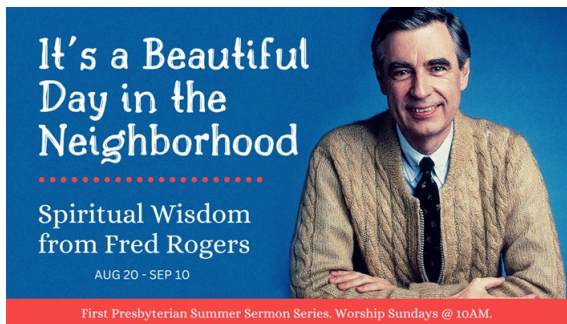




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

September 6, 2023

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Spiritual Wisdom from Fred Rogers

a worship series designed by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett

This four-week sermon series lifts up the spiritual wisdom of Mr. Rogers, who was both a children's television host and an ordained Presbyterian minister. We'll tackle tough topics like inclusion, self-doubt, and salvation.

Worship on Sunday, September 10: "Am I a Sheep?"

Jeremiah 23:1-6, John 10:14-18

"You are loved with a greater love than anyone could ever imagine, Tom. I trust that you'll never ever forget that."

- Fred Rogers in an email to Tom Junod, reporter for Esquire

The Reverend Rogers' message of love and acceptance accompanied a deep perfectionistic streak, fueled by self-doubt and even anger. He felt keenly all that was wrong with the world, and all that was wrong within himself. He often voiced those fears through the character of Daniel Tiger, who asks on the show, "Am I a mistake?" In the video linked below you can hear Daniel Tiger's doubts and Lady Aberlin's encouragement. It shows how we all need our neighbors' care and encouragement sometimes. Right before Fred Rogers died he asked his wife, "Am I a sheep?," wondering whether he was worthy of Christ's eternal care. Even as beloved as Rogers was, as huge his ministry's impact was, as saintly as he is seen by many in this country, he wrestled with deep doubt over whether he was "good enough" for God's love. Yet we trust that God's love was big enough for him and is big enough for all of us.

[VIDEO: Lady Aberlin and Daniel Tiger Talk & Sing About Mistakes](#)

Prayer: God of compassion, you know all of our questions and self-doubts. Help us to accept your unconditional love and share that love with the world. Amen.

Church Birthdays

Sep. 8-Darrel Wilken, Kirk Eastman, 9-Audrey Shoeman, 10-Harlon Eckhoff, 11-Richard Smith, 13-Carol Dotseth, 14-Nelliene Glissmann

For your prayers...

Holger Petersen in Hospice care.

Michelle Lusaich recovering from surgery

Kevin Theden's father recovering from surgery, and his mother in declining health.

Coming Soon...

September 10, 10:00 am Shine Kick-Off and Church Potluck

September 17, 10:00 am 5th Anniversary with CF Mennonites-Worship and Potluck

September 20, 10:00 am International Peacemaker speaker here. Everyone welcome.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers!

[Sunday Supper](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Cyd Grafft

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Videographer: Brad Jensen

Communion Preparer: Cyd Grafft

Lawn Mowing: Kirk Eastman

Nursery Update: Rachel Larson, our childcare provider, will be back in the nursery on September 10.



SHINE Kick-Off and Church Potluck

All are invited to join in a Kickoff Potluck after the 10:00 service on Sunday, September 10!

Drinks, Meat and Desserts will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share down to the kitchen before worship if possible.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to **help with clean up** after the meal.

First Presbyterian-CF/CF Mennonite Partnership

5th Anniversary Celebration



Sunday, September 17, 10:00 am

Following worship, both congregations will have a joint potluck in the dining room. First Presbyterian will provide cake, coffee, juice and lemonade. No sign up is needed. Please bring a dish to share and take it to the dining room before worship.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, September 6

10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room

6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Thursday, September 7

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

Sunday, September 10

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

11:15 am Church potluck, dining room

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 pm Session Meeting, library

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, September 13

3:30 pm Sarah Circle, classroom

Meal Sharing Opportunity

This is the Meal Train for **John and Michelle Luziach**:

<https://mealtrain.com/514g4w>

What is Meal Train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized.

MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. Please share this with others.

Welcome to Inspiration Station!



1st Pres member Margaret Clark was inspired by Fred Rogers' message, "I like you just the way you are," last Sunday and wanted to share a video with all of her 1st Pres neighbors.

[Click here](#) to watch a Britain's Got Talent performance of children who are proud to be just who they are.

Thanks for the share, Margaret!

First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls is Going on the Road!

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 am we will be worshipping at First Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, 505 Franklin Street, for their celebration of 100 years at their current location. The service will be filled with special guests, beautiful music, and meaningful worship. All are invited to stay for a lunch reception following the service. Please RSVP **by September 17 if you are staying for the meal**. You may sign up in the narthex, call or email our office: office@firstprescf.org. There is no cost for the meal, and you do not need to bring anything.

The menu is: tossed salad, glazed pork loin or chicken marsala, garlic and rosemary baby potatoes, green beans almondine, dinner roll, beverages, and dessert.

There will be NO worship service at First Presbyterian Cedar Falls that day.

Stay tuned for details about carpooling.

Speaker on Peacemaking



Our Presbytery's International Peacemaker, Efi Latsoudi of Greece, is a psychologist, filmmaker, and human rights advocate. She serves refugees and asylum seekers fleeing to Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. She is one of the founders of Lesbos Solidarity, a grass-roots organization based on Lesbos Island in Greece. Efi was also the

coordinator and founder of the first open, independent welcoming shelter (Pipka Camp) for refugees fleeing to Greece primarily from Africa and the Middle East. She has received international awards for her work.

Efi is also a filmmaker who has created short documentaries and films. Efi holds degrees from the University of Athens, School of Philosophy, the University of Picardi-Jules Vernes in Maitrise de Psychology Clinic and the University of Paris.

Tuesday evening, September 19, 6-8:00 pm

Efi will be speaking at Hawkeye's Adult Learning Center in downtown Waterloo, 120 Jefferson Street (next to the SportsPlex). This event is open to the public.

Wednesday morning, September 20, 10-11:00 am

Efi will be speaking at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. This event is open to the public.

Wednesday evening, September 20, 8:00 pm

Efi will be speaking at ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries at 2422 College Street on the UNI campus. This event is scheduled for UNI or Hawkeye Community College students.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for all of your help with this year's block party. It was incredible to see everything you did! We went through over 150 plates served between the students and the volunteers.

It's really wonderful to be surrounded by such a great community.

Ross Helgevold
Administrative Assistant
ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Historical Church Tour

The Cedar Falls Historical Society is sponsoring a tour of the historic churches of Cedar Falls on Sunday, October 15 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Churches on the tour are:

- First United Methodist
- St. Patrick's Catholic
- First Presbyterian
- Our Redeemer Lutheran
- First Evangelical Free
- St. Luke's Episcopal



Tickets are \$15 (12 and under free)

Advanced tickets are available at the CF Historical Society, 308 W 3rd Street, Cedar Falls, 319-266-5149, or on the day of the tour. Contact the historical society for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Any interested women are invited to join Esther Circle as they begin a new Bible study, "Sacred Encounters--The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke -Acts."

Meetings are usually in the church dining room, the first Thursday of the month, 1:00 pm. Join us for study and fellowship. For more information, contact the office.

CROP Walk for Hunger, Sunday, September 24.

The walk begins at **Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church**, 2015 Rainbow Dr., Cedar Falls. Registration is at 1:30 pm and the walk begins at 2:00 pm.

The CROP Hunger Walk is our mission to further our commitment to the Matthew 25 Initiative.

25% of the total donations will fight hunger locally through the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. 75% of the total donations will fight hunger worldwide through Church World Service.

A table will be in our narthex for those who wish walk or make a donation. Donations can also be sent to the office payable to our church with 'CROP' on the memo, or online at [First Presbyterian CROP Walk](#).

The walk is a three mile route that returns to Cedar Heights Church where refreshments will be available.