



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

June 17, 2026

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Sunday, June 21 @10:00am

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon: "Creating Promise Out of Pain"



Series: God's Creative Connection

Our text for this coming Sunday is a difficult one. Hagar, who once was Sarah's solution for lacking an heir, has been banished from the house of Abraham and left to die in the wilderness along with their son, Ishmael. God does not stop this from happening, but does meet them in the wilderness and provide a future and care in the present.

We often wonder why there is suffering in the world, why God allows people to use and abuse other people (whether it is culturally acceptable at the time or not). God is

ever present, however, with those who suffer, those on the margins, and creatively works to bring goodness and care even where we humans have brought distress and alienation. How can we be partners with God in this creative work of healing?

Art: "Son of Hagar" by FRANK WESLEY 1923-2002 from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59644> [retrieved June 15, 2026]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm.

Juneteenth Meal & Service of Repentance

Thursday, June 18, 6:00-8:00 pm



The meal begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the service at First Congregational Church, 608 W 4th St.-Waterloo.

The Cedar Valley Interfaith Council is planning an ecumenical service of repentance focusing on sins of omission, preceded by a meal of solidarity for reflection.

Church Birthdays

Jun 17-Jeannette Mukayisire, 19-Gary Clark, 21-Darrel Flater, 23-Jenny Allen, 24-Noah Connolly

For Your Prayers:

Tim King
The Newcomer Family

Office Notes:

Lynette will be out of the office until Monday. A volunteer will be in the office 9:00 am-noon.

Upcoming Events...

Thursday, June 18

1:00 pm

Women's Social
Washington Park

6:00 pm

Juneteenth Service
1st Congregational Church
608 W 4th St-Waterloo

Saturday, June 20

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Regional AMOS Gathering
dining room

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

Computer Operator: Gary Clark

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Yard Trimming: Jim Seeley

Yard Clean-Up: Gary Clark, Neal Leeper,
Jim Seeley, Kevin Thedens

Lawn Mowing: Muchie Dzika

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Membership Anniversaries

Margaret Clark– 6/28/1981, 45 yrs.

Judy Burfeind-7/19/1971, 55 yrs.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the cards and concerns following my hand surgeries. Everything went well and I'm experiencing continued improvement.

With gratitude,

Rob Cline

THANK YOU!

The Mission Team of Community Ministries would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the strong response to our first ever local Pentecost offering.

Due to your generosity, \$6,445 was raised to support our local mission projects.

With gratitude for your faithful stewardship,
Mission Team

Upcoming schedule

Thursday, June 18

1:00 pm Women's Social, Washington Park

4:00 pm Community Ministry, library

6:00 pm Juneteenth Meal, 1st Congregational-
Waterloo-Service to follow

Tuesday, June 20

10:00 am AMOS Training, dining room

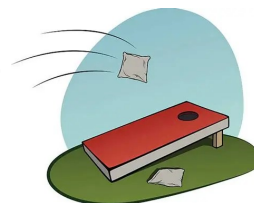
Sunday, June 21

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Lakeshore Camp Outdoor Games Donations

Lakeshore Camp at Okoboji is asking for donations of **outdoor** games or play items. These would be new or used, but still in working condition. Items such as hula hoops, used bikes, any kind of balls, water slides, soccer equipment, etc. are needed. They also suggest outdoor games such as corn hole or bags, outdoor Jenga, and other such games.

Please bring items to our church library as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday, June 28. Contact Patti Humpal with questions.



LBGTQ+ Safe Zone Training

St. Timothy's UMC, 3220 Terrace Dr, Cedar Falls



Open to the public. No fees necessary, but donations are encouraged.
For any questions, contact archer@cvlgbtqcoalition.org

--Part 1 is scheduled for Sunday, **June 21 from 3:30-5:00**, we will cover the basics of LBGTQ+ definitions and topics.

--Part 2 is scheduled for Sunday, **June 28 from 3:30 - 5:00** where we cover transgender topics and practicing allyship.

*If folks attend both sessions, they will have the option to receive a certificate!

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Saturday, June 20

AMOS Meeting Here at Our Church:

- #10 You'll meet people from all over Northeast Iowa.
- #9 You'll find out why people in faith communities from Waverly, Decorah, Dubuque, Cresco, and Waterloo wanted to come to the meeting.
- #8 You'll find out why they are interested in working together on solutions to issues that affect all of us, like...
- #7 Safe water
- #6 Mental health care
- #5 Affordable housing
- #4 You'll learn what AMOS is.
- #3 You'll learn why many people are interested in forming a Northeast Iowa version of AMOS.
- #2 You'll learn new ways to reach out to others.
- #1 There will be free donut holes!

Everyone is invited!

Saturday, June 20 from 10:00 – noon in our dining room