



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**      **September 14, 2022**

**10:30 am**  
**Sunday Worship**  
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**Worship Celebration—Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 17:5-10

**Sermon :** Loving Us Like That

**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Amy Wiles

**Practicing What I Preach – What Do You Need?**

This summer as we worked through the A Sanctified Art series, “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask”, we spent eight weeks considering how scripture teaches us to care for ourselves and one another. I hope you found the series to be as meaningful and formational as I did. At the time, I didn’t imagine that I would need to practice answering the question, “What do you need?” so soon.

My usual answer to the question would be something like, “nothing” or “I’m fine” or “dark chocolate.” But last week after realizing the need to address some needs at home, the answer was, “family leave”. The courage to tell colleagues and church leadership I needed some time away on short notice didn’t come easy, but I needn’t have worried. I received encouragement and support from every person I spoke to, and I am so very grateful.

Starting Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> I will take two weeks of family leave. The Rev. Dr. Amy Wiles will be planning worship and preaching for September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and the Rev. Pat Geadelmann will cover pastoral care emergencies. I will return to the office on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> (in time for World Communion Sunday ☺).

While the nature of this leave is private, I can say that there is no need for concern or speculation. I am confident that this time away will be just what I need to care for my family and come back ready to be fully present for our ministry together. Our faith community is one of love and support and the impulse will be to *do* something for us. Truly what will be most helpful are your prayers for a meaningful and restorative time away.

Your partner in the journey,  
 Pastor Julie

**Who to call for pastoral emergencies - September 14 – 27**

During church office hours:

contact Lynette, 319-277-3930

When the office is closed:

contact Dot Clausen (number in the church directory)

(Dot or Lynette will contact Rev. Geadelmann with the information.)

***\*Please use the office number or email ([office@firstprescf.org](mailto:office@firstprescf.org)) for non-emergency prayer chain concerns.***

**Church Birthdays**

Sep. 14-Nelliene Glissmann, 22-Tim King, 23-Bob Beach, Damon Glissmann

**For Your Prayers...**

- Kevin Thedens’ mother
- Marlene King

**Congratulations**

**Addison Wells** was elected to the Homecoming Court at West High School.

**Office note:**

Lynette will be taking some vacation days in September & October. Please call to be sure a volunteer is in before stopping by.

**Coming Soon...**

*Sunday, September 25*

- CROP Walk

***Sign up anytime online:***

**Greeter Sign Up:**

[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

*Or sign up in the narthex!*

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Connie Herbon

**Computer Operator:** Scott & Noah Connolly

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Potluck Coordinators:** Children, Youth & Family ministries and Deacons

**Preschool Room Repair:** Jim Seeley

**Lawn mowing:** Steve Moon

(Mowing the week of **9/11**— *volunteer needed!*)

## What's in the narthex?

**Lawn mowing:** a sign up sheet is on the table for mowing volunteers. No one is down for the remainder of September and all of October. Please consider helping!

**Worship Leaders & Greeters:** Three weeks for October Worship Leaders are open, and plenty of spaces for are open for Greeters. If you prefer to sign up online to be a leader or greeter, see page one for a link.

**Crop Walk:** Crop Walk information is in the narthex for the next two Sundays. Please consider donating or walking!

**Devotionals:** The fall quarter of 'These Days' are in.

Next Sunday, September 25

### CROP Walk

25% of our donations go to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and 75% will fight hunger worldwide through Church World Service.



The walk begins at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, 1605 Lafayette St, Waterloo. Registration is at 1:30 pm and the walk begins at 2:00 pm.

The walk is a three mile route that returns to the Food Bank where refreshments will be available. Donations can also be sent to the office payable to our church with 'CROP' on the memo.

### Free to a good home!

There is an older, standard size kitchen refrigerator in our pantry that we no longer need. It has a small, interior freezer. It's free, empty and ready to go. As is-you haul. Please contact the office first to make arrangements.

## Upcoming schedule

### Wednesday, September 14

1:00 pm PW Coordinating Team, library

### Friday, September 16

6:30 pm Private Family Event, dining room

### Sunday, September 18

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

11:30 am CF Mennonite Potluck, dining room

### Tuesday, September 20

6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

6:30 pm Deacons, dining room

### Wednesday, September 21

10:00 am Working for Justice: BB, Zoom

6:30 pm Chancel Choir, sanctuary

### Thank You

It has been five years (9-15-2017) since Gary's accident. It is a day that we've not forgotten nor ever want to relive.

This day was filled with blessings from having Gary's riding buddy with him (if not results would have been quite different), an EMT on scene, a complete stranger thoughtful enough to call twice asking how Gary was doing, a caring emergency staff at Sumner hospital, a helicopter immediately there to airlift Gary to Iowa City and a surgery room immediately available, Gary was definitely "in the palm of His hands".

We want to again sincerely thank the many, many friends who supported us in so many actions!! Those who drove to the hospitals in Iowa City and Waterloo, those who stayed hours several days to be with us in the hospital, who moved firewood to barn, who conveyed thoughtful, caring sentiments by calls and cards, to those who delivered and prepared delicious food, etc, etc!!

This incident has forever changed our lives and most definitely influenced our realizing what is important in life.

We are indebted and grateful to many for so much. May YOUR blessings abound!!

Gary, Margaret and Monica

### Presbytery News

The next session of Re-Formation of the Congregation will be Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20th St, Ames, IA 50010. The seminar will also be available via Zoom. The topic is "The Dangerous Act of Worship and Its Implications."

[Click here](#) to learn more about the series.

[Click here](#) to register.