

E-Link

April 12, 2023

10:30 am Sunday Worship Firstprescf.org



Sunday, April 16 - Second Sunday of Easter

"So...Now What Do We Do?" John 20:19-31

Christ is risen indeed! It was a beautiful Easter celebration on Sunday. We imagined what it was like for Mary Magdalene to experience her teacher, her friend, love embodied, win over the power of death. But on the first Resurrection Day not everyone was having the same experience. Instead of feeling freedom and joy on the dawn of that Sunday, the disciples were locked in a dark room wondering what to do next. When Jesus shows up, the disciples are rattled and excited and doubtful. What can we learn from Jesus and the disciples who have gone before us?

Prayer: God of life, from whom all receive their breath, breathe new life into our tired lungs, so we may speak words of faith, hope, and love. Free us from fear, that we may follow Christ boldly, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sunday Suppers – 939 meals served!

It was a slow relaunch in September as folks returned to serving and sharing meals at the Sunday Suppers hosted by Cedar Valley Presbyterians at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, but now we're back in full swing. We are now cooking for 100 each Sunday and have adjusted our volunteer requests to best serve our guests and volunteers.



Check out our improved signup sheet. We've removed the ads and reduced the number of slots needed for each shift. No need to look for "First-Cedar Falls." Just sign up for any open slot. With community support funding being cut and a tough economy to navigate, our neighbors need our support more than ever.

Please consider how you can support this ministry.

Give time: Improved Sunday Supper Signup Sheet!

Give money: Online via the church website—designate gift as "Sunday Suppers" OR send a check to First Presbyterian Church with "Sunday Suppers" in the memo line. Give prayer: Pray for all those who feed and are fed at Sunday Suppers.

Church Birthdays

Apr. 13-Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee, 14-Lee Nicholas, 18-Carolyn Stephenson, 19-Holger Petersen, Jean Hall, John Koontz, Jeverna Mulligan, 23-Nancy Hoppe

Reminder...

It's not to late to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. Make checks payable to the church with OGHS on the memo.

Notice...

Sunday, April 16 12:00 pm 1619 Video viewing will be in the Youth Room.

Coming Soon...

Wednesday, April 19 10:00 am Working for Justice: BB, dining room 5:30 pm Wednesday Meal 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up: Sign Up: Worship Leaders

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers!

New and improved online sign up. No ads or popups!

Sunday Supper

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Gary Clark Videographer: Neal Leeper

Egg Hunt: Children, Youth & Family Team

Easter Fellowship: Chad & Sally Lee family, Julie Rokes

Sanctuary Decorating: Dave & Sue Luck

Yard Maintenance: Gary Clark

Help the Kids & Youth with a Heifer Project!

The kids and youth are raising money for Heifer International! How can **YOU** help?

*On Wednesday, April 19th, come to our last Wednesday meal for the school year.
All donations that night will go to our mission project.
The kids will clear dishes and serve desserts!

*On **Sunday, April 23rd,** come to church with your change and donate to our noisy offering!

Thanks so much for your support!

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, April 13

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

Sunday, April 16

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

- SHINE breakout sessions

12:00 pm 1619 Video viewing, youth room

Wednesday, April 19

5:30 pm

10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room

5:30 pm Wednesday Meal, dining room

Confirmation Class, dining room/classrm

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, April 21

4:00 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

Thank You

Mark and I are grateful for the support we have received from good friends at First Presbyterian. Jill is rehabbing after a new hip joint surgery; Mark is cheerfully picking up many extra duties.

We are grateful for those who make online worship

with you possible.

Blessings, dear friends,
Jill and Mark Mortenson

Dear Friends,

Thank you for investing in our community! Because of your generous gift of \$500 to Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, we are on the path to say "yes" to more families wanting a safe, stable and affordable place to call home.

Warmest regards,

Ali Parrish, Executive Director

Monies are from our local mission budget.

You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series

1619 Video Series viewing schedule:

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings begin Sundays at noon. We meet in the dining room and eat lunch while we watch the video. A short discussion will follow until 1:30 pm.

◆ The next regular Working for Justice: Breaking Bias meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 am in person in the church dining room.

April - Save the Dates!

Wednesday, April 19 – All-Church Meal, 5:30pm Sunday, April 23 – SHINE Mission Sunday (Earth Day) Friday, April 28 – Dennis Reimer Memorial Service,

10:30pm

Sunday, April 30 – Camp Sunday with new Lakeshore

Director, Sara Sutter

Sunday, April 30 - Organ Celebration

May - Save the Dates!

May 6 – Confirmation Retreat (9-3)

May 7 – Recognition Sunday

May 28 – Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday