



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

July 24, 2024

10:00 am  
Sunday Worship  
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## FACES OF OUR FAITH EUTYCHUS

Worship – July 28, 2024

Summer Worship Series: Faces of Our Faith – Bold and Untold Stories

Scripture: Acts 20:1-12 – Eutychus

Sermon: “When They Fall

read ACTS 20:1-12

from the artist | SARAH ARE SPEED

Once upon a time, there was a pastor who preached so long that a young man fell asleep, then fell out the window of the church, and died. It sounds like a bad joke, right? It’s not. Read Acts 20.

It’s a tragic story, but fortunately for Eutychus, Paul ran down to the street, kneeled over his broken body, and revived the young man, bringing him back to life and back into the fold of the church.

Eutychus is a passive character in this story. However, his story is not unique because Eutychus is certainly not the only young person or individual who has fallen out of the church since the time Jesus walked this earth.



Art: 1 *When They Fall* by Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art

How many people are falling away from church, and when they do, are

we kneeling in the street with them when things get hard? Are we carrying them back into the house to feed them and celebrate their life? Are we acknowledging how hard religion can be?

When our young people come out, do we celebrate them, or do we leave them sitting on the windowsill alone, hoping they’ll find God without us? When young adults say they can make a bigger impact in this world working for a non-profit rather than going to church, do we invite them to preach, or do we lull them to sleep, hoping they’ll remain quiet? May this story of Eutychus’ valuable life remind us that people do fall, and when they do, we as a church are called to either catch them or fall with them.

### Church Birthdays

July 27-Caleb Braley, Aug  
3-David Lee, 4-Debbie  
Dean

### For Your Prayers...

Karen Sabey

Sandy Jensen

### Calendar Item

Tuesday, July 30  
6:30 pm CYF Team Mtg,  
Zoom

### Office Notes...

- Lynette will be on vacation through Aug. 1.
- A volunteer will be in those days from approx. 9:00 am-noon, Mon-Thur.

### Summer office hours

through August 30  
Mon-Thur; 8:00 am-3:30  
pm (except the days  
Lynette’s gone listed  
above.)

**Sign up anytime online:**

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Computer Operator:** Kirk Eastman

**Lawn Mowing:** *available*

**Lawn Mowing 7/28:** Kirk Eastman

## Literacy Kit Supplies Drive

The Community Ministries Team is collecting items to be included in the literacy kits we will assemble again this year for the Family Literacy Program at Hawkeye Community College. Products requested are:

- 24 count boxes of crayons
- new sharpened pencils
- glue sticks
- 12 count boxes of colored pencils

**(only those items, please!)**

**We suggest shopping early while school supplies are cheapest!**

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church. Literacy kit assembly will happen on Wednesday, September 18 from 2-5 PM in the church dining room. Please bring items **by Sunday, September 15.**

Assembled literacy kits will be donated to the Family Literacy Program at Hawkeye Community College and will be used by enrolled families working to improve their literacy levels.

## Release and Remember

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold it's annual Release and Remember fundraising event Sunday, September 8, 1:00-3:00 pm (program and butterfly release at 2:30 pm.)

RiverLoop Amphitheatre

225 Commercial St, Waterloo

Join us for lunch, children's activities and live music.

## What's your favorite hymn?

As we celebrate all the Faces of Our Faith this summer, we want to include YOU! To that end, Pastor Julie wants to know what your favorite hymn is and why. Reply to this email with the title of a beloved hymn and a couple of sentences about why it is important to you. If you would prefer to submit a hymn on paper, you may place it in the basket provided in the narthex. Hymns submitted will be featured in an upcoming service.



## Become a Dementia Friend

You'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, how it can affect a person, some tips for communicating with people who have dementia, and other ways to support people with dementia.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 -11:00 am

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

902 Main St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

**Contact:** Megan Zimmerman with questions: [mzimmerman@nei3a.org](mailto:mzimmerman@nei3a.org) | 319-287-1182



## Per Capita 2024

This year's per capita offering and mid-year pledge giving update envelopes will be in the narthex on Sunday. Please help us save postage and pick yours up!

The Per Capita for this year is \$43 per member.



### **Free-Store for International Students, August 13 – 23!**

ThreeHouse is actively engaging with international students upon their arrival and throughout their orientation to assist with furniture and supplies, as they often come with very little. If you can help- the following donations are our most needed items:

- Twin or Full mattresses, beds, frames, bedding, and pillows.
- Couches, loveseats, and futons
- Tables and chairs
- Desks and study chairs
- Dressers and nightstands
- Bath towels
- Microwavable plates, kitchenware, rice cookers, microwaves, tea kettles, and coffee pots.

We're assembling Kitchen Kits and welcome contributions: each kit includes 2 plates, 2 sets of silverware, a coffee cup, a cutting knife, a pot, a skillet, a stirring spoon, a spatula, a strainer, kitchen towels and dish rags.

Please note, we **cannot accept** hideaway or electric couches, queen or king-sized beds, recliners, clothing, or knick-knacks due to space and manpower limitations.

To donate, contact 319-266-4071 or [office@threehouse.org](mailto:office@threehouse.org) for furniture pick up, or drop-off at ThreeHouse (2422 College St., Cedar Falls), weekdays from 9 am to 2 pm this summer.

Thank you for supporting international students at UNI!

Accepting items now through August 15.