FIRST PRESBYTERIAN E-Link

March 5, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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This series is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - CANCELLED

Due to weather, we are following our cancellation policy, which is if the Cedar Falls Schools cancel, we cancel all activities that day and close the office.

Choir rehearsal is also cancelled for tonight.

Imposition of Ashes will be incorporated into this Sunday's worship service at 10:00 am. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey of faith together.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Stranger & Neighbor" – Sunday, March 9 @ 10:00am

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

This parable begins and ends with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" and the answer is surprisingly, "the stranger." The Samaritan, whose place of worship and customs are different from the lawyer who questions Jesus, is both a stranger and a neighbor to the man who was beaten and left in a ditch. In our world, many of our physical neighbors are strangers to us, and many of our neighbors—those closest to us—feel like strangers in divisive political climates. If we align our intentions and actions, then maybe we need to reconsider who we label as "stranger," and ask ourselves if we have acted as good neighbors.

Lenten Devotionals

Print copies are available in the narthex. You can also view online: Lenten Devotionals

Church Birthdays

Mar. 9-Jolene Moon,
13-Shirley Hill

REMINDER!

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, Mar. 9.

These Days Devotionals

The third quarter of *These Days* devotionals are in the narthex.

For Your Prayers…

Marlene King at Allen Hospital recovering from a fever following a surgical procedure.

Congratulations…

Steve and Jo Moon have a new grandson, Hudson Ross Hoewing, born Feb.15. Parents are Ross Hoewing and Jessica Catalan of Mesa, AZ.

Coming Soon…

Friday, April 11-Horn and FPC Scholarships Deadline

Sunday, April 13– Hygiene kit product drive deadline

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

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Computer Operator: Eric Braley

Congregational Forum: Kevin Thedens

Pancake Brunch: Cyd Grafft, Sue Luck, Patti & Justice Humpal, Rob Cline, Kirk Eastman Julie Rokes, Connie Herbon, Jan Thedens, Tom & Jeverna Mulligan

Food Bank Delivery: Brad & Sandy Jensen

Easter Egg Help!



The CYF Ministry Committee is graciously asking for egg-filling donations. These could be small treats, candies, or non-food items, as long as they fit into an Easter egg! **Please drop off donation in the library by Sunday, April 6!**

In Sympathy



Condolences to Bob Hall and family upon the death of Jean Hall on December 24, 2024 in Olathe, KS. A memorial service will be at a later date.

Upcoming schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 5

—- Ash Wednesday Service, **CANCELLED**

—- Choir Rehearsal, **CANCELLED**

Thursday, March 6

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

Sunday, March 9 ***Daylight Savings Time***

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

SHINE Kids breakout session

Monday, March 10

6:30 pm PEO, dining room

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 pm Session, library

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Personal Hygiene Product Drive

Community Ministries Team is sponsoring a personal hygiene products drive for Eye of the Needle during Lent. We will pack items into hygiene kits following worship on Sunday, April 13, which is Palm Sunday. Hygiene kits will be delivered to Eye of the Needle for them to distribute to students and families in need.

We are requesting **any brand** of these ***specific*** ***products, please:***



- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- **Individually** packaged Toothbrushes

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church from now through April 13.



Cedar Valley Social Justice Coalition Event

The CVSJ Coalition held a panel discussion on racial justice issues in the Cedar Valley on Sunday, March 2 at our church. Fifty-three people attended, including members of our congregation, other congregations, and the local community.

Speakers were LaTanya Graves, President of Black Hawk NAACP chapter, Rev. Dr. Belinda Creighton-Smith, Waterloo City Council member, UNI instructor, and pastor of Faith Temple Baptist Church, and Al Hays, UNI Emeritus Professor of Political Science and Public Policy.

Scholarship Opportunities

The ***Dorothy Horn Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa.

The ***First Presbyterian Church Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

Applications can be requested by calling 319-277-3930 or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by