# First Presbyterian E-Link

September 17, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org

## Sunday, September 21 @10:00am

Stewardship Series: What We *Can* Do

Sermon: "Kingdom Investing with Worldly Currency"

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13




In our current political and social climate it often feels as if there is nothing we can do to make the world better. This Sunday we start our Stewardship Series: What We *Can* Do. We'll explore the Lukan lectionary passages and the ways they can show us how we can impact our world for good.

Our first text of the series is Luke 16:1-13. It is often called the parable of the dishonest manager. It is a story which challenges our perceptions of generosity. When we find ourselves or our communities in a financial mess, we ask, "What are we going to do?" To our surprise Jesus commends shrewdness in such moments. Amidst financial challenges, dare we risk our future on God's generosity? Can we shrewdly use money beyond the world that minted it, investing in the life and kin-dom of God?

### Church Birthdays

Sep 22-Tim King, 24-Mia Jo Barber, 25-Andrew Hagee

### Office Note

Regular office days have resumed: Mon-Fri, 8:00-3:30 pm. Closed over the noon hour.

### EVENTS THIS WEEK...

*TODAY, Sep. 17*
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Literacy Kit Packing
- dining room

*TOMORROW, Sep. 18*
10:00 am "Navigating Life Transitions: Hospice Care"
- sanctuary

***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:** Jan Reimer
**Videographer:** Kevin Thedens
**Computer Operator:** Scott Connolly
**Scholarships Recognition:** Neal Leeper
**Scholarships Reception:** Jeverna & Tom Mulligan, Margaret Clark
**Audio/Visual Maintenance:** Dave Luck, Kevin Thedens
**Literacy Kit Coordinators:** Brad & Sandy Jensen
**Lawn Mowing 9/14 -** *available*
**Lawn Mowing: 9/21 –** *available*

### Navigating Life Transitions - Three-Part Series

Hosted by the Board of Deacons



**Part One** - *"Hospice Care: 101"*
**September 18, 10:00 am**
in the sanctuary
Speaker Annika Wall of
Cedar Valley Hospice

An introduction to hospice care—support focused on comfort and quality of life for patients with life-limiting illnesses. Learn more about this essential service.

## Upcoming schedule

**Wednesday, September 17**
2:00 pm Literacy Kit Packing, dining room
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

**Thursday, September 18**
10:00 am Navigating Life Transitions, sanctuary
1:00 pm Women's Social, LookOut Park-CF
6:00 pm Corporate Ministries, library

**Sunday, September 21**
10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
SHINE Breakout Session

**Monday, September 22**
7:00 pm PEO Meeting, dining room

**Wednesday, September 24**
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Women's Social Gathering



The 3rd Thursday Women's Social gathering will be **TOMORROW**, Sept. 18 1:00 p.m., Lookout Park in Cedar Falls. Bring a chair and a beverage if desired. This is always a time for good conversation and fellowship!

### CROP Walk for Hunger - October 5

The Cedar Valley CROP Walk for Hunger is Sunday, October 5. Please sign up to walk and/or donate in the narthex on September 21, 28, and October 6 or by clicking this link: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/firstprescf.

Donations can be made by cash or checks/PayPal made out to the church with "CROP" on the memo line.



Starting Location: First Congregational Church,
608 W 4th St, Waterloo:
1:00 Hotdog lunch for all participants
1:30 Registration begins
2:00 The WALK BEGINS!
Cookies and lemonade back at the church.

We will be walking through the Historic Church Row Neighborhood in Waterloo. Walkers will be able to **learn about what Habitat for Humanity** is doing in the neighborhood with their many renovations and builds. You will also **learn about many non-profit agencies in the neighborhood** providing essential services to the Cedar Valley.

The CROP Hunger Walk is one way we further our commitment to the Matthew 25 Initiative.

### Documentary Film Viewing

*"Pushout– The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools."*

A documentary by Monique Morris & Jacoba Atlas will be presented by Iowa United Women of Faith.

- Waterloo Public Library, 415 Commercial St, Waterloo
- Sunday, October 12, 2:00 pm

A discussion will follow the documentary, 3:15-3:45 pm.

LeChristopher's Southern Cuisine meal will be available that day at 12:00-3:00 pm, Jubilee UMC, 1621 E 4th St, Waterloo. The meal is $20 per person payable at the door.

# Thank you!

Thank you to those who assisted with and participated in the Cedar Valley Social Justice Coalition Fall Gathering held last Sunday, September 14 at our church. There were over 40 attendees.

We heard from guest speaker Harvey Harrison, founder of Just Voices in Des Moines, and representatives from these seven local organizations: NAACP, League of Women Voters, Iowa Justice Action Network, LGBT+ Coalition, Indivisible, People's Clinic, and Riverview Center.








