First Presbyterian E-Link

April 23, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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EASTERTIDE 2025 SERIES

Emerge: A Metamorphosis Moment

Week 1 – Sunday, April 27 @10:00am

"Tombs & Cocoons: Trusting the Darkness"

The butterfly and its process of metamorphosis has a long history of symbolic meaning, even before it came to be a Christian symbol for death and resurrection. During this season, we will consider what it means to be a people who believe that transformation is possible.

The caterpillar's instinct about cocooning — entering the nurturing dark of gestation — is paralleled in the story of Jesus' life nurtured in the womb of Mary, the dark of the burial tomb from which he emerged, and our own willingness for transformation. Transforming is inherent in the Christian story and in our story as followers of Jesus. But it also means trusting the Divine when we aren't sure what's "next" for us. Will we allow ourselves to trust in the dark where transformation begins?

Prayer:

Holy One, we come before you trying to accept more fully the beauty of the darkness as a place where birth and resurrection begin. Allow us to trust your timing for our lives — the timing for our full opening. Help us to experience times of cocooning as places where you are remaking us into that which you created us to be. And assure us that we are not alone. We are cradled in your presence. Help us to offer this reassurance to others. Amen.

Church Birthdays

Apr. 23-Nancy Hoppe, 24-Vi Polk, 28-Gabby Lee, Gracie Lee, May 4-Marge King (99), Nick Federspiel, 5-Eric Braley, Matt Humpal, Brock Swarbrick

For Your Prayers…

Jim Seeley

Coming Soon…

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

Sunday, May 4

Last SHINE Kids until fall

Choir and Shine Teacher recognitions

Fellowship by the Deacons

Giving Opportunity

It's not to late to give 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: Margaret Clark

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Easter Fellowship & Egg Hunt: Patti Humpal, Sue Luck, all who helped stuff and hide eggs, and helped with the Easter treats.

Office Help: Nancy Hoppe

Mowing: Gary & Margaret Clark

Easter Thanks!

Thanks to all of you who donated toward our Easter flower display. It helps us celebrate the joy of the season!

Please note: the silk **white Easter lilies are *property of the church.*** These are re-used each year to enhance the display, without causing allergic reactions to those sensitive to the smell of lilies.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 23

1:30 pm Cedar Valley Pastors, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Friday, April 25

1:00 pm CVJC Steering Committee, library

Sunday, April 27

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Shine Kids breakout session

Tuesday, April 29

1:00 pm Personnel/Staff Review, library

Wednesday, April 30

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, May 1

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

2:00 pm CVJ Committee (meeting set-up), library

Easter Greetings

"Let your heart rejoice and your joy take wings in the wonderful promise that Easter brings." Wishing everyone hope, joy and renewal this Easter.

Love, Mary McCalley

Lawn Mowers Needed!

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.



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.

