



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

April 19, 2023

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
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Sunday, April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

Creation Care Sunday with SHINE Mission Noisy Offering

*Prayer:* God of life, we see your hand in your creation. Throughout the earth we see and feel your love and care for us; it feeds us and clothes us. May we learn to share the earth, to work it and to care for every part of it, so that all who live now and in the future may find it a safe and abundant home. Amen.

### Creation Care Connections

Below are just a few ways we can live out our faith at the junction of creation care and community. Check out these great opportunities!

#### Unity Presbyterian Community Garden

Gather a group to visit the community garden boxes at Unity Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. Pastor Christine Kaplunas would love to give you a tour of the project and share about the nutrition needs in their community, especially with immigrants and refugees. She might even have a few ways for you to get your hands dirty and connect with creation! Unity Presbyterian Church, 1145 Hammond Ave., Waterloo [Find them on Facebook here.](#)



#### Iowa Interfaith Power & Light Event [Going Solar: Houses of Worship & Nonprofits](#)

Sunday, April 23, at Prairiewoods (120 East Boyson Road in Hiawatha)

This program will include a panel discussion featuring people with experience implementing solar power at their facilities, as well as solar energy advocates. Speakers will discuss the economic and environmental benefits of going solar, tasks that need to be completed to implement solar, and hurdles you might encounter. Additional resources will be available about solar power and other ways faith communities and nonprofits can reduce their footprint. [Find out more about Iowa IPL here.](#)

#### Iowa IPL Faithful Farmer: Shaffer Ridgeway (He/Him) | Southern Produce and Grazin' Cattle | Waterloo, Iowa

"I feel blessed to do something that I am called to. When we started Southern Goods, we started out with an elderly African-American population as our market, and we knew that we wanted to grow nutrient-packed produce for them. We didn't want to grow just any collard green – we are trying to change the community through that collard green. In order to do that, we knew we needed to take care of the land; to build the soil in order to build the plant, and then for those plants to build up the community. I am called to be a good steward of the land and water. As a regenerative farmer and a person of faith, I am able to farm with nature instead of against it. We are borrowing the land from the future generations, and we have an obligation to take good care of it." [Read more here.](#) Find ways to support Shaffer Ridgeway at these links: [Southern Goods](#) Facebook page and [Grazin' Cattle](#) Facebook page.

### Church Birthdays

Apr. 19-Holger Petersen, Jean Hall, John Koontz, Jeverna Mulligan, 23-Nancy Hoppe

### For Your Prayers...

Mike Rokes

### Coming Soon...

Sunday, April 23  
Shine Kids' Mission Sunday with Noisy Offering

Friday, April 28  
10:30 am Dennis Reimer Memorial service here. Visitation one hour prior. A lunch will follow.

Sunday, April 30  
10:30 am Camp Sunday  
2:00 pm Organ Anniversary Concert, sanctuary

### Sign up anytime online:

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

Or sign up in the narthex!

### Sunday Supper Helpers!

New and improved sign up. **No ads or pop-ups!**  
[Sunday Supper](#)

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Computer Operator:** Dave Luck

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Worship Leader:** Connie Herbon

**Maintenance/Repairs:** Gary Sabey, Gary Clark, Jim Seeley

## Help the Kids & Youth with a Heifer Project!

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

\*Tonight! **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!

## Recognition Sunday Potluck

May 7 is Recognition Sunday. Following worship will be a POTLUCK with MEAT PROVIDED.

SIGN UP will be available in narthex Apr 23 and 30 to help in determining meat quantity.



## Upcoming schedule

### Wednesday, April 19

- 10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Meal, dining room
- 5:30 pm Confirmation Class, dining room/classrm
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Thursday, April 20

- 4:00 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

### Sunday, April 23

- 10:30 am Worship/Kids Mission Sunday, sanctuary  
- SHINE breakout sessions
- 12:00 pm 1619 Video viewing, youth room

### Monday, April 24

- 6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

### Wednesday, April 26

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

## 30th Anniversary Organ Concert 🎵 🎵 🎵

*Sunday, April 30, 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.*

Help us celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Reuter pipe organ and its recent additions.

A light reception will follow in the narthex.

## Sunday Supper Update!

[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.

## Thank You

On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, thank you for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people at home and abroad.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1830 for the Christmas Joy Offering. We are grateful for your partnership and support.

Rene Myers

Ministry Engagement Advisor

## Thank you, PW!!!

The Community Ministries team would like to say a big thank you to Presbyterian Women for choosing to allocate their remaining funds to the Family Literacy Program at Hawkeye Community College, ThreeHouse, and Eye of the Needle. These are the three projects that the Community Ministries team has focused the bulk of our time, effort, and funding on over the past several years. These three projects have also been supported by the Presbytery with funds that we applied for through the Presbytery's annual grant application process.

Family Literacy, ThreeHouse, and Eye of the Needle are organizations who lift up our siblings in Christ and they rely primarily on the generosity of local funders. The Community Ministries team recognizes the difficulty of PW's decision to disband and disburse your remaining funds. We thank you for your caring decision to support Family Literacy, ThreeHouse, and Eye of the Needle and we are confident they will be put to good use.

With our sincere appreciation,

The Community Ministries team