First Presbyterian E-Link

May 1, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org

Watch our Sunday Service

Recordings of Sunday's worship service can be viewed on CFU cable channel 18, 6:00 pm every Thursday, or go to our website: firstprescf.org under the "News and Events>Worship with Us" tab.

May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Will You Devote Yourself to the Breaking of Bread?"

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

30 After he (Jesus) took his seat at the table with them, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him… —Luke 24:30-31b



This Sunday we will hear Luke's "walk to Emmaus" story. This is the story where two disciples find themselves walking with the risen Christ on Easter Day—though these two don't know it's Jesus with them. They invite this "stranger" into their home (showing hospitality) who then proceeds to assume the role of host and treat THEM as guests in their own home! When this "stranger" breaks bread, the disciples realize it's the risen Christ before them! So, too, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we recognize the risen Christ in our midst.

Church Birthdays

May 4-Marge King, Nick Federspiel, 5-Eric Braley, Matt Humpal, Brock Swarbrick, 7-Parker Connolly, 8-Lindsey Humpal, Kathryn Braley

Notice…

Sunday, May 5
Recognition Sunday
Fellowship after worship hosted by the Deacons.

Wednesday, May 8
6:30 pm - last Choir Rehearsal until Fall

Sunday, May 12
Camp Sunday - we'll have a guest from Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

Last call...
It's not too late to contribute to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Make checks payable to the church with 'OGHS' on the memo

Sign up anytime online:

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: Dave Luck
Videographer: Gary Clark
Lawn Mowing: Jim Seeley
Lawn Mowing 5/5: Paul Braley

Pentecost Offering



Each year we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Presbyterians mark this celebration by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church now and to come – children, youth and young adults. **40% of the Pentecost offering from our church goes to our Soles for Souls shoe/clothing project for children and youth.** The Pentecost Offering helps young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed from childhood through young adulthood.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, May 1
10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Thursday, May 2
1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room
Saturday, May 4
9:30 am Sarah Circle, classroom
Recognition Sunday, May 5
10:00 am Worship sanctuary
-Atlas Braley baptism
11:00 am Fellowship, narthex
11:15 am Private Party, dining room
Tuesday, May 7
5:30 pm Communications Team, classroom
6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom
Wednesday, May 8
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
(last rehearsal until Fall)

ATTENTION CHURCH CAMPERS!!



Now is the time to sign up for camp.

Look over the **brochure** attached to this email for the camp offerings.

Go to Lakeshore Center's website to sign up: Camp Sign Up

If campers **sign up by MONDAY, MAY 20** our church will pay 100% of your fee! After the 20th, the church pays 90% and the camper pays the other 10%. Lakeshore Center does have some camp scholarships available.

Contact Patti Humpal with questions.

- When you sign up, look for the option on how you plan to pay. Choose the 'Church Pays' option.
- After signing up, contact Lynette in the office with the name of the camp you registered for so we can track our costs. Happy camping!

YOU are invited to answer the call...

- Anyone willing to be a worship leader may sign up in the narthex or online. The online link is on the front page of the newsletter, bottom right.
- Volunteers are needed to sign up to help mow the church lawn this season. Two self propelled mowers are available. Please sign up for the week(s) you can help in the narthex.

Thank You

Dear Friends,
Because of your generous gift of $500 to Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, we are on the path to say 'Yes' to more families waiting for a safe, affordable place to call home. On behalf of our families, we thank you for your generosity and support.
Warmest regards,
Dusty Wilson, Development Director
Monies are from the local mission budget.

Welcome To Our New Friends!

After a long journey from Bogota, Columbia to Cedar Rapids to Waterloo, our family from Venezuela arrived the evening of April 30. On the ride to Waterloo, Isael repeated, “es tan hermoso. It’s so beautiful.”

They were weary but also very excited with their new home and furnished apartment. Thanks to all the donations many of you provided, they should be very comfortable. The next few weeks will be busy as we will be getting them connected to different services, organizations, and schools. Let us know if you can speak and translate Spanish!

Notice: donations of quarters given for the family will **not** show up on your annual giving statement. The church could not deposit these and have them remain quarters, so they were given directly to the family (like paper towels, etc.) Thank you!

THREEHOUSE UPDATE!

Friends,
We have reached dead week and next week is the end of semester. As we close out a great school year we have two main things left at ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries. Please help us spread the word, and we'd love to see you. Trivia nights are always a lot of fun!

Finals Week Breakfast
Monday, May 6 thru Thursday, May 9,
8:30 am: Grab'n; Go Breakfast available



9:00-11:30 am: Hot breakfast begins-something different every day
One should never test on an empty stomach.
To volunteer or donate, sign up here: Breakfast Sign Up (We need/ love your help!)
Item drop off by 4 pm Friday, May 3 or for Sunday drop off arrangements call 319-331-7541 or email ross@threehouse.org

THEN - On Tuesday May 14, it's the FINAL FINAL!
7 pm Trivia Night AT ThreeHouse with a Build-Your-Own Nacho Bar starting at 6:30pm.
You can sign up here:
Trivia Night | ThreeHouse Collabora