He is also stated clerk of Heartland Presbytery, executive director of the [Covenant Network of Presbyterians](#).

Prepare for Communion: If you are joining us from afar via video, please prepare your worship space with whatever communion (or communion adjacent) elements you have on hand. Whether soda crackers and seltzer or brioche and a fine vintage, God uses what we have in order to nourish our souls. Rev. 'Pete' McCart will preside.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God,

Your justice is the working out of your mercy on earth.

Nourish us with the power of the Son, and let us grow into his image and likeness.

Humble us in our self-conceits so that we act not arrogantly

but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love.

Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you.

Help us to live lives worthy of the calling to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Monday Lectionary Study

NO lectionary study next week, Aug. 2!

Join us next time on Mondays at 10:00am.

We meet in-person in the dining room or via Zoom.

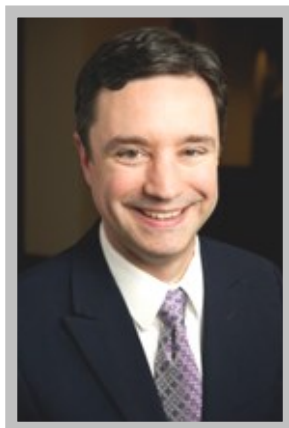
Sundays - Worship Leaders

Please sign up online to assist one or more Sundays: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-worship>

Sundays - Your Turn to Shepherd

We need ushers to guide worshipers on Sundays. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-shepherds1>

Another Mountain Moment



This Sunday we will be taking a break from the beatitudes and pondering a different mountain moment in the ministry of Jesus. Brian Ellison, stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America will be joining us via video to contemplate the themes of power and authority in John's Gospel telling of feeding a multitude on a mountain and walking on the sea in the midst of a storm.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader & Per Capita Mailing: Nancy Hoppe

Computer Operator: Carol Dotseth

Videographer: Gary Clark

Shepherd: Margaret Clark

Funeral Set-Up: Jim & Jane Seeley

Funeral Hospitality: Margaret Clark

Computer Operator-Funeral: Gary Clark

Computer Table & Assembly: Dave Luck

Recycling: Doug & Sandy Lawry

Flowers: Jim & Jane Seeley

Congratulations

Steve & Jo Moon have a new grandson, Nolan Cyril McDermott, son of Ed and Beth McDermott of Scottsdale, AZ, 8 lbs. 3 oz. He joins big sister, Delaney. Beth is Jo's daughter.

Threehouse Block Party

Our Campus Ministry partner, ThreeHouse, is having their annual Block Party at UNI on Sunday, August 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm along 25th Street (between College and Olive Sts.)



Our church has been asked to supply pop and lemonade. The plastic bottles of pop should be **name brand** like Pepsi, Coke, Mountain Dew, etc. products. The **diet** versions of these brands are also requested. Water is already supplied.

You may leave your donated items in the northeast entryway. The deadline for donations is August 18. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

From the NE Iowa Food Bank

We are still looking for help with their Personal Care Drive on Saturday, August 7. Volunteers are needed to stand inside the doors of Walmart, hand out flyers to costumers going in and collect donations as they go out. These donations are very important and allow our clients to have a higher quality of life. Staff will be at each site to give directions. To sign up follow this link <https://signup.com/go/KjUCnae>, click Personal Care Store Soliciting option and then sign up for your desired shift. Let us know if you have any questions.

Spots Needed

2 people from 9 am to 11 am-Waterloo Walmart
2 people from 10:45 to 1 pm- Cedar Falls Walmart
4 people from 10:45 to 1 pm- Waterloo Walmart

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Event

We will be having a Food Bank work session on Thursday, August 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We are hoping to have at least 6 people sign up to help. Please sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-food>

If you sign up but can't make it, log back in and delete your name or please let us know.

Member Anniversaries

Walt & Carolyn Stephenson: Aug. 20, 2006 - 15 yrs.

Neal & Kay Leeper: Aug. 22, 1991 - 30 yrs.

Thank you

Thank you for sending me to camp. The best part was when it was Bananza because I got to swim.

The whole week was fun!

Love, Justice Humpal

I wanted to than you all for awarding me the Dorothy Horn Scholarship. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to apply for this scholarship!

As you are probably aware, volunteering is a huge passion of mine and I would love to volunteer at First Presbyterian Church if possible. Again, thank you all so much and I look forward to meeting with you in the fall.

With love,

Lilly Barker

Lilly's biographical information was in the July 14 E-Link.

This week's schedule (Zoom and on-site)

Sunday, July 25

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Thursday, July 29

6:30 pm Covid 19 Team Meeting, Zoom

(no Monday Lectionary on August 2!)