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March 1, 2023

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Sunday Worship
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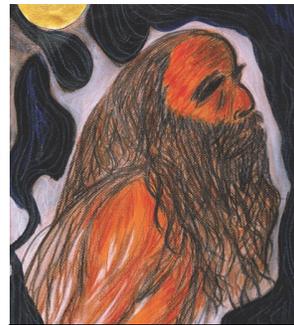
Lenten Worship Series - SEEKING: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

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**Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent
Celebration of Holy Communion**

How Do We Begin Again? Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

Nicodemus comes to Jesus under the veil of night to ask him big faith questions. As a leader of Jewish law, Nicodemus holds beliefs that no longer align with the kingdom of God Jesus embodies. Jesus invites him to begin again, to learn a new way of knowing and living out his faith. In Genesis, God commands Abram and Sarai to leave everything—their home, their family, their land—to seek the land of Canaan and begin again. At 75 years old, Abram is called to start over, but through this new beginning, God creates a new family and a new nation. Like Nicodemus, what are the questions we ask in the dark? Like Abram and Sarai, how do we follow God’s calling to begin again when it feels too late?



Renacimiento
Carmelle Beaugelin
Conté crayon, charcoal,
acrylic, gold gild on paper

From the artist: Carmelle Beaugelin

Jesus challenges Nicodemus’ seeking in the night with a call to be born again, to *renacimiento*. In this image, a metaphorically disrobed, aging, and vulnerable Nicodemus, surrounded by the milky gray swirls of water and spirit, wonders: How can this be? Haven’t I reached past my benchmarks? How is it that you are calling me to begin again?

We may see ourselves in Nicodemus today, holding the same questions in the sleeplessness of our darkest nights. Yet, what if we chose to hold fast to the faith that responds to our seeking? Jesus promises us that the winds and waters of the Spirit will lead us toward our own new beginning. Each of us will experience *renacimiento* if we dare to seek it.

More Lenten events listed on page 2...

Church Birthdays

Mar. 3-Vera Brunskill,
9-Jolene Moon,
10-Melody Brindle

For Your Prayers...

Audrey Schoeman’s
daughter Julie

Jeverna Mulligan’s sister
Karen Bullock

Coming Soon...

Wednesday, March 1
5:30 pm Light Supper &
Lenten Reflection
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 5
12:00-1:30 pm Working
for Justice Video Series

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers

sign up online:
[Sunday Supper](#)
[Volunteer Signup](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Carolyn Stephenson

Computer Operator: Neal Leeper

Videographer: Gary Clark

Sidewalk salting: Jim Seeley

Technology Repairs: Neal Leeper

Pancake Brunch Helpers: John & Michelle Luzaich, Cyd Grafft, Darrell & Doris Wilken, Rob & Lynette Cline, Dave & Sue Luck, Connie Herbon, Pam Hartzel, Tom & Jeverna Mulligan, Paul Conditt, Gary Clark

Member Anniversaries

Mary McCalley, 3/27/58 - 65 years

Synod School

July 23-28

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake IA

Synod school offers great classes for continuing education for church professionals, excellent programs for children and youth, mission, study and fellowship. Two catalogues are in the narthex (these are the only ones we have, so please return them when finished) or go online to: [Synod School - Synod of Lakes and Prairies](#). More information is posted outside of the office.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, March 1

5:30 pm Lenten Meal hosted by Corporate Ministries & Reflection, dining room

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, March 2

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

Saturday, March 4

9:30 am Sarah Circle, classroom

Sunday, March 5

10:30 am Worship with Communion, sanctuary

12:00 pm Working For Justice Video, dining room

Wednesday, March 8

5:30 pm Lenten Meal hosted by Deacons & Reflection, dining room

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

March Lenten Reflections with Soup Supper – I've Been Meaning to Ask...

March 1, 8, 22 & 29 —5:30pm-6:30 pm
in the Dining Room

Our Wednesday Lenten reflection series invites us to tell our stories and dream about a new way forward together over steaming bowls of nourishing soup. What could be better? Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us deeper into courage and connection. Join us for an hour of good questions and good food!

Wednesday, March 1. . . where are you from? Meal hosted by: Corporate Ministries Team

In order to build connection and trust, we need to listen to each other's stories and experiences to learn who and what has shaped us. Where are you from? How has that shaped who you are?



You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series

The 1619 Project film series includes interviews with series creator Nikole Hannah-Jones, who grew up locally and graduated from Waterloo West High School. Working for Justice: Breaking Bias has arranged the following schedule:

March 5: Part 2, "Race"

No viewing March 12—Spring Break

March 19: Part 3, "Music"

March 26: Part 4, "Capitalism"

No viewings: April 2 and 9—Holy Week

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings will be Sundays, beginning at noon in the church dining room; we'll eat lunch while we watch from noon to 1:00 PM. A short discussion will follow and we'll be done by 1:30 PM.

Easter Egg Help!

The CYF Ministry Committee is graciously asking for egg-filling donations. These could be small treats, candies, or non-food items, as long as they fit into an Easter egg!

Please drop off donation in the library.

Anyone who wishes to help FILL the eggs will have a chance to do so after the **March 29** Lenten meal in the library. It is simple and many hands make light work. Thank You!



Scholarship Opportunities

The ***Dorothy Horn Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn attended the University of Northern Iowa and her estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.

Those interested in more information, or an application packet, should contact First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Materials can be requested by calling **319-277-3930** or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by **April 17, 2023**.

The ***First Presbyterian Church Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. This fund is financially supported by the Donna & Greg Hickman Trust.

Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

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Celebrating The Gifts of Women

“In 1930 the Presbyterian Church General Assembly voted to allow women to be ordained as Ruling Elders. At First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls, Mrs. W.S. Williard and Mrs. G.R. Dayton were ordained on October 5, 1930; two of only five women in the entire PCUSA who became elders so soon following the ruling.”

This Sunday is “Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday.” Thanks to Brad Braley for sharing the above information from the church’s historical records. (The women’s first names were not recorded.)

Presbyterian Mission Agency News

PC(USA) pastors and other leaders offer a public apology that was centuries in the making

LOUISVILLE — Late last month dozens of white clergy from churches and mid councils, elected officials and other leaders in Lansing, Michigan, gathered at the [Reachout Christian Center Church](#) to apologize to the African American community for slavery and its aftermath. Among the participants was the Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, director of the PC(USA)’s Center for the Repair of Historic Harms. [Read more about it here.](#)

Thank You

I am writing to thank you for the generous gift of \$1500 you shared with Lakeshore Center at Okoboji in 2022. Your gifts enabled us to share hospitality with retreat groups, guests and the needs of individuals, churches, and others.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Sara Sutter, Director of Lakeshore

Monies were from our local mission budget.

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you for your recent food drive donations. You donated a total of 156 pounds of food, providing over 187 meals to those in need.

Thank You,

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank

The food items were from our Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive (cash donations are sent separately.)

Report on Women and Girls in Afghanistan

A special program hosted by:

Women of Faith of the Cedar Valley & Cedar Valley Interfaith Council

With the fall of the Afghan government in August 2021, the reactionary and violent Taliban swept into power, imposing harsh restrictions on the Afghan people, especially its women and girls. We have the opportunity to hear about their situation from Hasina Jalal. A Fulbright Scholar who graduated from UNI in May 2021, she remains in the U.S. pursuing a PhD in Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. In Afghanistan, Hasina and her mother Massouda Jalal, a former Minister of Women’s Affairs, had been active in the cause of women’s rights.

Hasina will speak to us by Zoom on **Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m.** Iowa time. Here is the link to her program:

[Hasina Jalal speaks on Women and Girls in Afghanistan](#)