# First Presbyterian E-Link

July 9, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org




**Next Sunday:**

**Sunday, July 13 @10:00am**

**Summer Worship Series - Finding God in the Flames:**

*Campfire Stories from the Bible*

This six-week sermon series offers a light-hearted tour of some of the great fire stories of the Bible. From the burning bush to the breakfast on the beach, each story reveals a bit more of the live-giving light of God.

Week 4: "Denial by Firelight" Luke 22:54-62

After Jesus is arrested, Peter follows Jesus to Pilate's court and joins a group of Pilate's guards and servants warming themselves by the fire. Yet despite having heard first-hand Jesus' command to never hide his lamp under a bushel, Peter denies knowing Jesus not once but three times. What campfire company do we keep and how can we avoid denying the very One who enthusiastically embraces us?

## Church Birthdays

Jul 12-Susan Duncan, Marlene King, 13-Gus Hill, 16-Cyd Grafft, 18-Sue Luck

## Office Notes:

During **July and August**, the office will be closed on Fridays.

## Coming Soon:

*Sunday, July 13*
Fellowship hosted by the Deacons after worship

*Monday, July 14*
1:00 pm CVJ Steering Cte

*Wed., July 23, 7:00 pm*
Cedar Valley Chamber Music Event, sanctuary

## For Your Prayers…

**Kay Leeper**

Pray for those in the **Texas Hill Country** experiencing the devastating flooding. Read more on how you can help on page 2.

## *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:** Cyd Grafft

**Videographer:** Kevin Thedens

**Computer Operator:** Paul Braley

**Lawn Mowing: 7/6–** Eric Braley

**Lawn Mowing 7/13 -** *available*

**Trimming Shrubs:** Jim Seeley

**Office Helpers -** Cyd Grafft, Jan Thedens

**Sunday Suppers** - Rhonda Braley, Jean Boller, Muchie Dzika, George Barr

### Check Your Keys, please!

If you have a brass colored, round church key that has the number #38, please contact Lynette in the office: office@firstprescf.org.

### Fellowship This Sunday

Deacons will host a time of fellowship with treats in the narthex after worship this Sunday, July 13. Please stay and join us!

### Annual Rummage Sale - First United Methodist

718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls

Thursday, July 31-5:00-8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday, August 1 & 2– 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Antiques, clothing, books, toys, jewelry, household, etc plus bake sale.

A luncheon is available all days.

Proceeds benefit Midwest Missions & Community Meals.

*Donations will be accepted in July on these days:*

**Sundays: 8-11 am**
**Mondays: 2-5 pm**
**Tuesdays: 9-12 pm**
**Wednesdays: 6-8 pm**
**Thursdays: 2-5 pm**

NO donations on 7/24 and ends on 7/27. Use the entrance at 718 Clay St and volunteers will be there to help you unload.




### Cedar Valley Chamber Music Event

Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

***Spanish Gardens***

The second concert of the 2025 festival features works from the Spanish peninsula. Program includes works by Boccherini, Granados, and Turina.

### Texas Flooding: How to Help

From July 4th to 5th, heavy rainfall resulted in catastrophic flash flooding in the Hill Country area in central Texas.

Concerns remain for additional heavy rains and flooding from Hill Country to north Texas.

The sudden floods resulted in more than 100 lives lost and search and rescue is ongoing.

PDA is in communication with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network and Mission Presbytery to coordinate a response and assess the needs, including Emotional and Spiritual Care. Donations can be **made payable to our church** with "flooding" on the memo, or electronically directly to the PCUSA here. (DR00091)

## Thank You




Dear First Presbyterian Family,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the incredible gift of sending our families to Lakeshore Center at Okoboji for Family Church Camp. The time we spent there was truly meaningful, filled with laughter, love, and a deep sense of connection.

We created so many lasting memories together—doing crafts, worshiping together, swimming and canoeing, playing games, watching movies, and simply enjoying the company of other Presbyterian families. Each moment reminded us of the power of community and the joy of shared faith.

Times have certainly changed since Eric and Jenny were last at camp many years ago, but Lakeshore continues to be a sacred and special place. There's something timeless about camp—the way it builds bonds, strengthens faith, and brings families closer together. If you've ever been, you know the magic that happens there.



Thank you again for your generosity, your support, and for making these unforgettable experiences possible for us. We feel blessed to be part of such a caring and faith-filled church community.

With gratitude and love,

The Connolly Crew: Jenny, Scott, Noah, Ryder, Parker and Bennett

The Braley Bunch: Kat, Eric, Eli, Miles and Caleb







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Thank you!

Last Sunday, the Sunday Suppers program received a wonderful boost! A trunk filled with much-needed items was delivered to First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, by **Rhonda Braley, George Barr, and Muchie Dzika. They, along with Jean Boller, stayed to help serve and clean up.**

*The organizers of Sunday Suppers extend their sincere gratitude for these essential donations. Your thoughtful contribution ensures the program has the resources it needs to continue serving our community.*

~Community Ministries

