First Presbyterian E-Link

April 16, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

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Fill My Cup
by Steve Prince
Inspired by Luke 24:1-12
Pen and ink on paper

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RESURRECTION SUNDAY

"Grief & Hope" – Sunday, April 20 @ 10:00am

Scripture: Luke 19:29-40

Grief is a healthy response to Jesus' death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning.

And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning.

The other disciples don't believe the women's message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself.

Grieving doesn't have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief.

HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Maundy Thursday** - April 17, 6:00 pm ***at*** Cedar Heights Pres., 2015 Rainbow Dr, CF. Join us for a service of contemplation and Communion.
- **Good Friday** - April 18 - 6:00 pm ***at*** Westminster Presbyterian, 1301 Kimball Ave, Waterloo. This service will feature a joint choir.

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 am Refreshments in the dining room | Egg Hunt and Children's Activities

10:00 am Worship in the sanctuary

Church Birthdays

Apr. 18-Carolyn Stephenson, 19-John Koontz, Jeverna Mulligan, 23-Nancy Hoppe, 24-Vi Polk

For Your Prayers…

Jim Seeley

Lynette Cline upon the death of her aunt

Office Note

Lynette will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, April 17-18.

The office will be closed on Monday, April 21 in observance of Easter.

Coming Soon…

2:00 pm-Saturday, May 3
Doug Herbon Memorial Service (visitation one hour prior.) Refreshments will follow.

Giving Opportunity

Please make checks payable to the church with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

Sign Up: Worship Leaders

Or sign up in the narthex!

"Fill My Cup…"

For me, to not know Christ is to live a life thirsty for truth, meaning, understanding, and purpose. We search and search and it feels like we cannot find the thing that we were hoping for. It is not until we surrender and trust in faith that we are able to find peace. We must open the door of our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to enter and to do the work. Many will see us and not believe that the peace we exude is real, looking at us with skeptical eyes. Many will come thirsty, wondering from whence cometh our help, and some will know, and they shall rejoice for we have seen the light. Our daily prayer is that God will have us thirst no more and fill our cup. —Steve Prince

Thank You



Dearest congregation,

My thanks overflow for all of the birthday surprises I received last Sunday. I was so touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. From a "Happy Birthday" serenade to yummy cake, birthday cards, and beautiful flowers, everything made the day (and this pastor) feel special and celebrated. I thank God for you all and your merry mischief.

With gratitude, Pastor Julie

Women's Gathering

All women of the church are invited to meet tomorrow, April 17, 1:00 pm at Sarah's Espresso Cafe, 419 Main St., CF for a time of fellowship.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 16
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, April 17
1:00 pm Women's Social, Sarah's Espresso 419 Main St, CF
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service, Cedar Heights Pres, 2015 Rainbow, CF

Friday, April 18
6:00 pm Good Friday Service Westminster Pres, 1301 Kimball, Waterloo

Easter Sunday, April 20
9:00 am Refreshments and Egg Hunt
10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Wednesday, April 23
10:00 am Deacons Meeting, dining room
1:30 pm Cedar Valley Pastors, library
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Paul Braley

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Computer Operator: Carolyn Stephenson

Fellowship: Sue Luck, Patti Humpal, Alexa Reed-Clancy, Lynette Cline

Birthday Music: Connie Herbon, Brad Jensen and the Chancel Choir

Hygiene Kit Coordinator: Hope Goering

Let's support our college students!

UNI Concert at Gallagher-Bluedorn ♫

Some of the college student musicians at our church will be performing Mozart's Requiem in the upcoming UNI Concert Chorale & Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra Concert. One of our singers will be a featured soloist. The concert will be performed at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 27, from 4-5 pm. Tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the door or online at Https://unitix.evenue.net/events/SMD2725 . ($7 students/seniors or $10 adults)

Let's support our SHINE music leaders and chancel choir section leaders by attending this concert!

Help Needed for ThreeHouse

May 12-15 our campus ministry partner, ThreeHouse, will be preparing and serving breakfasts for finals week. They have requested help cooking, serving, and preparing the meals and are also asking for donations of food items. If you would like to help or donate food you can sign up at this link or on the sheets in the narthex.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Oe1DYZnRexGo_VqxgeGexqH2Yinzcv2_8W7UBLhsxZ4/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Food items need to be delivered to ThreeHouse by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 9.



Hygiene Kit Packing Drive

We delivered 111 complete hygiene kits along with extra bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to Minister Patricia King. She will distribute the kits along with other school supplies including shoes and backpacks to Cedar Valley students and families in need. Minister King wanted the whole congregation of First Presbyterian to know how much she appreciates our generous donations and overwhelming support for Eye of the Needle.















Easter Flowers This Sunday

In memory of…

Anna and our parents from Ray & Judy Burfeind

My mother, Mildred from Rhonda Braley

Ben, and family and friends who passed away this past year from Dot Clausen

Eunice and John Mitchell from the Seeley and Clausen families

My parents and grandparents from Patti Humpal

Ruth Ptak, Michelle's mother and Dan Ptak, her brother from John & Michelle Luzaich

Pastor 'Pete' and Bruce, and Ed and Elsie Hoppe (Mom & Dad) from Nancy Hoppe

A.J. from the Seeleys

In memory and in honor of…

In memory of Dennis, Mel, Vi and JoAnn and in honor of Kristy & Sam & family, and Laurie & Shaun & family from Jan Reimer

In memory of Kirk's mom, Wanda Eastman, and in honor of Kirk's dad, Forest Eastman and Sue's parents, Bob & Jo Tefft from Kirk & Sue Eastman

In memory of Galen & Marione Boller and in honor of Don & Mary Lou Friar from Jean Boller

In honor of…

Monica Clark from Gary & Margaret Clark

Family and friends past and present from Cyd Q. Grafft

Additional donations from…

George Barr