First Presbyterian E-Link

September 3, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org

Sunday, September 7 @10:00am

SHINE Kick-off Sunday & Backpack Blessing

Sermon: "Casting Stones"

Scripture: John 8:1-11



This Sunday we are taking a break from the Lukan lectionary and looking at a "lectionary leftover". The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is an ecumenical effort to address the full scope of scripture every three years. The RCL typically focuses on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in successive years, with some material from John included each year. For various reasons, some of scripture is never included in the RCL. These bits I lovingly call lectionary leftovers.

One such leftover is our scripture selection for this coming Sunday, John 8:1-11. Interestingly, it is one of the most widely known stories from John. It is where we get the pithy saying, "Cast the first stone." Why is it left out of the RCL and what is this story really about? A woman's sin? The religious leaders' hypocrisy? Jesus' mercy? Perhaps all of these things? This Sunday we'll dive into this story and ponder what it is that we can learn from it.

Church Birthdays

Sep 4-Kathy Hickman, 5-Sue Eastman, 8-Darrel Wilken, Kirk Eastman, 9-Audrey Schoeman, 11-Richard Smith, 13-Carol Dotseth

Office Note

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

This Sunday...

Sunday, September 7

11:15 am Congregational Potluck, dining room

5:00 pm ThreeHouse Block Party, UNI

Coming Soon...

Sunday, September 14

2:00 pm CV Justice Coalition Fall Gathering

Lawn Mowers needed!

Please sign up in the narthex to mow the church yard. 2 self-propelled mowers provided.

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: Gary Clark
Computer Operator: Dave Luck
Weeding: Jim Seeley
Recycling & Table Arrangements: Jim & Jane Seeley
Lawn Mowing: 8/31 – Paul Braley
Lawn Mowing 9/7 - *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, Sept. 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!!

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, September 3
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Thursday, September 4
1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room
3:15 pm Sarah Circle, classroom
Sunday, September 7
10:00 am Worship/Communion, sanctuary
SHINE Backpack Blessing
11:15 am Congregational Potluck, dining room
5:00 pm ThreeHouse Block Party, UNI
Monday, September 8
6:00 pm PEO, dining room
Tuesday, September 9
6:00 pm Session Meeting, library
7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room
Wednesday, September 10
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

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.

Cedar Valley Social Justice Coalition
Fall Gathering

Make Connections ~ Make a Difference
Sunday, September 14
2:00-4:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
902 Main Street, Cedar Falls

Guest speaker Harvey Harrison of Just Voices, Des Moines, Iowa.
Updates from coalition steering committee.
Connect with Cedar Valley social justice action opportunities and sign up to help.

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 leave them **in the basket** in the narthex 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

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—specialized support focused on comfort and quality of life for patients with life-limiting illnesses. Learn more about this essential service for our loved ones and ourselves.