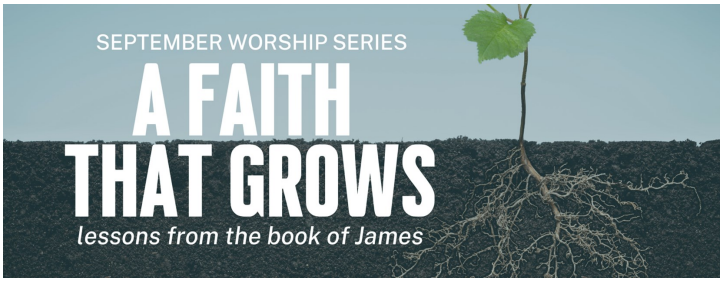
First Presbyterian E-Link

September 25, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Worship – September 29, 2024

September Worship Series:
James — A Faith that Grows

Week 5: "Powerful Prayer"- *Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*
Read James 5:13-20

On this last Sunday of our James series, we will look at his final words to his readers. The final topics he covers echo what we have read in the previous chapters with a particular focus on prayer. The writing is pithy and proverbial and eminently clear: if you are sick, pray. But what does he really mean? What is this sickness he speaks of?

As with the rest of the book, this text should be read from a communal perspective rather than an individual one. In this context of the importance of community, James expands the definition of illness beyond what contemporary readers imagine it to be. James is interested in the deterioration and brokenness of human relationships, evidenced by verses 16a, 19, and 20. Sin, in a sense, is the ultimate disease, though it is not explicitly defined as such here. Sin not only destroys the bonds of human kinship but also prevents the efficacy of corporate prayer.

Join us this Sunday to consider James' last words on how solidarity in community, forgiveness of sins, and healing prayer promote a faith that grows.

Church Birthdays

Sep. 25-Andrew Hagee,
Oct. 5-Dee Lynch
6-Ken TeSlaa, Mike McRoberts

Membership Anniversaries

10/24/1999 - 25 Years
Eric Braley
Rhonda Braley
Gus & Shirley Hill
Jeannette Mukayisire
Nicole Stolte

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday
- ThreeHouse Sunday at our church in worship.
- CROP Walk, 2:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran.

Tuesday, October 8
3:00 or 6:30 - Dementia Simulation House, UNI

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 pm Wednesday Meal

Sunday, October 20
2:00 pm CV Justice Coalition, dining room

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
Sign Up: Worship Leaders
Or sign up in the narthex!

Thank you from Community Ministries!

Thank you to the 32 volunteers who helped assemble 225 literacy kits on Wednesday, September 18!

The assembled kits will benefit both parents and children as they work together to reinforce important scholastic skills in the Family Literacy Program at Hawkeye Community College. The kits support parents learning how to prepare their children for school success. Parents in the Family Literacy Program are working to complete a High School equivalency diploma or are immigrants learning English language skills.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting this local mission project by working, by donating supplies, or both.

~ The Community Ministries Team

Assembly Day Workers:

Lori Abernathy and two friends
George Barr
Rhonda and Brad Braley
Dot Clausen
Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee
Connie Herbon
Michelle Luzaich
Jeverna and Tom Mulligan
Jan Reimer
Jan and Kevin Thedens
Susan Weinberg
Jenny Allen
Jean Boller
Judy Burfeind
Carol Dotseth
Hope Goering
Brad and Sandy Jensen
Jill Mortenson
Lee Nicholas
Jane and Jim Seeley
Dianne Van Gorp
Kelly Heth, parent educator, Family Literacy Program
Current and former Hawkeye Community College Employees: Christina Tafolla, Diane Hamer, Carol Honary





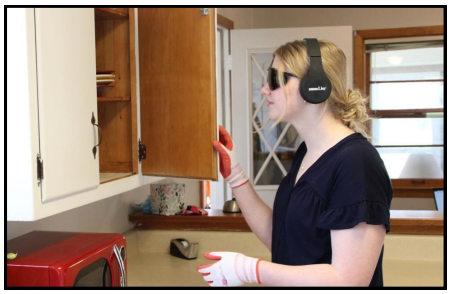






DEMENTIA SIMULATION HOUSE

Iowa's only Dementia Simulation house, run by UNI gerontology.



We have arranged with the UNI Dementia Simulation House for two sessions on October 8. The sessions are an hour long and take place in a house at 8712 University Ave near the UNI campus. Individuals use googles, headphones and gloves to experience what it is like to live with dementia. You may select either a 3:30 or 6:30 session. We have up to 15 slots available at each session. Registration is online at

Here is the link for everyone to sign up at:

https://calendly.com/----248/dementia-simulation-house-first-presbyterian-church

Attendance at the prior Dementia Friendly workshop is not required. Anyone is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jane Seeley.

Helping our Newcomer Family

Our newcomer family is getting settled. Your help has been wonderful! If you are still looking for ways to help the family, Rhonda Braley has some new opportunities you can participate in. Contact Rhonda for information.

Community Ministries Needs Your Help

Our church has a small pantry containing food and personal hygiene products. These items are given out on an as-needed basis when people come to our church asking for assistance. The Community Ministries team does the shopping to keep the pantry stocked with most needed products. However, due to the need in our local community, our 2024 budget is nearly depleted.

Would you be willing to add these items to your grocery cart the next time you go shopping? These are what's needed -*just these items, please*:

- Liquid laundry detergent, **25-30 load** size, any brand
- 4 roll pack toilet paper (not generic, please)
- Chunky Soup or Progresso Soup (meat and vegs/beans)
  - Preferably with pull-tab tops
- Chunky or Smooth Peanut Butter - **16 oz** size, please

Canned mild chili is ok, too- meat & beans are protein & fiber!



Please bring your items to church by **Sunday, October 20** and leave in the marked baskets in the entryway. Thank you for your willingness to share with our neighbors in Christ!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Paul Braley

Videographer: Kevin Thedens

Computer Operator: Kirk Eastman

Lawn Mowing: Newcomer Family

Lawn Mowing 9/29: Newcomer Family

Thank You



We appreciate your prayers. Mark (McCalley) went back to his apartment on Saturday. He's happy to be back in familiar surroundings.

-Mary McCalley

We are humbled and grateful for the many expressions of concern and well wishes extended to us during Gary's recent surgery/ hospitalization. His recovery is progressing well.

Thank you, Gary & Margaret Clark

In Sympathy



Condolences to the family of Harlon Eckhoff who passed away Monday, Sep. 23. Visitation will be tomorrow, Sep. 26, 4:00-6:00 pm. The funeral service will be Friday, Sep. 27, 10:00 am. Both will be at Dahl-Van Hove Schoof Funeral Home, 1825 W 12th St, CF. No lunch is planned at the church.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, September 25

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, September 29

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

- Shine breakout session

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, October 3

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

Through the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

25% stays with *our congregation* to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% goes to our mid council and joins with other congregations gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% supports the work of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterian s across the globe.

Checks may be made payable to the church with "Peacemaking" on the memo line.



CROP Walk for Hunger, Sunday, October 6.

Sign up to walk or donate in the narthex following worship on September 15, 22, 29, and October 6.

Donations can be made by cash or checks/ PayPal made out to the church with "Crop" on the memo line.

You can also sign up to walk with our church's team by clicking this link: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/firstprescf

The walk begins at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** 4000 Hudson Rd., 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.

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