First Presbyterian E-Link

August 20, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Art: "Woman with an Infirmity of Eighteen Years"
Artist: James Tissot, 1836-1902

Next Sunday:

Sunday, August 17 @10:00am

Sermon: "Sabbath Healing"

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 13:10-17

As we move into Luke 13, we will encounter a woman who has been crippled for 18 years. Jesus sees the woman and heals her, only to be scolded by the synagogue leader for doing such work on the Sabbath. The leader had good intentions—keeping with God's law—so why does Jesus defy the rules? How does reading our passage in Isaiah 58 inform our understanding of God's intentions for the law?

Mark Your Calendars!

See the flyer "Navigating Life Transitions" attached to this email for a series offered by the Deacons.

Church Birthdays

Aug 20-Paul Braley, 21–Noah Tollefson, 30-Jim Seeley, Kevin Thedens

Office Notes!

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

For Your Prayers…

Lance Zimmer

Emy Mountain

George Barr

Prayers for all students and teachers starting a new school year!

Coming Soon...

Sunday, September 7

11:15 am Congregational Potluck, dining room

5:00 pm ThreeHouse Block Party, UNI

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

Sign Up: Worship Leaders

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Sign Up:

jean_seeland@vccv.org

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Connie Herbon
Videographer: Brad Jensen
Computer Operator: Eric Braley
Classroom Cleaning: Patti Humpal, Sue Luck
Storage Room Cleaning: Gary Sabey, Jim Seeley, Kevin Thedens, Andrew Hagee
Lawn Mowing 8/17 - Steve Moon
Lawn Mowing: 8/24 – *available*

ThreeHouse Annual Block Party

Sunday, September 7, 5:00-7:00 pm
2422 College Street, Cedar Falls
DONATIONS NEEDED!

The following items are needed for our church's booth at the ThreeHouse Block Party. Please bring your donations to church on or before Sunday, September 7 at noon.

Please donate ONLY these specific items:

Cans of pop---**ONLY** these 4 flavors please...

- Coke
- Diet Coke
- Sprite
- Pepsi
- Small bottles of water

Please consider helping staff the church booth at the Block Party, and welcome these incoming UNI students. It's easy and fun!!
Thank you from the Mission Committee!!

Women's Bible Studies

Any woman interested in participating in a Bible study is welcome and encouraged to join. Monthly meeting times, (September-May) are:

- **Esther Circle**: First Thursdays, 1:00 pm in the dining room
- **Sarah Circle**: First Saturdays, 9:30 am in the upstairs adult classroom

Meetings are subject to change. Contact the office, 277-3930 if you're interested.

Cedar Valley Hospice Release and Remember

Sunday, September 7
Riverloop Amphitheatere
225 Commercial St, Waterloo
1:00-3:00 pm-Food, family fun and live music.
Program: 2:30 pm, releasing 1,000 butterflies.
Donations may be made online at: cvhospice.org.

Shine Kickoff and Church Potluck



Sunday SHINE Kickoff and Backpack Blessing will be during worship on Sunday, September 7.
A whole-congregation potluck will follow in the dining room.
Main meat dish, desserts, beverages and table service will be provided.
Please bring a side dish to share.



Donations for Literacy Kits & Helpers

Due to the generosity of last year's shoppers, we **do not need any school supplies** (like pencils) to be purchased by the congregation this year.
If you have **lightweight fabric scraps** of different textures--sized approximately 8 x 12 inches--that you would be willing to donate, please give these to Sandy Jensen before September 15.

- Please consider offering your time to assemble the kits on **Wednesday, September 17** from 2:00-5:00 pm.

Thank you from the Mission Committee

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian,
The Hawkeye Community College Foundation is honored to serve as a resource in helping students achieve their educational goals. This would not be possible without you. We thank the church for your gift of $3000 to the Family Literacy Fund.
With warmest regards,
Heather Bremer
Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Monies are from our local mission budget.

Last Chance to Register!

2025 Iowa Presbyterian Gathering
Ankeny Presbyterian Church
August 23, 2025 | Free Registration
Join Presbyterians from across the state for the 2025 Iowa Presbyterian Gathering! This annual event is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, worship together, and engage in fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and shared learning. (Pastor Julie is attending!)
View workshop information and register here.